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Means Something For You.

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\$1.75 Ladies black Kid Gauntlets go for 90c.	
75c Zephyr Summer Corsets now for 50c.	

TRY US ON GROCERIES AND Other Lines. We can and WILL SATISFY YOU.

## Hagerlund Bros.

GENERAL MERCHANTS, SONORA, TEXAS.

A NEW ENGLAND VERSION OF TENNYSON.

Come into the garden, Maud,  
For the white cat winter has fled,  
An you get for hards account,  
An space up the garden bed,  
The horse reddish down by the wall  
Has spotted the thimble, too,  
An the fennel an sparrows  
Is callin, Maud, for you.

Come into the garden, Maud,  
Bring the rake, the hoe an the spade,  
An the little an mignon weeds,  
It is time that the beds was made;  
An I will look over the wall,  
While the rola stags you a song  
An the hunchies buzzes an and  
To see how you're gittin' along.

For there isn't a soul but you,  
As your ma has the rheumatiz,  
To work in the garden, Maud,  
An you huckle right down to his;  
For me an the bird o a  
An the boys has play y to do  
With plowin, platin an sley,  
An makin the farm work through.

Go shed the manure up,  
An your wooten'd duster by,  
Take the rings from off your hands—  
I'll do no good to cry—  
An into the garden, Maud,  
Like a dutiful, never young lass,  
You huckle this minute, now,  
Or there'll be no garden sass.

The buttercup bloomed in her hair,  
The moss bloomed on her cheeks,  
She could rattle the township down  
When she'd worked in the garden a week.

—M. Phelps Dawson in New York Sun.

The Ocean Trolley.

One of the most brilliant ideas which this century has produced is now suggested by a Yankee, who has found that crossing the Atlantic in the ordinary way by boat does not agree with him. Whether it is practicable or not time alone will show. Briefly his proposition is to span the Atlantic with a trolley rope. "To sit looking out of your cab window far above the surface of the raging and impotent sea, skipping along at electric speed and darning the waves to do their worst—that would be bliss." Owing to the curvature of the earth's surface it would be impossible under any circumstances to do without supports, and supports, in the ordinary sense of the word, would be cut of the question. It is manifest that there is only one plan by which such a wire could be carried. The two ends must be fastened, one in London and the other in New York, while from coast to coast two lines of balloons could be stationed of sufficient strength to keep the wire raised as far above the level of the sea as you require. To the ordinary intellect it is not apparent what would keep the balloons from blowing away in the midst of a raging storm. To the originator, however, this is simple enough. "The trolley would, of course,"—New York Dispatch.

Women and Fishing.

Shocking it is to be compelled to state that many fishing superstitions are ungallantly directed against the ladies. Over against Ross there is the island of Lewis, 60 miles in length. In this isle there is but one fresh river. "Fish abound there in very great plenty," but only let a woman wade in the stream, and not a salmon will be seen there for at least 12 months. There is a song about "Eliza's Tootsies," but that immortal lyric does not explain why they should frighten the fish. I believe the ladies deny the allegation in toto. In the south of Ireland an angler proceeding to fish declares that he will have no luck if he is asked where he is going to, if he sees a magpie or "if he is so unfortunate as to meet a woman."—London Fishing Gazette.

Smokes Cigarettes Now.

He regarded himself as very English, and he certainly was very young. He fancied that he cut an imposing figure as he sauntered past the theater just as the matinee girls emerged on the street. But a large, coarse man who was going by spoiled it all by remarking in a loud voice:

"Hello, Willie! What are you going to do with that pipe? Going to blow soap bubbles?"

And now there is one more young man in Buffalo who will never again smoke a pipe on the street.—Buffalo Express.

Home Lectures on Finance.

Hobbes—I tell you I'd like to have a wife who could discuss questions of the day with me. Now, I suppose when you get home your wife never talks over the money question with you, does she?

Poorpurse—Doesn't talk over the money question? You just ought to hear her when she wants a new hat!—Chicago Record.

A shoemaker who once took the measure of one of Lincoln's feet in order to make him a pair of shoes has the "sole plan" in a frame in his show window, and in the card explaining it he alludes to Lincoln as "the second father of his country."

Niagara is from the Seneca word neqaraga, "across the neck." The Indians called the falls Datacaro Kozaza, "the thunder of waters." Sixteen different spellings are given to the name of the river.

Don't let "iron enter into the soul" without a desperate effort to prevent the entry.

Sydney, in Australia, was first lighted by gas in 1811.

## STOVES.

Cook Stoves,

Heating Stoves,

All kinds of Stoves,

A Solid Car Of Each—

Almost a Train Load.

Why did we get them in such quantities and so early in the season? Simply because we took advantage of an extra 10 per cent cut in first cost, and a cut rate in freight of just one-half! which we propose to give to our customers.

COOK STOVES,  
\$5.50 AND UP.

Heating Stoves in Season,  
\$2.25 and up.

To merchants of surrounding towns we desire to say with emphasis that we can sell you cook stoves, all sizes and styles, and heating stoves of every imaginative style at St. Louis Prices.

In Heating Stoves you can place your order early and thus get your pick, and they can be delivered at any time up to the opening of the season for Heating Stoves.

Cooking Vessels and Utensils and Tin and Graniteware in same car at way-down prices. Call around and let us show you through our warehouses.

A car load of Piping, Fittings, Cylinders and all kinds of Well Supply goods just received.

McCormick Mowers, Reapers, Milo Malze and Cane Reapers and Binders.

Have received a car load of the famous Bain Wagons.

Everything in hardware, glass ware, Silverware, Wagons, Buggies, Coal and Farm Implements.

We propose to reduce stock before fall season, and will offer you close prices on first-class goods—a grade of goods you can depend on and won't lose your temper with.

YOURS FOR CLOSE PRICES

Chris. & Geo.  
HAGELSTEIN,  
SAN ANGELO, Tex.

Notice.

Henrietta, Texas, July 17th, 1895. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Red River and South Western Railway Company will be held at the office of said company in Henrietta, Texas, on Tuesday the 27th day of August, 1895, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the purpose of authorizing the directors and officers of the said company to adopt by-laws and to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue bonds to be secured by mortgage on the property of said company and to authorize the execution of said mortgage or deed of trust and to authorize the execution and sale of said bonds for the purpose of raising money to construct and equip the said line of railway, and for the purpose of legally and equitably apportioning (or cancelling) the stock on said line of road among the stockholders, and to apply to the said commission for its consent to and approval thereof, and for the further purpose of ratifying and confirming the former action which the stockholders, directors and officers have taken in reference to applying to Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue bonds on the property of this said railway, and for the further purpose of ratifying and confirming other actions taken, authority given or contracts made by the stockholders, directors or officers of the said company, and for the purpose of attending to such other business as may come before said meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the directors of said Red River and South Western Railway Company will be held at the office of said company in Henrietta, Texas, on Tuesday the 27th day of August, 1895, at 10 a. m.

The above notices are given in order of the Directors

this 17th day of August, 1895.  
E. H. Bass, Secretary.

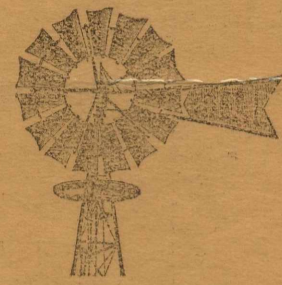
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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Representing The

STUDEBAKER WAGONS, BUGGIES AND HACKS.

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In our IDEAL wind mill we have the FINEST MILL that has ever been produced, and we DEFY COMPETITION as to quality of goods and prices. We make 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14 or 16-foot mills. You will make a great mistake if you do not see this mill before purchasing.

Everything in the Water Supply Line Carried in Stock.

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And Dealer in

General Merchandise.

Headquarters for Ranch Supplies

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FRED GERBER & CO.

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Estimates Furnished on Application.

SONORA, TEXAS.

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Windmill Builder and Repairer,

Dealer in Piping and Windmill Fittings. Country orders promptly attended

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Have in Stock a Full Assortment of

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Also a Choice Selection of Jewelry.

Prescriptions carefully Compounded.

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At the Postoffice, Sonora.

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W. H. GODAIR, President. W. S. KELLY, Vice President.  
GEO. E. WEBB, Cashier.

Cash Capital \$100,000.

Surplus Fund \$20,000.

Transact a General Banking Business.

Buy and sell Exchange. Accounts Solicited.

## T. B. BIRTRONG,

PROPRIETOR OF THE

## MAUD S SALOON

Has the finest line of Wines, Liquors and Cigars in the West.

Everything first-class. Just the place to treat your friends.

The only first-class 10 cent house in West Texas.

Niagara Whiskey is the Medicine.

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San Angelo, Tex.

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## D. D. WALLACE, Attorney-at-Law.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Office at W. S. Cunninghams.

## L. N. HALBERT, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

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### DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.

Subscription \$2 a year in advance. Sent at the Postoffice at Sonora, Arizona, as second class matter.

MIKE RAPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, ARIZONA, August 24, 1895.

Major H. M. Holmes of Mason died at his home in that city on August 17th.

Ex-United States Senator Samuel Bell Maxey, died at Eureka Springs, Col. on the 16th. in his 71st year. His funeral at Paris, Texas was largely attended.

A. S. Brown who runs a horse and mule market at Galveston has been arrested for forgery on complaints made by S. Bennison of that city.

The Democrats of Ohio are decidedly for Cleveland and sound money. Brice is their candidate for the senate and Campbell for governor.

The Concho Valley fair catalogue and premium list printed by E. Blanchard & Co., of San Angelo is a credit to the printers and the fair management.

Minnie R. Williams, one of the supposed victims of Holmes, the insurance swindler, telegraphs to Holmes' lawyer in Philadelphia, from Providence, R. I., that she is alive and well.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS received this week a copy of the Concho Valley Fair catalogue and premium list. The fair will be held from Nov. 5th to 8th inclusive. J. L. Phelan is the secretary.

The Sonora public school opens on Monday, September 2nd at 9 o'clock a.m. Have the children ready to begin on the first day for the benefit of all concerned. G. O. Elemen is secretary of the school board and if you have any children over or under the scholastic age to send to school it will be necessary to see him.

#### Boston Wool Market.

The market is quite steady and firm. The volume of business transacted since last writing is as large as might reasonably be expected in a vacation month when dealers and users are in a position to leave their workshops for a while. It is certain that in the majority of transactions prices are on a parity with those received three weeks ago, when the market was a scene of unwanted activity. The continued strength of the European market is having a tranquilizing and assuring influence upon our own, certain kinds of clean wool are positively higher abroad at date, than the same sorts here.

We note no important sale of Texas wools. We quote 12 months, wool at 11 to 13c; six and eight months, at 10 to 12c. Fall wool is worth 8 to 10c.—American Wool Reporter.

#### John Wesley Hardin's Wife

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 19.—To-night at 11 o'clock John Wesley Hardin, the terror of the border, was shot and killed in the Acme Saloon, this city, by Constable John Sellman. Sellman's son on the police force arrested a female friend of Hardin's a few nights ago and this afternoon Hardin threatened to run Sellman out of town.

At 11 o'clock to-night Sellman walked into the Acme with a friend and Hardin was standing at the bar shaking dice with some friends. When he saw Sellman he whirled around and threw his hand to his hip pocket. In an instant Sellman's gun was out and a ball went crashing through Hardin's brain, and while he was falling Sellman pumped two more balls from his 44 into the man's body and then walked out and surrendered himself.

Hardin had in his lifetime killed nine men and served eight years in prison for one of his murders. While in prison at Huntsville he studied law and was admitted to the bar on his release from prison nearly two years ago. Several months ago he held up a faro game in this city. Sellman, the slayer of Hardin, is the officer who killed the noted Bass outlaw in this city a year ago.

\$2 a year for the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

### Stock News.

F. Mayer & Sons will make a shipment of fat cows, calves and heaves from Ballinger Saturday.

R. W. Barton sold to Mollenhauer & Hedden 800 dry ewes and weathers for \$1.87 1-2 a head.

The demand for lambs this season promises to be better than for three years.

There is no doubt but what it will pay to feed muttons for market this fall.

H. Knusenberger sold to A. W. Mills 9 head of rams at \$5 a head; to O. T. Word 20 head of rams at \$5 a head.

M. Z. Smissen the well-known cattleman of the North Concho was in Sonora Wednesday. Mr. Smissen is wanting to purchase yearling heifers.

G. W. Shield sold to John Lovelady for J. W. Corn of Weatherford, 150 steers 3s and 4s at \$23.50.

G. W. Shield sold to Frank Harris 100 steers 1s and 2s at \$12 and \$16.—San Angelo Enterprise

Winfield Scott bought from Callan & Co., last week, 800 heaves at \$26, to be delivered Oct. 1.

Winfield Scott bought 1000 heaves from Russell & Bevans last week, at \$27.50.

Russell & Bevans bought of Burbank, this week, 500 steers at following prices: 100 1s at \$12, 300 2s at \$16.50, 100 3s and up at \$22.—Menard Enterprise.

From the San Angelo Standard.

W. G. Bartlett, sold 1000 head of muttons, to be delivered after shearing, to J. B. Wilson, at \$2 per head.

Three and four-year old steers are selling in the Angelo country at \$27.50 per head.

Frank Cochran, of Sherwood, bought 800 ewes and wethers, from L. F. Mears, of Schleicher county, at \$1.46 per head.

M. B. Pulliam, agent for the Brownwood Oil Mills, purchased the following big string of feeders this week: From Bird & Mertz 2,500 head of 4's and up, 400 from Sam Henderson and 350 from Jim Henderson.

Winfield Scott bought 1000 feeders from Russell & Bevans and 800 head from Russell & Callan. No prices are given but it is known that the figures ranged around \$27.50. It is estimated that these purchases of Messrs. Pulliam and Scott amounted to more than a quarter of a million dollars which will be distributed in this section.

The Louis Runge muttons, bought recently by D. M. DeVitt, were sold in Kansas City last Thursday week. Eleven hundred and eighty averaged 95 pounds and sold for \$3.00 per hundred, and 65 head averaged about 75 pounds and sold for \$2.25. It is understood that Mr. DeVitt made a fair profit on the investment. Why don't all the sheepmen in the West Texas follow Mr. Runge's example and raise 95 and 100 pound muttons. They can do it if they will breed to the proper kind of bucks.—San Angelo Standard.

One effect of the abundant crop of grass in Texas and the short supply of stock is noticed in small receipts of sheep from that State. Texas is not so short on sheep as she is on cattle and usually a great many of the former are marketed at this season of the year, but now owners are in a more independent position than for many years past, and are inclined to hold their sheep until they are in better condition. They have had plenty of grass and abundant water, two of the essentials in sheep raising which they have not had in a long time. Good sheep are always salable and Texas sheepmen are wise enough to see that it doesn't pay to market inferior kinds and pay freight for a thousand miles. Texas cattlemen have gained immensely by improving their herds and flockmasters should profit by this example and do likewise.—Chicago Drivers Journal.

Mrs. J. O. Rountree returned from Kerrville Tuesday where she has been attending the Summer Normal. Mrs. Rountree was accompanied on her return by her nephew and niece, Edwin and Zera Martin. Mr. Martin will visit here for a few weeks. Miss Martin will give instructions in instrumental music. Mr. and Miss Martin are son and daughter to W. W. Martin the well-known criminal lawyer of West Texas.

## YOU HAVE SIX DAYS

More in which to take Advantage of

## BARGAINS

We are offering in

## SUMMER GOODS FOR Ladies and Gentlemen.

## SIX DAYS MORE

And then we will invite you to look through our new stocks of

## FALL and WINTER GOODS.

Our Groceries and Hardware stocks are complete in every line and we will be pleased to show you through our immense stock: The prices will do the rest.

# Mayer Bros. & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

Sonora, - - Texas.

#### Cattle From Mexico.

The importation of cattle from Mexico is a subject of interest, and as one fact is said to be worth a thousand theories, a few facts in regard to the imports of Mexican cattle the past three months will prove to be of interest.

According to the figures of the Bureau of Animal Industry, which are official, inasmuch as the border is closely guarded by inspectors of this department, who keep a record of the number of cattle crossing into the United States, the importations during the month of July were 10,539, against 8,437 in June and 7,720 in May. It will be observed that June showed an increase over May, and June over July.

Misses Florence and Eliza Black accompanied by their brother George, arrived from their home near McKavett Friday last on a two weeks visit to their sister Mrs. H. G. Jones.

Mrs. Joseph Lee and Mrs. Burroughs left for Austin and Dublin, respectively, Friday. Mrs. Lee will be absent for two months, and Mrs. Burroughs for an indefinite period.

G. P. Hill while plowing at his ranch this week became overheated and on taking a drink of cold water was seized with cramps. He was brought to town for medical treatment. He is now doing very well at the Trawek house.

S. J. Palmer, the ex-cattleman, returned from a prospecting trip to his old home in Missouri, last Friday. He is undecided as to his future actions but will probably buy sheep and fatten them for the early

The hop at the court house last Friday night was one of the most enjoyable given this season. The music was extra good and had it not been for the condition of the floor made heavy by the mud from the streets being brought in on the shoes of the spectators, the pleasure of the evening would long be remembered. The next hop will be on Friday the 30th.

#### She Didn't Take With the Gentlemen

She was refined, intelligent, and not bad looking, but somehow she never seemed to take with the gentlemen. They didn't like her listless way; they said she hadn't any "snap" about her. Poor girl! she was suffering from functional irregularities, and it was actually impossible for her to take much interest in anything. But a change came. One day she heard of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. She procured a bottle, and she had not taken half its contents when she felt like another woman. Now she is in the enjoyment of perfect health, and has suitors by the score. No woman need suffer from functional irregularities and weaknesses. The "Favorite Prescription" is a safe and certain cure for all the weaknesses to which women are peculiarly subject.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation, biliousness, indigestion and headache. One a dose

There is not a business man or live stock trader in the Sonora country but could afford to give from \$25 to \$500 for a telegraph line from San Angelo to Sonora.

Died, on Sunday Aug. 18th 1895 Edith, the 18 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hill. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS sympathizes with the sorrowing mother and father.

New fall goods arriving at Hagerlund Bros. 57

Editor J. M. Stokes of the Rock Springs Rastler has been in Sonora several days this week. Mr. Stokes is now owner and proprietor of the Rastler having bought out E. W. Owen's interest.

Best Jersey Butter at Hagerlund Bros. 57

Prof. H. G. Reeves of Austin was in Sonora Monday looking after a school for next year. Mr. Reeves likes Sonora and surrounding country better than any of the places he passed through on his way West.

School shoes, a full stock at Hagerlund Bros. 57

Mrs. W. F. Decker and Mrs. R. A. Williamson, assisted by several of the young ladies of the Methodist church gave an ice cream festival at the Decker hotel Friday night for the benefit of Rev. W. G. Cooke and family. The ice cream, cake, refreshments and arrangements were perfect.

Before you make arrangements for the next seasons supplies. Get figures and terms from the Sonora merchants.

If you don't see what you want, when you come to Sonora, just ask for it.

The demand for sheep is strong. Stay with them if you can.

If you want steer or she cattle come to Sonora.

### ATTENTION RANCHMEN.

I desire to say to my friends in Schleicher and adjoining counties, that I am now located and transacting a GENERAL LAND BUSINESS at ELDORADO, in Schleicher county. Am fully prepared to attend to any business connected with the leasing or purchasing of School land under the new law. Parties who are now holding as purchasers or lessees under the old law, and who are desirous of re-purchasing or re-leasing under the provisions of the new law, will find it to their interest to see me. I want your SURVEYING and have connection lines and established corners for starting points, convenient to all portions of Schleicher, Sutton, Edwards, Val Verde and Crockett counties, thus enabling me to do your work at less cost to you than any other Surveyor in this section.

A sole agent for all unsold town property in ELDORADO and any parties wanting information in regard to same will please write or call on me at this place. Fair and honest treatment to all, and prompt personal attention given to all business entrusted to my care.

W. B. SILLIMAN, ELDORADO, Schleicher Co.

### DELAINE MERINO BUCKS.

Specially selected for the demands of the time. Large, Smooth, Vigorous Rams possessing the Delaine Length and fineness and density of wool. We will be at

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with One Car Load of such Rams, specially selected from the best

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Parties wanting fruit or shade trees, shrubs, etc., please leave orders at Mayer Bros. & Co., or at Hagerlund Bros.

H. H. SHEARD, Sonora. Agent for A. M. Ramsey & Son, Austin, Texas. 52-S.

We have given Morris & Allison the agency for Quaker City Monogram Whiskey, the best on earth. JAKE DAVIS & Co., 31-45, Galveston, Texas.

#### Boots and Shoes

And when you want the best that can be produced for the least money, call on the "Old Reliable" and you will get just what you want at J. A. BURNS, 34 San Angelo, Texas.

#### NOTICE.

Parties knowing themselves indebted to Morris & Allison are requested to call and settle as we are needing money to run our business. MORRIS & ALLISON.

#### Protect the Game and Fish.

Shoot or fish only in the proper season and escape the game warden by observing the laws. Many States have new game and fish laws this year, and if you don't know them, send five cent stamps for a copy of the Game Law issue of the AMERICAN FIELD, 245 State St., Chicago.

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More trade is coming to Sonora every day. Prices and printers ink do the work.







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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS, - August 24, 1905

ODD RUSSIAN CUSTOMS.

Some of the queer ways of catching thieves in the Rural Districts.

There is but little demand for detectives in some parts of Russia. Not that the citizens in those parts are specially noted for the observance of the cardinal commandments. The Russian peasant has many excellent characteristics. He is muscular, hardy, courageous, willing to obey; he can stand all the hardships of climate and labor and the greatest deprivations; he is also naturally kind hearted, hospitable and readily contented with the coarsest food and the plainest log hut.

But there is also a dark side to his character. He will indulge from time to time in short spurts, when he exhibits uncontrollable levity, sensuality and an insatiable thirst for spirituous liquors. And these moral defects are crowned with the deepest ignorance and superstition.

In some of the rural districts the latter forms part of the life of the peasant. He will give greater credence to the divinations of the charlatan and the ridiculous traditions of his locality than to sensible deliberation or the results of experience.

In his farm labors of seedtime and harvest, of plowing and hay cutting and other tasks, he is not ruled by the nature of the soil or climatic conditions, but follows certain days of his church calendar. He never commences an important job on an unlucky day, and there are a great many unlucky days in the Russian almanac.

The belief in sorcerers and witches is still in full bloom there. In casualties or sickness with man or beast the Russian farmer knows but one cure—the wise old mistress of the town, who is consulted with supernatural gifts. He carries over to himself and his family a certain magic power acquired by a strict observance of ancient customs and economies.

Most original are the means he employs to catch a thief suspected of belonging to the family circle. If anything has been stolen which conveys the thought of a masculine thief he locks all the male members of his household—relatives and hired help—in a dark room. A hen is tucked in a tub of black soot, fanned to the dark room, and the door is kept locked for a quarter of an hour.

The farmers believe positively that the hen will take refuge with the innocent, but will avoid the guilty ones. Suddenly the old farmer enters with a large torch, and woe to the unfortunate individual whose pretensions are not beset with such. He is undoubtedly the thief, and if he cannot restore the stolen property he will be compelled to refund its value.

In other cases the loser of articles of clothing or jewelry balances a four slave on his index finger, and while doing so he pronounces the names of his acquaintances. If the sieve threatens to fall at the pronunciation of any name, its owner is pronounced the culprit.

Still another method is employed for the apprehension of thieves. A bowl is filled to the brim with water. The names of the members of the family and acquaintances are written on small slips of paper. These are rolled up and thrown on the water surface. The paper bits that remain within the bowl contain the names of the innocent. If one or more fall out, they contain the names of the thieves, or at least of those having a faulty knowledge of the theft.—Exchange.

Old John Brown.

An eyewitness of the execution of old John Brown who commanded the troops drawn up around the gallows told me that Brown was as intelligent and genial a man as ever he talked with so long as the subject of slavery was not mentioned. But if that was broached he became instantly transformed into almost a raving maniac. When brought out for execution, he looked all around at the beautiful valley of the Shenandoah with the Blue Ridge in the distance and said, "This is indeed a beautiful country, and I do not wonder that you people love it so." As for the story of Brown's kissing the negro child on his way to the gallows, my informant said it was pure fiction, and that no such thing occurred.—Washington Post.

A Judge of Shoes.

Stranger—If I order shoes of you, are you sure you can make me a good fit?  
Cobbler—A good fit? Just you ask Mr. Richman. He always comes to me and gets his shoes made to measure.

Who is Mr. Richman?

"He is the owner of that big shoe factory down town."—New York Weekly.

Her Memory.

A Bismarck schoolma'am who had been telling the story of David and Goliath, "And all this happened over 3,000 years ago." A little thimble, his blue eyes wide open with wonder, said after a moment's thought, "Oh, my, what a memory you've got!"—Michigan Union.

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IVORY BILLIARD BALLS.

How the Spheres are Made and Prepared For the Market.

When in the factory, the tasks are carefully examined by an expert to detect any possible flaws or cracks that may exist, for besides the dangers to the ivory from careless handling while in transit the original possessor of the ivory is by no means so careful of his tasks as he ought to be, considering their value, and with the utmost disregard of the precious material of which they are composed uses them for fighting, for upsetting small trees and shrubs, for overturning stones and for grubbing in the ground without any very definite purpose that is apparent to the human observer. Of course he often splits his tasks, and a very minute crack, hardly discernible to the eye, will seriously impair the value of a long and beautiful piece of ivory. If the crack is extensive, the task must be devoted to another purpose than that of making billiard balls, but supposing the task to be found perfect it is passed on to another expert, who measures it and marks it at proper distances to be cut into blocks.

It is then sawed into lengths of 1-2 to 3 inches, according to the size of the balls to be made, and the resulting blocks are passed on into the hands of the turners. Turning lathes of unusual accuracy and delicacy are put to work, and the ivory sawdust begins flying in all directions, not to be lost, however. Ivory is too precious to be wasted. Every speck of the dust is carefully gathered up at the end of each day's work. When a sufficient quantity has been accumulated, it is treated with chemicals and by means of a hydraulic press is molded into a compact and apparently homogeneous mass. From this are manufactured many small articles, which present all the appearance of ivory and are in reality such, though not in its original state.

On account of the value of the material the utmost care is used in the cutting, and the cylindrical shape of the blocks enables an economy that would not be suspected. Every one has seen ivory martingale rings, but every one does not know that these come from the two ends of the ivory block that is being turned into shape for a billiard ball. They are cut out with as much care as the ball itself and afterward rounded and polished with the same scrupulous attention.

The ball itself, after being roughly turned, is laid aside for at least six months to season and harden. For the ivory, when freshly cut, is very soft, or at least very much softer than it afterward becomes, and when the seasoning is properly effected the turning is completed, and the polishing, at first by a very ingenious machine, is continued with prepared chalk and chemicals, then with the leather alone and finally completed with the bare palms of the operator.

The ball is now finished, so far as the mechanical processes of manufacture are concerned, and passed on to the wholesale and retail dealers, but the risk is by no means ended when the work is done, for few materials are so sensitive to atmospheric and temperature changes as ivory, and at almost any moment the ball may become lessened in value by the appearance on its surface of tiny cracks or flaws. If these are superficial, they impair only the looks of the ball, but sometimes they extend far into the interior and the ball will then break in two or chip with rough usage.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Latest Mind Cure.

"Psycho-physical culture" is the latest modification of the mind cure, a kind of judicious if inconsistent combination of the real and the ideal. It is defined by a woman whose business is teaching it as "those exercises or movements of the body excited and sustained by some force directed by without taxing mental activity." One branch of psycho-physical exercise consists in going through all the motions usual in gymnastic practice, but without weights or dumbbells, a mental picture of a resisting force being substituted. A trial will convince the experimenter that it really is quite possible to put as much effort of muscle into these motions without actual weights and pulleys as with them, and all possibility of overstrain is avoided. Psycho-physical culture pupils are invariably women. Most men would consider it utter nonsense.—Philadelphia Press.

Best In One's Eyes.

"To cast dust in one's eyes" perfectly explains itself. It is, however, interesting to know that Epaminondas at the battle of Tegea defeated the Spartans by masking his movements with a large body of cavalry. He caused the horsemen to gallop to and fro in front of the enemy in such a way as to raise a cloud of dust and so veiled the movement of his infantry and enabled them to take up a new and more advantageous position.

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HE WAS A MAD BIRD.

This Sparrow Thought a Joke Was Being

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"You never saw such a mad sparrow in your life as one I saw one spring day," said Van Topo. "This sparrow was building a nest, and he flew down beside a goods box on the pavement, where he found what he probably supposed was a beautiful, straight piece of straw. It happened to be a string, however, and the other end of it was caught on a nail in the box.

"But the sparrow wist not that it was so, and he grabbed the end of the string and started gayly away. Of course he soon brought up with a chirp, for, as the sailors say, and found the piece of string jerked away from him. He lit on the ground and looked around to see what impudent and envious sparrow had tackled him for his string. He looked as though he was ready to lick any sparrow in that block, who should set claim to his string. After standing around as if daring the other fellow to knock a chip off his shoulder, and the other fellow not showing up, he grabbed his string and started off. Again he was yanked back by the string, and when he lit he fairly danced around in his wrath. You could just imagine him calling that other sparrow all sorts of names. He hopped around the goods box to find him and lit on the edge of a peep in. After waiting a reasonable length of time for his tormentor he started off again, and again was thrown down.

"This seemed to get to him. He was dead sore some other sparrow was putting up a game on him, and you could hear him saying that he did not care so much for the doddered string, but that he hated to be fooled with in this way by some young hantling of this year's hatch. Then an idea struck him. He flew off and got Mrs. Sparrow. He told her about the matter, and after giving her instructions from a neighboring tree he posted himself on a limb just above the box and sent Mrs. Sparrow to dally with the string. You could see he wanted the teaser to play his pranks on the old lady. He would be watching him and then would swoop down and just thump the feathers off that sparrow. I could see him chucking at the thought of the fun he would have.

"The old lady started away with the string, and she, too, was yanked back. Mr. Sparrow was keeping an eye upon her, and when he failed to see the mysterious tormentor appear he was obviously very much surprised. He got down and walked all around the string and scratched his head. Then he got mad and commenced to jaw at Mrs. Sparrow. She was awfully natural. She protested that it was not her fault. Had he not himself been treated the same way? Well, with that they both grabbed hold of the string and started off, but with no better luck than before. Then the sparrow flew at that string and commenced to worry it. He pecked at it and tagged at it and dragged it around while he got red in the face and used more bad sparrow language, but he could not get away with it.

"Finally Mrs. Sparrow, with female tact, came to the rescue and said that after all she did not believe that was a good string for their business, and they did not want the string anyhow. Mr. Sparrow agreed with her and said he believed at first the blamed thing wasn't any good, but he thought he would take it home for her to see anyhow. And with that they flew away. It's my opinion there are lots bigger fools in the world than sparrows."—Washington Star.

The Village Blacksmith.

Progress is seldom picturesque. Science and sentiment disagree. It is, however, with a certain lingering regret that we stand by and watch all the old time ways and customs swept away one by one. Even the blacksmith's forge, with its glowing embers and the comfortable roar of its huge bellows, will be missed. But it is doomed now—doomed by the success of the electric bath metal heating apparatus, which will bring a bar of iron to white heat almost instantaneously. It is one of the peculiarities of the processes, and manifestly one of its advantages, that it is possible to heat a horseshoe or rod of iron without affecting any part of the tongs which hold it. It has been demonstrated in a most definite manner that the work can be done not only more quickly but more economically than by the old fashioned process. This is sufficient. The village blacksmith must follow the rest and become an electrician.—Family Magazine.

Politeness In Company.

"It isn't polite to sleep in company," said a proper aunt to a little boy whose head was bobbing wearily when she had a call. "Ain't it?" he said, starting up. "Why, last night when you left me with Mr. Hall and sister she said, 'Go, dear, and take a nice nap on the other sofa.' And just as I was dropping off I heard him say, 'What a real polite, obnoxious boy Robbins is!'"—Newark Call.

YES, THE PEOPLE WERE RUDE.

But Opinions Differed as to Just Who Started Off the Pain.

They happened to meet at the entrance to one of the large downtown stores and stopped for a friendly chat.

"Isn't it awful the way people do behave on bargain days?" observed the stout woman in the plaid gown.

"Indeed it is," replied the tall, thin woman in the striped dress, "and today it seems worse than usual. Why, I just came from the ribbon counter over yonder. Some of the remnants, of course, are much finer than others, and naturally I wanted the best, so I took my time selecting two pieces which suited me in spite of the fact that the woman back of me was pushing all the time. What do you think she did while I was holding 'em and trying to catch the salesgirl's eye? Why, she just twisted 'em out of my hand and said, 'There, I'll take these,' and before I could catch my breath they were on their way to be wrapped."

"You don't say so?" said the stout woman. "Well, awhile ago I was standing in front of an elevator wondering if I could squeeze in, and a little scrap of a woman just took me by the arm, pushed me aside and stepped in herself, and everybody in the car just laughed when I got angry."

"Oh, I tell you it's just awful," said the thin woman. "If I wasn't so tall, I'd never even get to see a real bargain counter."

"Oh, I don't know," was the comfortable reply. "I got a good deal off 'em myself. You see, I've had lots of 'em, and reaching for things at the table seems to have sort of lengthened my arms. Mercy, don't the people push, though!"

"Indeed they do, and what a noise they make! My husband says the women make most of the noise in the world anyhow. I guess, though, that's because they mostly do the playing on the piano and singing in our neighborhood."

"Umph! I guess he's never been over to the board of trade," retorted the stout woman. "I went there once with some friends, and after we came away a kind of Sabbath stiffness seemed to linger around the bargain counters. My gracious, that woman's elbows are sharp enough to bore holes right through a body!"

"Well, you can't expect much politeness in a crowd like this, but it does seem as if they'd rather walk over you than go around."

The crowd had pushed an exasperated looking man right against the fat woman's back.

"Well, I don't care, Mary Agnes," he was saying to the woman with him as he shifted a child, two umbrellas and 17 packages so he could get a better hold on them. "I've seen a lot of pushing and crowding today—yes, and felt it—without saying a word, but when it comes to the rudeness of two women blocking up the whole entrance to a store while they gossip I just can't keep still."

And with a startled look at each other the two friends walked out into the street and separated.—Chicago Times-Herald.

An Aluminium Ear.

We have had people with glass eyes, porcelain teeth and artificial whiskers, and now along comes a man with an aluminium ear. He is 63 years of age and was admitted into the Queen's hospital at Birmingham, England, in April, 1893, with an epithelioma of the left auricle. The greater part of the diseased ear was cut off by the attending surgeon, and a plaster of paris cast was taken of the left side of his head. Then an artificial ear was built up in wax to match the healthy one on the opposite side. This bogus ear was then made in vulcanite and aluminium, tinted and enameled to harmonize with the complexion. No artificial contrivance, such as a spectacle frame, was made use of to support the aluminium ear, and adhesion to the head was effected by means of a saturated solution of mastic in absolute alcohol.

The man now can hear as well as ever, but he takes care to sleep on his right side at night, so as not to break off his new ear. At the same time he has no fear of having it frost bitten, and he is probably the only man alive who could even partly comply with the request of Marc Antony, "Lead me your ears."—Aluminium World.

A Freeman In Old Colony Times.

A freeman in the early days of the colonies was one who held the right of franchise. No one was allowed that right without first becoming a member of the church. The laws were made by a quorum of the "assistants" or "magistrates" sent out and commissioned by the company in London which held the charter. The law compelling church membership was passed by the assistants in 1631. In 1670 five-sixths of the people of Boston were non-voters because they were not church members and were thus shut out from any participation in the local government.—Boston Transcript.

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