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of Interest to Cattlemen.

The live stock sanitary commission of Texas has just sent out the following circular:

The sanitary commission has endeavored to protect the live stock interests of Texas as best it could; and there is no question but what the tick is a means of communicating infection and fever. The inspectors for the board have found that cattle that came from below the quarantine line last winter brought ticks with them; the only winter has been so mild that they have not been in fear now.

On Tuesday, they were supplied with ticks. It is impossible for the board to furnish inspectors to inspect all the cattle you may desire to move; they have only been appointed to inspect in the counties bordering on the quarantine line. Hence I write you this letter, and desire to say that if you have cattle brought from below the quarantine line last winter, I would ask that you be very careful in examining those cattle and also any that they may have come in contact with, and see that they are free from ticks before you move or ship them to any other point. If you should ship your cattle and they were found with ticks on them at any point, they would be quarantined, to your great detriment and inconvenience. Besides this, all the cattle along the trail over which your cattle passed would be quarantined, thereby causing loss and damages to your neighbors and your fellow cattlemen, and might result in harassing litigation. The board is compelled, in a great many instances, to use arbitrary measures which they would not have to use if the cattlemen would lend their assistance, as herein suggested.

The board fully appreciates the fact that a great many cattlemen do not, as yet, thoroughly appreciate the danger of infection and fever, and being shut from the markets. Besides this a great many of you are not yet convinced that the ticks is a means of causing fever; and it is very popular with a great many to scoff at the so-called tick theory. But this is a fact, demonstrated by the United States department in vast and costly experiment, and the time will soon come when no man who claims to be posted can refuse to believe. You recollect no doubt, that during last year, several herds left the western part of Texas that carried infection into the northern states and caused fever; and the United States department and the various states to which we look for a market are watching very closely the cattle shipped from within the quarantine line, and the board is satisfied that if any cattle are shipped that should cause infection, the whole state will be quarantined, and we will be shut out from the markets of the world, except for immediate slaughter. We have just received an official letter from the Kansas board in which they say: "There is a suspicious feeling among the cattlemen of our state in regard to receiving cattle from Texas."

Believing that cattlemen are patriotic enough, and able enough to fully appreciate the facts and sentiments expressed in this letter and that will receive the same in the spirit intended, and act in accordance with the above suggestions, and believing that within another year the quarantine matters will be so well established and so thoroughly understood, that we will have no trouble. I beg to remain

W. B. TOLLIS,
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The Great Wool State.

Since the wool record called attention to the advantages enjoyed by Texas, in comparison with Australia, for sheep husbandry, interest in this industry in Texas seems to have increased. Imports of wool from Australia have averaged about 62,500,000 lbs during the past four years. Last year these imports were exceptionally large by reason of the efforts, by European wool interests, to anticipate the change in the tariff, and the imports were also large in 1895. Under normal conditions however, it is unlikely that the average imports would exceed 50,000,000 pounds.

Last year Texas produced 17,315,000 pounds of wool of comparatively fine quality. Montana last year produced 29,110,391 pounds and Oregon 18,440,850 pounds. This makes a total of 55,866,338 pounds, or more than the normal average of imports from Australia. The quality of the Texas and Montana wools has been greatly impaired within the past few years. The greatest progress in this direction has, however, been made in Texas. Not only has the quality been improved by the introduction of merino blood, but the average clip per sheep has increased.

Texas has a vast area; it is well watered with rivers, the climate is well adapted to sheep husbandry, the temperature is even and the pasturage is abundant during nearly the whole year. As respects all the essential requirements for sheep raising Texas is certainly equal if not superior to Australia. All that seems to be needed for the encouragement of Texas wool growers is continued protection and the presentation of her advantages as a sheep raising state.

The flocks of the state are now entirely composed of fine woolled sheep, affording a basis for improvement in the grade of the staple. The area is beyond all question ample for expansion, and it is doubtless true, as the Wool Record asserts, that there is no kind of sheep or class of wool in the world that cannot be successfully duplicated or improved upon in the United States, and particularly in Texas.

The wool industry in Texas should be encouraged in every way possible, and with the protection afforded by the Dingley tariff here is no reason why the Australian imports of wool should not be materially reduced from this time forward, and Texas wool be largely substituted for the foreign product—American Economist.

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James McLymont, the King Texas sheepman of Val Verde county, was here last week. Mac reports a good rain on his range in Val Verde county but the country is very dry between Del Rio and San Antonio. The lambing season is about half finished but the crop will be cut short in west Texas owing to lack of winter rains and green food. From his flock he thinks he will have about half a crop of lambs while some of his neighbors will not fare so well.—Texas Stockman.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

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The improved outlook for horses is bringing the breeding question to the front, and we are receiving a good many inquiries about the kind of horses to breed. To these questions it is impossible to give more than a general answer, for so much depends. As has been stated heretofore there seems to be only three classes which justify the farmer's attention at present—drivers, coach horses and draft horses. No man can breed a good one every time, and there will be enough misfits to fill up any other class that may be required. What class any man should breed depends largely on the mares he has. A good many people should not breed their mares at all, because they can not produce good colts unless the sire is everything and he rarely is. Common colts will not pay, nor will the small percentage of good ones to be had from these mares even up for the large percentage of the other kind—Texas Stockman.

Concerning the wool trade the American Wool and Cotton Reporter last week said:—The wool market has, during the past week, come as near reaching a condition of complete inanition as was possible without getting there in the most literal sense of the word. It can truly be said that practically no one has sold any wool. The war scare is the chief factor, incidentally, it may be remarked that some of the largest mills in the country have begun to lay off some of their hands, and to stop a part of their machinery, a fact which, of course, militates against large transactions in the wool market. The situation is, however, not without some distinctly encouraging features. Some of the large manufacturers have been in the market, but their offers have been refused. Prices are purely nominal. Holders are, on the whole, as indifferent as ever about selling. Some mills have lately been acting on the assumption that consignors could be forced into making concessions, but it has been demonstrated that this was a mistake. Fleeces have been as much talked about as anything on the list, and there have been a number of inquiries for them.

It has been generally accepted by the trade that the first effect on the cattle business was the direct result of the outbreak of hostilities would be an advance in the price of beef. It would seem, however, that the government has been preparing for the emergency so that it will not be at the mercy of a "corner" by the packers, at least such is the news conveyed by the following dispatch in the Stockman. A special from Pittsburg says: C. O. Winkert of Kern county, California, passed through Pittsburg on his way to New York. Mr. Winkert is owner of an extensive cattle ranch in the White river valley and the western representative of New York capitalists who have large ranches in Nevada, Arizona, Montana and Texas. His trip east is to confer with them on prices and other business details for the coming season. Mr. Winkert said: "The United States government has secured options on enough cattle in the West to sustain an army of 100,000 men for 12 months. No contracts have been made, but prices have been fixed, and in the event of war the government will be amply supplied with beef for its troops at a moderate figure. "These options were taken to prevent any concerning of the market by large beef packing concerns, who may be prepared to advance prices at the first outbreak of hostilities by purchasing directly from the cattle raisers. The government will save thousands of dollars and have an inexhaustible supply at command. The late civil war was an object lesson not yet forgotten. Anybody who remembers the rebellion knows what war prices meant."

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, pastor of the U. B. Church, Dillsburg, Pa., recognizes the value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and does not hesitate to tell others about it. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," he says, "and find it an excellent medicine for colds, coughs and hoarseness." So does everyone who gives it a trial. Sold by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

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PROUD BLOOD FLOWS OUT OF THE VEINS OF SPANISH SOLDIERS. The American Navy Fights ON THE SIMPLEST INVITATION. MATANZAS FALLS IN 18 MINUTES! ONE OF THE MAINE HEROES AVENGED. Havana Would Last Thirty Minutes! The Fertile Soil of Cuba Being Fertilized! Not An American Injured! The Latest War News by Wire

All the men of a Brooklyn regiment are to have "housewives" with them when they go to war. "Housewives" are little bags of blue in which needles and thread, scissors, pins, coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, tooth brushes, pipes and other little articles can be carried. A woman's auxiliary of the regiment has been organized and will see that every man is supplied with a "housewife" when he leaves for the war. Like a good many other housewives, these may turn out to be an incumbrance.

The resolution declaring Cuba to be free calls to mind the story of a man who was urged to issue his emancipation proclamation. He asked the speaker how many legs a lion had. "Four of course" was the reply. Then he asked: "If you call the tail a leg, how many legs would a lion have?" The reply was, "Five," to which the great emancipator said: "You are wrong. The animal would only have four legs. Calling the tail a leg doesn't make it a leg."

Waco, Texas, April 25—Judge G. B. Gerald is in receipt of an anonymous letter containing threats against his life. He was down town this morning quietly endeavoring to locate the author by the man's handwriting, which is a plain business hand without any apparent effort to disguise the style. It has been understood that Judge Gerald would write an account of the Brann-Davis duel and that he would incorporate therein a biographical sketch of Tom Davis, which would not reflect very great credit upon the subject. The letter is said to contain a warning that if the sketch appears as reported he, Judge Gerald, might as well prepare for the worst, that such publication would not be tolerated. The letter is signed "Citizens."

Although vessels of war cannot be built on the great lakes, the building there of merchant vessels that by means of the projected canals will be able to reach the seaboard, will have an indirect bearing on the future of the navy. Capt. Mahan and other writers have pointed out that we have practically reversed the natural order of things in building vessels of war before building up the merchant marine. For more than twenty years the government has been a steady customer of the ship builders on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. As a result ship building plants have been improved, workmen have been trained, and contributory industries have been developed. But it is claimed by these builders that capital has sought investments in the temporary help only and that the demands of our coastwise trade are insufficient to promote ship building on a large scale. The main demand for ships must be created by an extensive foreign trade carried on in American bottoms. It has been demonstrated that the economic changes which will be brought about by a deep water route from the great lakes to the seaboard will enable us to compete with England in the ocean carrying trade. Since the civil war all our energies have been directed toward purely domestic development and capital has sought investments in the extensive railways, the settlement of new territory, and the industrial regeneration of the south. The events of the past few years force us to look beyond the limits of our own shores, and our diplomacy has made the Monroe doctrine seem something more than a rhetorical declaration. If we boldly aspire to commercial and political supremacy in the western hemisphere, and to the creation of a foreign carrying trade, we must admit the absolute necessity for a steadily increasing navy.—Lieut. J. H. Gibbons, U. S. N., in North American Review.

After it rains we will have room in our pastures for about 1500 cattle or 8000 head of sheep.
GREEN BROS.
Beck Springs, Edwards County.

The following dispatches were received by the Standard-Enterprise Daily War Bulletin and transmitted over the long distance telephone to the

New York, April 28.—Those who have been restless for a sanguinary conflict between the Spanish and American forces have no further cause to complain. Late last night the rumor gained currency that Matanza had been bombarded and destroyed. The Herald verified the rumor a few hours later giving details. The correctness of the report is no longer a question. The substance of the Herald's dispatch is to the effect that the United States war vessels, New York, Cincinnati, and Puritan were lying off Matanza when a Spanish gun boat, lying in the harbor, opened fire on the fleet. This was the signal for the opening of the first battle of the Spanish-American war in which blood was actually spilled. The guns of the United States ships were at first aimed at the Spanish gun boat and in a few seconds she was so disabled as to do no further harm, withdrawing with difficulty to within cover of the guns of the fort. The United States vessels lost no time but trained their guns on the fortifications. The Puritan did the most damage. The guns from her turret hurled heavy shot on shore into the rickety old fort with fearful rapidity and awful effect. The firing lasted exactly 18 minutes and at its close Matanza's boasted defenses were a mass of ruins and hundreds of Spanish soldiers lay bleeding where they fought. The loss of life among the Spanish was frightful although the number killed cannot be estimated. Not a single American received the slightest injury. Admiral Sampson has ordered the fleet to bombard the entire Cuban coast if a single vessel is fired upon. Sampson says it will require only 30 minutes to reduce the fortifications of Havana.

Blanco in reporting the Matanzas bombardment to Spain said the American shells did much damage but the Spanish guns crippled three or four battleships and in his judgement killed 400 to 500 Americans.

Galveston, April 29th, 4:30 P. M.—(Special to the Standard-Enterprise.)—The U. S. troops are being massed at Tampa, Fla., for embarkation to Cuba.

A Spanish spy has been arrested at Laredo, also another at New Orleans; the latter will be shot. The Americans are being brutally treated at Porto Rico by the Spaniards.

Cardenas bombarded. Another Spanish slaughter. Atrocities in Cuba by Spanish soldiers.

Washington, April 29.—(Special to the Standard-Enterprise.)—Six Major-Generals have been appointed: Fitz Lee, James P. Wilson, E. I. S. G. Ois, Jno J. Cappinger, Jos. Wheeler and Wm. R. Shafter.

Key West, April 29.—Cardinas will be made the landing place for the invading.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands April 29.—Four Spanish cruisers have just sailed westward under sealed orders presumably for Cuba.

A Madrid dispatch says Spanish steamers will attempt to run the blockade at Havana with the mails.

Rio de Janero, April 29—Brazil proclaims neutrality.

Washington, April 29:—Mexican minister has assured the United States that Mexico would enforce neutrality laws to the letter.

Key West, April 29—Gunboat Newport brought in today the Spanish schooner Garcia, captured by the U. S. S. Albatross. A crew of 7 men, all of the Spanish naval reserve who were trying to get back to Cuba. They will be held as spies and prisoners of war.

Saint Thomas, W. I., April 27.—At San Juan, Porto Rico, last night five citizens of the United States who were walking the streets were arrested, manacled and beaten with swords. They are wholly unprotected and there is no British gunboat there on which they may take refuge. Mr. Barns, an American sugar manufacturer has put himself under British protection. His wife and children were attacked and his estate destroyed by the Spanish soldiers.

President and cabinet have been discussing the matter this morning. They think the act is a violation of the Spanish agreement to extend to American citizens in their dominion the same privileges the president has extended to Spaniards in America. It will likely lead to a change in the plans with regards to the movement of the North Atlantic squadron. Some members of the cabinet favor ordering warships to San Juan immediately and punishing the people there for their treachery.

Suspected Spy Arrested.
New Orleans, La., April 26.—There is great excitement here over the report at the Port Eads signal station, 100 miles down the Mississippi, of what is believed to be a Spanish spy who was tonight lodged in the army jail at Fort St. Philip.

Capt. George of the mail packet Deulutt reported to Quartier master Fucoit of the naval reserve stationed at Port Eads upon arriving there that coming down on the Deulutt from Burras landing he had carried a very mysterious passenger. A detail of reserves promptly arrested the suspected man and searched him, finding a camera with which he had been taking views of everything about Forts Jackson and St. Philip and the lower fortifications. He also had a note book in which were seventeen closely written pages of notes containing information about the forts, the course of the Mississippi river and the passes. The prisoner gave his name as John Waltz and said he came from New Orleans, but would vouch no other information. He looks like a Spaniard and will not talk. The United States naval reserves at Port Eads fully believe he is a Spanish spy and will let him lay in jail until he can give an account of himself.

Note to the Powers.
U. S. Ministers have been furnished with the following:
Department of State, April 25, 1898.—A joint resolution of congress approved April 20, directed intervention for the pacification and independence of the island of Cuba. The Spanish government on April 21 informed our minister at Madrid that it considered this resolution equivalent to a declaration of war and that it had accordingly withdrawn its minister from Washington and terminated all diplomatic relations. Congress has therefore, by act approved today declared that a state of war exists between the two countries since and including April 21. You will inform the government to which you are accredited so that its neutrality may be assured in the existing war.
SHERMAN.

Report that the torpedo boat Cushing had been injured by an encounter with a Spanish vessel is denied. Her starboard engine was injured by naval cadet Boyd trying to show off the fine quality of the vessel.

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Correct Field Outfit.
The Army and Navy Journal gives this list for the proper outfit for an infantry officer of the State troops, adding the injunction. Cut this out and paste it in your trunk and, when ordered out, look it over and see if you have what you need and thus save "bumming" on your friends.

Bedding—Mattress, thin and flexible, to roll up with your blankets; rubber blanket, 1; woolen blankets, 4; canvas to roll all bedding in; straps, 2 large, connected, for bedding; binding coat, "Gold Medal" pattern, to roll up in bedding; pillows and cases; sleeping cap; shelter tent, to cover bed in daytime; mosquito bar.

Clothing—Gloves, heavy and light; shirts, flannel, 3; undershirts, 4; drawers, 4; socks, 8; handkerchiefs, 10; 4; handkerchiefs, 10; campaign hats, 2; blouses, 2; pants, 2; overcoat, 1; trousers, 2; sun hat, 1; gaiters, 1; shoe cap, 1; shoe, 2.

Personal Articles—Wash basin, tin; soap, face and bath; towels, small, 4; towels, bath, 2; hair brush; comb; tooth brushes, 2; tooth powder; razors, 2; razor strap; shaving brush, soap and glass; tumbler, metal; toilet paper; court plaster; surgeon's plaster; camphor ice; tooth brush mug, metal; sponge, face; sponge, bath; whisk broom; backing brush; vaseline; soap box; nail brush.

Camp Outfit—Folding chairs, 2; valise; satchel; small trunk or chest; satchel; damage bag; candlesticks or candle lantern (holding); candles; table, folding; water pail.

Books—Dictionary; army regulations; army register; drill regulations; courts martial; a good work on field service, etc.; maps of the country; the Army and Navy Journal.

Mess Outfit—Mess chests; mess stores; mess table, folding.

Stationery—Blanks, mileage, pay, etc.; paper, letter note, etc.; envelopes, large and small; pencils, all kinds; penholders and pens; postage stamps; telegram blank book; telegram blanks; memorandum book; ink, red and black; postal cards; ruler; blotting; tracing cloth; rubber bands; traveling inkstands, 2; mullage or mouth-gue.

Miscellaneous—Tobacco or cigars; pipes; tobacco bag; seedlets; powders; thread; needles; thimble; buttons; snap buttons; beeswax; twine; "housewife," for sewing material; scissors, awl handle and tools; cutting pliers; eyeglasses, spare, if used; buckskin or lacing leather; shoestrings; tape, black and white; cloth for mending; matches; whisky, shoe thread.

Among the notable features of the May Ladies' Home Journal are an illustrated article on Joseph Jefferson at home, "After-dinner Stories," a page of brightly told anecdotes of prominent personages and Rudyard Kipling's famous Jubilee hymn, "Best of all," set to music by the "The Love Song." "A Cabinet member's Wife" gives further interesting glimpses of Washington social-official life, and another view "Inside of a hundred homes" is afforded. The second installment of Julia Magruder's Novelette, "A Heaven-Kissing Hill," and "His Children" give an interesting variety of fiction. Robert J. Burdett's "My Kindergarten of Fifty Years" is the first of a series of articles of this popular humorist. Edward W. Bok writes of an athletic woman and her attire, and also notes the decrease of intemperance; Mrs. S. T. Rorer treats of "Strawberries in Thirty Ways," and tells how to entertain unexpected company. "The Life of a Trained Nurse" is pictured and detailed, while four special pages, "Vacation Days on a House Boat," "Ten Weeks in Europe for £200," "Comfort in Tent and Cabin" and "Summer Pleasures for Suburban Places," turn one's thoughts to summer outings. There are articles on women's attire and various household topics. By the Curtis Publishing Company. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

The First Grand Bugle Call.....

Ho! Ye Citizens of Sonora and Surrounding Country: Behold now all things are ready. Come one, come all. Great things have been prepared for you. On the reputation of Sonora as the best town in all West Texas we ordered the Best, Largest and Most Complete Assortment of Dry Goods Notions, Tinware, Glassware, Hardware, Books, Bibles, Jewelry Spectacles and Gents' Furnishing Goods we have ever ordered for any town we have visited. Every lady who has visited our tent has been surprised and delighted.

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THE Arkansaw Traveler, The Great Cyclone Tent Store

Naval strategists suspect that the Spanish fleet at the Verde Islands will go to the Philippines to attack our Asiatic squadron, to which it is superior.

A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica announces that Lieut. Rowan has landed from an open boat in Cuba and is on his way to Gen. Garcia's camp to arrange for the landing of the United States troops.

In Washington it is believed a Spanish squadron is heading for some port on our coast. It is also believed in Washington that the Asiatic squadron will begin today to bombard Manila, and that the Spanish fleet now at the Verde islands will go to the rescue of the place, thus precipitating a naval engagement.

It is reported in Washington that Lieut. Freemont has landed a company of marines in Cuba near Matanzas.

Gen. Blanco telegraphing Tuesday evening, says the Spanish gunboat Niagra repulsed three American destroyers which entered the port of Cardenas.

The Spanish steamer Pariza which left New York April 20, laden with refugees and supplies for the army in Cuba was captured Monday by the Mangrove, a little vessel of the Mosquito fleet. This is probably the most valuable prize yet captured.

Portugal has declared that she will observe the strictest neutrality, and consequently the torpedo flotilla will have to leave.

Several American vessels are tied up in English ports by the neutrality act. Notably the Somers which was not in condition to leave port.

Gen. Miles favors putting 75,000 troops in Cuba when the American take possession.

Col. John E. Thornton, a veteran journalist, who for twenty-six years was a staff correspondent of the Galveston News, died last Tuesday at Austin. Col. Thornton carried more Texas history under his hat than probably any man in the state.

Good Ranch For Sale.
Best ranch in Sutton county for sale. Good grass and plenty of water. Will graze 2000 cattle and 2000 sheep all the year round. Come and see it. Don't write. 91-4f. J. W. REILLY.

R. T. Crawford of the jewelry firm of Crawford and Temple of San Angelo and Temple was in Sonora this week. Crawford and Temple are expert watch makers jewelers, engravers and opticians and solicit the trade of the Sonora country.

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 acquaintance and resources are almost unlimited. 82-21.

The Sonora Cemetery Association will meet at the Episcopal church Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock.

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. 82-21.

Prof. Pandolfo who will conduct a select school of 30 pupils, arrived in Sonora Thursday.

Mrs. O. T. Word, assisted by her daughter, Miss Maggie, entertained a number of young people at cards, dominoes and refreshments Wednesday night at which the following were present: Alex McGonigill, Maggie Word; W. W. Collins, Susie Wilson; T. D. Newell; Ethel Phillips; S. P. Woodward, Monte E. untree; D. H. Burroughs, Florence Felton; Claude Simpson, Lula Causey; J. J. Brumley, Ida Wilson; Montie Mills, Maggie Covington, B. F. Berkeley, Mattie Palmer, Mark Baugh.

Mrs. A. E. Eves, residing at 729 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends, and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This was published at her request as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Cusenbary and Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

More Than a Bargain.
I have two fine Jacks that I will sell very cheap for cash or will trade for cattle of any kind. For further information, write me at Eldorado, Texas. 95-4f. M. H. Marchison.

\$5.00 REWARD.
Lost from Whitehead's ranch, about three weeks ago, one brown work horse, 5 years old, branded (rafter J) on left shoulder, and one bay horse, 5 years old, 14 hands high, branded (half circle N) on left shoulder and (B) on left jaw, white in face and left ear cut off. The above reward will be paid for their return to G. H. Allen, Sonora, Texas. 94 ff

Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch south of Sonora, herding sheep, cutting timber or working stock of any kind, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
J. C. Barksdale.
76 ff Sonora, Tex.

The Spanish Admiral at the Verde Islands is reported to have said he would sail for Havana shortly orders or no orders.

Dr. G. G. Martin, the dentist who arrived in Sonora this week brings the information that his excellency, the Devil, is at this time busy studying Spanish.

NOTICE.
Parties wanting rockwork of any kind done, please write to me at Sonora, Texas. Rock tank work a specialty, all work guaranteed. 94 ff John Swinburne.

Four hundred and twenty-five dollars will buy \$600 worth of improved Sonora property. Apply at the News office.

To the Shepherds of West Texas.
My charges for handling wool in the future will be 2 1/2 per cent on gross sales, which includes all charges for handling, insurance, storage, etc. Your consignments solicited.
CHAS. SCHREINER,
Kerrville, Texas.

The powers of Europe, except Great Britain, are afraid to see the United States become ambitious to own a powerful navy. It is suggested that this is one reason why they refrain from anything that looks like interference in the present struggle, as they realize that meddling on their part would stir this nation profoundly, and the result would be the building up of a navy that would be one of the most powerful in the world, if, indeed, not the most powerful. It should not be the aim of this country to vie with warlike nations of Europe in keeping on a war footing, but we have learned that it is dangerous to have our navy so weak and small as to encourage any third rate nation to bring us into war. The United States has taken no selfish action in the matter of Cuba, and if she had been able to promptly put into commission an overwhelming number of war vessels our demands would have been recognized and probably a great loss of life and treasure might have been avoided. It is a thousand pities that in times of peace we should have to prepare for war, but it is the only way so far found of making peace permanent.—Drover's Journal.

Havana already feels the effect of the blockade.

Burt, the Austin wife murderer is sentenced to hang on May 27.

W. E. Gladstone, aged 89 years, England's "Grand old man" is dead.

Three trans-Atlantic liners have arrived at New York with munitions of war purchased in England. They would have been nice prizes for Spain.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels." For sale by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

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LOOKOUT FOR
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A Better Wheel can not be Obtained.
SOLE AT \$40 and \$50.
See me before buying.
A full line of Sundries kept & repairing promptly done.
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WELLINGTON CLUB WHISKEY
is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon San Angelo.

MAYER BROS. & COMPANY.

We have just finished opening the largest and best assorted stock of Spring and Summer Dress Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Slippers, etc., ever brought to Sonora. Our buyer exercised great care and judgement in selecting it? Judgement born of experience—which means—the prices are always right.

Come in and pay us a friendly visit, and muss up those pretty things we have to show you. We are always glad to see you. Don't be deceived about your clothing, buy from people that will give you some assurance of right treatment. We are here to stay. Style, price and fit guaranteed. Large or small, stout or slim, it matters not. We positively guarantee a correct fit.

In addition we have a thousand samples from one of the largest tailoring establishments in the United States, for you to select from. All suits made to order.

Our grocery line is complete in every respect.

Wind mills, horse powers, engines, wagons, barb wire, lumber, etc.

MAYER BROS. & COMPANY.

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We do not loan any of our deposits. Accounts of our Devil's River Stockmen and citizens solicited.

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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. - April 30, 1918

Sam McKee and family were in Sonora Saturday, shopping.

Geo. Hamilton the sheepman, was in Sonora Friday for supplies.

French Madras, silk effects, Yukon stripes and all the latest patterns at Mayer Bros. & Co.

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.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of most of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Brown's Iron Bitters. The remarkable cures effected by this famous remedy are sufficient to prove the theory correct. Brown's Iron Bitters are sold by All dealers.

Jas. Robson, the sheepman from the Buffalo draw of the Llano, was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

Organde St. Germain is all the latest patterns at Mayer Bros. & Co.

J. B. Newman, the stockman from Devil's River country, was in Sonora Wednesday.

Rosby Covington has accepted a position with Mayer Brothers & Co.

Dr. T. F. Hogan the well known optician, returned to Sonora Monday after a six weeks trip through the country.

John Mayfield left for his home in Borque county last Saturday after spending several weeks with his brother Jess Mayfield.

B. F. Bellows, the well known contractor, and son Bert, returned from Ozona Monday where they were building a fine residence for Lem Cox.

Dick Williamson, the stockman was in Sonora Monday for supplies for his ranch in Crockett county which he calls the "Twin Hells" ranch.

Felix Mann and son Walter are over from Menardville this week.

E. I. Schwabe the livery man from Ozona was in Sonora Wednesday.

W. F. Luckie the stockman from the eastern part of the county was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

Dress ducks, plain, figured and pebbled at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Born on Wednesday, April 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Bick Atchison, a girl.

Alfred Sheppard, the stockman from the Ozona country was in Sonora Wednesday on a visit.

Another hop complimentary the would-be warriors was given Tuesday night that was as enjoyable as usual.

Dick Graham and Geo. Trainer two of the little boys from the Llano country were in Sonora Wednesday talking war.

Green Huey the stockman who is pasturing his cattle at Huber's ranch was in Sonora Wednesday and reports his cattle doing very well.

Our spring hats are like our dress goods just received; far superior to anything here before Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Dr. G. W. Sessum, the dentist, returned from a business trip to Rock Springs Wednesday and reports business all right.

Jim Bean, the barber of Ozona, was in Sonora for a few days this week, shaking hands with his friends.

Felix Vanderstucken of the firm of Mayer Bros. & Co., left for Menardville Monday on a visit to the old folks. He was accompanied by his sister Miss Sophie who had been spending some time in Sonora.

The prices on clothing at Hagerlund Bros. & Co's. will please you.

Walter, Tom and Mack Russell, Dan, Lee and Ed Crowell, Ed and Louis Lehne, Jobe Crawford and Bob Murray passed through Sonora Friday on their way to Mayers west ranch where they are to receive a bunch of cattle for R. R. Russell and take them to San Angelo for shipment to the territory.

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

Irve Ellis bought from J. B. Newman 62 head of 1's and 2's at \$14 and \$18.

Geo. Perry the stockman from the Ozona county was in Sonora Tuesday on important business.

Jim Cauthon the sheepman was in Sonora Wednesday getting the latest war news.

Miss Mollie Kvash returned to Sonora Tuesday from a pleasure trip to Galveston.

New ribbons, new colors, stripes and plaids at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Del Bass, another of the old timers returned to Sonora Wednesday after an absence of several years.

R. S. Caruthers, proprietor of the Red Front livery stable returned from a trip to Brady Thursday.

Landreth's fresh garden seeds, seed potatoes and onion sets at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Ed T. [unclear] in from the Territory Tuesday for supplies.

J. L. [unclear] the well known piano and organ man from Brownwood was in Sonora Wednesday on business.

Bob Peacock the well known stock man was in Sonora Wednesday. Bob says he had a fine time at Galveston.

Bionse waists, the very latest at Mayer Bros. & Co.

R. F. Halbert, J. W. Ellis, Chas. Wilks, H. W. Mann and Joe Lawless left on Thursday's stage for San Angelo and other points.

John Hurst and Will Alexander two of our progressive young men have formed a partnership with John McCleary the windmill man.

When you go to San Angelo, call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

Joe Thiele, the well known mutton man, was in Sonora Monday on his way to San Angelo. He sold about 2400 muttons to Jim Taylor of Beaver Lake at p. t.

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. 72-1f

J. A. Glasscock and son, Robt. bought the Lovelace property in east Sonora this week for \$500. The property consists of a well, windmill, residence and 5 lots. J. A. intends to do a little truck farming.

ECONOMY in taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because 100 doses one dollar is peculiar and true only of the One True BLOOD Purifier.

A private select school will commence in Sonora on May 2, and close on July 31, thereby continuing three months. It will be conducted by S. C. Pondolfo. He will accept not more than 30 pupils. He will prepare teachers for examination, students for college or teach pupils public school branches. He has been very successful both as an instructor and as a disciplinarian. He holds testimonials from some of the leading educational institutions of the South, also from men prominent in political circles.

For Sale by private.

A fine 8 year old Jack 15 hands high. Good disposition and reliable. May be seen at the ranch. \$300 will buy him.

O. T. Vond & Son,
Sonora, Texas.

Friday night of last week a pleasant hop was given in honor of Miss Sophie Vanderstucken, at the court house. The attendance was not large but congenial and consequently enjoyable. The following were present:

Mr. and Mrs. John Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. James Hagerlund, Mrs. J. E. Mills, Misses Vanderstucken, Florence Felton, Ida Wilson, Monty Rountree, Leitta Moss, Bertie Taylor, Annie Caruthers, Marie Palmer, Joanna Stokes, Annie Sharp, Pearl Mills, Fleta Franklin, Annie Stokes, Winnie Buchanan, Leitta and Lena Stephenson, Rosa Fonders, Messrs. E. J. Vanderstucken, C. C. Mann, D. H. Burroughs, Alex McGonagill, Walter Mann, Mode Glasscock, Joe Morris, Bob Holland, Jim Bramley, Jim Barton, Louis Barksdale, Rube Baker, Horton Haley, Bruce and Millard Drake, Sam Woodward, B. F. Berkeley, S. D. Foote, J. D. Hobbgood, Mortie Mills, Will Babb, Charlie Sharp, Mark Baugh, Walter Beavers, Will and Jeff Glenn, J. M. Collins, J. P. McConnell, J. B. Hill, Jim Keene, J. T. Cooper and Mike Murphy.

Pete King left for his old home in Mason Monday.

A. C. Bean the well known stock man from the Pecos country was in Sonora several days this week.

J. L. Lawless, of Lott, Falls county was in Sonora several days this week.

Ladies, be sure to come and see our new Spring and Summer dress goods, embroideries, trimmings, etc. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

W. B. Silliman of Eldorado and R. Thompson of Austin were in Sonora Wednesday on land business.

Lige Cone, the handsome young stockman from the Llano was in Sonora Tuesday wanting to join the army. 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. \$1 16c

R. S. Caruthers is having an addition put to his stable this week. When finished will be one of the best livery stables in town.

Lewis Mayfield returned from attending college at Galveston last Saturday. Lewis does not fancy going to war at present and will probably be reinstated with Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

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. 82-21.

At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Sonora last week they decided not to loan any of the bank deposits until the war is over or money matters settle down again. This wise move puts our bank on a solid war basis.

Hagerlund Bros. & Co's. new stock of millinery and fancy dress goods are the choicest and best assortment ever shown the ladies of the Sonora country. Call and examine them.

Dr. G. G. Martin, the dentist and his assistant, Dr. McKillop arrived from Ozona Wednesday and are the guests of the Commercial hotel.

Work will commence on an 8 room addition to the Decker hotel next week. The increasing patronage at the Decker necessitates these improvements.

Ladies! our second stock of spring millinery has just arrived. Hat shapes, trimmings etc. and are going fast.

Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Calendar Clock safe.

J. B. Taylor of the wholesale and retail grocery house of J. B. Taylor & Co. of San Angelo, was in Sonora this week, and had on exhibition at the Decker Hotel, the Calendar Clock Safe, one of the completest and most useful kitchen cabinets your reporter has had the pleasure of examining. It is intended to hang on the wall over or convenient to the table, is made of japanned tin with spring locks and every convenience. There are four large compartments for flour, rice, sugar and meal; a section for coffee with coffeemill attached; six spice and tea boxes; a large bread or cake box and a miscellaneous bin. The Chicago Record Cook book, clock, calendar, scale, and combination sieve and scoop go with each safe. The compartments are air tight and conveniently arranged and there is no doubt that the Calendar Clock safe would be greatly appreciated by any housekeeper in the Sonora country.

Dr. G. G. Martin, Dentist

Is a graduate of two schools and a Post Graduate of the American College of Dental Surgery, of Chicago, Ill. Can put in one, two or three teeth, or a full set, without a plate, and which cannot be removed, and with which one can crack nuts, or use in any way as could be natural teeth. Also cure any and all cases of scurvy and tighten loose teeth.

Responsible people will be given thirty days time in which to test this work before paying for it.

Teeth extracted free for parties having plate work done.

Old fashioned rubber plates made to order at from \$3 to \$8 a set.

All kinds of soft filling from 50c to \$1. And I will give \$10 to any person who will remove one of these fillings.

Special attention given to paring having been humbugged. Office at Commercial Hotel.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

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Who will get you MORE for it than any other house in Texas and charge you LEAST for doing it, only 2 1-2 per cent., with

NO BIG INSURANCE OR STORAGE CHARGES ATTACHED.

ASK OUR SATISFIED CUSTOMERS FOR FACTS.

Always Ready to Make Reasonable Advances. Wool Sacks and Twine to our Customers at Cost to Us.

List your Muttons That You Have for Sale This Spring with Them and They Will Assist you in Getting Good Prices For Them.

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

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ALAMO IRON WORKS,

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WINDMILLS, HARDWARE, ETC., ETC.

We keep everything in Hardware, Glassware, Chinaware, Acromotor Windmills, Well Supplies of all kinds, Piping, Casing, Cynress and Galvanized Tanks, Horse Power and Pump Jacks, Steam and Power Drilling Machines, Hacks, Buggies, Bait, O. D. Hickory and the celebrated Deere Steel Wagon, Coal, Buggy and hack tops, etc. We will save you money during 1918.

C. & C. HAGELSTEIN COMPANY,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

I am prepared to furnish 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 foot Steel Star Mills, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 1-2 and 25 foot of the celebrated Eclipse mills, and all kinds of well supplies at close figures. My office is at Hagelestains.

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MRS. LAURA DECKER, PROPRIETRESS.

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Our Table is the Best.

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Aristotype and Platinum Photos a Specialty.

Enlarged Portraits, Picture Frames, Wall Pockets, Novelties, Etc. Etc.

J. M. Stokes, Editor of the Rock Springs Rustler, is spoken of as a candidate for Democratic nomination for Representative. He is all O. K. says a citizen of Ballinger who knows him.—Ballinger Ledger.

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.

Fast colored dress percales from \$1.30 up at Mayer Bros. & Co.

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 SONORA, TEXAS. April 30, 1908

PHOTOGRAPHING FIRES.
 Stirring and Picturesque Scenes Caught by Amateur Firefighters.

There are in the city amateur photographers who make a specialty of fires, but whose photographic interest in fires is, after all, but secondary. They are primarily interested in fires and firemen. They are firefighters, and with them, though they may be well advanced in the art, photography but adds to the interest they find in fires and serves for the preservation of stirring scenes of wonderful fire and smoke effects and of the working of the fire department under all sorts of conditions.

There are probably not more than half a dozen of these photographers at all, and another get a picture of a fire, but only casually, as opportunity presents. A fire is not like scenery, or a house, or a bridge, that one can go out and photograph when one wants to or when the conditions are favorable, but it springs up unexpectedly at all sorts of hours and in various places, and to get a photograph of it one must have knowledge of the fire, freedom of movement and a camera always at hand, besides command of facilities for work after getting to the fire. These requirements necessarily limit the fire photographers to a very small number, confined to the ranks of firefighters.

There is probably no man whose blood is not stirred by the sight of a fire engine dashing along the street to a fire. Everybody is fascinated by the spectacle of the fire itself; all are interested in the fire department and its work and everything pertaining to it. There are some for whom these things have an absorbing interest. These are the firefighters, with an intense interest in the fire department and in everything belonging to it and a like interest in fires.

The firefighter may be a business man. He is likely to be a man whose time is more or less at his own command, who can come and go as he pleases. Of course he has a fire badge, so that he is free within the fire lines. He is familiar with the working of the department. An apparatus going along the street has for him a significance quite beyond that which it would have even for one interested in such subjects, but not familiar with them. There are various things about the movements of apparatus that to him convey definite information.

If the firefighter is also an amateur photographer, he has a camera at his place of business or his office ready, but he photographs many other things about the department besides fires. He has, for example, a picture of the men turning out on an alarm, the scene in the bunkroom, with the firemen jumping out of bed. He has pictures of the hooking up in the engine house, with the horses dashing for their places, and pictures of speed exhibitions taken at public displays of the department and pictures of drilling men, men jumping into nets, and that sort of thing.

At the fire he may take, besides pictures of the fire itself, a picture of a big stream, of course, with the pipe and the men holding it. One who looks at a series of such pictures realizes right away that he is looking at something out of the ordinary. The fire photographer takes, perhaps, a picture of the fire line with the policemen holding the people back, and the men and the boys composing it—the fire line that everybody has seen. On a still day it takes a smoke effect—a fire engine with great masses of white smoke rolling up from the smokestack and broadening out into a great, rolling plume above.

After the fire he may take pictures of the wrecked buildings or of a striking interior. He takes next day, perhaps, a picture of a building covered with playbills. It is not always possible to get a satisfactory picture of the fire. It is comparatively easy to get good pictures of the incidental happenings. Altogether such pictures make a series of great interest. The photographer gives copies to his friends, and sometimes he has them mounted as lantern slides. Thus enlarged and thrown upon a screen, they make pictures of a most striking and interesting character.—New York Sun.

How to Behave.
 I take at random two specimens from an early Victorian manual: "When entering the boudoir of a lady friend, a gentleman should be very careful to remove his hat," and "If at a dinner party you have the honor to sit next your hostess, and she depute to you the duty of carrying a leg of mutton, and if, in doing so, you inadvertently upset this joint into your hostess' lap, do not, as the vulgar would, apologize profusely and offer to buy her a new dress, but pass it off lightly as a joke." Strange though it seems, the arbiter of conversation and etiquette in the present day has made no great advance from such modes of wisdom.—Saturday Review

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 wholesystem.

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, 25c.

HUNGRY IN LONDON.
 Hard For a Stranger to Get a Meal After Midnight.
 Americans who have penetrated as far away from home as London remark, as one of the more striking peculiarities of that metropolis, the extraordinary difficulty in getting something to eat there after midnight, says Harper's Weekly. There are perhaps 50 open all night restaurants in New York, and in all considerable American cities provision is made for people who have occasion for food when most people are asleep. The restaurant wagons, which have come to be familiar in most American cities, do business from sunset to sunrise or later, and in themselves form a sufficient safeguard against nocturnal famine. London seems not to have developed even these itinerant havens.

Mr. Julian Ralph lately communicated to the London Mail a distressing narrative (though happy in its ending) of the anguish of an American gentleman who left Paris with nothing more than a cup of coffee in him, omitted to take food at Boulogne or on the boat ("I find it's throwing money overboard to eat crossing the channel"), and who found himself in London after midnight, "so hungry that I was all one clamorous appetite with a hat on and a suit of clothes." There was not a bite of anything at his hotel. He had not telegraphed. He was recommended to consult a cabman. Cabby took him to a proprietary club, where he was at first refused admittance and afterward told that he could get in by signing an application for membership and paying an initiation fee, but as there was no food in the house except a few sandwiches he retired.

A house near by was said to contain food, which could be had at a cost of a guinea for a chop, a guinea for a potato and so on. "That didn't do, either. Then the cabby, touched by the anguish of his fare and assured that the plumest food would more than satisfy a man the sides of whose stomach were knocking together like castanets, drove to a little green cabin stranded in the roadway in Piccadilly," frequented and sustained by cabmen, and there the suffering American got the steak and potatoes and bread and tea that his system clamored for. The food was good and the company genial and well mannered, so the story ended with the return of a happy man to his hotel, but he still wonders that the habits of London should be so very different from the habits of American cities.

Other Americans have been heard of whose experiences have stirred in them the same surprise. One of them is Mr. Ralph himself, who says: "Why London does not demand all night restaurants I don't know, except it be that the English have developed the home, their love of it and its capacity for giving satisfaction as no other people have. And England, be it remembered, is all English."

THE NEW WAY.
 WOMEN used to think "female diseases" could only be treated after "local examinations" by physicians. Dread of such treatment kept thousands of modest women silent about their suffering. The introduction of **McELEE'S Wine of Cardui** has now demonstrated that nine-tenths of all the cases of menstrual disorders do not require a physician's attention at all. The simple, pure
 taken in the privacy of a woman's own home insures quick relief and speedy cure. Women need not hesitate now. Wine of Cardui requires no humiliating examinations for its adoption. It cures any disease that comes under the head of "female troubles"—disordered menses, falling of the womb, "whites," change of life. It makes women beautiful by making them well. It keeps them young by keeping them healthy. \$1.00 at the drug store.
 For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the Chicago Dispensary Department, The Chicago Dispensary, Chicago, Illinois, Tenn.
 W. L. ADDISON, M. D., Cary, Miss., says: "I use Wine of Cardui extensively in my practice and find it most excellent preparation for female troubles."

Schilling's Best
 are for you; for your neighbor too, and your grocer.
 For sale by
 Mayer Bros. & Co., Sonora, Tex.
RAZORBACK HAMS.
 A Virginia Delicacy That Has a Wide Reputation.
 In the twelfth and thirteenth annual reports of the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture a high tribute is paid to the Smithfield ham, which is produced in Virginia, in the counties of Isle of Wight, Surrey, Southampton and Nansemond. An inspector of the department of agriculture has made a special study of its history and preparation. The fame of the Smithfield ham is well established, says the report, its "only rival" being "the celebrated Westphalia ham, which many consider to be inferior." The name is derived from a small town on Pagan creek, about 30 miles from Norfolk. Its reputation began about 100 years ago with the hams cured by a Mr. Todd of Smithfield. Its sale is extensive, extending to all the larger cities of the Union, and some of the 30,000 hams produced yearly go to Europe to meet the demand of connoisseurs of the old world. Much of the product is sold in England and France to private parties, who order their hams "before the crop is cured." Western pigs have been imported and fattened as well as cured at Smithfield, but the meat was unsatisfactory, being coarse compared with the local product. Strange to say, the animal which produces the incomparable Smithfield ham is the "razorback" hog, a semi-wild, friendless, not to say odious, variety which is found in the mountains of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. This variety is described as "long nosed, slab-sided and like a race horse," with legs of extraordinary length. It has a bad name among farmers who breed fine stock, but for ham it has no equal.

Much depends on the proper feeding and upon the curing of the hams. For a time in the youth of the "razorback" he is allowed in the summer to run wild in the woods and gain thus a gamy flavor, when he is turned into fields from which crops have been gathered, where he begins to fatten. Of this fattening process the report says: "In the fall, when the corn crop has been gathered, the hogs are turned into the cornfields. In these fields every other row has been planted to black eyed peas, and the hogs are allowed to gather these and the small corn that has been left in the field. When turned into these fields they are very thin. The feed they get there causes them to fatten rapidly. As the potatoes are gathered the hogs are allowed to follow in these fields and get the small potatoes that are left. In the district which produces the most Smithfield hams there are a great many sweet potatoes and peanuts raised, and the hogs are allowed free access to these fields as soon as the crops are gathered. The potatoes, and particularly the peanuts, add fat with astonishing rapidity, but the fat is very soft. Peanut fat in particular has a translucent, oily character, which, from its tendency to drip when the hams are hung up, causes a great shrinkage in the weight." After the razorback has cleaned up the fields the next step is to pen him up and give him corn and plenty of clean water. With this diet he fattens quickly to the desired extent. The curing is with Liverpool salt and saltpeter, after which the hams are washed clean and slowly smoked for 40 days with green hickory or red oak. Many farmers raise the hogs, but few cure them. They are sold to skilled curers, who supply the market with about 300,000 pounds of ham yearly.—Baltimore Sun.

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