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as second-class matter.

Sonora, Texas, Dec 29, 1900.

SAVED HIS POSITION.

QUICK WIT LANDED HIM SAFELY OUT  
OF A TIGHT PLACE.

How a Clerk Worked Up an Excuse  
That Was Gladly Accepted by His  
Employer, to Whom He Had Shown  
Gross Inefficiency.

"It's mighty hard for a clerk to be  
naive and polite all the time," said the  
department manager in one of the big  
stores. "A clerk is like any other man  
being, subject to headaches and  
indigestion and fits of irritability, and  
occasionally he will be a little gruff  
without intending it. When I was  
younger, a few thoughtless words once  
came near losing me a good job, and  
the way I escaped being fired was  
rather amusing. It happened like this:  
"I had charge of the men's furnishing  
counter in a large clothing store,  
and the pay being first rate and chance  
of promotion excellent I was naturally  
anxious to hold on to the job. One  
morning, however, I was feeling all  
out of sorts and was just developing  
an ugly headache, when a man came in  
and asked to see some cravats.

"I could tell from his general appear-  
ance he was from the north, and he  
had a curt, semisuspicious manner  
that irritated me immediately. If I  
had been feeling well, I would have  
kept my temper, but my head was  
throbbing, and when he pawed over  
the stock, finding fault with everything  
and sneering at my statements as to  
quality I began to get crusty.

"Finally I couldn't stand it any longer.  
"If you really want a scarf," I  
said, "you'll find plenty here that, I  
dare say, are as good as anything  
you've been accustomed to wear." Just  
then I happened to look up and caught  
sight of a floorwalker standing in a  
rear aisle and making frantic gestures  
to me with his hands.

"If you'll wait a moment," I said to  
the customer, wondering what the  
diabols was up, "I'll see if I can find  
something else at the other side." With  
that I hurried over to where the floor-  
walker was standing. "What's the mat-  
ter?" I asked in a low tone.

"Great Scott, man," he whispered,  
"that's the boss!"

"The store, as I should have explain-  
ed, was the southern branch of a New  
York establishment, and during the  
time I had been there the head of the  
firm had never before paid it a visit in  
person. Consequently I didn't know  
him by sight, and my blood ran cold  
when I realized how helplessly I had  
rammed my foot into it. During the  
next five seconds I did some quick  
thinking, and among other things that  
came crowding into my mind was the  
fact that the boss had been married on-  
ly a short time before. That gave me  
an idea.

"I'm going back," I whispered to the  
floorwalker, "and in a minute or two  
you send one of the boys to me with a  
piece of folded letter paper."

"What are you up to?" he asked.

"Never mind," said I. "You do ex-  
actly as I say. Let him just hand me  
the paper and walk off. I hurried back  
to the counter and found my man look-  
ing black as thunder. "Sorry," I said,  
still as gruff as ever, "but that's all we  
have. If nothing in it suits you, you'll  
have to go elsewhere."

"Very well," he replied sarcastically,  
"and now let me give you a small piece  
of information. I—"

"At that moment a boy handed me  
the paper. I tore it open, pretended to  
read a note, slapped my leg joyfully  
and proceeded to do a double shuffle on  
the floor. The stranger glared at me in  
amusement. "What the deuce is the  
matter with you?" he growled. "Are  
you crazy or just drunk?"

"Neither," I cried. "I am simply re-  
lieved, inexpressively relieved and re-  
joiced! You must pardon this idiotic  
exhibition, my dear sir. I went on ear-  
nestly, and I hope you will also par-  
don my gross rudeness to you a mo-  
ment ago. I was beside myself with  
anxiety and didn't know what I was  
doing. The fact is," I said, with the  
best imitation of diffidence I could  
muster up, "the fact is, we have just  
had a new arrival out at my house.  
It's a boy, sir, and everything's all  
right. And really I hope you will over-  
look—"

"Don't say a word," he interrupted,  
cordially grasping by hand. "I appreciate  
your feelings, and your apology is  
ample. Here's my card."

"So that was the way I got out of it,"  
added the department manager, grin-  
ning. "but it was a close shave, espe-  
cially in view of the fact that I was  
and am a case-hardened old bachelor,  
with a special aversion to infants. The  
boss was very kind and cordial, and  
whenever he came to town afterward  
he never failed to ask how the young-  
ster was getting on. He doesn't know  
any better to this day."—New Orleans  
Times-Democrat.

**Boston's Slave Market.**  
In the old colonial days Boston had  
an "intelligence office," which was also  
a slave market, as appears from a no-  
tice published in February, 1770: "The  
intelligence office opposite the Golden  
Ball, lately kept by Benjamin Leigh, is  
now kept by Grant Webster. There is  
to be sold at said office West India  
and New England rum, wines of sev-  
eral sorts, male and female negroes,  
several secondhand chairs," etc.—New  
York Tribune.

## Study THESE Figures

EXAMINE THE GOODS

And You Will Take Advantage of Our Few Days

# COST SALE

### Boys 2 Piece Suits:

Former Price \$3 and 3.50	now \$1.75
" " 4.	" 2.55
" " 4.50	" 3.00
" " 5.	" 3.25
" " 5.50	" 3.50

### Youths 3 Piece Suits.

That we sold for 6.50	now 4.00
" " 7.50	" 5.25
" " 8.	" 5.50
" " 4.50	" 3.00
" " 8.50	now 6 and 6.75

### MENS SUITS.

6.50 SUITS	Now go For	4.00
7.50 "	" "	5.50
8 and 9 "	" "	6.60
12 "	" "	9.35 to 9.50
12.50 "	" "	9.90
15 "	" "	11.50
16 "	" "	12.50
20 "	" "	16.00

### Good Shirts for 55, 65 & 75c

All wool Fancy Worsted, were 12 1-2 to 15 c	now 8 c
" " " " 20 c	" 10 c
" " " " 25 c	" 11 c
" " " " 40 c	" 25 c

### WARNERS RUST PROOF CORSETS,

--If they Rust bring them Back--

No. 33 High Bust,	now 90 c
No. 67 Medium waist	now 90 c
22 1-2 Yards of Calico	for \$1.00.
25 Yards of Shirting Calico	for \$1.00.

REMEMBER These Prices Hold Good until Jany. 1st.

The Rush Is On

AND WE HAVE ONLY TIME TO GIVE A FEW OF THE BARGAINS IN STORE FOR YOU.

EVERYTHING IN OUR DRY GOODS LINE

GOES AT COST AND LESS FOR CASH

SHOES, HATS AND ALL.

# HAGERLUND BROS. & CO.

### A FAMOUS BEAUTY'S RESCUE

Emily Marshall's Walk Over a Un-  
suan Bridge at Niagara.

Writing of "The Loveliest Woman in  
All America," William Perrine, in The  
Ladies' Home Journal, recalls the  
thrilling adventure of Emily Marshall,  
the famous Boston beauty, at Niagara  
Falls. She, with Nathaniel P. Willis  
and a young, unmarried college student,  
Job Smith, attempted to go under the  
falls. In these days a perilous undertak-  
ing. After they had proceeded a short  
distance under the sheet of water there  
was a rumbling noise and a commotion,  
and a part of the ledge which formed  
the path disappeared, cutting Miss  
Marshall off from her companions by  
an abyss six feet in width and leaving  
her but a small stone in the swirling  
torrents to stand upon.

"In the commotion Job had been for-  
gotten, but instantly a ray of hope shot  
into Willis' heart when he saw his rug-  
ged features, his sandy hair plastered  
over his forehead, his scanty dress  
clinging to his form like a skin and his  
hand trembling on the poet's shoulder  
as he steadied his steps. Without say-  
ing what he intended to do he crept  
down carefully to the edge of the foam-  
ing abyss till he stood up to his knees  
in the breaking bubbles. It seemed im-  
possible that he could reach the lovely  
creature or that she could jump for-  
ward safely from the slippery rock in-  
to his arms.

"Willis covered his eyes in fear and  
wonder. The next moment when he  
opened them there lay at his feet the  
quivering and exhausted girl. Job was  
nearly seven feet high. He had flung  
himself over the gulf, caught the rock  
with his fingers and with certain death  
if he missed his hold. Miss Marshall  
had quickly walked over his body in its  
bridglike posture. At this moment the  
guide returned with a rope, fastened it  
around one of Job's feet and dragged  
him back through the whirlpool. When  
he recovered from his immersion, he  
fell on his knees in a prayer of thanks  
to God, in which the poet and the beauty  
devoutly joined him."

### HE ASPIRED TO OFFICE.

And He Will Never Forget His First  
Lesson in Politics.

One Detroitter who hopes some day  
to be elected to the legislature jollies  
the reporters by saying that he used  
to be a member of the craft. One of  
them, who prefers evidence to bare as-  
sertion, asked the political aspirant all  
about it and extorted this reluctant ex-  
planation:

"Well, just between you and me, it  
was this way: My father ran a weekly  
paper down in Indiana, and it was  
the party organ in the county. When  
I got home from college, I made up my  
mind that I was about ripe to be the  
clerk of courts. The old gentleman  
told me that I was pretty raw, but he  
agreed to be my strategy board and  
said he reckoned he could pull me  
through if I'd obey orders and make  
no moves on my own responsibility. I  
can see now that he was a great gen-  
eral, but you know how heady a young  
fellow is before the world has bumped  
him a few times.

"So I put up what I thought was a  
great scheme and kept it from the gov-  
ernor. The truth is that I thought him  
just a little slow for my class. The  
man against me on the opposition tick-  
et lived in another town, and we had  
never met. So I went over there, told  
him that I was a reporter from my fa-  
ther's paper and proceeded to get his  
plans for making the fight.

"We had a delightful talk for an  
hour, smoking his cigars and sampling  
the juice of the grape from his own  
vineyard. I was too tickled for words  
till I got about half way home. Then  
I'd liked to have gone into a faint. It  
just dawned upon me that my smooth  
fiend hadn't told me a confounded thing  
and had got out of me my campaign to  
the minutest details. I was beaten  
to a standstill, and the old gentleman  
advised me to move."—Detroit Free  
Press.

### Mail Box Honesty.

"That naive trust in human honesty  
that one sees here is distinctly Amer-  
ican," said an Englishman, pointing to  
a letter box. "I would like to see a  
continental business man lay packages  
and large envelopes on the top of the  
post boxes. They would be taken be-  
fore the glue of the stamps was dry.  
There is another reason why we can't  
do that at home. Our dear old London  
fogs would wipe out the address in  
short order, and unless the collections  
were frequent the paper would be re-  
duced to a pulp. A dry climate makes  
you Americans talk with a dreadful  
nasal accent, but it shows up your  
honesty."—New York Tribune.

### Appropriate Shades.

A party of Americans were sitting  
on the upper deck of a Rhine river boat  
enjoying the charming scenery. One  
was reading aloud from a guidebook  
about the various castles as they came  
into view. Just as the boat was pass-  
ing one of the finest old buildings a  
woman in the party exclaimed to her  
companion: "Why, that old castle is  
inhabited. See, there are blinds at the  
windows."

"No," said a man standing by her  
side; "those are the shades of their an-  
cestors."

### Boaters.

"D'ye notice any change since ye  
was here before, sor?" asked the native  
guide at the lakes of Killarney.

"How do you know I was never here  
before?" asked the American tourist.  
"With sor, no-man ever comes here  
that hasn't been here before."—Phila-  
delphia Record.

### Feminine Thrift.

He—Have you done as I asked, Elsie,  
and saved some money this month?

She—Oh, yes. I spoke to the grocer  
and asked him not to send in his bill  
till next month.—Fleegende Blatter.

CHAS. SCHREINER.

WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANT,

BANKER DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Headquarters for Ranch Supplies

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ANTONIO PEARL BEER ALWAYS ON HAND.

The Most Popular Resort in West Texas.

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DEALERS IN

GRAIN, HAY, OATS, ETC.

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE BEST WAGON AND FEED YARD.

At the old Marx place.

Sonora,

Texas.

PUT UP AT THE DECKER

LIVERY - STABLE,

WALTER WHITE, Proprietor.

You Can Get What You Want at

KIRKLAND'S RESTAURANT.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.



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Successor to Mose Taylor

Dealer in Saddlery, Saddlery Hardware, Double and Single Buggy Harness, Robes, Collars, Hames, Leather, Bridle Bits, Spurs, Etc.

I have in my employ the Best Skilled Workmen in West Texas and do not turn out any "Shoddy" work from my store.

MY SADDLES ARE GUARANTEED NOT TO BREAK, CRAWL OR HURT. Call and see me when you are in the city.

## SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Concho Avenue, Opposite Landon Hotel, Phone No. 136.

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### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

The Christmas holidays have been thoroughly enjoyed in Sonora this year by every body. The attendance of stockmen with their families has been large and most gratifying to the town. The weather has been ideal and nothing seems to have interrupted the gaiety. The Christmas trade was unusually good and beyond the expectation of many. Santa Claus had his agents in Sonora for nearly a month but on the arrival of the old Saint himself he received a most enthusiastic greeting from a full house at the court house. But little effort had been made at decoration and the tree was not laden with presents as formerly but the roots of the tree were surrounded by numerous and costly presents. C. M. Deere made the opening address of welcome and introduced Santa Claus. The presents were distributed by half past nine.

After the Christmas tree there was a balloon ascension from in front of C. M. Deere's palace of business.

The boys had a great time with fire works this Christmas and fortunately no accidents were reported. The use of fire works in a community of this kind should not be encouraged on account of fire. The daily papers report many fires caused by fire works.

The Turkey shoot was a snap for the shooters but the turkeys did not hold out long enough. Those who shot first got the turkeys.

There was a very large attendance at the races both days of the meeting, but the purse races lacked interest for want of close competition. G. W. Morris' horse Carter Johnson won the three-eighths dash without opposition. The quartar race was won by Sam Thurman's mare Veona by 20 ft. with Yellow Wolf second.

The race programme being over for the first day, many interesting pony races were matched and run. The first race on the second day was a quarter mile dash with Yellow Wolf, Vixie and Gussie fitted to make the start. Vixie is a half sister to the Wolf and it is thought by many that she is better than the Wolf. It was the Wolf's race though, he winning by several feet.

The best race of the meet was the 300 yards dash for saddle horses. Four horses started in the race viz: Valentine by Mat Keton; Pocahontas by George Cox; Long Blue by Sam Cox; Constable by W. D. Thomason. All the horses contested this race from start to finish and 20 feet from the wire Pocahontas and Valentine were neck and neck but here the Long Blue shot forward and won the race from Pocahontas with Valentine third.

These races were followed by some more matched races which seemed to hold the interest of the crowd and was the cause of much sport. The most exciting of these matched races was between Sam Thurman's Whiteman and Jim Alford's sorrel. The Whiteman's friends thought they had a walk over and offered odds and day light, but the sorrel won by two feet.

The Christmas ball was a success and there was standing room only. Hernandez string band of four pieces rendered good music and a merry Christmas was pictured on the faces of nearly all in the vast assembly. They had a fine, jolly time even if the floor was crowded.

## Buggy and Organ Contest.

Those participating in the contest must have their coupons in by 12 o'clock Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, coupons received after that hour will not be counted. Put your coupons in a sealed package, with name plainly written thereon.

wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Thanking you for your past and asking for a continuance of your liberal patronage, we are yours truly  
**Hagerlund Bros & Co**  
**J. Lewenthal,**

### YOUR COUPONS PLEASE.

The ladies of the Baptist church want all who have not promised their coupons to others to save the coupons for them in order to try and get the organ for the Baptist church. Those wishing to assist the ladies may hand their coupons to Mrs. A. R. Watson Mrs. W. A. Anderson or Mrs. J. L. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Luckie from Breezy Bluff neighborhood, were in Sonora Saturday on their way to the Grinnell ranch to spend the Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Alley.

### FOR RENT.

The most desirable business property in Sonora will be for rent early in January. The property is the Geo. S. Allison block on corner of Main street and Concho avenue. The buildings have a frontage on Main street of 40 feet and are 40 feet deep but will be, if desired, made to 60 feet deep. The stand is a good one and adapted to any line of business. For further particulars address,

GEO. S. ALLISON,  
Sonora, Texas.

**WELINGTON KLUB 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

### What Texas Gets.

The letter from the secretary of the treasury transmitting the estimates of the appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902 was given out a few days ago and the following items are those that affect the state of Texas:

There is asked for the city of Abilene, Texas, for postoffice and court house completion of building under present limit, \$87,500.

For the city of Beaumont, for postoffice and court house, completion of buildings under present limit, the sum of \$87,500.

For completing light and fog signal station on Sabine bank, in the Gulf of Mexico, off Sabine Pass, \$40,000.

For continuing improvement of Brazos river between Velasco and Richmond, West Galveston bay channel, Double bayou and the mouth of adjacent streams, \$100,000.

For continuing improvement of the mouth of the Brazos river, \$12,000.

For maintenance of improvement in the Nechee and Sabine rivers, \$4000.

For continuing improvement of Aransas Pass and bay, \$35,000.

For main enance of Galveston harbor, \$50,000.

For continuing improvement of Galveston ship canal and Buffalo bayou, \$300,000.

Total to Texas, \$656,000.

### Estrey Notice.

In compliance with law and upon the return of Geo. J. Trainer County Commissioner for Precinct No. 3, Sutton county, Texas, I hereby give notice that there has been found running at large, and not estrayed, the owner of which is unknown, one dark gray horse, about three years old, unbroke, about 14 1/2 hands-high, branded as follows (after E) on left thigh, said animal now ranging in the J. O. Rountree pasture, and if not legally proven away by the owner thereof, within twenty days from date hereof, the same will be advertised, and said commissioner will proceed to sell the same according to law.

Dated at Sonora, Texas, this 1st day of Dec. 1900.

S. H. STOKES,

County Clerk.

O. T. Word, the well-known stockman, who has been seriously ill, was able to be out driving on Christmas day but is still far from well.

Will Merck who was reported as seriously stabbed at Junction last week has recovered and was walking around at Junction, on Wednesday last.

### ARTHUR MARTIN.

Windmill Builder and Repairer.  
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.  
Shop at M. V. Sharp's Blacksmith Shop  
Sonora, Texas.

### For Sale or Trade for Cattle

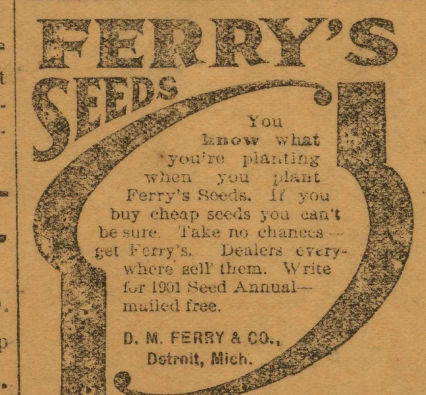
About 20 head of well bred stock horses, four yearlings in the bunch by The Asp, and the mares all bred to The Asp last year.

Enquire at the First National Bank, Sonora.

**C. H. ALLEN,**  
WILL DO YOUR ROCK WORK,  
CHIMNEY BUILDING, CISTERN DIGGING OR ANYTHING IN THAT LINE.  
Sonora, Texas.

Send your orders for  
**SPURS AND BRIDLE BITS**  
**Rufus Sterling,**  
Gunsmith and Machinist,  
San Angelo, Texas.

Plain Spurs or Bits \$2.50.  
Silver mounted Spurs or Bits with initials, brand and fancy carving \$5  
All work First Class and Guaranteed for two years.



FRANK SPARKS. FRED KOENIG.  
**THE BANK SALOON**  
Headquarters  
For Fine Wines, Liquors and Cigars.  
THE PATRONAGE OF THE PUBLIC SOLICITED.  
We Make a Specialty of  
**PURE WHISKIES FOR FAMILY AND MEDICINAL PURPOSES.**  
**F. M. WYATT,**  
**STEAM WELL DRILLER.**

TERMS REASONABLE. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.  
**SONORA, TEXAS.**

### Some Bold Statements.

Young Guy Fenley, a boy of 10 or 12 years, who resides in the town of Uvalde, Tex., can see a subterranean stream of water at a great depth as a man with ordinary eyes can see it through air from a mountain top. He is a son of Joel C. Fenley, stockman of Uvalde county, and brother of Judge G. B. Fenley, a leading lawyer of the same portion of the state.

The first intimation the boy's family had of his possession of his remarkable gift was some years ago. One evening while playing on the gallery of his father's ranch house he leaned over the edge, and looking down called his father's attention to a clear stream of water running under the ground. The father thought at first it was only some childish vagary, but the boy kept calling his attention, as they rode about the ranch, to other streams of water far under the earth's surface. Finally it dawned upon them that there was a reason for this, and members of the family began making tests. They would take the boy out at night—and strange as it may appear it is only at night the boy's eyes become actual X rays—leading him around until he would inform them he had discovered a stream of water. These tests were made in localities with which the boy was totally unacquainted. The brothers making the tests would creep behind and follow the boy as he would around over hills and through chapparal, marking his route here and there with small heaps of stones and broken underbrush. Following the stream for some distance they would lead him back by a circuitous route and start him out again on the line of the stream. He would follow his tracks exactly, often stumbling over the heaps of stones piled up to mark his former course.

Finally it was decided to make a more practical test. Two of Mr. Fenley's sons moved 200 miles west of Uvalde to what is known as the Big Bend of the Rio Grand. At this point for more than 100 miles up and down the river its banks are tall perpendicular cliffs. Numerous parties had tried ranching there, but none had been able to find water, and as cattle could not get to the river the country was uninhabited. The Fenleys now called to their aid the remarkable gift of their younger brother. He was taken out at night, and after wandering around a long time found a stream of water. He began following it, but said it was fully 500 feet to the water. Soon he reported it getting nearer the surface. They kept just behind him, and from time to time the boy gave information: "Now it is 200 feet to the water; now about 150." A short distance farther it was not over 100 feet. A few steps farther he stopped short.

"The water is about 80 feet below the surface here," he said, "but it drops over a high precipice and a few steps farther goes down, down. It's 500 feet to the water here," he said after advancing a few yards.

They bored a well at the 80 foot point and a fine stream was struck at 81 feet. He told them the kinds of rock, gravel and dirt formations that lay between, and

all proved as he had said. Other wells have been located by him, and he never misses his calculation by more than a few feet.

While following a stream his eyes are often half closed and he walks unconsciously into prickly pears and other obstructions, and when he turns aside from these, makes a leap as though springing across a brook.

He can not only see into the open earth but through the flesh of a horse or the human body and see the skeleton. In fact his eyes appear to be perfect X rays, as there has never yet been tried anything they could not penetrate.

A Herald reporter saw him a few months ago follow up a stream of water at a place he had never seen before. It was at a ranch house in Rio canyon, Uvalde county, where a wedding was to be celebrated, and the boy had just that day arrived in the neighborhood. He went to the wedding and upon alighting in the yard called to some boys to follow him as he was going to trace up a stream of water he had discovered about 30 feet beneath the surface. The reporter's curiosity was aroused and he followed. The boy zigzagged through the yard, up onto a gallery, through a hallway to the rear of the house and stopped at the well. The reporter asked the stockman the depth of his well and learned it was 35 feet.

This remarkable gift means to Guy Fenley a fortune beyond the dreams of avarice.—San Antonio Herald.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
W. J. FIELDS,  
Sonora, Texas,  
Dec. 8th, 1900.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned in Schleicher and Sutton counties, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
THOMSON BROS.,  
Eldorado.

### 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.  
81-ft. F. Mayer & Sons.

### Disolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing between E. Jackson and John H. Bon is this day dissolved by mutual consent. E. Jackson will continue the business of dealer in grain, hay, etc., and will assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the late firm.  
E. JACKSON,  
JOHN H. BON,  
Sonora, Nov. 24, 1900.

**YOU HAVE OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR YOURS TRULY, HAGERLUND BROS. & CO.**

### Union City Dots.

Friday Dec. 14, 1900.

Chas F. Adams of Sonora, was in the Union City this week talking trade.

Cal Ory and Nat Guest were out walking last Saturday night and had a pleasant walk.

Wallace Chesser was in the City last Thursday delivering his books.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moss left for Sonora today, Mrs. Wm. Adams and children accompanied them.

Malone Chesser is very ill this week from blood poison. G. W. Chesser is fixing to leave for Kerrville on a business trip.

Miss Edna Birtroug was the guest of Miss Pauline Chesser this week.

Will Adams is out at his ranch fixing to dip his sheep.

Every body is invited to attend the hop to be given at the City school house on the 21st and the concert will open with a Christmas tree and Barley Adams will officiate as Santa Claus.

Mr. Earwood has learned to shop on wood instead of his leg.—Union City Express.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment has been thoroughly tested for many years, and is a positive cure for this most distressing and embarrassing of troubles. Price, 50 cents in bottles.

It's a candy cure, at J. Lewenthal.

### The Magic Lantern.

How many of us while using magic lanterns have wondered how they were first made? Indeed they are of very respectable antiquity. As early as the seventeenth century a Jesuit named Kircher constructed one. It was a very crude affair, and as he was not unwilling to excite the fears of the persons who witnessed his exhibitions he called it a "magic" lantern, and so it has always been called.

There are reasons to believe that the lantern was in use even earlier than the seventeenth century and that the mysterious figures which the old astrologers produced in the smoke of their mystic fires were produced in the same way as Kircher produced his, the smoke hiding the lantern.

### It Told The Truth.

A countryman on a visit to Glasgow, while walking along Argyle street reading the signboards and the tickets in the shop windows, said to his companion: "Hoo can a' thae ham shops be the best and cheapest? Every yin o' them says that, and the same w' the clothes shops too. They are jist a' lot o' lies."

They continued along the street until, coming opposite a plumber's shop with a big bill in the window with the words "Cast Iron Sinks" printed in large letters on it, he exclaimed: "Well, look, here's yin that tells the truth at ony rate. But any danged fool kens that cast iron wad sink."

### Her Choice.

Once upon a time a Young Person, by dint of Frugality, had accumulated a Wad, and, the season of Millinery Openings having come, it was now up to her.

"Shall I," she mused in no small anxiety, "make my Wad look like 30 cents, or shall I trim my own hat and thus make myself look like 30 cents?"

As the Shrewd Reader will doubtless have conjectured, the Upshot of the matter was that the Young Person purchased a Lovely Imported Creation, costing \$50.—Detroit Journal.

### Obeying Papa.

Stern Father—Now, now, my boys. Quarrelling again—and for a miserable little halfpenny?

One of the Boys—Well, you said, father, the less we quarreled about the better.—London Tit-Bits.

### Sweet Emerson.

A beautiful volume of Emerson's "Essays, Miscellany, etc." It's a candy cure, at J. Lewenthal.

### Wrestle With This Problem.

Here is a little genealogical problem which perhaps some of our readers can solve. A man writes to the Liverpool Post, saying: "I have, like the rest of human beings, two parents. They in turn had each two. These four grandparents had each two, and so on. Now, if we take on an average four generations to a century 33 generations have passed away since the time of William the Conqueror, and by the simple process of multiplying two by itself 33 times I find that at the date of the Norman conquest I must have had 8,589,874,562 ancestors of that generation. But this is eight or nine times the total population of the globe at the present day and must be fully 30 or 40 times the total number of human beings living in the eleventh century, so that there must be a fallacy in my calculation somewhere. Can anybody tell me," he asks, "what the fallacy is?"

### Moon Worship in China.

The fete of the moon is celebrated in the eighth month of the year, and this lasts six days. Presents are then made on which the figure of the moon is apparent, and a large pagoda is illuminated. Firecrackers and music and family reunions prevail. A midnight banquet on the last night terminates the fest, and then the descent of the goddess of the moon, which we call the man in the moon, is awaited. She is supposed to visit the earth at this time to grant the wishes of mortals. "The moon with the Chinese is the patroness of poetry, and autumn is the poet's favorite season.—Leslie's Weekly.

### Evolution of Vanderbilt.

An old friend who keeps autographs as a hobby pointed out to me recently the evolution of the name of Vanderbilt as we have it at the present time. The original was Van der Bilt. The old commodore signed it thus: "Van derbilt." William II. signed it "Van derbilt," leaving a distinct space between the "n" and the small "d," as his father did between the "n" and the capital "D." Most of the present generation make one word of it.—New York Press.

### The Oldest Christian Hymn.

The oldest Christian hymn was composed not only by a pagan, the Roman Emperor Adrian, but by a persecutor of Christians as well. The hymn begins with the line "Vital spark of heavenly love" and was written between the years 76 and 138 A. D. The dates of the emperor's birth and death. The hymn was paraphrased by Alexander Pope in the early part of the



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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.

Subscription \$2.00 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora second-class matter.

SONORA, TEXAS. - December 29, 1900.

Mrs. Alice Brick left for San Angelo, Friday to spend a few days with friends.

Jim Barton, Hanie Barksdale and Dan Bihl started for McDevitt Thursday on a pleasure trip.

Sam G. Taylor our clever attorney left for Ozona Monday on professional business.

Good Shirts—at 55, 65, and 85c at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

M. Bachalew of Ewell, Upshur county, was in Sonora for a few days this week after a car load of the D. Swift horses.

Cape, shirts and Millinery goods BELOW COST at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Miss Dasie Johnson who is teaching school at the A. P. Belcher ranch is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. N. M. Huffman.

E. F. Vander Stucken Co., will pay the highest market price for hides and pelts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Gillespie of Ozona, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Gillespie's parents Mr. and Mrs. Sid W. Stephenson.

Graham flour in stock at C. M. Deere's.

D. O. Simonds of Edwards county was in Sonora for a few days trying to sell his hog claim.

EVERYTHING AT COST—coupons with it—at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

David Adams of the Llano, bought from Sam Hunter of Mason county 60 head of fine shearing goats at \$2 per head.

Get the daily market report at Caruthers & Hill.

We heard on good authority that E. I. Taliaferro of Mason county raised about 65 bales of cotton, and had let the contract for a \$300 residence. Good for E. I.

Bring in your coupons to Hagerlund Bros. & Co., or J. Lewenthal after Dec. 1st so that they can be counted.

Hugh Rutledge and Angus Lewis were in Sonora Saturday from the A. F. Clarkson ranch, on their way to Sherwood, where Hugh will gather some of his cattle and bring them out here.

**A Keen Clear Brain.**

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by E. S. Briant Druggist.

Arthur Stuart the young stockman was in Sonora Friday and acting as one of the boys. He left on Saturday stage on his way to visit his wife's folks in Groesbeck, Limestone county, and to spend the holidays.

Fred Trainer was in from the Llano, Saturday enjoying himself.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schwalbe were in Sonora Saturday on their way to San Angelo.

Buy your corn, oats and bran from C. M. Deere.

Charley Caruthers one of the T half circle ranch heavy weights was in Sonora Saturday, getting some funny stuff for Christmas.

Praise the bridge that carries you over either a flood or cough. Ballard's Horehound Syrup has brought so many over throat and lung troubles, such praises are sung everywhere. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Geo. Trainer Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, was in Sonora Saturday for Christmas supplies and telling some funny yarns.

**COST SALE at Hagerlund Bros. & Co., don't forget it.**

Malcolm McNicol and J. Trainer were in from the Tom Bond ranch Saturday for their Christmas supplies.

**Medicated Salt Rock at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.**

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Mayer and babe left for home Sunday after spending the week visiting friends in Sonora.

**Just Saved His Life.**

It was a thrilling escape that Charles Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cure have for 25 years, proved it's power to cure all throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00 Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at E. S. Briant's drug store.

Ed Decie returned from a business trip to San Angelo, Monday.

Highest market price paid for hides and pelts at E. F. Vander Stucken Co's.

Miss Lula Holland who is teaching school at R. T. Baker's ranch spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holland.

Wm. Adams, accompanied by Miss Della Carlton and Miss Hollamon who is teaching school at Union City, were in Sonora for a few days this week spending Christmas.

My stock is new and complete. Prices right. C. M. Deere.

Dud Hurst and Charlie Adams the well drillers came in from the Alpine country, to spend the holidays with their folks.

Will Whitehead and Andy Boone came in from the White head ranch Sunday and delivered the cows and bulls to Geo. Mapes of San Angelo.

A. F. Clarkson's father and mother of Hilldale, Mills county, Iowa, arrived in Sonora Saturday and will spend the winter out on the ranch.

No. 5466.

### Report of the Condition OF THE

First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora,

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 14th, 1900.

ASSETS.	
Loans and discounts	\$74,838.41
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,171.23
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	303.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	94.00
Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	3,703.83
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	27,482.54
Due from State Banks and Bankers	433.21
Due from approved reserve agents	12,601.29
Internal revenue stamps	112.25
Checks and other cash items	103.00
Notes of other National Banks	50.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	48.15
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN FULL PAYMENT	1,120.00
Legal tender notes	4,120.00
Reception fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,569.95</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,830.26
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	730.23
Due to State Banks and Bankers	99.40
Individual deposits subject to check	87,249.97
Notes and bills rediscounted	17,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,569.95</b>

STATE OF TEXAS. )  
CORREY OF SUFFERS. ) L. W. L. Aldwell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of knowledge and belief.

W. E. ALDWELL, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Dec., 1900.  
S. G. Taylor, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.

Correct-Attest:  
D. A. Gauthorn, } Directors.  
E. F. Vander Stucken, }  
Geo. S. Allison, }

The congressional race in this the 12th district resulted in a vote of 18,321 for Slayden and 11,564 for Drake.

The jury in the Bill Taylor case at Brownwood could not agree and were discharged and the case continued. The jury stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction.

The next regular conference of the Baptist Church of Sonora will be held on the first Sunday of Jan. 1901, immediately after the eleven o'clock service. Business of special importance will be transacted and full attendance is very desirable.

A. R. WATSON,  
Pastor.

An attractive woman thrive on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. When troubled with a costive habit, she takes a few doses of Herbine to cleanse her system of all impurities. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Casenberry and family spent Christmas in Sonora.

Geo. S. Allison sold to Geo. Mapes of San Angelo 60 fat cows at t. p.

C. T. Turney sold to Geo. Mapes of San Angelo, about 60 head of fat cows at t. p.

Concho Valley celery for sale at C. M. Deere's.

Mrs. Green Justice and children returned to the ranch Sunday accompanied by Jess Barksdale.

Al Halsey and son George were in from the ranch on Devil's River this week.

Fresh goods for fruit cakes, at C. M. Deere's.

Miss Hollie Davis left on Thursday stage on a visit to friends and relatives in Ballinger.

Charlie Nichols the contractor and stockman left for John Rae's ranch on Buck Horn to spend the holidays.

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

Will Walker and son John the horse-trainers of Edwards county, were in Sonora this week attending to the races.

No. 5290.

### Report of the Condition OF THE

The San Angelo National Bank, AT SAN ANGELO,

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 13th, 1900.

ASSETS.	
Loans and discounts	\$299,707.55
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	11,215.44
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	51.75
Banking-house furniture & fixtures	8,451.36
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	47,403.78
Due from State Banks and Bankers	6,044.74
Due from approved reserve agents	147,304.87
Internal revenue stamps	235.31
Checks and other cash items	3,329.73
Notes of other National Banks	500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	34.40
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN FULL PAYMENT	12,730.00
Legal tender notes	5,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer other than 5 per cent redemption fund	717.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$672,592.43</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	72,212.36
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	1,851.39
Due to State Banks and Bankers	6,237.85
Individual deposits subject to check	310,885.72
Demand certificates of deposit	115.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,291.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$672,592.43</b>

STATE OF TEXAS. )  
CORREY OF SUFFERS. ) I. A. A. DeBerry, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. A. DeBerry, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1900.  
J. L. Malone,  
Notary Public, in and for Tom Green County, Texas.

Correct-Attest:  
M. L. Mertz, } Directors.  
C. W. Hobbs, }  
Geo. J. Brod, }

Don't forget the Centenary dance Monday night at the court house.

## THE SAN ANGELO NATIONAL BANK,

SAN ANGELO, TEX.

Capital - \$100,000.  
Surplus and Profits - \$83,946.97.

Offers to Depositors all the Accommodations which their Balances, Business and Responsibility Justify.

M. L. MERTZ, President. C. W. HOBBS, Vice-President.  
A. A. DeBerry, Cashier.

W. B. Stillman, of E Dorado, sold to sandy parties 200 cows and calves, at \$20 for cows and \$7 for calves.

Jackson & Quinn sold to J. E. Wycknam, representing Jas. McLymont, for John Berry, 8000 stock sheep at p. t.

Fayette Tankersley and J. S. Todd bought 67 high grade Hereford Durham bulls, three to five year old, 20 head cut back, at \$40 round, from W. L. McAuley, of Crockett county.—San Angelo Standard.

For family use in numberless ways Ballard's Snow Lotion is a useful and valuable remedy. Price, 25 and 50 cents at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

W. I. Locklin accompanied by Miss Lackey and Miss Kimes were in Sonora Saturday on their way to Sherwood to spend the holidays.

Ed Winkler, Floyd Turney and Ira Glasscock who have been attending the Peacock school at San Antonio, arrived home this week to spend the holidays with their parents.

If you want to buy stock, ranch or town property, see Caruthers & Hill's list for sale at a bargain.

Bill and Jess Thurman of Edwards county and San Thurman of Glen Cove, Coleman county were in Sonora this week with their race horses, they report having had a good time.

**First Class Board.**

DAY, WEEK or MONTH,

at

**Mrs. Ada Stewart's**

Two doors south of Postoffice.

C. N. Crawford sold to Charlie Markwood 750 muttons at \$2.40 per head.

**Brayo Men Fall**

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles, as well as women and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at E. S. Briant's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

**Paid Dear For His Leg.**

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex. in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cts. a box. Sold by E. S. Briant druggist.

**Union City News.**

Last Saturday evening the parents and friends of the school gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Swift to participate in a concert and Xmas tree.

The concert opened by a Xmas song by the school, followed by recitations, dialogues etc. They were all very appropriate and well rendered and showed the skillful training of their most estimable teacher Miss Hollamon.

The Xmas tree was beautifully decorated by Miss Hollamon, Mrs. Geo. Hamilton, Mrs. Dee Swift, and Mrs. John Ory.

The children were all perfectly delighted with Santa Claus. He having come supplied with presents for all.

A VISITOR.

Felix Mann and son Clay, alias Mud, have returned from Waco to spend the holidays with the home folks.

It is reported that Capt. W. J. Wark, one of the stalwart republican leaders in this section, will succeed to the berth left vacant by the death of the late Geo. B. Jackson. Here's congratulations in advance, Bill, from the Standard and your many personal friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lungkwitz, December 16, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thiele, December 11, a daughter.—San Angelo Standard.

Moore's Pills are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamy Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Blisters, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning produced from malarial poisoning. No Quinine. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. or at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Strange reports keep on coming about the doings of some animals at Vernon. The latest comes from a farmer of Eagle Flats who says one evening last week one his goats ate the tail of the barn yard rooster. Next morning the goat instead of giving milk gave two quarts of cocktails.—Children's Index.

Worms take refuge in the small intestine, where they can easily multiply. White's Cream Vermifuge will destroy these parasites. The verdict of the people tells plainly how well it has succeeded. Price, 25 cents, at J. Lewenthal's.

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has encouraged the

## E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

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mutual advantage during the  
coming year.  
Asking a continuance of your  
favors We wish you a Prosperous  
and very

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Advertising Medium of the Blackman's Paradise. Subscription \$2 a Year in Advance Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora second-class matter.

SONORA, TEXAS. - December 29, 1900.

THE SECOND MARRIAGE.

The soft brown eyes regarding to his face although the side of an sunlight shaft fell upon him. With measured pace he walked on.

"Is too young to live alone," he heard. "This woman's fair as was the first, and then she's dead a year."

"The new life clings as fondly as the old." "There's love in brown eyes as there was in blue."

"The grave is cold." "The elm, you know, looks bare without a vine;" "But, oh, death makes, when two souls intertwine, No sad place for the new!"

"Yet this his first true love's love may be?" "On the dead wife's grave why pour out gall? Yet bitterly."

"The dead is gone forever now, and better love should guard this young brow Than life be blossomed at."

SALT WATER BLOOD.

An Operation That is the Saving of Many Human Lives.

Transfusion of blood is a procedure that must have been employed by physicians in very early times. Ovid tells of Medea bringing back youth to the aged by the injection into their veins of the blood of young men, and doubtless the same means was employed by physicians for less fantastic objects.

The procedure is a dangerous one, however, although many lives have been saved by it, and it has now been almost entirely abandoned, a much safer plan being used.

It is found that the blood when dehydrated is no longer a living fluid, and the corpuscles it contains serve no useful purpose when injected, but rather act as foreign matter which must be got rid of. Accordingly physicians now use distilled water in which a definite proportion of common salt and other chlorides have been dissolved. This salt-water is then injected slowly.

Often it is not even necessary to pour the fluid into a vein, but simply to inject it through one or more hollow needles into the tissues beneath the skin of the abdomen or the thigh.

This is done not only to supply an equivalent for fluid lost in hemorrhage or cholera, but also in certain diseases in which blood poisoning exists. In this latter case a large amount of fluid is injected slowly, and being taken up by the blood is almost immediately excreted through the kidneys, carrying with it much of the poison which the blood was unable to rid itself of unaided.

There are many good housekeepers who are indifferent in the matter of saving small coal and cinders. Unseen waste goes on in most houses in this respect. If housekeepers would make it a point to see that all cinders and ashes are thoroughly sifted daily, they would be surprised at the fuel they would save.

After the cinders have been removed cold water should be poured over them. This causes them to make much better fuel when mixed with coals. Better fuel means fuel can be kept up in the furnace than with coal alone, safer because with cinders there is no danger of sparks flying about.

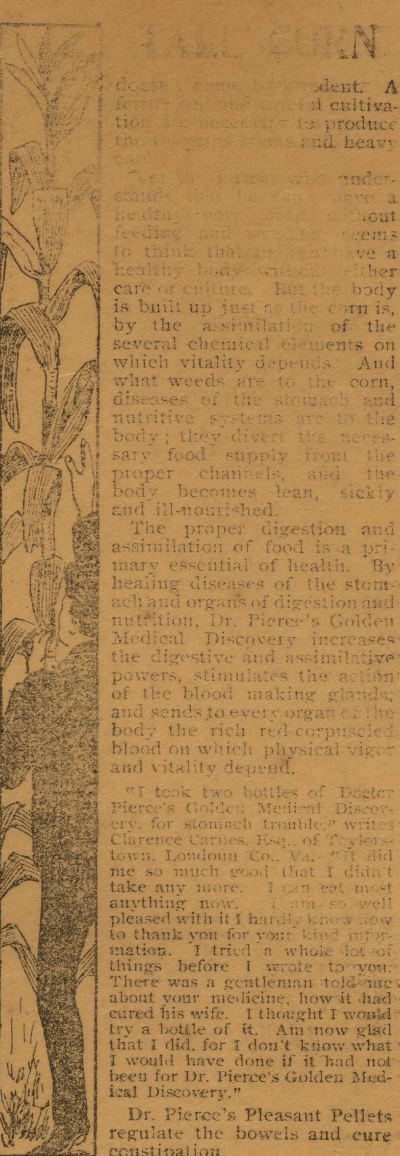
The last Eichenrod fire is made by putting coal in front, banking up cinders behind and then leaving the fire alone. It is constantly stirring a fire takes all the life out of the coals and also "starts" the dust.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

In Guinea if a child is slow in its movements the parents apply an ant to the child instead of a whip to make it move faster. This little ant bites more cruelly than a mosquito, and its bite is not to be troublesome afterward. As you can imagine, this treatment does not make the child kind to others, and the children of Guinea are said to be particularly cruel to animals. The little boys in Guinea do not reckon their age by years, but by their ability to endure pain. Until he gets to the point where he can let the Hucu ant bite him without wincing he is considered merely a baby.

First Suburbanite—I hear that Keaton's new bull dug up the ground, broke down the fence and tore nearly everything to pieces in the barnyard this morning. Alford Suburbanite—Yes. Some fellows cut their early and fastened a pair of red spectacles on the animal's eyes.—Chicago Tribune.

Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. After that they can dispose of one-third of it without the husband's consent.

Misc is sometimes divided into two classes, sacred and profane. For participants as to profane music, go to a "sacred concert"—Boston Transcript.



you were ready to go to work at once, and you said 'yes.' "My goodness! Did you say 'at once'?" I understood you to say 'once.' I thought you were curious about my past.—Philadelphia Press.

Of Two Pills. "Riggle, I am sorry to hear you were burned out the other day. Did you lose all your household goods?" "Yes, but we don't feel so awfully bad over it. Langkin. We expected to have to move next week anyway."—Chicago Tribune.

AFRAID OF BEING KISSED.

Never Story of a Man, a Maid and an Iron Kettle.

Here is an ingenious Circassian story: A man was walking along one road and a woman along another. The roads finally united, and the man and the woman, reaching the junction at the same time, went on from there together. The man was carrying a large iron kettle on his back. In one hand he held by the leg a live chicken. In the other a cane, and he was leading a goat. Just as they were coming to a deep, dark ravine the woman said to the man:

"I am afraid to go through that dark ravine with you. It is a lonely place, and you might overpower me and kiss me by force."

"If you are afraid of that," said the man, "you shouldn't have walked with me at all. How can I possibly overpower you and kiss you by force when I have this great iron kettle on my back, a cane in one hand and a live chicken in the other and am leading a goat? I might as well be tied hand and foot."

"Yes," replied the woman, "but if you should stick your cane in the ground and tie the goat to it and turn the kettle bottom side up and put the chicken under it, then you might wickedly kiss me in spite of my resistance."

"Success to thy ingenuity, O woman!" said the man to himself. "I should never have thought of this expedient." And when they came to the ravine he stuck his cane into the ground and tied the goat to it, gave the chicken to the woman, saying, "Hold it while I cut some grass for the goat," and then, lowering the kettle from his shoulders, he wickedly kissed the woman, as she was afraid he would.—Stray Stories.

THE UNTOLD.

Why Mrs. Cavil Failed to Be Impressed by Her Husband.

"I didn't tell you, did I, Mildred?" said Mr. Cavil to his wife. "That I saw your sister Jane down town this day week?"

"No, you didn't, Charles Augustus Cavil," replied Mrs. Cavil. "Why didn't you?"

"Well, you see— You meet the only sister I have in the world, and instead of coming straight home and telling me about it the same day, you keep the matter secret a whole week and then ask carelessly if you have mentioned the fact that you saw her?"

"But, my dear—" "Don't but me, Charles Augustus Cavil. I have no doubt that she sent me a message in some way and you not only failed to deliver it, but by this time you have forgotten what it was about. Tell me if this isn't the case."

"My dear, it was this way—" "Don't tell me it was that way, Charles Augustus Cavil. I know exactly how it was. You simply didn't care a straw whether I know that you had seen Sister Jane or not, or you would not have waited a whole week to tell me you had seen her."

"But I didn't say I saw her," Mr. Cavil said at length.

"Then I'd like to know what you did say, Charles Augustus Cavil."

"I asked you if I told you that I saw her," explained Mr. Cavil.

"Well, why didn't you tell me?" "The reason I didn't tell you was because I didn't see her; that's all."

Mrs. Cavil gasped and was speechless.—Boston Bazar.

A Trick of Indian Thieves.

In some of the thieves' schools in India a regular course of training is gone through in the art of "pouching," or concealing articles of value in the throat. The Englishman, a newspaper published in Calcutta, thus describes the process:

"At first a small piece of lead, attached to a thread, is swallowed and guided by the action of the tongue to the office of the sac in the throat. As soon as this has been thoroughly learned the lead is coated with lime. This eats into the sac and enlarges it. The size of the article to be pouched is gradually increased until it is said that many of the Indian thieves can pouch 8 or 10 rupees at once."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Castings Metals.

As is well known, some metals are unsuitable for casting, while others, like iron, can readily be cast in any desired shape. The property of casting well is said to depend upon whether the metal contracts or expands on solidifying from the liquid form. Iron, like water, expands in solidifying, and hence the solid metal may be seen floating in the liquid iron about it. The expansion causes it to fill the die into which it is poured, and so it can be cast easily. Gold and silver contract in cooling and therefore are not suitable for casting.

As to Stricken.

"What's the matter with that man?" asked the clock. "He doesn't seem to have anything to do but wind me up." "No," replied the alonard; "he isn't working. He and his companion struck some time ago."

Corroborative Evidence.

Heax—Borrowed gets a lot of credit for the way he keeps his family dressed. Jeax—Yes; they tell me there are two or three collectors at the house every day.—Philadelphia Record.

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A Curious Combat. A traveler in South Africa witnessed not long since a singular combat. He was musing one morning, with his eyes on the ground, when he noticed a caterpillar crawling along at a rapid rate. Pursuing him was a host of small black ants.

His Theory. A novel explanation of the cause of thunder showers was once given a sojourner in a little Nova Scotia town by one of the inhabitants.

Too Long to Wait. "I disown you!" cried the angry parent. "I shall cut you off with a shilling!" "Yes, sir," replied the erring son. "And might I have the shilling now?"—Stray Stories.

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