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FALL WOOL RETURNS

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WHICHEVER WAY.

Whichever way the wind doth blow
Some heart is glad to have it so.
Then blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows—that wind is best.

My little craft sails not alone,
A thousand fleets from every zone
Are out upon a thousand seas,
And what for me were favoring breezes
Might dash another, with the shock
Of doom, upon some hidden rock.
And so I do not dare to pray
For winds that wait me on my way,
But leave it to a higher will
To stay or speed me, trusting still
That all is well and sure that He
Who launched my bark will sail with me,
Through storm and calm and will not fail,
Whatever breezes may prevail.
To land me, every peril past,
Within His sheltering heaven at last.

Then whatsoever wind doth blow
Some heart is glad to have it so.
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—Woman's Record.

A Congressman's Tumble.

"My uncle," said Representative John Allen of Tupelo, Miss., to a group of listeners, "is one of the best informed men in my district. I think a great deal of the old gentleman. During a campaign I go everywhere in my district. After being nominated the second time I resolved on a searching, what one might call a painstaking, campaign. Being scheduled for a speech over in the far end of my district and remembering that my uncle abode in that vicinity, I determined to visit the old gentleman. We were just sitting down to supper, and the old man was purveying me a fried chicken on the tines of his fork, when he remarked in his mellow, amiable way: 'Whar have you been at lately, John?'"

"I told him I'd been in Washington for two years."

"In Washington?" he repeated in tones of astonishment. "Why, whatever in the name of Peter be you doin in Washington?"

"I'm representative from this district," I replied. "I was elected two years ago and have been at the capital almost constantly since looking after the interests of you and my other constituents."

"Well, I shorly wonder," observed my uncle, laying down his knife and fork and looking at me. "Don't that beat snakes amazin! Why, I never knowed that. I heered how you went down to Texas about three years ago to visit your Uncle Bill, and not noticin you around none since and not hearin of you I sort o' reckoned you'd staid."—Washington Star.

Christina Rossetti.

The previous evening Christina Rossetti, then at Birchington on nursing visit, Rossetti and myself were seated in a semitwilight in the long, low roofed sitting room of the bungalow. She had been reading to him, but he had grown weary and somewhat fretful. Not wishing to disturb him, Miss Rossetti made a sign to me to come over to the window, and there drew my attention to the quiet hued but very beautiful sunset. While we were gazing at it Rossetti, having overheard an exclamation of almost rapturous delight from Christina, rose from the great armchair before the fire and walked feebly to the window. Thence he stared blankly upon the dove tones and pale amethyst of the sky. I saw him glance curiously at his sister and then again look long and earnestly. But at last, with a voice full of chagrin, he turned away pettishly with the remark that he could not see what it was we admired so much. "It's all gray and gloom," he added, nor would he hear a word to the contrary, so ignorant was he of the havoc wrought upon his optic nerve by the chloral poison which did so much to shorten his life.—William Sharp in Atlantic.

The Wind Deities.

The principal wind deities were Boreas, the north wind; Zephyrus, the west; Anster, the south, and Eurus, the east wind. The first was remembered chiefly on account of a love scrape. He fell in love with a nymph, but could not speak softly and found himself unable to sigh at all. Knowing that it was impossible to make love without soft speech and sighs, he was about to give up love-making as a bad job and go back to his regular business of blowing, but took advice of an expert, who recommended him to carry off the girl. He did so. She soon got used to his blowing, and they lived happily ever afterward.

Every green thing loves to die in bright colors. It is never nature that is sad, but only we that dare not look back on the past, and that have not its prophecy of the future in our bosoms.—Beecher.

The summer of the year 306 witnessed so much rain in Scotland that all the crops failed and the people perished of famine by thousands.

An insult from certain sources is a compliment. When an ass kicks at you, he does so because he recognizes that you are unlike him.

The Monocacy river, in Maryland, was called by the aborigines Monagassi, "creek of many bends."

Chilo is a Peruvian word signifying "the land of snow."

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

McCormick Mowers, Reapers, Milo Mowers 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.

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School will begin on the 2nd of September. Tuition for pupils not within the scholastic age, will be charged at the following rates:

1st Grade	\$1.50
2nd Grade	1.50
3rd Grade	1.75
4th Grade	1.75
5th Grade	2.00
6th Grade	2.25
7th Grade	2.50
8th Grade	2.75

Before pupils not within scholastic age are enrolled in school they must present to the principal a receipt from the secretary of the board of trustees for at least one month's tuition in advance. Every effort of progressive teachers, who keep themselves up with the times, will be put forth to increase the effectiveness of this session over that of the past year.

Particular attention will be given to high school work. And we take pleasure in announcing to the young ladies and young men of the surrounding country, who are contemplating going from home to school that some of the best families of Sonora will furnish you with board at very reasonable rates and that it will be hard for you to find a place where you could spend a term more profitably and pleasantly than in hospitable Sonora.

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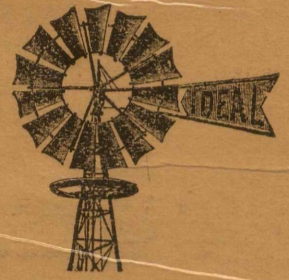
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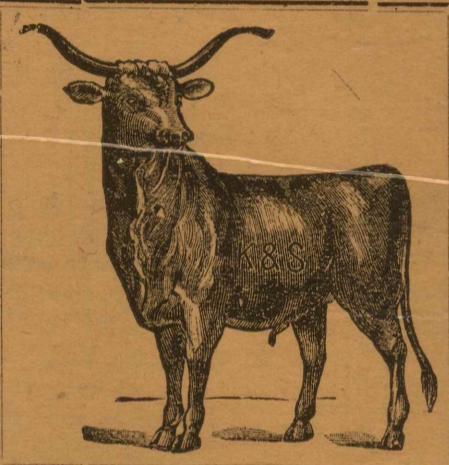
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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS, - September 25, 1905

Ex-Congressman Chas. Stewart died on Saturday last in San Antonio.

At Kerrville on the evening of the 22nd, Craig Hankins the 17 year-old son of E. C. Hankins, was struck with a base ball in a game and instantly killed.

Henry Moon, one of San Angelo's most affable and accomplished boys, having accepted a place in the dry goods department of Hagerlund Bros., Sonora, left last Tuesday to fill his position. Mike Murphy, Sol Mayer, Felix Vanderstucken and all the other town duds won't be in it with Brother. -San Angelo Standard.

In regard to the above it is not necessary to say that Mike Murphy has not been "in it" for a long time, but Sol Mayer, Felix Vanderstucken and several other of the boys intend holding "Brother" Moon down. They will continue to be "in it" for some time at least.

Active Exercise

and good food in plenty, tends to make children healthy. If children suffer, however, from Scrofulous, Skin or Scalp Diseases—if their blood is impure and pimples or boils appear, they should be given the right medicine. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery brings about the best bodily condition. It purifies the blood and renders the liver active as well as builds up health and strength. Puny, pale, weak children get a lasting benefit and "a good start" from the use of the "Discovery." It puts on wholesome flesh, and does not nauseate and offend the stomach like the various preparations of cod liver oil. Once used, it is always in favor.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation, headaches, indigestion, dyspepsia. One a dose. Sold by all dealers.

The Terrible Krag-Jorgensen Rifle.

The first man to be killed in this country with a bullet from the new Krag-Jorgensen rifle was a desperate military convict named Thomas Coffey. Samuel Jacob M. Kress killed him at Fort Sheridan when, with George W. Platt, another convict, he made a wild dash for liberty.

The nickel plated ball passed through Coffey's head, then it went through a live tree eight inches in diameter and afterwards buried itself three feet deep in the hillside thirty yards beyond.

Army officers are considerably excited over the shooting and are much interested in the terrible effect produced by the Krag-Jorgensen bullet. A story said the bullet exploded in the man's head but this was laughed at, as the United States uses no explosive ball. In explaining the bullet and the fearful shattered effect it had on Coffey's head, Lieut. Thompson said:

"The new small service bullet used in United States magazine rifle, caliber thirty, is a hardened lead slug surrounded by a thin cupro-nickel steel envelope. It is light in weight, being about 220 grains, as against 400 grains for the caliber forty-five rifle. The lead in the new bullet is hardened by a mixture with tin. The hard steel surface causes the bullet to take the rifling of the gun, which a bullet of softer material would not do in the new rifles. The advantages secured by this hard coating of steel are greater range, accuracy and penetration. A simple lead bullet propelled at the high velocity now used, which is something like 2000 feet a second, would strip or override the rifling. This bullet striking at short range, say up to 400 or 500 yards, does terrible damage, particularly if it strikes any of the vital organs of the body, such as the brain, the heart or the lungs; it causes a shattering which is best termed an explosive effect."

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

Stock News.

J. C. Barksdale sold to J. L. Davis 13 head of fat cows at \$14 a head.

T. T. Thomason & Bro's., rams are large, smooth Merinos, and in extra fine shape. Two and three year-olds. 58

R. F. Halbert bought 10 head of mares from A. J. Winkler at \$10 a head.

A. V. Lamar bought from R. H. Martin 700 head of stock sheep at \$1.25 for lambs and \$1.50 for grown sheep, after shearing.

T. T. Thomason & Bro., will have 400 head of their well-known rams in Sonora on Sept 5th. Come early. 58

T. N. Butler sold to J. A. Schwalbe of Crockett county, 750 head of stock sheep at \$1.25 a head after shearing.

Select your rams from T. T. Thomason & Bro's., herd now and they will hold them until you want them. Prices to suit the times. 58

A. W. Mills the sheepman was in Sonora Friday. He bought 8 head of delaine rams from Hamilton & Campbell at San Angelo on Monday. Mr. Mills is well pleased with his purchase. They sheared from 8 to 10 pounds of wool and he thinks they are better than represented.

D. Creswell, the Missouri buck man, will be at San Angelo on Sept 7th, with a car load of his famous Hornless Merino Rams. Mr. Creswell does not claim that these rams will be the best ever brought to Texas but knows from experience that they will give good satisfaction to the parties buying Hornless Merino Rams.

Sheep For Sale.

500 head of fine large wethers, two to four year old. They are in good condition. Apply to A. W. Mills, Sonora, Tex.

From San Angelo Standard.

Messrs Keeton & Palmer, of Sonora bought 7000 muttons in Lampasas and Hamilton counties and will take them to Devil's River.

W. H. Collins of Water Valley, has refused an offer of \$17.00 on 2,000 head of two-year-old steers. How does that strike you.

Harris & Childress bought 25 yearling steers and 20 two's, from Short & Hewitt, for \$500, and sold 25 of the yearlings to Geo. Abbott, at \$11 per head.

Harris & Childress bought 600 steers, 3's and up from Southeast Texas, for \$13 per head. They arrived Tuesday.

Ike Gronsky, of Colorado City, sold 4,000 muttons at Pecos City, with wool on, at \$2 per head.

Yesterday John Findlater, Jr., of Water Valley, sold to Will Collins, 625 head of East Texas stock cattle at \$11 per head.

Geo L. Abbott sold 500 lambs to Joseph Tweedy for \$500. Mr. Tweedy also bought 500 lambs from John Rao at the same price.

J. B. Hamilton, the buckman and mutton buyer, of Mexico, Mo., arrived yesterday from Kerrville. See his bucks at the Fort.

A. B. Hoffman, of Sonora, was loading up at March Bros., last week. After a long rest he has gone back into the sheep business by purchasing 1700 head of stock sheep from a McCulloch county party. Mr. Hoffman made a big success in sheep and is undoubtedly a repeater. -San Angelo Standard.

Wool Market.

There is a fair inquiry for most kinds of domestic and foreign stock; the sales of fine to medium domestic fleeces have been quite up to the average for the past five weeks, the same is true of Australian wools which are exceedingly cheap as compared with the selling rates of similar wools in Britain and on the continent.

There is a good of looking around by manufacturers, and considerable attention is being paid to domestic 1-2 and 3-8 as well as fine clothing wools, bids in a number of instances having been made for different sorts of the best, pretty close to the highest asking price that has been mentioned.

The cheapness of all kinds of wools in this market will be readily recognized when one sees foreign wools purchased here and in New York, shipped to Antwerp, all charges paid and sold at a profit there.

The sales of territory, western and southern wools generally, and pulled wools have been compar-

tively small, which has had the effect of reducing the aggregate considerably below last week's record; this does not signify any general lack of appreciation of the worth of these wools, it means simply that at the moment some other kinds of stock are more particularly adapted to the current need. Holders of territory as a rule are firmly maintaining their views of the value of their holdings. The sales of all kinds have amounted to 2,753,000 lbs., including about 105,000 lbs. of scoured wool. The feeling of the trade in general, is cheerful; most regard the present market situation as an eminently healthy one.

Although there has been some inquiry for Texas spring wools, we have learned of no transaction in them since last writing. Fall wools have not yet begun to move; we quote year's growth at 11c. to 13c.; 6 to 8 months' wools, 10 to 12c. A Texas wool worth 12 to 13c. would come in the category of fine wools such as are necessary to present manufacturing requirements. -Boston Wool Reporter.

Somewhat a Man.

I do not wonder that the pompadour front of Mr. Corbett is tremulous with panic. The red Australian Terror is more terrible every day. He keeps a herd of the most vicious and vivacious lions that ever gambol in a free country, and he can throw down the whole collection with a glance of his left forefinger. They feed on flet of beef and rare porterhouse. They are bred to savagery and ferocity. They occa-

sionally escape and eat up a large family. But when they see Red Robert they have nervous prostration, and they sink to the size of a common villatic pussy cat. He makes them wild with blood, and they tremble at the sight. He wears a royal Asiatic tiger around his neck. He keeps thirteen grizzly bears in his house. He boxes every day with a pile-driver. He wears rattlesnakes for safety pins. He catches thunderbolts on the lobe of his right ear and smashes them back and gives the sky the dusky eye. He swats hydraulic rams in the snout and kills electricity with a gesture. He smashes potatoes with a curve of the eyebrow and wrecks the furniture with a wink. He knocks quarries into jelly with the flat of his hand. His right hand weighs 1,000,000 tons and his left 3,000,000. The ground he walks on gets bowlegged and the house he lives in gets curvature of the spine. Corbett will have to poison him. There is no other way of licking him. -Town Topics.

\$5.00 Reward.

For the recovery of one dun mare 4 years old, branded LC on left thigh, stolen from near Knickerbocker on Aug. 9th.

J. P. McCONNELL, Sheriff, or Louis Guerra, Sonora, Texas. 59 4t.

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That well-known and popular resort the Maud S. Saloon is for sale. This is a splendid business opportunity for the right man, there being only one other saloon in Sonora. The present proprietor has other business that demands all his time. For further information and particulars apply to J. P. McCONNELL, Sonora, Texas.

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Cash Store.
I have bought the A. A. DeBerry stock of goods at a Big Discount, and for cash will sell you goods cheaper than any house in the West.
Geo. H. McDonald

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.

FOR SALE.
One thousand first-class merino sheep for sale at \$1.50 per head.
J. B. Stribling,
McKavett, Texas.

Sutton County Estray.
Reported as an estray for the benefit of Sutton county, by W. F. Luckie, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2, on the 17th day of August 1895, the following described animal to-wit: One brown horse, 3 years old, unbroke, branded AS on left jaw.
S. H. Stokes, County Clerk.

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

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SELLING A PIANO.

The Publishing House Relates How He Got
With a Slow Buyer.

"Usually persons are more particular in selecting a piano than they are in choosing their friends," said a piano dealer. "No matter what the name or reputation of the maker may be, it requires a salesman to sell the goods. By a salesman I don't mean what is ordinarily construed to be a salesman, but a man who has tact and common sense at the same time, for selling a piano requires much persuasion.

"Customers for pianos defer making their decision so long that it sometimes becomes painful to the dealer. He is kept on the anxious bench, knowing that there are various other makes of instruments that can be just as well represented as his, even if he refuses to acknowledge an equality, not to speak of superiority, in comparison with his own. It is even worse than speculation in stocks, for in this instance you are dealing with self-praise most habitually.

"These delayed purchases are very aggravating to a dealer, who usually knows what his customer wants much better than he does himself. I had an experience which developed a novel method of making a customer who really wanted a piano, yet who couldn't make up his mind to purchase one. For the last six or seven months a well known gentleman had been contemplating the purchase of a piano from me. He came into the store on an average of four times a week to look at the instrument under consideration and to hear it played. I was positive that the man would purchase in time, but why wait when it was only a question of time? So I concluded to resort to heroic methods to accomplish a sale. I ordered the piano sent to the man's house and arranged it so that I would arrive there a few minutes before it.

"I found my man and took him into the library to talk to him while the man would carry out my instructions previously given to carry the piano into the parlor. After it was placed in position I had my pianist begin to play. The man's face assumed a most surprised look, and he remarked that he had never heard his old piano sound so well before.

"What's the use of buying a new one when I've got that?" he argued. "That's just the tone I've been looking for for months. That tuner worked wonders yesterday."

"When he walked into the parlor and saw the new instrument, he was dumfounded, but said:

"Well, Mr. —, you've made up my mind for me. That's the instrument I want. If you will come into the library, I'll give you a check for it."

"By this strategic move I concluded a sale that would have hung fire for six months more."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Concrete Bridge.

An achievement in its particular line of engineering is the concrete bridge, having a clear span of 164 feet and 26 feet wide, lately constructed over the Danube at Mundenkingen, in Austria, where, as it appears, stone is scarce and costly, while good portland cement is produced in large quantities. Under these circumstances the plan pursued was to cover the centering with oiled paper, and on this the concrete was laid, consisting of 1 part of cement, 2 1/2 parts sand and 5 of broken stone, all of these being thoroughly mixed together. Blocks of this concrete are said to have shown a resistance of some 187 tons per square foot in 7 days, 235 tons in 28 days and 308 tons in 5 months.

In the case of this bridge the method adopted was to apply the concrete in layers of 12 inches thickness, starting at the abutments and working toward the crown, where it has a thickness of 3 1/4 feet, while midway to the crown it presents a thickness of 4 1/2 feet. The time spent in laying the concrete was but 19 days after the centers were struck, and the deflection proved less than 4 1/2 inches.—New York Sun.

To Clean Marble.

An excellent preparation for cleaning marble is fine pumice stone, newly slaked lime and verdigris, mixed thick with soft soap. Dip a woolen rag in this compound and rub the stains one way. Then wash off with soap and water. Remember that another good preparation is made of 2 parts of common soda, 1 part of pumice and 1 of fine powdered chalk, which should be sifted through a fine sieve and mixed with water. It is used in the same manner.

Extraordinary Gratitude.

Convalescent—Doctor, what is your bill?
Physician—One hundred dollars, madam.

Convalescent (paying it)—I am sure I can never be grateful enough to you, doctor. If it had not been for your care and skill, I should have been an angel by this time, and what would have become of little Fido?—Chicago Tribune.

ONLY A CLIMBING WORK.

The Wonderful feat, comparatively speaking, that it accomplished with ease.

Sitting on a bench under a pear tree, I saw a spider drop from a leaf fully nine feet above the ground and disappear in the grass, leaving a slender rope of web attached at the upper end to a leaf and at the lower to a fallen pear. In a few minutes a small white caterpillar, barely an inch long, began to climb this rope. It grasped the thread in the mouth and drew up its body about a sixteenth of an inch at a time, then held tight with the two fore feet, and lifting its head seized the rope a sixteenth higher, repeating this operation incessantly, the rest of the body swinging in the air. Never pausing, without haste and without rest this creature patiently worked its way upward as a man might up a rope.

Upward one seized a beam overhead and attempt to lift the chest up to a level with it. The expenditure of strength is very great. Even with long practices to "swarm" up a pole or rope to any distance is the hardest labor the human muscles are capable of. This despised "creeping thing," without the slightest apparent effort, without once pausing to take breath, reached the leaf overhead in rather under half an hour, having climbed a rope fully 108 times its own length. To equal this a man must climb 648 feet, or more than half as high again as St. Paul's. The insect on reaching the top at once commenced feeding and easily bit through the hard pear leaf. How delicately, then, it must have grasped the slender spider's web which a touch would destroy.

The thoughts which this feat call forth do not end here, for there was no necessity to go up the thread. The insect could, to all appearance, have traveled up the trunk of the tree with ease, and it is not to be supposed that its mouth and feet were specially adapted to climb a web, a thing which I have never seen done since, and which was to all appearance merely the result of the accident of the insect coming along just after the spider had left the thread. Another few minutes, and the first puff of wind would have carried the thread away, as a puff actually did soon afterward. I claim a wonderful amount of original intelligence—as opposed to the ill used term instinct—of patience and perseverance for this creature. It is so easy to imagine that because man is big brain power cannot exist in tiny organizations, but even in man the seat of thought is so minute that it escapes discovery, and his very life may be said to lie in the point of contact of two bones of the neck. Put the mind of a man within the body of the caterpillar—what more could it have done? Accustomed to bite and eat its way through hard leaves, why did not the insect snap off and destroy its rope?—Richard Jefferies in Longman's Magazine.

Be Your Own Illustrator.

In fact, it behooves the writer either to learn to draw or to hire an artist to draw for him and invariably to submit with his articles some sort of illustration which will enable the editor, who is really nowadays half an editor and the other half "art" manager, to find some excuse for publishing the articles at all. That is to say, reading matter unaccompanied by pictures is far less in demand than when pictures come with it, and it should also be remembered that the pictures, however crude, may be redrawn or touched up to answer the requirements. So well understood are the pictorial necessities of modern publication that original photographs obtained personally either from travel in foreign lands or in out of the way nooks and crannies of our own country or sent to friends in America by travelers abroad are hawked about the big daily and weekly newspaper offices and sold on their merits. The descriptive matter to go with them is then produced by some skillful writer with the assistance of the library or the newspaper "graveyard."—Lippincott's.

Ten Minutes For Emotions.

A well known artist who spends several months of the year in Venice tells how the morning after his first arrival in the "water-logged" city he hired a gondola in order to see the sights. Having passed under the Bridge of Sighs and reached the spot rendered memorable by the mournful history of Marino Faliero, the gondolier took out his watch and politely said:

"We rest for ten minutes here."
With that he lighted his pipe.

"What are you waiting for?" asked his fare.

"Sir," replied the gondolier, "it is the usual time allowed for emotion, for poetic feeling."

And they waited till the ten minutes were up.

Artistic Appreciation.

Painter (with dignity)—I am an artist, madam.

Madam (effusively)—Oh, you poor man! Here's a quarter to buy you something to eat.—Detroit Free Press.

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Southern Families Fight Each Other From Generation to Generation.

"That Wyoming feud which the press dispatches say lasted ten years was a mere child compared with the affairs where I come from," said the Kentucky colonel. "I've heard of some quarrels which have been carried on since 1830, and it is nothing out of the common for a man to be killed because some 40 years ago there was a dispute about a calf."

"The Turner feud, as it was called, began in southwest Tennessee long before the civil war and ended about two years ago, when the last member of each side killed the other."

"The Turners were two young brothers, both married, who lived on the same farm. Next door was a neighbor who had six children. One day the children of the two families quarreled, and one of the Turners interfered. The neighbor's children told their father that one of the Turners struck them. The father rebuked Turner, and there was a fight. Turner was bested. His brother came to his rescue, and the next day both families engaged in a general fight. One of each side was killed. The remaining Turners then moved to another farm, but whenever the factions met there was a quarrel.

"There was but one school in the neighborhood, and the children of both families attended. Day after day they fought. One day one of the Turner children returned home from school badly hurt. The child's father avenged the injury by punishing one of the children of his enemy. Another general fight ensued, in which the grown male members of both families were killed. This stopped the feud until the boys grew up.

"In the meantime both factions removed to Texas, the Turners first. They renewed the fight there, and two members of the other family were killed. A year later one of the Turners was killed.

"Two members of both factions now remained. One Christmas eve both Turners were found murdered in their homes. Their bodies were sent to relatives in Tennessee, who removed to the Turner homestead in Texas. A month later one of these Turners was assassinated while riding horseback through the country. A few weeks later a member of the opposing family was mysteriously murdered.

"Then there was but one member of each family still alive. Christmas two years ago they met near their old Tennessee homes, and in a duel which followed both were killed. Thus the feud was ended, but not until both families had been wiped off the earth."—New York Journal.

The Surgeon's Assistant.

One of the difficulties which an ambulance surgeon must meet is the presence of an excited crowd, attracted by the accident that has summoned him. Dr. J. West Roosevelt, in his narrative of hospital experiences published in Scribner's, tells of an able volunteer assistant in keeping the ground clear for the surgeon—his dog Dan.

The dog, an animal of great intelligence, originality and determination came to the hospital on a visit. After a few days he attached himself to the ambulance service and always "personally conducted" the surgeon on calls. He ran ahead, barking furiously at any wagon which did not promptly turn aside. He saw to it that persons who had no business to crowd around the surgeon kept at a respectful distance.

None but police or firemen in uniform could approach within four or five yards without receiving a decided hint from Dan that it would be safer for him to stop. He would walk slowly and with much dignity up to the intruder, looking steadily at his face, and speak to him in a low, half whistled growl, at the same time ruffling the fur between his shoulders.

As our driver said: "Dat dog never had to bite no one. Dey got on to what he meant without it."

If the surgeon called any one to his side, Dan at once regarded him as privileged to remain inside the forbidden ground and took him under his protection.

Strictly Business.

"George," said the beautiful girl as she nestled close to him, "the last time you called you proposed."

"I did, sweet one."

"And I accepted you."

"You did, love."

"I presume, George," she went on in her most fascinating manner, "that you look upon me as merely a foolish, thoughtless girl, but—"

"How can you think so, pet?" he interrupted.

"But," she went on in a more businesslike way, "I have something of the business instinct of the new woman in me, and—and I shall have to ask you to repeat the proposal again tonight. The last time you called it was Sunday, and contracts made on that day, I learn, are not legally binding."—Chicago Post.

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OLD TIME STREET CLEANING.

Pigs Were the First Scavengers Recognized by New York Law.

The first organized effort to clean the streets of New York was made in 1658. The Dutch governor in that year established a law that pigpens which opened on the principal streets should be provided with openings on the highways so that the pigs might readily find their way to the streets and act as public scavengers.

In time, however, as the traffic on the city streets increased the citizens of New York became dissatisfied with their street cleaning department and clamored for a change.

In 1695 a commissioner of the street cleaning department was chosen. He was appointed for a term of one year, and his salary was fixed at \$150. This system continued until 1701, when public sentiment once more demanded a change.

The aldermen therefore called on the citizens to state what they were willing to pay for having the streets cleaned and the dirt carried away.

The call was not responded to, however, and a law was finally made providing that the inhabitants should sweep the dirt in heaps before their houses on every Friday. The dirt was carted away once a week by cartmen, and the citizens were ordered to pay threepence for every load if they loaded it themselves and sixpence if it were loaded by the cartmen. One street, however, was cleaned entirely at the public's expense. This was the road now known as Broad street, and this special provision was made because quantities of dirt were washed to it by the rains and it was thought unwise for the residents to clean it themselves.

The next change was the appointment of a public scavenger, whose duty it was to cart away the dirt from all the streets. The new street cleaning commissioner was known in those days as the public scavenger and received a salary of \$200 a year.

The year 1658 was also the year in which the first street in New York was paved. Before a pavement of any sort could be laid it was necessary that a survey should be made, because of the irregular manner in which the houses stood.

The first pavement was of cobblestones, and the old Dutch record announces that it was intended "for ornament as well as for use." The expense of laying this pavement was assessed on the residents. During the next ten years almost every street in New Amsterdam was paved in one way or another.

The streets were usually paved to a width of ten feet from the front of the houses on either side of the way. The center was arranged to serve the double purpose of gutter and sewer.—New York Sun.

Testing a Diamond.

A real diamond is not acted on by acids or alkalis. When rubbed on a piece of silk, it acquires positive electricity and will attract small pieces of wool, cotton and paper, and this electrification will last sometimes half an hour. A real diamond, if exposed to the sun's rays for a time, possesses a distinct phosphorescence in the dark. It gives only a simple refraction—that is, it gives only a single image of a bright light when that is viewed through its facets. This last test is a very good one, and the electrification and phosphorescent qualities afford two other good tests. Jewelers usually test with a file. If that affords no proof, the jeweler places the stone in a leaden or platinum cup with some powdered flour spar and a little oil of vitriol. The vessel is then placed over a charcoal fire in some place where the strong draft will carry off the noxious vapors evolved. When these latter have ceased rising, the mixture in the vessel is allowed to cool, and the stone is then fished out with a glass rod. If it is genuine, no change will be noticeable. If false, it will be corroded by the acid.

Historic Ruins.

The ruins on the shores of Lake Titicaca were in the same condition when visited by Pizarro as they are today. They consist of immense earth pyramids, faced with stone and surrounded by cyclopean walls. There are many monoliths strikingly suggestive of Stonehenge in England, some of these giant stones being 14 feet high by 4 feet broad and 3 feet thick. The stonecutting and polishing are said to equal the best work of modern times. The antiquity of these works is merely conjectural. It is believed they were in ruins when the Incas conquered Peru, and some antiquarians assign a possible date that would make them the rivals in age of the oldest monuments of Egypt.

His Choice.

Schoolteacher—If you had your choice, Willie, would you rather be as wise as Solomon, as great as Julius Caesar, as rich as Croesus, as eloquent as Demosthenes, as tall as Goliath or as good as the prophet Elijah?

Willie—I'd rather be a drummer in a brass band.—London Tit-Bits.

BOUILLABAISSÉ, WHEW!

The Dish Thackeray Labeled Mr. Sal Calls "A Nasty Mess."

The nasty mess! The literal translation of bouillabaisse is "boiled down," and now, after many years of simmering indignation against this unclean and, I believe, unwholesome dish, I boil over. I denounce bouillabaisse as a barbarous, greasy and bilious compound. It is not the outcome of a civilized kitchen. It is a smuggler's dish, a pirate's one, and this I intend to prove by demonstration. I own that I have been somewhat of a hypocrite in the matter. I have given recipes for bouillabaisse in various publications.

Landing at Marseilles from India eight years ago, I with a party of ladies partook of bouillabaisse at Rouillon's, the Restaurant de la Reserve on the Cornice road. On lady threw up the sponge after the first two spoonfuls. Another said that she liked it, but in eating she made the most horrible grimaces that ever distorted a pretty face, and another fair dame was positively ill after the repast.

Before going further I may as well state explicitly what bouillabaisse is and how it is prepared. There are two ways of cooking bouillabaisse. For the first you provide the coarse whitening of the Mediterranean, haddock and two other fish called grondin and rascasse. Then you put into a large stewpan an onion cut into dice, a clove of garlic minced as fine as possible, some milled parsley, a piece of orange peel, salt, pepper and saffron and a wineglassful of cold water for each guest who is to partake of the potage. Then pour in an ample quantity of olive oil.

When these ingredients have been mixed, put in your fish, from which you must carefully exclude all obnoxious sorts, such as mackerel, sardines and lampreys. Then set your stewpan on a brisk fire, a coal fire being in this case preferable to a charcoal one. The mixture should boil for a quarter of an hour. Provençal housewives declare that a marmite or earthen pipkin is better than a copper iron stewpan, since metals always exhale a slight odor which interferes with the flavor of the bouillabaisse.

The second mode of preparing bouillabaisse is as follows: You may choose oily fish, such as mackerel, sardines and lampreys. To these you add that big and badly bred brother-in-law of the lobster, the langouste, or crawfish. Cut your fish in slices and lay them in the stewpan with leeks, garlic and oil, a wineglassful of water for each guest and then boil rapidly for a quarter of an hour. You will have left a quantity of greasy fish soup reeking with garlic. Pour this precious gruel over slices of bread and serve the fish and the soup separately.

At Marseilles at the tables of wealthy merchants and shipowners what is known as "aristocratic bouillabaisse" is served. Before the fish is boiled the slices are browned for about five minutes. The livers of different kinds of fish are added, with some slices of ham and a pint of Madeira.—G. A. Sala in the London Telegraph.

The Lady and the Candy.

A young woman whose attire and demeanor betokened wealth and refinement attracted some attention in a fashionable candy store up town lately by her persistent inquiries about the purity of the confections offered for sale.

"Are you sure that this candy is quite pure?" she asked.

"Yes, miss," answered the salesgirl. "We sell nothing but pure candy."

"Well, I want some that is not scented."

"Will those suit you?" asked the girl, producing a pan of plain white sugar drops.

"Are those the purest that you have?" questioned the would-be purchaser as she looked the pan over suspiciously.

"Yes, miss."

"And are they perfectly fresh?"

"Made today," was the answer.

"Well, I hope you are not deceiving me," said the young woman earnestly. "For I am very particular about the kind of candy that I buy. I want it for my little dog, and you may give me 10 cents' worth."—New York Recorder.

Rende's Definition of Love.

Love is a state of being. The beloved object is our center, and our thoughts, affections, schemes and selves move round but it. We may diverge hither or thither, but the golden thread still holds us. Is fair or dark beauty the fairest? The world cannot decide, but love shall decide in a moment. A halo surrounds her we love and makes beautiful to us her movements, her looks, her virtues, her faults, her nonsense, her affectation and herself—and that's love.—Charles Reade.

The Misfortune of Our Cities.

"The misfortune of our cities," as the mayor of Chattanooga remarked at Cleveland the other day, "is the bad citizenship of good citizens."—Hartford Courant.

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