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ORIGIN OF LACE.

The Making of Fine Meshes—Some Interesting History.

Handmade lace has a fascinating history, says The Woman's Home Companion. Some have supposed that it originated in Egypt, the land that gave birth to nearly all the arts, but search diligently as you may and you will never discover in mummy's tomb, on sculptured or painted wall or in any archaeological find whatever, the pictorial or actual remains of this poetic tissue; neither is there documentary evidence of its presence there. Gauzes and net-like muslins and exquisite embroideries, fringes, knotted and plaited ribbons meet with frequently, but this intricate without a foundation.

It is said that the first lace was made by the Italian "punto in aria" (stitch in air), you will never find lace upon Why? Because it did not exist before the fifteenth century, because it was invented by the Italian woman forming her combination to the Renaissance, and was unknown to the Orientals, who have even now a love for its pure perfection and do not use it in their costumes or in household decoration. Its lack of color makes it stand out in their eyes.

Painful stories have been woven to account for the invention of the art, and the honor has been claimed by both Venice and Flanders. Yet it did not at once spring into being in full perfection, but was rather an evolution and came by degrees.

In "punto tagliato" (cut point) we first perceive a groping in its direction, for with the piercings of which embroidery we have a lighter effect. In drawn work ("punto tirato") another step was gained, and in reticulated grounds or network we have a decided advantage. Upon this the pattern was darned in, and in France it was called "lacs," the nearest word we have to lace. After these efforts came a total emancipation from all foundations, and the "punto in aria" was an assured fact. The first lace, it is thought, was made with the needle (point), the pattern being traced upon parchment or paper, and the outline marked by a thread, caught now and then to the paper, to keep it in place. Upon this scaffolding the right superstructure was built, and the method is still the same. So afterward the hobbins came in as a factor, and the needle and the bobbin means employed to produce hand-made lace. So that all of it resolved itself into the two generic kinds—point, which is made by the needle and pillow, by the bobbin, or they may be a composite article made by both.

Quick Wit.

Mr. Aspinall, a clever and reckless barrister, famous in the sixties in Victoria for his fan and audacity was addressing an election meeting in Ballarat, the "golden city." The lively advocate had come to that time in his career when much whiskey and soda had wrought palpable havoc with his complexion. His speech ended, and questions were invited. "Aspinall," bellowed a stalwart digger, "tell us what makes your face so red?" "Blushing at your confounded impudence, sir!" was the quick reply. It carried the meeting.

Sir Rupert Steve—we may call him so—an eloquent colonial barrister now living, is as clever a lawyer as Aspinall was, though of very different habits of life. He is also a very bitter opponent of the ministry. Speaking at a public meeting not long ago he thus referred to the complaint that all his charges against the premier were vague and indefinite. "Ladies and gentlemen, there is at least one charge which I have made in season and out of season, which I still make and about which there can be no kind of doubt. What is that?" and he paused dramatically. "Six and eightpence!" called a clear voice from the gallery, and for once the laughter was against the man of law.—London News.

It Did Wobble.

"Well," said the red faced man, "the most exciting chase I ever had happened a few years ago in Russia. One night, when sleighing about nine miles from my destination, I discovered to my intense horror that I was being followed by a pack of wolves.

"I bred blindly into the pack, killed one of the brutes, and, to my delight, saw the others stop to devour it. After doing this, however, they still came on. I kept on repeating the dose, with the same result, and each occasion gave me an opportunity to whip up my horses. Finally there was only one wolf left, yet on it came, with its fierce eyes glaring in anticipation of a good hot supper.

Here the man who had been sitting quietly in the corner burst forth into a fit of laughter.

"Why, man," said he, "by your way of reckoning, that last wolf must have had the others inside it!" "Ah!" said the red faced man, "now I remember, it did wobble a bit."—Pearson's Weekly.

OLD GRADDLES HAD APHASIA

A Demonstration in Nervous Pathology That Cost \$3.40.

Old Hardy Graddles, who had limped around in the Teton Basin for years on a mangled and foot, at last wearied of the wobbly exertion and went down to Salt Lake to have the defective member treated. He came back after an absence of a month, and his neighbors gathered about him to hear the strange tales which he would have to tell of experience in a great city. He described the temple and the tabernacle and the Dooley building and quite enchanted them.

"What was the finest thing you see?" finally asked Si Redee, in recaptulation.

"Well, men," said Hardy, "the best—really the best—thing I see was a feller in the hospital. He trusted me a lot and I heard all about him. He had aphasia," speaking the last word with a proud deliberation. Redee looked at Watts, and Watts glared intently at Red Pete Ruble. The last mentioned broke the spell.

"What's that? A for'n country, ain't it? Seems I heard of it afore in a joggify."

"Naw," said Hardy scornfully. "It ain't a place—it's a thing. Something out of gear, you know."

But they did not know. They were even worse confounded than before.

"Like a Russian thistle, mebbe," said Pete dubiously, still clinging to the geographical theory.

"No such. A man fergets how to talk or somethin'."

"Deef an dumb man? I seen'—"

"Naw. Naw. Man that kin talk jis' fergets how, fergets everything."

"It can't be did," declared Pete with decision.

Hardy looked at him pityingly. "Dog it all, I say it kin. I seen it. Here—I'll show you. Who's got a \$10 note?"

Among them they got together \$8.40, and Hardy said that he could illustrate to some extent perhaps with that amount.

"Now," he said, taking possession of the money, "you all know that you give me this money, don't you?" They did and said so.

"Well," rolling his eyes and assuming a rigid attitude, "I've fer-got it, fer-got all about it. That's aphasia."

"A fool of a thing, don't it?" blurted my \$2.40."

Hardy gazed at him in a stony, vacant way.

"Gimme my \$2.40," Ruble repeated, with some show of sternness.

"I—seems like I heard some-thing about a sum of money some-where," Hardy responded in a hesitating way.

"There's \$1.50 comin' to me," Redee uttered fiercely.

"Gents," said Hardy sorrowfully, "I can't remember it. I'm sorry. I don't know what you're talkin' about—I've got that there aphasia."

They gathered about him, clamoring for their funds. They now began to understand, but they could not convince him.

"I'm sorry, as I say, gents," Hardy said meekly. "But it's scientific. It ain't my fault. On the subject of any money you might 'a' give me—a mebbe you did give me some p'raps—my mind is like a blank sheet of paper. I am a poor victim of a pe-cu-liar disorder, as you might say. Good day."

He was a man of 6 feet 4 inches, and, although along in years, he had been the hardest and best fighter in the Basin, even in his crippled time. They looked at him gloomily, therefore, as he walked away, and no man dared say him nay. Only Red Pete Ruble expressed the general sentiment when he made certain feeling and torrid remarks which imparted to the world at large the fact that he was utterly disgraced with science in all its forms.—Chicago Record.

The Letter M.

The Hebrew name of M was Mem, water, and it is curious to note that the original form of this character in the most ancient manuscript is a wavy line, which, to the not too particular ancients, represented water. By some philologists the letter M as used by the Phoenicians is supposed to have come from a picture representing the human face; the two down strokes representing the contour of the countenance, the V stroke signifying the nose, the two dots, long since disused, and a stroke beneath the V representing the eyes and the mouth. The old Phoenician form of the letter does indeed bear a comical sort of resemblance to the human face.

When They Are Valuable.

"You seem to have lost all your superstitions."

"I don't need any now," said the ex-actor.

"No! Are superstitions of particular value to the theatrical profession?"

"They are if you can get them published in the papers."—Indianapolis Journal.

CHANCES OF BEING KILLED.

Some Statistics on the Possibilities of Figuring In Accidents.

What a thing it is to know when you are going to be killed or injured in a railway accident, or run over by an omnibus, or knocked down by a scorching, or to be hit on the head with a brick, or to meet with any other disagreeable experience! Any one can predict these things by merely consulting the government reports and making his own deductions.

The way to tell how and when you are going to be injured in a railway accident is to study the law of averages—a wonderfully true prophet, with mathematical principles much too advanced to be set down in detail here.

Taking the average number of people killed in train accidents in Great Britain every year as 20 out of 16,000,000 individual people who travel by train, the law says you must be killed after you have traveled 1,500,000 miles, which may be accomplished in from 25 to 30 years, provided you travel in more than three trains a day.

But if you wish to be present at an accident without being killed, you would need to travel only 645,000 miles, making at least two journeys a day. Thus, an engine driver or guard is bound to meet with an accident of some kind after he has traveled (as he often has) from, say, London to Liverpool or Manchester and back, or to Exeter or Swansea and back, daily (excepting Sundays) for five years. Years ago the percentage of accidents was much greater, and a busy commercial traveler considered himself very lucky if he escaped being present at an accident after three or four years' journeying.

Take cycling accidents. The statistician of general accidents will tell you that out of a hundred cyclists you may count in the streets on a Saturday afternoon seven of them will collide with passing objects, three will meet with other more serious accidents, and one will be very seriously hurt. If you were to stop again to count 2,500 cyclists, by the time the last man had passed you one of the number would have been killed. In whatever part of the country you may be this rule as to the percentage of accidents will apply.

As with cycling, so with football. Give the statistician the number of matches fixed and the number of players and one or two other details, and he will tell you, within half

a dozen cases, how many mishaps will happen. Or he will tell you that, working on the average that 4½ persons are run over and killed in the streets of London every 24 hours, your turn must come in 65 years, provided you live in London all that time and spend at least an hour walking about the streets daily.

When any great building is about to be erected, the authorities are fully prepared for the number of lives that will be lost in its construction. In the building of the Forth bridge it was predicted that 50 men would lose their lives during the six years it would take to build. The actual number was 56, but it was a couple of months more than was anticipated before the bridge was finished, so that the calculation was practically correct.

It is a part of the duty of the chief accountant in an insurance office to calculate as near as he can the number of claims through death that will be made upon him during the year, and provided nothing extraordinary happens, like an epidemic, he will state almost to a penny the amount of money that will have to be paid in claims.

If you are an ocean traveler, it would be better for you to pick out a certain ship and stick to it, for the chances of being shipwrecked in a vessel to which you have clung all your seafaring life are extremely small, but if you select a different boat for every voyage your chances are greatly increased. Suppose you were to sail around the British isles five times a year and each time by a different boat. The law of averages demands that you shall be shipwrecked within 17 years. This calculation is based on the number of shipwrecks which happened round our coasts last year.—London Answers.

Compensation.

"Of course," said Mr. Erastus Pinkley, who had drifted into a philosophical vein, "yoh ain' gwinter jes' saterly wif dis life, not unless yoh show sense in yoh way o' lookin' at it."

"What's yoh way?" said Miss Miami Brown.

"Yoh wants ter average fings up. It's ve'y possible dat a man may deserve ter be rich an famous an not git dar, but, on de yuthuh han, it's ve'y possible dat a man may deserve ter be in jail an not git dar neither."—Washington Star.

Technical Information.

"What is 'padding' in literature?" "It is writing a society novel and working in recipes for making Welsh rabbits."—Chicago Record.

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Walter White, of Sherwood, was in Sonora on a visit this week.

W. B. Rountree, the well-known well driller, arrived in Sonora Thursday and will remain several days.

Dave Dunnagan the sheepman from Eldorado was in Sonora Thursday.

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora Tex.

John Sheen the stockman from Menardville was in Sonora Thursday looking after his stock.

Horton Allen the stockman from the Llano was in Sonora Thursday and reports having bought a ranch in Concho county from T. J. Ford for \$600.

It is not the gross price you get for your wool, but the net price to you after paying commission, interest, storage, and wagon freights, that counts and March Bros. of San Angelo have and will save you at least one cent per pound. 82 21.

Mrs. C. C. Yaws and Miss Mary Hudspeth were in Sonora Thursday from the Middle Valley ranch shopping.

Judge W. F. Fokes, of Sherwood, was in Sonora Wednesday on his way down the draw to look after his sheep.

Figure up how much it costs you to hold wool, and you will send all your wool to March Bros. who rustle new buyers, sell at the right time for the highest market price. 82 21.

At a meeting held at Geo. H. McDonald's store on Tuesday evening, Jan. 25th, the G. L. C. was organized with the following officers and members: J. H. Boggs, president; Louis Mayfield, vice president; Walter Mann, general manager; Arthur Mann and Oscar Rountree, traveling committee; Clay Mann and Curtis Allison, house committee; Mark Baugh, reporter; Claude Simpson treasurer; Walter McDonald, secretary. Our club is strictly a young people's amusement and introductory club, its object being for the advancement of the social welfare of our town. We take pleasure in introducing any worthy visitor in our town, ladies or gentlemen, and will do our best to make them have a pleasant visit while in Sonora. Young lady visitors will receive our best attention. We will have socials, dances, picnics, croquet parties, cave excursions, ice cream suppers, domino parties, etc., and will be pleased to receive invitations to your house, and promise you in advance that we will conduct ourselves in a gentlemanly manner and appreciate your kindness. J. H. Boggs, Louis Mayfield, Walter McDonald, Committee.

The first meet of the G. L. C. was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills last Wednesday night. There were a few visitors present besides the regular members, the evening being spent in cards, dominoes, music and dancing, all having a most highly enjoyable time. The following were present: Mr. Berkeley and Miss Word, Bob Holland and Miss Mann, Claude Simpson and Miss Ida Wilson, John Rice and Miss Stokes, Burt Bellows and Miss Annie Stokes, Walter Mann and Miss Bean, Oscar Rountree and Miss Franklin, Clay Mann and Miss Luella Word, Arthur Mann and Mrs. Allison, Mat Keton and Miss Moss, Noah Rose and Miss Mills, Montie Mills and Miss Sterling, J. H. Boggs, Louis Mayfield and Mark Baugh.

FOR SALE half interest in good well and ranch location in Sutton county. Particulars, Box 134, 81 4. Sonora, Texas.

The El Paso collectorship is a clinging fruit and refuses to fall in the many loyal baskets held out for it. To avoid incurring the displeasure of anyone President McKinley has probably concluded not to disturb the present incumbent of the office of collector of customs at this port.—El Paso Times.

The Starr Drilling company have been investigating the Cooper well 35 miles south of Sonora and are so thoroughly convinced that there is oil there in paying quantities that they offer the free use of a machine to develop it, with the stipulation that they are to be paid when oil is found.

D. K. McMullan is the first to use the McMullan & Rountree new well drilling outfit. He is having some extensive drilling done on his ranch. He has now about 15,000 sheep which are as fat as butter balls and in excellent condition to go through the winter. Mr. McMullan says sotol is a very valuable sheep food, and even the Mexicans live on it instead of cabbage.—San Angelo Enterprise.

The wool is all in and Capt. Schreiner will sell between the first and fifteenth of next month. Your reporter has just been enquiring of Capt. Schreiner as to what he would do with the coming fall clip as the increase of another year would put it beyond the capacity of his storage room; but he assures us that he will make ample provision to meet the utmost demand.—Kerrville News.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 30. Hugh C. Wallace, president of the Chilcoot Railroad and Transportation Company, has advised of the completion of the company's railway over the Chilcoot Pass to Lake Linderman. This marks a new era for Klondike travel as the time between tidewater and the Yukon River is shortened from one month to one day, besides removing the peril and hardships. The company made a contract last night with the Canadian Government at 15 cents per pound for transporting all its freight for the mounted police from Dyea to Lake Linderman.

San Luis Potosi, Mex., Jan. 29. A good example of the swiftness of Mexican justice is shown in the case of the murderer of Conductor

San Mateo on the 19th inst., just ten days ago. The next day after the killing the jefe politico of Valles placed seventeen suspicious characters under arrest and confronted them with the question as to which one of them was the guilty man. He said he knew it was one of them and that if he who did the cowardly act did not confess, he would order every one of them shot. They all knew, too, by his reputation, that he was making no idle threat, but would carry it out. At once a man stepped forward and declared that Miguel Martinez, a foreman of a wood chopping gang, who was present, was the murderer and that he was with him when the shooting occurred. Upon Martinez being asked if this statement was true he confessed. The other sixteen men were at once discharged and Martinez confined until early this morning when he was taken out and shot.

JOHN BAILEY, OF KANSAS CITY, MO, WILL BE IN SONORA WITH 40 REGISTERED BULLS 40 ABOUT FEBRUARY 15. DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan 31.—Hon. Henry M. Hoyt, deputy attorney general of the United States, arrived here to-day to be in attendance at the trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies, which begins tomorrow. In sending Mr. Hoyt here to attend the trial the United States has only one object in view, namely, to protect itself in case foreign governments claim damages for the killing of their subjects at Latimer. Austria has already made a move in that direction, and it is understood that if the verdict is against Sheriff Martin and his deputies, Germany and Italy will also file claims at once. It is reported that each of these governments will have a representative from their legations at Washington present at the trial. Secretary Sherman having received notice of this, decided to have the National government represented at the trial.

Stock News.

A. W. Mills sold to W. J. Cone 900 head of stock sheep at \$2 35.

G. Whitehead & Sons sold 200 cows at \$15 and a car load of bulls at \$17 to M. Z. Swissen of San Angelo last week. John Rae, the Buckhorn ranchman, sold 25 coming yearling bull calves to R. W. Prosser, of Devil's River, at \$25 per head. He also sold one yearling Devon bull to C. Ferguson for \$25.—Ozona Courier. A good big second feeding of cattle is being put in the Texas feed lots. The seasons total feeding in Texas will approximate 225,000 head.

From San Angelo Standard. Max Mayer, the popular Sonora merchant is in the city. It is reported that W. J. D. Carr will soon open a branch livery stable at Knickerbocker. Dave Dunnagan, the Devil's River sheepman, and son, were in the city yesterday. Louis Farr and William Haves have a new pasture for Hector McKenzie at the head of South Concho. George Black, of Sonora, is in the city figuring with Jack Wells regarding the building of addition to his residence in order to give that son of his room to navigate.

The new steam well drilling machine for McMullan & Rountree has arrived. It is the biggest thing on wheels off the railroad. It has a capacity of boring 1500 feet. Bob Peacock, the Devil's River cattleman, was in the city Saturday en route to visit his folks in Lampasas county. It is rumored that Mrs Peacock will return with Bob, who, of course, will be as proud as a peacock.

Alexander Goldberg, who has been bookkeeper for Mayer Bros. & Co., of Sonora, for the past six months, left Sunday morning on a visit to his family in Cincinnati. Alex is as good a young fellow, as has ever visited the West.

The following party from Wallis, Austin county arrived early this week and are out near Verdugo and locating a ranch: J. S. Dabney, G. A. Boynton, Jack Allen, Burt Dabney and John Habnacher. They told a Standard reporter that at least \$100,000 would be invested in the Concho country by parties in that around Wallis, Texas, in the ranch business in the Concho country within the next six months. Low price of cotton, high price of cattle is the cause of the move.—San Angelo Standard.

From Del Rio Record. E. K. Fawcett was in the city last Saturday from his ranch on Dolan Creek.

Hon. B. F. McDonald and wife were in town yesterday from their ranch near Juno.

N. G. King, the California Wells sheepman, was in town Wednesday. His ranch is dry, but he has been feeding sotol and his sheep are in good condition. He says sotol is "A number 1" feed for sheep.—Del Rio Record.

John C. Perry on yesterday made the best sale ever made in Crockett county. He sold his stock of cattle, reserving all his steers from yearlings up, to E. B. Baggett, of Belton, at the handsome figure of \$16 per head, and his well fitted up ranch, consisting of a 40 section pasture, one well and a splendid ranch house and other improvements, for the neat sum of \$5,500. The cattle will count out about 1500 head which includes the brands of John C. and Geo. W. Perry. John has until fall to deliver them.

John C. Perry sold one fine registered bull to Phil Perner for \$125 and a registered Durham and full-blood Hereford to S. E. Couch \$125 for each.—Ozona Courier.

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O. T. Word of Sonora, Texas, desires to contract with responsible white crew of men to shear 16,000 sheep, Spring 1898. Shearers to tie each fleece separate as shorn, and said wool to be sacked in good marketable condition. 83

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REWARD.

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Mr. L. R. Bassham departed Tuesday on his way to Sonora, where he may locate and engage in business. The News will be sorry to see him leave Uvalde but trusts he may be successful wherever he may decide to locate.—Uvalde News.

Vagaries of the Rio Grande.

"The Rio Grande river can practice more eccentric dodges than any other stream I know of," said Mr. Joseph Copeland of Laredo, Tex., at the Raleigh. "Its navigable uses are almost nil, owing to the treacherous sandbars that obstruct it. It is not deep enough to interfere to any extent with smugglers, who carry on a lively trade between the two republics. It is when a big freshet comes along that the Rio Grande is really in its glory, and shows to best advantage. It will take a strip of Texas territory and land it over on the Mexican side, or put greaser soil under the protecting wing of the stars and stripes with the greatest impartiality. It plays no favorites, that river doesn't, when it is in a mood of transferring real estate from one government to another.

Last summer it played a scurvy trick on the United States garrison at Fort Ringgold. The soldiers get their drinking water from it but a heavy rain came along, and when the flood subsided the channel was away out of its old bed, and the pipes were left high and dry, 200 feet away from any moisture. Then dispatches were sent on to Washington, and the damage was repaired at considerable expense. Hardly had the works been put in condition again when here comes another rise and once more the stream left Ringgold in the lurch for its water supply.

At this the commanding officer waxed wrath, and sent a letter begging that the post be abandoned. He was too good to waste in trying to accommodate one's self to a dog-gasted river that was liable to change base every time a hard rain descended, and rather than to be subject to the vagaries of the Rio Grande he preferred to move. The war department, however, concluded to give it one more trial, and the post is still there.—Washington Post.

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American's Swindled.

Mexico City, Jan. 30.—Another bold swindle has been brought to light here by which New York business men have been cheated out of \$21,000. It appears that last Autumn a man claiming to be highly connected persuaded three or four New Yorkers to go into the phosphate mining in the State of Oaxaca, representing very rich phosphate deposits which had belonged to an old Indian tribe were on the market and that he (Graham) could secure them. He further represented that he had organized here a company known as the Mexican Phosphate Mineral company, and, when the new parties were taken into the concern, he was made treasurer and president.

Recently two parties from New York came here to inspect the property which they had put up money for, and now they find there is no phosphate, there never was, and the organizer has fled, taking all available cash which has been deposited to his order in the bank of the city of Puebla. He played the game very boldly representing that he was in touch with the highest officials and could bring influence to protect the property, and in case other things were wanted they would be forthcoming.

When the New York gentlemen got down to the alleged mine described as being seven miles from Esla on the Southern road, they could find neither Indians, mine or any sign of phosphate.

Reading in the Mexican Herald that it was a rank swindle, they found that the promoter was non est and had drawn the \$9000 on deposit at Puebla.

The man is described as tall, dark, and the police are sure he is one of the gang that swindled Franck of Chicago. The case is a curious one as illustrating the credulousness of investors who accept everything that is told them when an inquiry of the American legation or of the consul general would prove the responsibility of people pretending to have property to sell. The phosphate company is left in the air without assets of any sort.

New York, Jan. 27.—The Tribune to-day says: Sudden activity and a heavy advance on the New York Stock Exchange in the stock of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad are accompanied by a report that there is to be practically a union of the two lines. The gist of the report is that the stock of the Lake Shore, which sold yesterday at 186 is to be taken over by the New York Central, which will pay 200 for it in some new security to be issued.

William K. Vanderbilt is credited with the belief that by a union of the two lines there will be a better control of the traffic and great economies may be effected. The capital stock of the Lake Shore is \$49,466,500. The New York Central controls the West Shore, the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg, the New York and Harlem, and the New York and Putnam. Its total mileage of tracks owned or leased, is 2,394 miles. The capital stock is \$100,000,000. It is said that nothing is to be done definitely at present. The plans are prettily well formulated, and only official sanction has to be given to them.

New York, Jan. 30.—The Herald has the following cable from Panama: Advice just received from the Herald's correspondent with the Nicaragua Canal commission, under date of Managua, that if English plans succeed, the entire commercial control of Nicaragua will be in English hands. According to these advices the British Atlas company has offered \$5,000,000 for government railroads and steamers. The government wants six millions. An agent of the Atlas line has left London for Nicaragua to try to make terms. Germany, through her consul, promises a bid from a German syndicate, and asks that the government wait. The government will not close with England before receiving the German bid. It would prefer an American bid for three steamers, and 100 miles of railroad to be sold. Such a purchase would prevent any other syndicate from operating in the country. If the Atlas company gets a line it will have through lines from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Atlas bid is taken here as an indication that the canal will be built and that England will have a way across the country, practically parallel with the canal.

TABLE OF WEIGHTS. From an Act of the Seventeenth Legislature.

Table of weights listing various goods and their prices per bushel. Items include Apples, Apples dried, Barley, Buckwheat, Blue Grass, Clover seed, Cotton seed, Corn in ear, Corn, shelled, Charcoal, Millet, Wheat, Oats, Potatoes, Irish, Potatoes, sweet, Peas, Beans, white, Beans, castor, Bran, Broom corn, Kaffir corn, Flax seed, Cane seed, Corn meal, Dried peaches, Coal, Alfalfa, Hemp, Onions, Turnips, Honey, a gallon, Limes.

Printer's Rules.

- Below we give you a few rules in regard to the printing office, which are as follows: 1st. Do not, when in the office ask any questions in regard to the copy, etc., if you do you will know as much as the printer. 2nd. Do not talk to the printer, it worries him. 3rd. Do not, when in the office, rest or lean upon the case, it gives the printer the "shakes," and he is liable to make a mistake. 4th. Do not handle the type, you will mix them up. 5th. Do not read copy in front of the printer. It is strictly against the rule. 6th. Do not touch the type that is up, you might pit it, and "pit" in the printing office is not good. 7th. Do not demand more of the printer than he is able to do. He never gets rest anyway. 8th. Do not handle the papers of the office without the permission of the printer. 9th. Do not walk in the office and walk out without letting your business be known. It's discouraging to the printer. 10th. Do not fail when in town to give the news. He counts first. 11th. Do not, above all things rattle your "chink" around the printer without dividing with him. That's what it takes to make a good printer, and a good printer can give you a good paper.—New-Town Times.

The Western Indians, though not fond of work, do not approved of indolent white men. The "heap good white man" is the man who works hard; and to sit by and watch him as he toils seems to afford them never-failing pleasure. Some young "warriors" of the Blackfoot tribe sat one day watching a group of laborers who were constructing a grade for a branch railroad in Montana. They were commenting upon the workmen and their work, when a bicyclist, the first they had ever seen, came riding along the newly completed grade. He had got off the train at the last station, and was going to the fort, a little farther on. The Indians watched the wheelman without a word until he passed beyond a knoll which hid him from view; then they expressed their sentiments concerning him. "No good white man," one remarked. "No" answered another with great scorn. "Heap good white man—sits down to

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MAYER BROS. & COMPANY'S

GREAT CLEARING SALE.

A Chance for Bargain Seekers.

RATHER THAN CARRY THEM OVER

We Will Sell at Cost for the Next 30 Days, our Entire Stock of Dry Goods Without Reserve.

This is Not Idle Newspaper Talk, But a Bonafide Cost Sale. Compare the Following Prices, and Draw Your Own Conclusions.

Double width cotton cassimer,	former price 25c.	now, 16 2-3c.
" all wool cassimer	" 40	" 27 1-2
" all wool storm serge	" 85	" 65
" all wool storm serge	" 40	" 27 1-2
" all wool op. flannel 30in	" 60	" 40
" all wool covert cloth	" 85	" 65
" all wool covert cloth	" 60	" 40
" all wool novelties	" 40	" 27 1-2
" cotton novelties	" 12 1-2	8 1-3

Double width cotton novelties	former price 40c.	now, 30 c.
" cotton plaids	" 16 2-3	" 11
" brilliantines	" 25	" 15
Fifty inch all wool plaids	" 85	" 65
All wool Linsey	" 16 2-3	" 12 1-2
Double width all wool water proof	75	" 60
Ready made outing shirt waists	" 75	" 50
" Plaid Shirt waists (all the rage)	1.00	" 75
" All wool Shirt waist, solid colors	1.35	" 1.15

Our entire stock of Ladies and Misses jackets at 25 per cent reduction.

A small line of mens shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.25 kind, to clean out will sell at 75 cents.

Ladies hats at your own price, and other goods so numerous that space will not permit us to mention here.

REMEMBER! We are headquarters for Wind mills, Piping and fittings, Tower lumber, Barb wire, Wagons, Buggies and Hacks.

A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES THAT DEFY COMPETITION.

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BANK OF SONORA.

CAPITAL PAID IN \$22,000.00.

We respectfully solicit your Sonora business. Prompt attention given to all collections.

The use of fire proof vault and boxes free to our customers.

Exchange bought and sold.

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President. Vice-President.
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DR. T. J. DODSON,

Practicing Physician.

Office at DRUG STORE.

Residence at DR. JONES.

Sonora, Texas.

DR. A. L. TAYLOR,

Physician & Surgeon.

Diseases of Women a Specialty,
Sonora, --- Texas.

Choctaw George and Johnnie Williams of San Angelo, were in Sonora Sunday on a business and pleasure trip.

Wm. Bevans the well known stockman of Menardville was in Sonora Thursday looking after his cattle interests.

Irvé Ellis the stockman was in Sonora Thursday.

Trunks, Trunks, Trunks, all sizes and styles at Mayer Bros & Co.

Ira Word returned from a visit to Waco Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Word and her sister Miss Ida Wilson.

Mayer Bros. of San Angelo have enlarged their business and offer better inducements for your business than any house in the West.

Carter Johnson is running the Decker Hotel during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Decker.

Johnnie Johnson and Jim Lebew the well known stockmen were in Sonora Monday for supplies.

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

S. R. Sellers and John Boyd have opened up the G. B. Duke blacksmith shop and are prepared to do all kinds of blacksmith work and painting.

A. R. Cauthorn the sheepman from down the draw was in from his ranch Wednesday for supplies.

Sam Hunter, a stockman from Mason county was in Sonora Monday on the lookout for a ranch.

Max Mayer and George Black made a business trip to San Angelo last week.

Newlan Lamar of Goldthwait arrived in Sonora Monday on a visit.

Geo. Morris of the Maud S saloon has for sale the celebrated Edgewood, (seven-year-old) whiskey, and the Island Queen, two of the best whiskies on the market.

P. A. Tschudy the stockman from down the draw was in town Wednesday for supplies.

R. C. Logan the sheepman from Buffalo draw was in Sonora Tuesday from his ranch for supplies.

When you go to San Angelo, call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K.

Dr. A. L. Taylor of Temple arrived in Sonora Sunday and intends locating here. The doctor comes highly recommended. See this so in this issue.

W. H. Lightfoot the restaurant man next to the drug store has an ad in this issue. Give him a call when you want anything in this line.

Why is it that Mayer Bros. & Co. are selling so many windmills and outfits now? Because they have everything a man needs and no delay in sending them out.

John McKee the cowman from the Frank's Defeat country, was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

Don't fail to get our prices on pumping outfits. We will save you money and no delay in sending them out. Mayer Bros. & Co.

Fred Koenig the jolly stockman from down the draw was in Sonora Wednesday having lots of fun.

Wm Childress the well known Stockman from San Angelo was in Sonora Thursday on the lookout for cattle.

T. J. Moss the sheepman was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

Toney Gunzer the sheepman was in Sonora Tuesday.

Just received, a big lot of paints, white lead, hard oil and linseed oil at Mayer Bros & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bond were in Sonora Monday from their ranch shopping.

John Robins, T. Cate and J. Clark returned Sunday from a trip to the Pecos.

The worst thing about Jeans Pants is that they keep some wife, mother or sister constantly sewing up rips and buttons. The best thing about the BUCKSKIN BREECHES is the fact that the buttons stay on and the seams don't rip as long as the pants last. That's a good while longer than any other pants will wear.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes.

W. J. Cone, a sheepman from New Mexico who bought the Berry Bros. sheep last week was in Sonora Saturday wanting to buy more sheep. He was accompanied by J. H. Huffman the commission man of San Angelo.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

McMullan & Rountree's new steam well drilling outfit passed through Sonora Thursday on the way down the draw to McMullan and Myers' ranch where Mr. Rountree will drill several wells.

Good times have come to those to whom Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured of scrofula, catarrh, dyspepsia, rheumatism, weak nerves or some other form of impure blood.

Hood's pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy and yet efficient.

Frank Bihl the stockman from the Eastern part of the county was in Sonora Saturday for supplies.

Jsp Brannan the stockman was in Sonora for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Decker left last Friday for a few weeks visit to Knickerbocker.

Mrs. W. L. Black of McKavett was in Sonora Monday on a visit to her daughter Mrs. H. G. Jones.

J. L. Ake of Coleman who bought Heman Caruthers' interest in the Red Front livery stable was in Sonora Saturday.

Ben Cusenbary the well known stockman was in Sonora Saturday for some hands to build a fence.

F. M. Drake the surveyor of Crockett county was in Sonora a few days this week on a visit to his daughter Mrs. Max Mayer.

March Bros. of San Angelo solicit your wool consignment and will net you the highest market price.

R. L. Tate and R. H. Lacey, stockmen from Marble Falls, were in the Sonora country this week looking for a ranch location.

John McCleary the windmill man, and John Rice the carpenter, have formed a partnership under the name of McCleary & Rice and they are prepared to do first-class work in their line.

A GOOD LETTER.
From the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Fernandina, Fla., Feb. 28, 1896.
Mr. J. George Sahrer, Drugist, City.
Dear George:—Please send a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy I would not feel easy if I knew there was none of this valuable remedy in the house. I have given it a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for cough that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. My cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for croup and colds in children.

Yours respectfully, G. E. Wolff.
Sold by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

TO WOOL GROWERS.

You want the top market price for your Wool.

You may need Liberal Advances.

But above all you want to know when you place your business that you will get top prices and liberal advances.

You will obtain the best results by doing your business with

Chas. W. Hobbs,

SAN ANGELO, TEX.

Mayer Bros & Co. are still allowing a 20 per cent discount on all their ready made suits.

Ely Selman and Alf Rainer returned from a trip north Monday.

Bill McKee the sheepman from the Juno country was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

L. R. Bassham the well known hotel man from Uvalde arrived in Sonora last Friday and intends to reside here. Mr. Bassham will open a barber shop in the front part of F. Kessler's shoe shop as soon as his furniture arrives.

San Angelo is the best wool market in the state and March Bros. will net you the most money by getting the highest market price, and save you commission, storage, insurance, etc.

Chas. Zenker has bought the Star Saloon next door to his old place, and invites his friends from the Sonora country to call and see him.

March Bros. of San Angelo sell wool and only charge 25c per hundred pounds which covers all charges, and they sell for the highest market price.

M. V. Sharp and Chris Harwell returned Tuesday from a visit to Sherwood Tuesday.

R. W. Barton the stockman returned to his ranch last week from a visit to his family in San Antonio.

If you rip your pants don't fuss but go to Mayer Bros & Co. and get a pair of Sweet Orr & Co's, warranted never to rip.

When March Bros. succeeded last fall by telegrams and letters inducing Mr. Eisman of Boston in coming to San Angelo, 10 5-8 was the highest price offered by anyone for wool. Consign your wool to March Bros., San Angelo, whose and resources are almost unlimited.

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URSULA.
I see her in the frosty warmth tonight,
Her rest all grace, her motion all delight,
Endowed with all the woman's arts that please,
In her soft gown she seems a thing of ease,
Whom sorrow may not reach or evil blight.

Tomorrow she will tell from floor to floor
To smile upon the unrepining poor,
To stay the tears of widows and to be
To comfort men's aching hearts. * * *

She knows not I am beggar at her door!
—Robert Underwood Johnson in Century.

Cheating a Bull.
A Connecticut sportsman relates in Forest and Stream an adventure which must have been exciting enough to save his day from monotony:
I was hauling my boat across Eley's meadow to the creek, a hard pull, with decoys, gun and ammunition. I was about half way across and had sat down to rest, when I

noticed that one of a large herd of cattle was coming my way. I looked again. It was a big bull, and evidently meant business.
I knew he would overtake me if I ran, so I turned over my boat and crawled under it. The bull seemed surprised that I had disappeared, and after sniffing around awhile went off. I waited until he was nearly up with the cattle and then started again, but the old fellow was no fool. He had his eye on me, and I had hardly started before he came back on the run.

To do my best I couldn't make the creek, so under the boat I went again. This time the bull was mad. He bellowed and pawed and tore up the sod around the boat with his horns, but I held the boat down.

Finally, when I was getting tired, he got tired himself and went so far away that this time I made the creek and launched my boat.

A Sporting Judge.
After Baron Martin, who possessed a great horror of sporting "prophecies," had become partially deaf, he was on one occasion trying a racing case, an exercise of his functions that he reveled in.

One of the counsel engaged in it was named Stammers, a solemn, formal, sententious personage, who seldom made a speech without quoting passages from Scripture. In addressing the jury, he was about to pursue his old habit, and got as far as "as the prophet says," when the judge interposed:

"Don't trouble the jury, Mr. Stammers, I understand the prophet. He said that a man is worth of halfpence."
"But, my lord," said Stammers, in a subdued tone, "I was about to quote from the Prophet Jeremiah."
"Don't tell me," replied the baron. "I have no doubt your friend Mr. Myer is just as bad as the rest of them."—Nuggets.

A Tough Proposition.
The Troy Times tells a story of a little boy who was reading in a Sunday school paper the story of a missionary having been eaten by cannibals. "Papa," he asked, "will the missionary go to heaven?"
"Yes, my son," replied the father. "And will the cannibals go there, too?" queried the youthful student.
"No," was the reply.
After thinking the matter over for some time the little fellow exclaimed:
"Well, I don't see how the missionary can go to heaven if the cannibals don't, when he's inside the cannibals."

Kitchen Chat.
"Ever notice," asked the stove, "what a modest creature the clock is!"
"Referring, I presume," said the wood box, "to her holding her hands before her face?"
"Why, no, not so much that as to her habit of running herself down."—Indianapolis Journal.

Profited by the Report.
"How did you first know that there was such a man as your husband, Mrs. Thriftily?"
"I happened to see his financial standing in the commercial reports."—Detroit Free Press.

Fear is not in the habit of speaking truth. When perfect sincerity is expected, perfect wisdom must be allowed. Nor has any one who is apt to be angry when he hears the truth any cause to wonder that he does not hear it.—Tacitus.

To prevent trousers from bagging at the knees re-enforcing strips of nonelastic material are placed inside the legs in diagonal positions and crossing each other at the front of the knee to strengthen the cloth and prevent stretching.

The finest opal of modern times belonged to the Empress Josephine. It was called the "Burning of Troy." Its fate is unknown, as it disappeared when the allies entered Paris.

The population of many south sea islands manufacture their entire suits from the products of the palm tree.

The students in Paris are radical; the students in London mostly conservative.

Merit Talks
"Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit. When you buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, and take it according to directions, to purify your blood, or cure any of the many blood diseases, you are morally certain to receive benefit. The power to cure is there. You are not trying an experiment. It will make your blood pure, rich and nourishing, and thus drive out the germs of disease, strengthen the nerves and build up the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the best, in fact—the One True Blood Purifier. Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills Do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 20c.
How to Keep Crackers. Complaints are frequently heard that crackers bought at grocery stores are soggy and stale tasting, even when comparatively fresh. The fault is in the way they are

kept. Crackers demand a warm, dry place, and they should not be stored near oil, fish or other strong smelling goods. Great care should be exercised by grocers in this respect. The cracker trade is one of the most important features of a general grocery business, and it should be taken care of. Crackers should be purchased in small quantities, so that they will not have time to get stale before being sold. They should be kept, as stated, in a warm, dry place, and customers should be advised to place them in the oven a few minutes before using. This will restore their crispness, even though they have become damp and soggy.

All the care in the world, however, will not build up a cracker trade if the crackers are not pure and fresh and well made. Be careful in buying to get the best the market affords; then push the trade for all there is in it. One lot of stale, poorly made crackers will do more harm than one can overcome in six months.—Mercantile Journal

Did He Was Told.
"Will you keep an eye on my horse, my son, while I step in and get a drink?"
"Yes, sir."
"Stranger goes in, gets his drink comes out and finds his horse missing."
"Where is my horse, boy?"
"He's run d away, sir."
"Didn't I tell you to take care of him, you young scamp?"
"No, sir. You told me to keep my eye on him, and I did till he got away."—Chicago Tribune.

Excessive.
"You ought to see Mrs. Kay's house," she keeps it so clean you could eat off any of the floors."
"Huh! She keeps it so clean that her husband has to eat off the top of the wardrobe or out in the shed five or six weeks every summer."—Chicago Tribune.

When a Manchester (England) timber merchant was sawing a sycamore into lengths, he came across a dark knot in the wood 1 1/2 inches in diameter. When this was cut through, it displayed the clearly marked outline of a bird, which the merchant deemed curious enough to have photographed and sent to The Strand Magazine.

Wheat grown in the north of France has from 11 to 26 per cent less nitrogenous elements in it than that raised there 50 years ago, according to a recent report made to the Academie des Sciences.

England consists of 37,000,000 of acres, Scotland 19,500,000 and Ireland 20,500,000.

FOR ALL WOMEN
NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement of the organs of menstruation. Nearly always when a woman is not well these organs are affected. But when they are strong and healthy a woman is very seldom sick.
MEER'S Wine of Cardui
Is nature's provision for the regulation of the menstrual function. It cures all "female troubles." It is equally effective for the girl in her teens, the young wife with domestic and maternal cares, and the woman approaching the period known as the "Change of Life." They all need it. They are all benefited by it.
For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.
THOS. J. COOPER, Tupelo, Miss., says: "My sister suffered from very irregular and painful menstruation and doctors could not relieve her. Wine of Cardui entirely cured her and also helped my mother through the Change of Life."

Wouldn't it be surprising if **Scilling's Best** were all the very best there are?
Your grocer pays you your money back if you don't like them.
For sale by Mayer Bros. & Co., Sonora, Tex.

GIGANTIC NEST.
A Great Cocoon Which the Australian Honey Bee Builds for the Purpose of Hatching. The mallee hen of Australia lays its eggs in a huge nest. The nest is really an artificial mound of gigantic proportions for the size of its maker and the purpose it is to serve. This artificial mound is a co-operation incubator. It is built by many pairs of birds, male and female working alike to construct it. These same pairs or flocks of birds annually repair and enlarge the queer looking cone which rises up like a turret dome from the level plain. Sometimes these tunnels attain a height of fully 15 feet in the perpendicular, with a radius of equal measurement. Many of these nests have measured as much as 50 yards, even the Mexicans live on it in or 150 feet, around their base. That would give the largest one measured a diameter of about 50 feet. These mound nests are entered through a sort of funnel cavity at the top of the cone.

The hens of all the building and repairing pairs lay in this immense nest. The eggs are deposited about 6 feet below the surface. While each hen lays her egg in the family mound, ro hen drops her egg closer than 20 inches to that of her neighbor. This egg is deposited in a cavity made for it, wherein it is placed in a vertical position, carefully smoothed over by the hen before she quits the nest. Contrary to the usual practice of the bird and fowl species, these mallee hens lay at night instead of in the day. Several days elapse also between the dropping of two eggs by the same hen.

The eggs of the mallee hen are out of all proportion to her size. They are as large as those of a goose and of large hens are very much larger.

The eggs thus laid and covered in this great sand oven in the hot districts are never again disturbed by the hens. The eggs are hatched by the heat the sun bakes into the soil where they lay. It has never been known how the young chicks are evacuated from their egg grave, for the eggs are deposited fully six inches below the surface, and the hardening rains do not aid their exit very much.

The hen is so very shy and vigilant that no one is able to study her maternal and domestic habits with satisfaction. An observer who egg at night and transacts most of her affairs in the night watches so that no naturalist or curious individual can ferret her out, possibly she steals to her expected brood under cover of night also and gives them the parental unearthing which they must surely need after the pipping of the eggshell.

Bush naturalists have been curious to know how this peculiar fowl builds that nest. The birds have been working at it, and the mounds have been inspected, but the piling of the dirt is not from the immediate vicinity, for that is undisturbed. Small springs and the like enter into the plastic masonry, which stands storms and heavy rains, when they do fall, without serious injury.

These huge cones stand for years, to be annually nested in by the same flock which originally constructed the family incubator. When detected, the hens emit a pitiful little cackle and flutter away like a wounded innocent. The young of a covey either root under the sand or hide behind some mound or object of a friendly color.—Cleveland Leader.

The Beauty of Flowers. There is nothing in pictures or in ornaments to equal the colors of the commonest garden flowers. They baffle all reproduction and beggar all description; they are incomparably fine and perfect beyond anything that human effort can achieve. All the artists in the world could not produce anything equal to the petal of a geranium, and the very best approaches to nature which canvas or paper can exhibit are inevitably dimmed and spoiled by time. Flowers themselves only retain their brilliant hues while alive and healthy. So long, therefore, only is our admiration accorded, for dead or withered flowers are ugly and contemptible. Certain gems owe half their value or utility to that quality which neither flowers possess nor painters can bestow—the quality of perpetual freshness. Flowers secrete nectar. They also possess a sanitary advantage connected with the absorption of carbonic acid gas from the air. Putting all these items together, they constitute a very small yet decided aggregate of utility, and flowers notwithstanding, it will be admitted on all hands, serve to sustain a very large amount of beauty.—London Echo.

Slow in Getting There. Visitor (in penitentiary) — Was that octogenarian convict who died yesterday a life prisoner?
Warden—Oh, no! He was the youth convicted of murder 70 years ago. The supreme court will pass on the last point raised in his case next week.—Philadelphia North American.

Notice to Trespassers.
We hereby give notice to wood haulers and persons who are leaving our fences down by going over same with wagons, that any persons caught hauling wood from our pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
S. H. F. Mayer & Sons.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS
Notice is hereby given to all trespassers on our ranch 16 miles northeast of Sonora, for cutting timber, wood hauling, working cattle etc., will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
McLwaine Bros. & Nelson,
808 E. Sonora, Tex.

Subscribe for the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS, \$2 a year.
Use mailing envelopes when sending photos through the mails. They will not get broken. For sale at the photograph gallery.

An Uncertain Disease.
There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms are two—eructation. It is characterized by a burning, a correct diagnosis. Under medical treatment dyspepsia attacks you, however, from Bitters will cure it. Incurable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nervous system. For sale by

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