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THREE SO SONGS.

[To a friend with a nosegay of wild flowers.]

In the forest shadows dim,
 When the thrush's evening hymn
 With its music, wondrous rare,
 Fills the twilight like a prayer—
 There we danced and sang and loved,
 Sheltered by the pine above,
 Sister, little sister, take us,
 Take us to thy heart,
 Happier, happy than ever,
 One of us thou art!

MEADOWS.
 Where the rippling streamlet floweth
 Silently we bow and weep,
 No one but our Father knoweth
 Of our anguish, still and deep.
 Close beside the eddying river
 These alone we sob and grieve,
 Though the world forsake us,
 Take us to thy heart,
 Sister, little sister, take us,
 One of us thou art!

Where the fern in the meadow grows,
 Where the streamlet flows,
 When the spring rain comes,
 Write as winter's snow comes,
 There our faces we see,
 When the fern laughs, we are glad;
 When the rain weeps, we are sad.
 Still we see the stars and see us;
 Still we trust, because they love us.
 Are they flowers in the sky,
 Violets that have learned to fly?
 We believe and hence all trust,
 Know that he who made is just,
 And he never will forsake us.
 While we're white and pure in heart,
 Sister, maiden sister, take us,
 One of us thou art!
 —Willis Boyd Allen in Youth's Companion.

Crushite.

The results accomplished by the use of "crushite," a new material for sawing and polishing granite, stone and marble, are represented as quite remarkable, the material consisting simply of minute chilled cast metal shot varying in size from more powder to clover seed size. Blocks of granite are now being sawed with this instead of sand at the rate of four inches in depth and hard grit stone at nine in depth an hour with 12 blades in the machine. It is superseding diamond saws and is claimed to be capable of doing the same amount of work at one-tenth the cost, and is also being employed in sand blast apparatus in place of sand and substitution of diamond drills for boring and drilling. The statement is made that in sawing and polishing sections of this material is equal to about 300 tons of the sharpest sand. The tiny balls are chilled to intense hardness without being brittle, and when struck on an anvil they indent the latter. As the action of crushite is to roll between the blocks and to crush or rub the surface, it retains its spherical shape and cutting or crushing power, and as it does not become partially imbedded in the blade or rubber, as in the case with sand, emery, etc., it is rolled backward or forward, smoothing the surface by crushing the projecting parts of the block that is being treated.—New York Sun.

Saved From a Lion by a Pillow.

An English officer was shooting recently in Somaliland. One night when he was in bed inside his tent a lion sprang over the rough thorn fence, which it is usual to throw up round one's encampment at night. Instead of picking up one of the men or animals that must have been lying about asleep inside the fence he would have none but the sportsman himself, made a dash into his tent and seized him—fortunately only by the hand. Then by some wonderful piece of luck, as the lion changed his grip for the shoulder, he grabbed the pillow instead and so vanished with his prize. The pillow was found the next morning several hundred yards distant in the jungle, and outside was also the spoor of a lioness, who had evidently been awaiting the return of her lord with something eatable.—Scribner's.

Ant Eggs.

The egg of the ant is uniform, smooth, tight and bright, without any division. When the larva has come from it, only a very thin membrane is left which rolls up and is reduced to an imperceptible point, and even the egg does not hatch if it is so rolled up as to escape the eyes. This is why these eggs are so little known, for what is commonly and improperly called the egg is really the larva and is endowed with life and motion. These eggs, or rather these larvae, of ants are very much sought after by barnyard fowl.—Popular Science Monthly.

A Shoemaker was fitting a customer with a pair of boots when the buyer observed that he had but one objection to them, which was that the soles were too thick. "If that is all," replied Chispin, "put on the boots, and the objection will gradually wear away."

The Irish hare is considered to be exceptionally strong and suited for coursing purposes. A large number of these hares are exported annually to England and Scotland for various coursing meetings.

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MOVING AT YAKUTAT.

How the Indians Handle Their Canoes—A Frequent Dog.

The Indians at Yakutat, Alaska, were getting ready to go to Disenchantment bay to hunt seals and get the oil for winter consumption. Everybody was going, big and little, and the village would be deserted until the hunt was over, with only the disconsolate dogs to watch it. The canoes which had been lying high on the beach out of the way of possible harm from tide or swell were shoved out into the water. They are heavy, ungainly things, dug out of logs. Sometimes they are 50 feet long. It will puzzle a white man a good deal to navigate one of them, but the Indians are as much at home as if they were in their houses. An Indian baby learns to paddle almost as soon as he learns to walk. That method of locomotion has been the general one for so long that the whole race is developed tremendously in the arms and chest, but has short, rather weak legs.

When the canoes were in the water, the work of loading them began. The members of each family gathered up their traps and piled them in—bundles of blankets and skins, household utensils, pots, kettles and pans, dried salmon, provisions from the store, oil in tin cans and bark pans to hold it. Every fellow took a hand at loading, little or big, and every fellow seemed to chuck his load into the canoe, hit or miss, without regard to trim. It was a wild, indiscriminate higgledy piggledyness, but somehow it rode all right.

A decent, self-respecting whale-boat would have got angry and tipped over, but not a dugout resented its treatment. After all the duffie had been chucked in the big Indians put in the little ones. Then the squaws climbed in. After that the men got ready to shove out. The dogs stood around by the dozen, whining and begging to be taken along. Once in awhile a man would grab a dog by the nape of the neck and throw him on top of the pile of baggage. It was a marvel that the scrambling dogs didn't upset the whole thing.

One man had two dogs and not much room. He chucked one in and paid no attention to the pleading of the other. The dog was perturbed, but his only reward was a cuff on the ear. The man went back up the beach to his house to get a last something, and the dog waded out and climbed into the canoe. The Indian ran back, grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and threw him out on the beach. The dog waited a minute and then waded out and climbed in again. This time the Indian threw him out harder, but the dog wasn't discouraged. He shook the water out of his fur and wagged his tail. When he thought he had a good chance, he waded out and climbed into the canoe the third time. The Indian swore by his totem and dragged the dog up the beach. Before he could get back to push the canoe off the dog had run out into the water again and climbed up into the canoe. The Indian hit him a clout on the nose with his fist, and the dog lay down and slobbered. Then the Indian pushed off, everybody got to work at the paddles, and the whole crowd went off peacefully and marvelously upright. The dog had won.—New York Sun.

Lord Bramwell's Piety.

The late bishop of Winchester is said to have possessed among his many other qualities that of sarcasm. A good story is told of a report he made to the late Lord Bramwell, who, meeting him on his way back to his room to take off his robes after reading prayers in the house of lords, apologized for having been absent from the ceremony.
 "When I kneel down, it gives me palpitation of the heart," said Lord Bramwell, "and it would not be respectful for me to sit or stand while your lordship was praying."
 Bishop Thorold, perhaps knowing almost as much about the old baron's sanctity as did Lord Bramwell himself, answered in measured tones: "Pray do not mention it, Lord Bramwell. I am sure your lordship can be equally devout whether you are standing, kneeling or sitting—I will not say lying."

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SONORA, TEXAS. - February 29, 1896

The Tariff Bill.

Washington, February 22.—Mr. Dingley, chairman of the ways and means committee, on being asked what the effect would be of opening the house tariff bill to amendment, increasing the duty of wool beyond the figure of the bill as it stands, said:

"I agree with the senate republican caucus, that any material amendment in one direction would inevitably invite hundreds of other amendments and thus practically open the whole question of tariff revision and swamp the measure at once. The senate republican caucus took the ground that the only way to get any bill to the president to increase the revenue is for the senate to pass substantially the house tariff bill, which contains only for two years, and I agree with this view."

Feb. 25th. Mr. Morrill unexpectedly called up the tariff bill in the senate and it was refused consideration; Morrill accepted this as a defeat of the measure. It had the silver bill attached.

Bank Robbers Lynched.

Foster Crawford and Elmer Lewis entered the City National bank at Wichita Falls, at 2:45 p. m. Tuesday for the purpose robbery. They shot Cashier Frank Dusey dead. Shot President Kendall, the ball striking a silk handkerchief in the top pocket of his coat and glanced down through his clothes. They also shot bookkeeper P. P. Langford in the right hip but he managed to escape to the street and gave the alarm. The citizens armed themselves and pursued the robbers. The rangers under Capt. McDonald arrived two hours later and joined in the chase. The robbers had secured \$400 in silver. The robbers were surrounded in a thicket nine miles from town and kept there all night. The rangers brought them in at an early hour the next morning and kept guard over them until their presence at Amarillo was demanded to capture a gang of desperadoes who were carrying things with a high hand there. The rangers turned the prisoners over to a citizens committee but they were not able to protect the jail, and the robbers were taken to the corner of the bank building and strung up to the telegraph pole and their bodies left there all day as a warning to others.

Extreme cold weather was experienced in Chicago last week. Two men were frozen to death.

The Confederate museum was opened on Feb. 22, at Richmond, Va., in the old Davis mansion, with a brilliant programme.

It is reported that England and Germany would join an international conference on the silver question if given assurance of a settlement.

Doc Reed was arrested on suspicion of having shot at Will Langford in Bandera last week. At a late hour Langford was called to the door of his house and shot. The ball entered just below the nipple but may not prove fatal.

Perfectly Cured.

Las Vegas, N.M., Sept. 17, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Gentlemen:—I have used the Little's Sheep Dip on about 25,000 sheep and can certify that it has perfectly cured them. A great number of these sheep were very badly affected by the disease and your dip has certainly done wonders on these. I will recommend the dip to all sheepmen. Yours truly, Chas. Hfield. 84-12.

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Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill our artists want you to call on them at the old stand next to the bank, when you want a shave, haircut, bath, etc. They are anxious to please and will give satisfaction.

Fitzsimmons Champion.

Langtry, Texas, Feb. 21.—The ring was pitched just across the river on Mexican soil. A big tent was stretched around the ring.

Both Maher and Fitzsimmons walked with the crowd to the ring-side. Fitzsimmons was the first to enter the ring. He was seconded by Martin Julian, Everhart, Stelzner and McCoy.

Maher appeared a minute later seconded by Jim Hall, Buck Connelly, John Quinn and Pete Lowry.

Referee Silver gave all necessary instructions and time was called.

First round—Both men came up Fitz confident, Maher pale and looking scared. Fitz feinted, Maher led and Fitz ducked. Fitz swung right and left catching Maher on the ear, Maher landed on Fitz's chest; they clinched. Maher fouled Fitz by a stomach blow and Siler warned Maher. Fighting continued, both swinging at close quarters. Maher swung right and left catching Fitz three hard blows Fitz landing on Maher's nose. Maher swung right and left, Fitz gave a quick uppercut short-arm blow and knocked Maher out. Siler counting the seconds.

Fitz was hugged by his friends and Maher was helped from the ring.

Look Out

for breakers ahead when pimples, boils, carbuncles and like manifestations of impure blood appear. They wouldn't appear if your blood were pure and your system in the right condition. They show you what you need—a good blood-purifier; that's what you get when you take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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Bill Nye Dead.

Asheville, N.C., Feb. 22.—Bill Nye died here this afternoon. His wife, two sons and two daughters were present at his bedside when the end peacefully came. Ten days ago Mr. Nye had a stroke of paralysis, much more severe than the one at Paterson, N.Y., when the cruel story that he was drunk was sent out. His daughters arrived from Washington city, where they had been attending school, last Wednesday, and have been at his bedside since.

All are Pleased.

Juno, Tex., Val Verde county, June 29, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Dear sirs:—You favor at hand. In reply will say that your chemical dipping powder is all you claim it to be. I dipped my sheep one time only, and there were several cases of scab, and on examination a few days ago found every case entirely cured. I am well pleased and expect to use your dip and nothing else. I have not heard any complaint yet from others that used it. I think everyone is well pleased with it. Wishing good success, I am, yours truly, B. F. McDonald.

Notice to Sheep Owners.

I will have a good company of 25 or 28 picked shearers for the spring shearing, and will shear ordinary sheep at 3 1/2 cents a head, and close woolled wrinkled Merinos at 4 cents. Everything furnished. I solicit your patronage and guarantee satisfaction.

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ, 76. Sonora, Texas.

P. M. Devitt is back from a trip to Laredo, where he went for the purpose of buying 5,000 sheep for F. J. Godair, who now has them on feed at Dublin. Mr. Godair recently finished shipping from that place about 9,000 head that he had fattened, and notwithstanding the low state of the market, he realized some profit. James Hamilton has also just bought at Marfa 4,000 sheep that he will feed at Dublin, making 9,000 on feed there altogether. Mr. Devitt reports everything in fine condition in the Laredo country. Prairie flowers are in bloom, many trees are in full foliage, grass is growing rapidly and cattle are looking extremely well.—Fort Worth G. zette.

Stock News.

Attention Cattlemen.

We are requested by Sol Mayer to call a meeting of cattlemen to meet in Sonora at 2 p. m., at the court house on Friday March 20th for the purpose of starting and taking action on the Sonora range wagon. A full attendance is requested.

W. H. Cusenbary & Co. are agents for Little's Sheep Dip.

The Sonora country will have for sale this spring a big string of big yearling steers.

Those of the sheepmen who are lambing at present have struck it right this year.

Hector McKenzie says he will be off the Devil's River market after April.

Doubtless some muttons will bring \$2.50 a head during the season but they will be the exception.

Hector McKenzie sold a half interest in the O. T. Word 2000 and the Wood & Hamilton 2000 muttons to Sol Mayer.

Value of imported wool in 1895, \$33,770,195; in 1894, \$13,265,512. Value of imported woolsens in 1895 \$60 319 301; in 1894, \$16 853 215

If you get in the neighborhood of \$2 for your muttons with wool off you will be doing well this year.

Wanted to trade black land farm in rain belt for ranch in Sutton county. Write R. H. Cumby & Co., Land Agents, Cleburne, Tex

F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora, sold to R. H. Harris, of San Angelo, 500 cows at \$13, to be delivered at San Angelo, Texas, April 15th.

H. B. Woodley of Travis county, sold 4000 steers to J. F. Thomson of Gonzales county at \$20 for 3's and 4's and \$15 for 2's.

John M. Campbell of Val Verde county recently purchased several hundred head of stock cattle at \$11 a head.

F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora, bought 1 and two year old steers from the following parties: Sam Cox, Wilby Warner, El Loney, Will Haley.

F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora, sold to M. M. Barnes of Fort Worth, 2500 4 year old steers and up at \$20.50 delivery April 15th, at San Angelo, Texas.

If you want yearling steers do not overlook the Sonora country. The finest yearlings in the State are to be found here. Make a note of it.

Fed sheep on the Chicago market last week with an active demand were worth 3 1/2 cents a pound. You can easily figure how much your muttons are worth.

F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora, bought cows from the following parties: 50 head from C. T. Turney of Sonora, thirty head from A. J. Winkler of Sonora, 30 head from J. C. Barksdale of Sonora, at \$11.

The herds of the Sonora country are well graded and for the past twenty months the range has been unusually fine, cattle have been in splendid condition and yearling steers this spring will be beauties.

F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora, delivered April 1st, bought 200 head of 4 year old steers and up from G. W. Whitehead & Sons, of Val Verde county, at \$20; and from O. T. Word of Sonora, 80 head of 4's and up at \$20.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS would like to see all the sheepmen get from \$2 to \$3 a head for their muttons. But the supply and the condition of the market does not justify the expectation of fancy figures.

Dr. J. B. Taylor says there is no doubt that the Mexican cattle have hurt the Texas cattle. He does not think anything about it. He knows it. He has seen them selling all winter on the markets in competition with his fed natives.

Some sheepmen of the Sonora country may be asking some fancy prices for their muttons but the majority are willing to sell at reasonable prices. If you want good muttons cheap, come to the Sonora country.

Henry Deering of San Angelo, bought from T. J. Powell of Sutton county, all his stock of cattle at \$11 50 a head. There are about 1000 head of cattle in the stock. Mr. Deering also buys the remnant.

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The Ozona Courier reports that S. E. Couch sold 25 big steers to Sweetnam & Eden at \$25.

P. A. Tenuady, representing Little's Sheep Dip, after working up considerable business in the Ozona and Sonora country left Thursday night for Wyoming, Montana and the Dakota's.—San Angelo Standard.

For Killing Worms.

Alben, Tex., July 12, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Dear sirs:—Now in regard to the sheep dip I got from you I have used altogether in killing worms with same, and consider it the best and cheapest I ever used, and cannot say too much in praise of it. Yours truly, C. A. Luckenbach

Trade.

Our market during the first fortnight of last year has been steady perhaps a little slow, but it has nevertheless remained at the previous quotations. The tendency is certainly for an advance, and from general information it appears pretty certain we shall see higher values for all kinds of wool during the present year than has been the case for some time past.

London is reported as being almost bare of any stock of wool, and consumption continues in all large manufacturing districts to be of large dimensions. The prospect of supply from Australia and New Zealand, according to reports to hand, appear to be for the flockmasters out there anything but brilliant, for owing to the serious losses of live stock (sheep), the drought and severe winter, there must be a very much diminished supply to come; hence, although bad for them, it will certainly materially assist in advancing the price during the next year, if not longer.—American Sheep Breeders London (Eng.) Report.

Japan is a land without domestic animals. It is this lack which strikes the stranger so forcibly in looking upon Japanese landscapes. There are no horses—the Japanese

There are few horses, and these are imported mainly for the use of foreigners. The freight carts in the city streets are pulled and pushed by coolies, and the pleasure carriages are drawn by men.

There are but few dogs, and these are neither used as watch dogs, beasts of burden nor in hunting except by foreigners. There are no sheep in Japan, and wool is not used in clothing, silk and cotton being the staples. There are no pigs; pork is an unknown article of diet and lard is not used in cooking. There no goats or mules or donkeys.—New York Recorder.

From the Chicago Drovers Journal:

The desirability of hornless cattle is becoming more apparent each year. Nature provided cattle with horns for self-defence. In days when wild animals were numerous and man in the minority they were necessary, but the march of civilization has changed all this. Horns on domesticated cattle have been declared a nuisance and how to get rid of them has become the problem with the producers. By use of the saw and by careful breeding the majority of the cattle fattened for market have lost their head adornment, and it seems very possible that the time will come when all domestic cattle will be hornless. While it may be comparatively easy to find a substitute for home products just now, manufacturers of combs, buttons, etc., are decidedly short of material, and they are quite aware that the supply is gradually dwindling.

The number of cattle shipped for export last week was certainly the largest for this time of the year, and has seldom, if ever, been exceeded. Considering the dull, sluggish demand on local account, it is indeed gratifying to know that one branch of the trade is active and strong. Several Canadians were among the buyers, which helped to make business interesting. Prices in England are not high as compared with other years, and it is not difficult to see what is creating such an unusual demand just now. The supply of cattle in Great Britain is about as large as usual, and receipts from Argentine are said to be on the increase. Whatever may be the

cause of the demand we hope it will keep up until there is a better demand here at home.

Feeding cattle are not higher than usual for this time of the year, but they are high compared with the price of fat cattle. There is a strong demand from both the east and the west and no doubt three or four times as many could be sold if they could be had. Buyers have been paying the limit for good feeders for a long time and very few light stock cattle have been wanted. Unless there is an advance in the market it does not look as if purchasers would be able to get even, although feed is remarkably cheap and abundant. The difference between good feeding cattle and good fat steers has been scarcely more than 30c for a month or more, a margin too narrow to admit of much profit.—Drovers Journal.

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Well Satisfied.

Sonora, Tex., May 13, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y., Gentlemen:—I have dipped about 11,000 head of very scabby sheep in your Little's patent powder dip, and take pleasure in recommending it to all sheepmen who have scab in their flocks. I have used a good many dips, including Cooper's, but none have given such satisfaction as your dip. Yours truly, O. T. Word.

Henry Hagelstein aged 57 years died in San Angelo of apoplexy on Tuesday Feb. 18th. Mr. Hagelstein was a well-known blacksmith and father to Chris and George Hagelstein the hardware merchants and Luba Hagelstein of the

San Angelo National bank. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS sympathizes with the family in their bereavement.

A Sure Cure.

Sonora, Sutton county, Texas, July 19, 1895.—Morris, Little & Son, Brooklyn, N.Y.—This is to certify that I have successfully used the Little's Powder Dip, and recommend the same to all wool growers as a sure cure for scab. Yours truly, N. T. Guest.

Fredricksburg, Texas, February 20.—The republican convention of the Twelfth congressional district today selected C. W. Ogden of San Antonio and Joseph Tweedy of Tom Green county as delegates to the St. Louis convention. Both are Allison men. The convention did not express a choice between the presidential candidates.

Kerrville, Tex., Feb. 25.—News was received early this morning of the probable murder or suicide of Reinhardt Mengus, a teamster. Friday night, the 21st inst. Mr. Mengus had camped for the night above the Reese ranch on the Junction City road, about thirty miles from this city, and was found dead the next morning in the bed of his wagon with a bullet hole in his forehead. A Winchester was found near the body.

Del Rio, Texas, Feb. 21.—The body of Mrs. P. E. Boyce, the aged lady who has been missing for several days past, was found this morning, two or three miles below town, floating down the Rio Grande and was brought to town and buried this afternoon. When found she had her hands tied together with a pair of stockings, but there is no suspicion whatever of foul play, as she was wrong mentally, and had been saving for some weeks that she wanted to drown herself in the Rio Grande, and from the way the thing was done it could be seen that she could easily have done it herself.

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John Allison the cattleman was in Sonora Thursday, trading.

Born on Saturday February 22 to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Holland a girl.

Have you improved the water storage on your ranch?

If you want something real good to chew get Paul Brown's natural leaf at Hagerlund Bros.

H. P. Cooper the cattleman was in town this week and had his picture took.

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

Miss Guida Mayer's carriage arrived Thursday and Max is beginning to look better already.

J. W. Newton a cattleman of Edwards county, was in Sonora Friday from Rock Springs.

Henry Deering of San Angelo was in Sonora Saturday. He was wanting to buy cows.

Try Brown's Indian Maid chewing tobacco, it will more than please you. Hagerlund Bros have it.

Geo. W. Allen, auditor of the Singer Sewing Machine Mfg., Co., was in Sonora Friday from San Antonio.

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

Abe Mayer returned from San Antonio this week and is recuperating at the ranch. His visit to the Alamo city was one continual round of pleasure.

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

County clerk S. H. Stokes, Dr. H. G. Colson and Carr Cheney, were out hunting this week. Don't know whether it was voters or game they were after.

Hagerlund Bros. are prepared to make liberal cash advances on your spring wools. See them before making arrangements elsewhere.

W. E. Murphey and Nic Branch formerly merchants and stockmen of Sherwood, but lately of Gainsville, were in Sonora Monday prospecting.

The prices and accommodations offered by Sonora's merchants are being more and more appreciated by the stockmen of Edwards county. The trade from that county is increasing every day.

Geo. S. Allison, proprietor of the Ranch Saloon, is agent in Sonora for Old Philadelphia Club whiskey, made by Rosskam, Gerstley & Co. This whiskey is very fine. Houghton & Robinson of Austin, state agents.

Local politics do not promise to be very exciting in Sutton county this year. It is expected that all the old officers who want to, will hold over as there does not seem to be any prospective candidates in opposition to them.

G. W. Smith the photographer of Fredricksburg is in Sonora and has opened his gallery between W. H. Cusenbary & Co's and Mayer Bros & Co's stores and is prepared to show proofs and finish pictures here. Mr. Smith was in Sonora about two years ago and the work done then gave general satisfaction. Mr. Smith is better prepared than ever to execute good work and as his time in Sonora is limited you should call on him as early as possible.

Refugio Flores Arrested.

On Tuesday last Mrs. I. N. Brooks was in Sonora making some purchases. Returning home she left her satchel in the buck board in which was her purse and some silver spoons. The next morning she asked Mr. Brooks if he had taken the things out of the satchel and being answered in the negative, suspicion was placed on a Mexican sheep herder for O. C. Roberts named Refugio Flores and J. L. Davis who was at the ranch made search for the missing articles and found some of them hid in the brush. He then accused the Mexican of having stolen them and on searching him found the money that was in the purse in his boot. Mr. Davis bought the Mexican to town and turned him over to the authorities and he is now in jail.

Two Accidents.

C. T. Turney the well-known cattleman was in Sonora Tuesday, and when proceeding to get in his buggy in J. ... yard, one of the horses ... forward, throwing Mr. ... who held the lines against the gate post and breaking his collar bone. The buggy was badly broken and after having his shoulder attended to Mr. Turney was taken home in another conveyance.

S. W. Stephenson the well-known barber and painter, met with a serious accident Friday morning. Mr. Stephenson was painting the cornice of the Wyatt hotel, when the ladder slipped and fell throwing Mr. Stephenson heavily to the ground breaking his right leg between the ankle and knee. He was taken to his home where Dr. H. G. Jones set the leg.

T. J. Powell having sold his cattle to Mr. Deering of San Angelo, and his ranch to R. F. McDonald, has 150 head of stock horses left on hand that he is anxious to give to some one. Mr. Powell is 44 years of age, and hale and hearty. He has a family of eight sons and one daughter and intends leaving over land for South America about Sept. 1st. He expects to make the trip from Sonora to Peru in three months.

B. C. Jackson of the wool commission and live stock firm of Jackson & ... of San Angelo, was in Sonora Wednesday. Mr. Jackson was accompanied by John Lovelady the well-known live stock shipper and buyer of San Angelo. These gentlemen are out to buy cattle and sheep and will doubtless make some trades.

Dr. J. B. Taylor the large cattleman was in Sonora Thursday. Dr. Taylor has recently returned from the east and when asked about prospective price for yearlings said he could not see anything that justified the belief that yearlings would bring more than \$11. He was inclined to think that \$10 would be nearer the average.

Miss Susie Martin returned from an extended visit to the Prosser ranch, at Pecan Springs Devil's River, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Green and son and Mrs. Richardson, left for the ranch in Edwards county, Friday.

Wanted by a competent man a position as teacher on a ranch or small school community. Apply at this office.

Tom Gillette the sheepman was in from his camp on the Llano this week.

Sol Mayer the cattleman returned from ... and ... Worth this week.

W. F. Decker the hotel man, left on a business trip to Mason county Thursday.

B. F. Byrd the sheepman of Crockett county was in Sonora Monday trading.

W. A. Glasscock the Schleicher county cattleman, was in Sonora Friday.

R. H. and Chris Wyatt were in Sonora Friday.

Coleman Whitefield the sheepman was in town Thursday.

Clean and Healthy. Brown & ... groceries, East ... N.Y. - This is to certify that I had 15,000 head of sheep twice dipped with your "Little's Dip." The flocks were very bad with scab before dipping, but being neglected for a long time, but as near as I can see now your medicine has cured them, and now clean and healthy. Very truly, F. A. Manzanera.

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Needing advances on the Spring Clip of 1896, will consult their interest by placing their business with us. We propose making a specialty of Devils River Wools.

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Tobe O'Neal the cattleman from the Frank Defeat country was in Sonora Thursday trading.

When calling for Beer be sure and call for Fort Worth.

Pat James the sheepman from the Potter neighborhood was in Sonora Thursday.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by Morris & Allison

James Shaffer the sheepman was in town this week spending a few days with his family.

Do you drink beer? If you do call for "Premium Pale" it's the best.

John Young is out for assessor and J. W. Odum for sheriff in Crockett county.

While visiting Ozona stop at the Ozona Hotel, best accommodation in town. Drummers sample room in connection.

Geo. H. McDonald the merchant and cattleman, left for Palestine, Texas on a business visit last week.

Dress Making.

Mrs. Etta A. King, an experienced dress maker, solicits the patronage of the ladies of the Sonora Country. Residence, Main Street, Sonora.

The man or men who buy the yearling steers of the Sonora country this spring will have the finest young rattle in West Texas.

The Rock Springs jail has been accepted by the commissioners court and is being made use of.

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Notice is hereby given to all parties who have not made arrangements to pay their taxes by March 1st, must do so at once, as after that date I will be compelled to levy on property for payment of same, as I have to settle on April 1st. Pay your taxes now and save costs.

Yours respectfully

J. P. McCONNELL, Tax Collector of Sutton county, Texas.

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If they don't suit your money will be returned.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes.

Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill are holding down the chairs in the old stand barber shop. Don't forget the boys when you want a clean shave or a smooth hair cut.

A dance complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Foote and Miss Ora Coker, was given at the court house Friday night. The attendance was as large as usual as far as dancers were concerned and those who attended had an exceedingly pleasant time. As the dance broke, however, a feeling of sadness seemed to prevail when the many friends of Mrs. Foote and Miss Coker realized that this was probably the last time they would have the pleasure of their company in the dances of the future.

If you want any kind of repairs on your hack and buggy bring it to San Angelo and try us.

83 COPELAND & STACY.

We now have 24 buggies in our shops we are repainting and ask you to call and inspect our work when in San Angelo.

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Remember if you can't get what you want done at home bring it to us, we make and repair everything from a knitting needle to a threshing machine.

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C. C. Lemen and Robert Anderson, the ram man, returned from a prospecting trip to Aransas Pass and the coast country Friday. They were gone about two months.

It is now in order for the kids to organize a dancing club. They do not take kindly to being shut out at the dances, but they must remember that they have a long life before them and will have plenty of time to dance after they are 16 years of age.

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THE FLAG OF MIKEY FREE.
He loved the flag, did Mickey Free,
With love that well might shame
Each dull, unparticiple heart,
And cover it with native
Old Ireland was his native home,
Yet strange as it may seem,
He always called the stars and stripes
"The flag of Mickey Free."
He was no coward, cool and brave,
He met the tolls of life,
And honestly he labored for
His children and his wife.
Four years, throughout the war, he fought
So that the states might be,
And lived to see it wave in peace,
The flag of Mickey Free.
He often said: "God bless the flag!
It floats above a land
Where everything the heart can wish
Is labor on command,
O'er Christian, Jew and infidel
It waves impartially,
And saints and sinners will be blessed
The flag of Mickey Free."
Poor Mickey! When the time drew nigh
That he must pass from earth,
He lay within his cabin walls
Speechless as at his birth.
Unconscious as his eyes about,
Something he faint would see;
He looked in sadness, failed to find
The flag of Mickey Free.

His wife, remembering the flag,
Brought it before his eyes,
And, as in joy, a hundred smiles
Seemed o'er his face to rise.
His manly heart was satisfied;
Dying, content was he,
His fading vision resting on
The flag of Mickey Free.
—Edward S. Oranier in New York Sun.

Down Grade on a Runaway Car.
"About 12 years ago I had an experience I will never forget," said Sidney Benda of Syracuse, a traveling man, to a reporter. "It fairly made my blood run cold at the time. I was riding on the Detroit, Lansing and Northern railroad in Michigan on my way from Lansing to Grand Rapids. We had been out from Lansing about an hour when we began to go down a steep grade. The present patent couplings were not in use on that road then, and there was always danger that the cars would become separated. I was sitting in the rear end of the train and was the only passenger in the car. Suddenly I began to realize that we were going at a great rate of speed. I looked out the window and I saw that we were shooting down the grade as the train had never gone before. I ran to the door at the front of the car. There I saw that the engine and two cars had broken loose from us and were shooting on ahead. We were gaining on them rapidly. The engine was slowing up. I saw that we would crash into them in two or three moments. I took hold of the brake, and I tugged away at it with all my strength. The sweat came out on my forehead when I saw how fast we were gaining on the cars ahead. Then we began to slow down. The engine and cars were not 50 yards ahead of us when we came to a stop. If I hadn't reached the brake as soon as I did, I wouldn't be alive to tell you about it today."—Buffalo Express.

Wouldn't Wear It if He Had.
Here is a story about that eccentric character, the late Lord Aylesbury. It has the merit of being true. Lord Aylesbury was standing bareheaded in a well known hatter's shop in Piccadilly while his hat was being ironed. A bishop—who, being still alive, has not yet reached his turn for posthumous anecdotes and must consequently be nameless—entered the shop in full attire, and seeing Lord Aylesbury bareheaded mistook him for a shopman. Taking off his own head covering, the bishop said, "I want to know if you have a hat like this?" Lord Aylesbury surveyed the hat and its owner and turned on his heel with the curt remark, "No, I haven't, and if I had I'm d—d if I'd wear it."—London Realm.

Apple Eating.
It is said that an apple eater will never be dyspeptic or given to biliousness. The lovers of this fruit say that one must always eat it raw, while others consider it only edible when cooked. This latter is wrong, however, as a ripe apple well masticated is a healthy food. Among the excellent ways of cooking apples are apple soufflé, apple gingerbread, stuffed, fried, preserved, jellied and baked.

Spurgeon once described Noah as "sitting outside the ark at twilight reading his Bible." This reminds one of the noted picture by a Dutch artist of St. Peter reading his own epistles bound in leather with a pair of horn framed spectacles.

Max O'Rell declares that "the patience of the American public is simply angelical, nothing short of that." He says that we get no courtesy from the people we pay because we expect none.

Vain glorious men are the scorn of the wise, the admiration of fools, the idol of parasites and the slaves of their own vaunts.—Bacon.

Fiction allures to the severe task by a gayer preface. Embellished truths are the illuminated alphabet of larger children.—Wilmot.

Craven was at first a man who had craved or begged his life of an enemy.

Primrose was at first the primo rose or the first rose that opened in spring.

HOW TO PIERCE THE EAR.
Too Much Carelessness Exhibited in This Simple but Important Operation.
The Herald contained recently a brief account of a little Italian girl, 4 years of age, dying from blood poisoning, which set in the day after her mother had pierced her ears. The Italian mother, in utter ignorance of the laws of health, drew a green thread through the holes which she had made in the child's ears, to keep them open until the wounds healed. Inflammation set in very soon after the operation.

This occurrence brings properly on the tapis the subject of earrings and piercing the ears. With a view of learning whether there were many such cases on record, I secured the views of a surgeon whose practice for the past 25 years has been largely confined to women. He read the brief article before making any comment. Then, as he returned the paper, he said: "No, I have never known of death caused by the operation before this one in The Herald. But I have seen a great many cases of agony and suffering. And I have never seen the operation done properly by mothers or jewelers. In the first place, the ears are never, except by chance, pierced so that the earrings will hang or be held properly. One runs in and the other out, as a rule. One is often higher than the other. The lobe is pierced too high up or too low down. One hole is nearer the face than the other.

"The danger of blood poisoning is not to be ignored as of no account because the operation is supposedly not a dangerous one. There is nothing right about this home surgery. The cleanest person, when it comes to a surgical operation, is, without proper scientific laying, medically unclean. If you could but know the extreme cautions that are taken in all well conducted hospitals! The operating surgeon will not allow any one to hand him a towel even, if such a one has not antiseptically prepared his hands to act as an assistant. All the instruments to be used have been cleansed. A woman takes a needle, any needle, and threads it with any thread. This thread may have been in her work basket months and months, lying next to other spoils of all colors. She would not think of washing her own hands or washing the ear to be pierced. A cork is taken out of some bottle, any bottle, without thought as to what is in the bottle or how long the cork has been exposed to the dust. This cork is placed under the lobe of the ear for the needle to strike against when it comes through. Inflammation and suppuration naturally result.

"I have always insisted that the operation should be done by a surgeon, and by one who will take the trouble to do it properly."
"But would not so slight an operation be beneath the notice of a surgeon, doctor?"
"No; the rich can command these, and the poor could have it done at hospitals."

"How about wearing earrings anyway? Are not earrings a relic of both barbarism and ancient Biblical slavery?"
"I do not think that women should wear earrings. But so long as they will do it the ears should be properly treated, so that the rings will hang gracefully and both alike. And, more important still, the danger should also be avoided. Wash the lobe of the ear with a disinfectant. Make it surgically clean. Use a cutting needle. Pass it through the center of the lobe, and at right angles to it. Use silk thread prepared so that it is free from disease germs and will turn easily in the hole, that the tissues may not be irritated."—New York Herald.

Devil Worshipers.
According to the best authorities, the only strictly honest and truthful people in Asia Minor are the Yezidi, or devil worshippers. Their particular prophet is Lucifer, and they hold the name of Satan in such veneration that they are struck with horror when they hear Moslem or Christian blasphemy it, and when one of the Yezidi pronounces the name of those who hear it are said to be bound to kill first the blasphemer, then themselves. But Christian missionaries among them unanimously represent them as far superior morally to their Nestorian, Gregorian or Mohammedan neighbors. "They are perfectly honest," says Reclus, "showing a scrupulous regard for the property of others. They are also extremely courteous to strangers, kind to each other, faithful to the marriage vow and of industrious habits." A pretty good character for devil worshippers.—Boston Transcript.

Wisdom.
Wisdom for a man's self is, in many branches thereof, a depraved thing. It is the wisdom of rats, that will be sure to leave a house some time before it falls. It is the wisdom of the fox, that thrusts out the badger who digged and made room for him. It is the wisdom of the eccleddies, that shed tears when they would devour.—Bacon.

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GUNS LOADED WITH FOOD.
A Laughable Incident That Is Said to Have Occurred During the War.
Major Thomas Q. Farquhar of Anniston, Ala., on a visit to Buffalo recently, told an Express reporter a humorous story of the war. During the siege of Vicksburg he was in command of a Confederate regiment outside of General Grant's lines. "We had plenty of food," he said. "It was a fertile territory that we had to draw from, and there was no difficulty in getting enough to eat. We intercepted a poorly guarded supply train of the Yanks and had enough to feed a regiment for a month stored right in our little camp. In spite of Yankee vigilance, spies would now and then steal out of the city, and we saw and raised with several of them. Each had a pitiful story to tell of how the inhabitants of Vicksburg suffered for food, and we raked our brains to devise some means of sending them a portion of our plenty.

"An old negro who was acting as a gunner under me was the one to suggest what looked at first like a feasible plan. His idea was to load supplies into the four cannon which we had and fire them bodily over the heads of the Yankees into the city itself. It was a great idea, and after some study we decided that it was worth while making the experiment. The supplies which we had captured consisted of hard tack in tins, that would go into the guns like grape shot, and we calculated that by giving them plenty of clovation we could send the food directly into the city, where even such morsels would be welcome. I was in command of the detachment and gave my consent to what an older and more experienced officer would probably have frowned upon as being contrary to all the rules of war.

"Next morning at sunrise we loaded the guns. We put a plentiful charge of powder in each and then rammed home as many cans of hard tack as would equal in weight an ordinary cannon ball, and that was not a great many, I assure you. In one of the guns we put four cans of tomatoes. This we considered an experiment, as we had little hope that such fluid stuff would survive the impact of falling in the city, but it was worth trying. We pointed the guns, and just before the lanyard of the old negro gunner ran a few rods down the hill, where he would be below the line of smoke and able to see where our novel shot struck.

"The first gun to be fired happened to be the one we had loaded with tomatoes. The gunner pulled the lanyard, there was a roar and a puff of smoke that obscured our sight for an instant, then it blew away and we saw, running up toward us, our old negro, covered from head to foot with what looked like blood, while he waved his arms wildly and shrieked: 'I'm killed! I'm killed! O Lord, have mercy on my soul!' We were alarmed and ran down toward him. He still screamed, and shrieked, and fell down in a faint as he saw us. We rushed up to him, and then every man of us burst into a laugh that would have waked the dead. It roused old Tom, who opened his eyes and shrieked the louder when he saw our apparently inhuman levity. As soon as we were able to speak or move we picked the old negro up, stood him on his feet, to assure him that he was still alive, and then ordered him to scrape the tomatoes off himself. He was the most thoroughly bedaubed specimen I ever saw. You see, the heat of the discharge of the cannon had melted the solder in the tomato cans, and they had simply dropped to pieces on leaving the gun, while their contents had been propelled just far enough down the hill to spatter all over the old negro." The major paused and chuckled again.

"How did the hard tack work?" asked the reporter.
"We didn't get a chance to try it," was the reply. "The Yanks, thinking that we were about to bombard them from the rear, started up the hill after us, and as there would have been no use in making any resistance against so superior a force, we spiked the guns and retreated. What they thought when they found the hard tack in them I never learned, but I suppose it only confirmed their idea that we were going to attack them."

Homely Metaphor.
Mrs. Humphry Ward, in the course of a recent address on the subject of books and their uses, reminded her hearers of the prediction of Dr. Jowett, once master of Balliol, who said: "We shall come in the future to teach almost entirely by biography. We shall begin with life which is the most familiar to us—the life of Christ—and we shall more and more put before our children the great examples of persons' lives so that they shall have from the beginning heroes and friends in their thoughts."

ETIQUETTE IN 1623.
In a Book Written Then Are Things Which Sound Curious Now.
What is probably one of the oldest books on deportment in existence was discovered in Paris the other day, says the New York World. It was published in that city in 1623 for the College of the Jesuits of La Fleche and is entitled "Good Manners in Converse Among Men." The text is in French, with a Latin translation.

Deportment in public is first touched upon. "In yawning do not groan," this ancient guide to politeness says, "and do not gape even when speaking. In blowing thy nose do it as one would sound a trumpet and afterward regard not fixedly thy handkerchief. Avoid wiping thy nose as the children do—with thy fingers or upon the sleeve. When listening to some one speaking do not wiggle about but keep thyself in thy skin the while."
It must have been hard to obey this latter injunction, judging from what is said a little farther along, "Kill not fleas or the like in the presence of others, but excuse thyself and remove whatever torments thee."

Three hundred years ago gentle men did not wear such sad colored cannot help but at a little pride and swaggered excusable in a dandy of those days when he donned for the first time a particularly fetching costume of high colored silken doublet and hose. Yet this "guide" remarks severely: "If thou art well bodizened, if thy hose be tightly drawn and thy habit be well ordered, parade not thyself, but carry thyself with becoming modesty. Demean not thyself arrogantly, neither go mincingly about. Let not thy hands hang limply to the ground and tuck not up thy hose at every turn."

"Do not embellish thyself with flowers upon thy ear" is another injunction which sounds curiously today, but the advice, "When speaking, raise not thy voice as if thou wert crying an edict," is just as pertinent now as when the budding young gentlemen of La France had it drummed into them.
Table manners in those days must have been rather more primitive even than those of some of the 50 cent table d'hotes in this city, for the book says: "Being seated at the table, scratch not thyself, and if thou must cough or spit or wipe thy nose do it dexterously and without a great noise.

"Stuff not thy mouth with food when eating, and drink not too much of the wine if thou art not master of the house. Show not overmuch pleasure either at the meats or wine."
"In taking salt have a care that thy knife be not greasy. When it is necessary to clean that or the fork, do it neatly with the napkin or a little bread, but do not wipe the knife or the fork on the tablecloth or on the sleeve, and if by chance thou dost put them not back afterward before another."
"It is a very indecent thing to wipe the sweat from thy face with thy napkin, or with the same to blow thy nose or clean the plate or platter."

Governors' Salaries.
There is a great difference in the compensation of the governors. New York pays the most—\$10,000 a year and house rent free. New Jersey and Pennsylvania pay their governors \$10,000 a year, but do not furnish mansions for them. Ohio and Massachusetts pay \$8,000 a year. Illinois and California pay \$6,000 a year. Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Virginia and Wisconsin pay \$5,000. Maryland pays \$4,500. Eight states pay \$4,000 a year. The remaining 21 states pay miserably small salaries to their executives. In Vermont and Oregon the governors receive only \$1,500 a year—hardly enough to pay a capable private secretary. In Michigan the salary of the governor remained for many years at \$1,000. This restricted the office to rich men, for no poor man who was competent could afford to take it. The salary in that state now is \$4,000.—Exchange.

A Lamentable Failure.
McLester (sadly)—The new figure I invented for the cotillon failed last night.
Friend—Why was it?
McLester—It had a set of beautifully decorated perrets in one end of the skirt, and with the same of a gentleman, when the ladies were to get partners by throwing a golden heart into the flowerpot.
Friend—Why didn't it work?
McLester—They smashed all the windows and didn't hit a flowerpot.—London Tit-Bits.

She Has Objections.
Mildred—So you are going to be married in a week?
Blanche—Yes.
"Will you be married with the ring ceremony?"
"No, indeed. I believe in reformed government, and under the domination of a husband by ring rule."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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More of It.
"Daphne? Oh, that's much too pretty a name for a servant, especially where there are young gentlemen. I presume you have no objection to being called by your surname?"
"Oh, no, madam; I'm quite used to it."
"What is your surname?"
"Darling"—London Tit-Bits.
Dumas Aphorisms.
Alexandre Dumas wrote a good many aphorisms. Among those which he has recently published the following may serve as specimens: "I find comfort at times in the observation that, although limits are set to genius, there is no limit to stupidity." "Never argue; you will never convince anybody; opinions are like nails—the harder you hammer at them the deeper you drive them in." "How does it happen that nearly all little children are so prudent and nearly all great men are so stupid?" "I can only attribute it to education." "La Rochefoucauld says that we have all of us strength enough to bear the misfortune of others. He ought to have added that few of us have strength enough to bear the good fortune of others."—Westminster Gazette.

Parental View of It.
It is a growing evil that the clothing will not grow with the growing boy.—Boston Transcript.
An Impossibility.
It is related in the Washington Star that on one occasion Senator Edmunds was standing with a visiting English statesman on the high steps at the west side of the capitol looking down Pennsylvania avenue toward the treasury department. The stranger had seen much to interest and amuse him in Washington.

"You have a wonderful people here, Mr. Senator. Nothing can be impossible with such go ahead inhabitants."
"Oh, yes," said the senator, "some things are impossible here. It is impossible to march a brass band down that avenue and have a crowd of colored people go in the opposite direction at the same time."

The Jackal.
In hunter's lore there is an idea that the jackal is the lion's provider; that he locates the game and takes the lion to it. This superstition has no more foundation than is found in the fact that after a lion has slain his quarry the jackals always attend and await the conclusion of the repast in order to pick up the leavings.

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TRAINING CHILDREN.
Mothers Should Watch Each Temperament and Guide Accordingly.
Why cannot mothers show more common sense in the training of their little ones? Why can't they take into consideration natural temperament and inherited tendencies? There are those, of course, who are wise enough to make allowances in this respect, but are assured that the average mother, in training her children to habits of obedience, order and good deportment, makes many mistakes in the direction of over-training as the reverse by not making due allowance for the temperament of the child. Some mothers there are who adopt a certain theory or line of conduct as to training and allow nothing to interfere with them, not even its doubtful fitness for the case in point. In all cases temperament should be considered, and an impulsive, quick tempered, warm hearted and high spirited child should not be trained in the same way that suits a slow, even tempered, lymphatic youngster.

Remember a mother whose course of training must have been a torture to her child. That mother was one of those line and rule women whose every glance expressed calculation, a woman of such rigid propriety and method that no ordinary event could in any way disturb her calm, cool equanimity. The child inherited from her father a quick, joyous, warm and impulsive temperament, and when on his return from business the child would rush to meet him with open arms, crying, "My own darling papa," and proceed to climb upon his knee as soon as he was seated, and throw her arms around his neck and kiss him, the mother, shocked at the exhibition of this to her unnecessary emotion, would frigidly say: "Edith, get down instantly. Don't beso rude. It is not at all polite."

I have not seen that child for a number of years, and I often wonder if under such severe training as she has undergone she could have retained her naturally gay, ardent, impulsive and affectionate nature, or whether she has become a coldly decorous automaton. For it is without doubt quite possible to remodel the plastic mind and disposition of a child. I know that in the case of this lovely little one no allowance was made for temperament, but that the mother, taking herself for a model, commenced early to mold this child of ardent spirit to walk in the frigid path of etiquette and duty. It is doubtful if such training meets with permanent success, for the inherited nature will some day be apt to reassert itself, and the natural fire will thaw the artificial ice that has overlaid it, even for many years. But harm is almost sure to come from this false system of training, and even if natural temperament has an opportunity to develop later in life, the nature that has been thus repressed and dwarfed can never develop the lovely traits that would have been so desirable if trained in the right direction.—Philadelphia Press.

Great Men at Rest.
There is something of pathos always in the sight of a great man lost for a moment to the responsibilities of his position, the burden of his own fame, and wrapped in such slumbers as might overtake the meanest son of toil. Whether it be Nelson snatching a moment's oblivion in sleep amid the restless scene of a Paris gambling saloon, his head on Lady Hamilton's shoulder, she "playing furiously" the while (as Mr. Frith, quoting from the lips of a bystander, Lord Northwick, records) yet evidently taking care not to disturb her hero's slumbers; or Napoleon, before one of his great battles, asleep up to the last moment from sheer exhaustion; or Savonarola, on the eve of his execution by fire, resting with his head on the knees of his black hooded and veiled attendant and smiling and speaking in his sleep; or General Lee, that noblest figure in a fallen cause, lying sleeping, wearied out, by the wayside in Virginia while an army of 15,000 men trooped past so silently that his slumber was not broken; or only Pope, nodding, as he is said to have done, whenever the conversation failed to be epigrammatic.—Temple Bar.

Vivier's Joke.
Vivier, the famous horn player, was an incorrigible practical joker. On one occasion in an omnibus he alarmed his fellow passengers by pretending to be mad. He indulged in the wildest gesticulations, and then, as if in despair, drew a pistol from his pocket. The conductor was called upon to interfere, and Vivier was on the point of being disarmed when suddenly he broke the pistol in two, handed half to the conductor and began to eat the other half. It was made of chocolate.—London Standard.

A Fair Exchange.
Cholly Chumpleigh (tenderly)—Won't you be my queen of hearts?
Dolly Durken—Not unless you'll be my king of diamonds.—New York Herald.

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