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## THE OPENING OF THE NEW THEATER

WICHITA FALLS' PLAYHOUSE SUR-  
PRISES ALL BY ITS COMPLETE-  
NESS AND BEAUTY.

### "HIS HONOR THE MAYOR"

Pleased All Patrons and Performance  
Was a Laugh From Beginning  
to the End.

In a short speech before the curtain  
went up at the opening performance at  
the new opera house last night, Man-  
ager John W. Duane of "His Honor the  
Mayor" company, paid a proper com-  
pliment to Wichita Falls when he said:

"There may be larger theaters in the  
land and there may be some more gor-  
geously decorated, but there are none  
more serviceable anywhere, and when  
I say this I say it sincerely and with-  
out any wish to flatter."

This briefly sums up the description  
of the new theater that was thrown  
open to the public last night and does  
it so well that more detailed descrip-  
tion will not be attempted here. Near-  
ly everybody in Wichita Falls has seen  
for himself the elegance and the beauty  
of the new play house, and those who  
have not done so are lacking in particu-  
larism if they do not improve their first  
opportunity to do so.

Nearly every seat in the house was  
filled last night when the curtain went  
up for the opening scene in "His Honor  
the Mayor."

The performance was a laugh from  
beginning to end, and pretty choruses  
with catchy songs, in which the prince  
of fun-makers, "Little Chip," always  
was in evidence, drove care away from  
every breast.

The general verdict is that the first  
performance was fairly up to expecta-  
tions.

### GOVERNOR NOT TALKING.

Believed, However, That He Will Send  
Ranger to New Braunfels.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—Gov. Camp-  
bell today refused to disclose his plans  
to compel obedience to the Baskin-  
Gregor law where resistance is shown.  
He says his previous statements hold  
good, and that they will be carried out  
and that Comal shall close the lid as  
other counties. The general opinion  
here is that the governor will delay  
action until after Christmas and if  
Comal county still resists he will then  
send the rangers. The rangers are al-  
ways ready to move at a moment's  
notice and the six kept here can be placed  
in New Braunfels at any time that it  
may be necessary.

If notified Sunday that the New  
Braunfels saloons are open, it is be-  
lieved that Governor Campbell will  
dispatch rangers to that city. It is ex-  
pected that the Comal county officials  
will support the governor as far as is  
in their power. Campbell has received  
no advice from the Comal county  
officials.

### Soldiers Are Still Ill.

By Associated Press.  
Manila, P. I., Dec. 22.—Seventeen sol-  
diers of the Eighteenth infantry, sta-  
tioned at Camp Kietler in Mindanao,  
are still ill and in a serious condition  
as a result of drinking some poison-  
ous alcohol that killed their comrades  
on December 15th.

### I. and G. N. Offices Will Not Be Moved.

Special to the Times.  
Palestine, Tex., Dec. 22.—General At-  
torney King of the I. and G. N. an-  
nounced today that the general offices  
of that road would not be moved to  
Houston, as has been rumored. This  
announcement followed a conference  
with Receiver Freeman in Houston.

## TO COMPLETE THE CANAL BY 1915

By Associated Press.  
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The  
Panama canal will be opened on Jan-  
uary 1st, 1915, according to an offi-  
cial communication received by the  
California promotion committee in a  
communication from Joseph Bishop,  
secretary of the canal commission.

A \$75,000 Dividend.  
Special to the Times.  
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—The de-  
funct Woods National bank of this city  
today declared a dividend of \$75,000.  
This is the third dividend during the  
receivability.

Bailey Not Coming Home Christmas.  
Special to the Times.  
Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 22.—A mes-  
sage was received here today from  
Senator Bailey, saying that it would  
be impossible for him to spend the  
holidays at home. He said some time  
that he would return to spend Christ-  
mas here. The dispatch declares that  
the accumulation of important business  
prevents him from leaving Washington,  
but that he will be at home soon after  
the adjournment of the next congress.  
The senator's absence from Texas  
will be about a year.

Kicked to Death By Mules.  
Special to the Times.  
Port Worth, Tex., Dec. 22.—Samuel  
Butterworth of Houston, aged 65 years,  
was kicked to death by the team of  
mules which he was driving early to-  
day, twelve miles from this city. His  
body was badly mutilated. Three  
thousand dollars in cash and checks  
were found on his person. He was  
traveling north. Relatives at Biom-  
ington, Illinois, have been wired for  
advice concerning the disposition of his  
body.

Takes Hack Ride and is Robbed.  
Special to the Times.  
San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—W. L.  
Marvin was robbed of \$500 early this  
morning while riding in a hack with  
two "friends." One man was arrested,  
but the other escaped. Twenty dol-  
lars were recovered.

## JOHN F. STEVENS TO SUCCEED TRUMBULL

Special to the Times.  
Houston, Tex., Dec. 22.—Private, but  
authoritative advice received from  
New York today are that John F. Stev-  
ens has already been selected to suc-  
ceed Frank Trumbull as president of  
the Colorado and Southern and its Tex-  
as lines. Stevens is now vice president  
of the Hartford, New Haven and New  
York. Oddly enough, Stevens has just  
returned East after an extensive tour  
of the Texas railroads incognito. Only  
by high officials was it known that he  
was in the State. It was upon his re-  
port of the the Hawley lines, that Hill  
bought the road for the Burlington.

Stevens' headquarters will be in Den-  
ver. Formerly the president's head-  
quarters were in New York.

### Dose of Strychnine Fatal.

Special to the Times.  
Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Ida  
Hall of Learta died today as the re-  
sult of an overdose of strychnine. Her  
husband was killed two years ago by  
lightning.

### Negro Girl Burned to Death.

Special to the Times.  
Waco, Tex., Dec. 22.—Roxanna Lee,  
a four-year-old negro girl, died as the  
result of burns received while running  
in front of an open fire, while her  
mother was out in the yard.

## NEW ENTERPRISE LOCATED HERE

A new manufacturing industry has  
been located in Wichita Falls, which  
will be known as the Texas Road Sup-  
ply Co. The firm is composed of E. M.  
and E. W. Pyle, who are interested in  
similar concerns in Kansas and Okla-  
homa and have had considerable ex-  
perience in this line of business.

The company has leased a site from  
the Denver road along the track near  
Tenth street and will erect a build-  
ing 30x50 feet. From six to ten men  
will be employed. The company will  
manufacture and carry in stock road  
building materials. Their business will  
be almost entirely with municipalities,  
road building outfits and railroads.  
Corrugated iron culvert pipe, which is  
coming into general use, will be one  
of their special articles of trade, as  
will also a road grading machine or  
scraper.

In entering the field for new business  
the company will do a large amount of  
circularizing from this point, reaching  
every municipality in the State.

These gentlemen were in Wichita  
Falls a few weeks ago and in company  
with the secretary of the Chamber of  
Commerce, looked over the field. The  
railroad facilities of this city, which  
enables distributing of supplies into  
the newly developing sections of cen-  
tral and northwest Texas particularly  
appealed to the promoters, as did also  
the courtesies and assistance accorded  
them in investigating what the field of-  
fered.

See our beautiful line of Gift Books,  
Cut Glass and Hand Painted China, at  
Ralph Darnell's.

## ASSASSINATION IS THWARTED

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO KILL  
ACTING PRESIDENT GOMEZ  
IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

## CASTRO IN DISGRACE

Is Charged With Complicity in the  
Plot and Steps are Taken to  
Impeach Him.

By Associated Press.  
Caracas, Dec. 21.—The downfall of  
President Castro was completed on  
Saturday last with the frustration of a  
desperate plan to assassinate Acting  
President Gomez. A prominent law-  
yer has filed an accusation in the high-  
est Federal court charging Castro with  
complicity in the attempted assas-  
sination and proposing impeachment.

### Decree is Revoked.

By Associated Press.  
Willemstad, Dec. 22.—The Venezue-  
lan administration has revoked the de-  
gree prohibiting the trans-shipment of  
goods destined for Venezuelan points.  
This measure has been the principal  
difficulty in the strained relations be-  
tween Holland and Venezuela and its  
revocation, it is believed, means prac-  
tically a settlement of the dispute be-  
tween the two governments.

### THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cotton—New Orleans Spots.  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—Spot cot-  
ton quiet. Middlings, 8-11-16. Sales  
1,525 bales. F. O. B., 1,225 bales. Con-  
tract 300 bales.

Cotton—New Orleans Futures.  
Open High Close  
January ..... 8.68 8.75 8.73-74  
March ..... 8.69 8.73 8.78-79  
May ..... 8.75 8.86 8.86  
December ..... 8.61 8.70 8.70-71

Cotton—New York Spots.  
New York, Dec. 22.—Market for spot  
cotton quiet. Middlings 9.25.

Cotton—New York Futures.  
Open High Close  
January ..... 8.50 8.63 8.63-64  
March ..... 8.62 8.76 8.75  
May ..... 8.70 8.81 8.81-82  
December ..... 8.86 8.96 8.96-98

Cotton—Liverpool.  
Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 22.—Spot cot-  
ton dull. Middlings 4.85d. Sales 5,000  
bales. Receipts 40,000 bales, of which  
30,000 bales were American cotton.  
Export, 30 bales.

Jan-Feb. .... 4.61 4.68  
Feb-March .... 4.64 4.67 1/2  
March-April .... 4.63 4.67  
Dec-Jan. .... 4.64 4.68 1/2

Port Receipts.  
The total port receipts of all ports  
today was 76,264 bales, against 94,356  
last year.

Chicago Grain Market.  
Wheat—Open High Close  
December ..... 100% 101% 101%  
May ..... 105% 106% 106%  
July ..... 97% 98% 98%  
Corn—  
December ..... 56% 57% 57%  
May ..... 60% 60% 60%  
July ..... 60% 60% 60%  
Oats—  
December ..... 49% 49% 49%  
May ..... 51% 51% 51%  
July ..... 64% 65% 65%

Fort Worth Livestock.  
Cattle—Receipts, 220 head.  
Hogs—Receipts, 200 head.  
Steers—Quality fair. Market steady.  
Tops sold at \$4.40.  
Cows—Quality medium. Market lower.  
Tops sold at \$3.00.  
Calves—Quality fair. Market steady.  
Tops old at \$5.25.  
Hogs—Quality medium. Market was  
lower. Tops sold at \$5.56.

### Big Steamer is Wrecked.

Special to the Times.  
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 22.—A cable-  
gram from Liverpool to the Galveston  
agent of the Gulf Transportation Line  
says that big passenger steamer Irada,  
bound for Galveston, was a total wreck  
on the Irish coast. The Irada is the  
largest ship which puts in here.

### Indicted for Daisy Clayton's Murder.

Special to the Times.  
Houston, Tex., Dec. 22.—The grand  
jury today returned indictments charg-  
ing Clyde Creighton and Will Emers-  
on with the murder of Daisy Clayton  
three weeks ago. Emerson declares  
that he can prove an alibi.

## GRAFT SCANDAL IN PITTSBURG

INTIMATED THAT SAN FRANCISCO  
SCANDAL WILL BE INSIGNIFI-  
CANT IN COMPARISON.

## COUNCILMEN AND BANKERS

Are Arrested Charged With Conspiracy  
and Bribery—More Sensational  
Arrests are Expected.

By Associated Press.  
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—Following  
the sensational arrests here last night  
of seven councilmen and two bankers  
on a charge of alleged corruption in  
conducting the public affairs of this  
city, it was intimated today that even  
more startling developments will trans-  
pire either today or tomorrow.

According to the best information ob-  
tainable today, it is possible that mu-  
nicipal scandals in San Francisco will  
be insignificant as compared to the al-  
leged grafting here.

The men accused are Councilmen  
Brand, Klein, Washon, Atkinson, Soffel,  
Malony and Ferguson. Former Presi-  
dent Ramsey and former Cashier Vil-  
sack of the German National bank are  
also accused.

The councilmen are charged with a  
conspiracy to corrupt, solicitation and  
bribery. All have secured bail, which  
in the aggregate amounted \$187,000.

### INTERESTING PROGRAM TONIGHT.

Teachers Will Meet in Night Session.  
Institute Closes Tomorrow.

The institute was called to order  
Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and after  
a short period devoted to opening ex-  
ercises, the work of Saturday was con-  
tinued.

Mr. Fraichild illustrated, by the use  
of the blackboard, several problems  
involving the four signs in arithmetic,  
together with methods of solving.

The subject of "Language in Pri-  
mary and Intermediate Grades" was  
referred to general discussion as on  
Saturday.

A short intermission was then de-  
clared, after which Miss Stratton con-  
ducted a recitation in Geography, us-  
ing her own pupils to illustrate to the  
institute a practical using of the pre-  
sent text book.

A recess of a few minutes was then  
declared.

Immediately after recess Mr. Clark  
continued from Saturday his discus-  
sion on "School Law."

"Presentation of the Second Step in  
the Recitation" was forcefully set forth  
by Mr. Toland and several discussions  
were invoked, which brought out  
many excellent ideas.

The institute adjourned at 11:30 to  
reassemble at 1 o'clock, immediately  
after roll call, a short time was de-  
voted to opening exercises, after which  
Mrs. Waddill continued from Saturday  
her lecture on "Primary Reading."

Mr. Guice gave a very fine system of  
pointing out to pupils their errors in  
composition.

In her talk on "Elementary Science,"  
Miss Parker gave a beautiful lesson  
on nature and nature study.

Miss Childers took up Texas History  
and discussed in an interesting man-  
ner.

As many of the teachers desire to  
leave Wichita Falls Wednesday after-  
noon, it was decided to have an evening  
session of the institute Tuesday even-  
ing instead of the regular afternoon  
session Wednesday. A program com-  
mittee was appointed, who drew up  
what promises to be a very interesting  
program for the Educational Rally.

The place where the rally is to be held  
will be announced later.

While the program committee was  
out of the room preparing the program,  
the query box was opened and several  
interesting discussions followed.

The institute adjourned at 4 o'clock  
to meet again Tuesday.

### NEW BRAUNFELS STILL DEFIANT.

It is Believed That the Saloons Will  
Open Next Sunday.

Special to the Times.

New Braunfels, Tex., Dec. 22.—Not-  
ing important developed today regard-  
ing the resistance to the governor's ef-  
forts to close the lid in this city. It  
is believed the saloons will be open  
as usual next Sunday. The public gen-  
erally condemns the governor's stand  
and say that if the rangers are sent  
here the executive will regret it.

Call at Smith's cafe tonight and to-  
morrow for a Buffalo steak, raised  
on Goodnight Ranch. 193-2c

### Suspected of Fire Theft.

William Hudson, arrested last night  
near Faxon by Deputy Sheriff Vetto,  
is today in the county jail in Lawton  
charged both with transporting liquor  
and horse stealing.

At the time of his arrest, Hudson  
was suspected by Vetto of being a  
horse thief, but the only definite charge  
that could be then brought was of  
transporting, three gallons of whisky  
being found in his possession, but he  
was held for further investigation on  
the horse theft charge. He has been  
seen to pass through Faxon five days  
before with three small ponies and on  
yesterday evening late, was returning  
with six, three of which were fine  
animals.

Today comes the announcement  
from Randlett that R. Merrick, a farm-  
er residing on an adjoining farm to  
Randlett, had lost three animals an-  
swering exactly to the description of  
those found in Hudson's possession.

Definite charges were at once made  
and warrant served upon him for  
stealing the Merrick horses.

—Lawton Democrat.

### Free Hospital to Consumptives.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—Owing to  
numerous destitute consumptives here  
this winter, an organization was per-  
fected today, headed by Rabbi Zell-  
onka for an establishment of a free  
hospital for the sufferers. It is to  
open on January 1st.

## MATERIAL HERE FOR NEW EXCHANGE

Shipments of material are now arriv-  
ing and work on the new central en-  
ergy telephone plant here will be started  
by the Southwestern Telephone Com-  
pany at the first of the new year. Be-  
tween \$25,000 and \$30,000 will be ex-  
pended in the installation of the new  
system and the local representatives of  
the company declare that when the  
new plant is completed that Wichita  
Falls will have a telephone system  
second to none in the entire State.

The installation of the new system  
will involve the complete rebuilding  
of the plant and wires and new boxes  
for every patron of the company and  
it is expected that at least five months  
and probably longer will be required  
to get the new plant ready for full  
service.

The Southwestern is also stringing  
an additional copper circuit wire from  
Fort Worth to Childress via Wichita  
Falls.

### Much Interest in Trial.

Special to the Times.  
Ardmore, Ok., Dec. 22.—John Mulkey  
is on trial here for the killing of Den-  
nis Lawton three weeks ago. The  
prominence of the two families add in-  
terest to the trial and the court house  
is crowded. The jury was empaneled  
today and practically all the State's  
evidence is in.

## B. C. WILLIAMS BUYS JALONICKE CORNER

A deal was closed yesterday where-  
by Ben Williams becomes the owner  
of the lot 190x150 feet at the corner of  
Indiana avenue and Seventh street on  
which stands the building now occu-  
pied as a city hall and calaboose.

The building was owned by the Ja-  
lonicke estate and is regarded as one  
of the most valuable lots in this city.  
The consideration is between \$13,000  
and \$14,000.

### Allendale News Notes.

Allendale, Texas, Dec. 21.  
The Methodist and Baptist Sunday  
schools are making preparations to  
have a Xmas tree together Xmas eve  
at the Methodist church.

Mr. Will Eza of Binger, Texas is  
visiting his sister Mrs. J. T. Christeen,  
Mrs. S. E. Thomson of Lafayette,  
Texas is visiting her daughter Mrs.  
J. T. Gilham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Isen and little  
son Master Raymond of Amarillo, Tex-  
as came in last week to spend the  
Xmas holidays with Mrs. Isen's par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Billingsly.

Mrs. Annie McCoy of Fort Worth is  
visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Swinger.  
Mr. M. S. Skinner of Wichita who is  
having a residence erected on the place  
which he recently purchased from Mr.  
Albert Ludolphus has it about com-  
pleted.

A marriage license was issued this  
week to Fred Moore and Lola McClag-  
an of Byers. The bride was only four-  
teen years old, but had the written con-  
sent of her mother to her marriage.

## STATE WEAVING A STRONG CASE

NIGHT RIDER OATH IS RECITED  
BY WITNESS BEFORE THE  
JURY.

## STORIES OF BRUTALITIES

Whippings and Other Tortures Were  
Not Uncommon in the Reel-  
foot Lake District.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The full  
night rider oath is here given for the  
first time:

"Do you solemnly swear, in the pres-  
ence of Almighty God, and these wit-  
nesses, that you desire to become a  
night rider; that you will not write,  
talk or tell to anyone the secrets of  
this order of night riders; that if you  
do talk, write or tell to any person of  
the secrets of the order, we are permit-  
ted to do with you as we see fit; you  
know death, hell and destruction will  
be your portion and that your body will  
not be buried in a graveyard. Do you  
willingly and freely submit to all this,  
so help you God?"

### By Associated Press.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Judge  
Jones today decided that there should  
be no session of the court in the night  
rider cases on Christmas Day.

John Shaw was the first witness to-  
day. He is the proprietor of a store  
near Reelfoot Lake. He testified that  
the riders forced him to give oil to  
pour on the fish docks when they burned  
it and later whipped him when he  
tried to go before the grand jury.

Witness after witness told of visita-  
tions by the riders with the murder of  
Captain Rankin.

One purpose of the State is to show  
that a reign of terror existed in the  
Reelfoot Lake district, which was in-  
augurated by the night riders and to  
prove that the murder of Rankin was  
only an incident in a gigantic conspir-  
acy.

### Ask Writ of Habeas Corpus.

By Associated Press.  
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The hearing of  
the application for a writ of habeas cor-  
pus for Duncan Cooper and his son,  
Robin, and ex-Sheriff Sharp, charged  
with the murder of Senator Carmack,  
is being held in the criminal court here  
today. The courtroom is crowded to  
its utmost capacity and intense interest  
is being manifested.

### Christmas Tree.

There will be a Christmas tree at the  
M. E. Church South, corner of Tenth  
street and Scott avenue, Thursday  
evening. Everyone who may be disposed  
to do so are cordially invited to use the  
tree for the distribution of their pres-  
ents.

There will be exercises consisting of  
music, vocal and instrumental, and rec-  
itations.

The exercises will begin promptly at  
7:30 p. m., followed by distribution of  
presents, in which Santa Claus will  
participate.

Please bring or send your presents  
to the church as early in the day as  
possible, that decorators may not be  
overcrowded at the last moment.

### COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENT.

### Brings Bride to Abilene.

Special to the Times.  
Abilene, Tex., Dec. 22.—Claude Sand-  
erson arrived here today from St.  
Louis, accompanied by his bride, after  
overcoming the many obstacles thrown  
in his way to thwart his bringing the  
girl to Texas. The mother of the bride  
hid her shoes in St. Louis, upon recov-  
ering which information Sanderson  
tried to break all speed records in  
reaching here.

## WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ABDUCTION

Special to the Times.  
Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 22.—Father  
McKeogh, a Catholic priest, formerly  
at Cleburne, Texas, was arrested last  
night charged with abduction. He was  
carried to Cleburne by the sheriff of  
Johnson county this morning.

### Will Dismiss Charge Against Priest.

Special to the Times.  
Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 22.—A charge of  
abduction was filed here against Father  
McKeogh. He and the girl arrived  
this morning from Abilene. The  
county attorney says that he will dis-  
miss the case.



# THE GREATNESS OF TEXAS

Wonders of the Empire Told by Gifted Writer from the Far East

Texas is the biggest state in the Union—don't talk back to me: I know.

The upper part of the Panhandle of Texas is nearer to Chicago than it is to Galveston.

Texas is as wide as the distance from Chicago to Boston, or from St. Louis to New York City. That is to say that from Texarkana to El Paso it is 1,110 miles.

There, didn't I tell you, you did not know how big Texas is? Bob Ingersoll said that the only objection to Rhode Island was that it kept the people dancing around all the time trying to keep inside of the State. Texas is not open to his criticism.

When folks tell you that you can get all of New England, New York and Pennsylvania inside of Texas, and they will rattle around like peas in a pod, you still do not know how big Texas is for you do not know the size of New York, but distance we can all appreciate. Just allow your mental process to Fletcherize on what I tell you about Texas.

I called on one farmer whose house was right in the middle of his farm. We tied our horses at the man's gate and walked thirty-two miles to his house.

If I owned Hell and Texas, I'd rent Hell to the Rex. Dr. Quarle and live in Texas.

People who have not seen the Southwest during the past five years cannot by any description realize its progress. What is known as "the Santa country" can feed the world.

The fare from Dallas to New York is \$41 and from New York to Dallas it is \$48. When I asked why this was a railroad man told me people were loath to leave Texas, but when it came to getting back, money was no object.

Texas has 3,000,000 folks, 10,000,000 cattle, 12,000,000 sheep and 3,000,000 horses. One horse, you see for every man, woman and child in the State! That is one reason why I like Texas. As a matter of happiness, if I ever get to Heaven, I would trade six harps for a horse—even if it were a "skate" to use the classic phrase of old Bill Graham.

"When do you break your horses," asked a ranchman, "Pardner." "I was he solmen answer, "Pardner, we have

no time to break horses in Texas, we just climb on and ride them."

Then he handed me a lariat, pointed to the corral and said, "Take your choice."

I signified my choice, but gave the lariat to the hands of a silent, freckled, yanky, corn-fed youth, for reasons of my own.

However I rode the horse, and liked him, and better still the horse seemed to like me.

Then just for a joke the ranchman told his blacksmith to make a brand in the shape of Poycroft trade mark, and this was done.

Then they branded the horse on both front hoofs and shipped him to me prepaid to East Auroga. This is a sample of how they do things down in Texas.

Everybody rides horseback down in Texas, and I am glad to say the ladies ride the way God intended—man-fashion, while little girls ride astride and boys continue to ride astride.

One lady I met was 67 years old and insisted on riding on the bias. She was bred in Of Kentucky. She told me confidentially that any woman who would ride a man's saddle would bear watching.

Perhaps this is true—really, I can't say. "As for myself," said the old lady, with spirit, "I ride a side saddle and I never hunt the leather either. My boy and me rounded up 200 steers yesterday and only wasted six, and we wouldn't have done that if the barb wire hadn't leaked.

At a horse race in Houston the winner was a nag known as "Flying Cloud."

"Where is that horse from?" asked a native Texan of an Eastern man seated near. "From Michigan" was the answer.

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Uncle Ben came again with a widower that had once seen the widow driving along the highway and had fallen in love with her. He had only five children; he never refused his wife a calico dress or a pair of shoes; he never indulged in remarks when his meals were not ready; if the cellar needed whitewashing he did the work himself; if a tin pan leaked he could mend it, and if the church glazier broke he could make another from a broomstick within ten minutes. The widow gave this man ten minutes' thought and then shook her head. Hay was selling for \$20 a ton, and she would have thirty tons to sell.

He brought Nos. 4, 5 and 6, and he brought thutypes, photographs and memoranda. He drank cider, while enumerating their many virtues, and he ate apple, peach and huckleberry pie between statistics. As one candidate after another was presented and his claims set forth Uncle Ben saw that the widow softened a bit. She turned them all down, but this softening encouraged him to go ahead. In his own mind he thought her a bit particular—even cranky—for turning down a farmer blind in one eye, a fighting roo man with a game leg and a wire fence man with a lump on his back, but he did not say so. He knew that if he kept on long enough and could find candidates enough the widow was bound to give in. He didn't neglect his farm work altogether, but he kept an eye out for the right sort of candidate. He thought he had him in No. 7. He brought the widower to the house and let him sit in the buggy at the gate while he went in to do the talking.

"There he is, widder," he said, with an air of confidence. "Take a look at him from the window. Forty-eight years old, in good health and not a blenish on him. Don't swear, chew terbacker nor drink. Never gets mad and alius willin' for his wife to go to town. Got five children, and they are little angels. Only takes an hour to scrub one up so that you want to kiss him. Big farm, keeps a blood gal, lives well and bound to make you happy for the rest of your life. When I add that his late wife left four pairs of almost new shoes behind her you can see what kind of a man he is. Shall I holler to him to come in?"

"No, you needn't holler," quietly replied the widow.

"But what's the matter?"

"I shan't marry him."

"But look a-here, widder, this is the seventh man I've bring to your notice."

"Yes."

"And don't you think you're a bit cranky to turn the hull drove of 'em down?"

"I shall never marry," she replied, with a sigh.

"You won't? Say, I kin show you statistics to—"

"I shall never marry unless the right man comes along."

"But who is the right man? Where am I goin' to find him?"

The widow took a step forward and laid a hand on Uncle Ben's arm, and a beautiful blush mantled her cheeks.

"Good Lord, but why didn't you say so six months ago!" he exclaimed as he put an arm around her.

### Heaping Coals of Fire

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The Rev. Marcus Butterfield toiled arduously for years to pay off the mortgage of St. Mark's church. At last he got the mortgage down to \$5,000, and there it stuck. The rector was getting on in years and was not capable of the energetic efforts he had formerly made.

Mr. Butterfield's congregation never had a thought of being dissatisfied with him till Miss Amelia Telling, fifty-five years old, with three short grizzly curls on each temple, told them they were. Miss Telling made up her mind that she would undermine Mr. Butterfield with a view to securing a man in his place who could raise the required \$5,000. When Miss Telling determined to accomplish anything she usually did it. She began by calling Mrs. Beeswick's attention to the fact that the pastor's voice was becoming husky.

Miss Telling's next move was to remark to Mrs. Beeswick that the pastor's wife seemed to have lost interest in the welfare of the congregation. Mrs. Beeswick hadn't thought of it, but now it was mentioned she remembered that Mrs. Butterfield had not been in her house for a year. True, Mrs. Butterfield had been ill most of that time, but the remark set Mrs. Beeswick to thinking. She mentioned the matter to several members of the congregation, and all but one said they, too, had the same complaint to make.

Miss Telling, following up her initial efforts with "little drops of water, little grains of sand," in time arrayed a party behind her in the matter of getting rid of the rector. Her group finally comprised two-thirds of the congregation, while the other third were equally determined to keep him. Mr. Butterfield finally learned of the movement—that is, he learned that "a few of his parishioners" were anxious to supplant him with a better man. He promptly tendered his resignation. He was astonished that it was accepted by a vote of 100 to 50.

If there was anything the church was proud of it was its treatment of "their beloved pastor" when "he left them." They gave him half a year's salary and resolved to call on him for an occasional sermon, for each of which he was to be paid \$15. "Could anything be more generous?" remarked Miss Telling to Mrs. Abercrombie, Mrs. Abercrombie was of the party of the pastor's supporters.

"Very generous," she replied. "Just think, he has been even better treated than was our Saviour."

"What do you mean?"

"He hasn't been crucified."

Mr. Butterfield found it impossible to get another church. He had none of the requisites for a new position. He was too old; his voice was impaired; he lacked vim. Most of the churches looking for a rector were languishing and wanted an energetic young man with business talent to build them up. Simple piety would not pay off mortgages. He got some work to do for a publisher of religious literature, but the pay was inconsiderable. He moved into a cottage and kept his family from starving as best he could.

During Mr. Butterfield's prosperity he kept a horse and buggy. One morning when his friends were gone and his larder empty he drove his rig into the city to sell it. He was turning a corner when an automobile coming in the opposite direction ran into his buggy, smashed it, but left the clergyman unhurt.

"You idiot!" exclaimed the man driving the automobile. "Why did you turn to the left?"

"Because," gasped poor Butterfield. "I supposed you wanted room to swing round the corner."

A crowd collected. Mr. Butterfield wore a clerical garb, and all saw that he was an inoffensive clergyman. They began to hoot at the auto man to pay for the damage he had done.

"All right," he said. "I wish to do what is just and liberal, though I'm a lawyer, and it wouldn't cost me anything to defend a suit." Then, taking out his pocketbook, he drew a card from it and a pencil and prepared to make a memorandum.

"What's your name?" he asked.

"Butterfield."

"First name?"

"Marcus."

The man looked up at the clergyman and surveyed him critically.

"Any other name?"

"Antonius."

"By thunder!" exclaimed the auto man.

"What's the matter?" asked the clergyman, surprised.

"You a son of Charles Stanton Butterfield?"

"Yes."

"Nephew of Anna Maria Stanton?"

"I believe I had an aunt of that name."

"Well, my friend, all I have to say is that this is a lucky smashup for you. I've had \$200,000 for you for four years, left you by Anna Stanton, I've been looking for you all over the world. If you were not found within five years after the bequest it was to go to charity."

Mr. Butterfield, amid the cheers of the crowd, got into the automobile, was driven to a distant city and received his legacy.

Then what did he do? He astonished his former congregation by paying off the mortgage on the church.

"I do think," said Miss Telling to Mrs. Abercrombie, "that man is a real Christian."

"No one will ever accuse you of that," was the unvarnished response.

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Texas is as wide as the distance from Chicago to Boston, or from St. Louis to New York City. That is to say that from Texarkana to El Paso it is 1,110 miles.

There, didn't I tell you, you did not know how big Texas is? Bob Ingersoll said that the only objection to Rhode Island was that it kept the people dancing around all the time trying to keep inside of the State. Texas is not open to his criticism.

When folks tell you that you can set all of New England, New York and Pennsylvania inside of Texas, and they will rattle around like peas in a pod, you still do not know how big Texas is for you do not know the size of New York, but distance we can all appreciate. Just allow your mental process to Fletcherize on what I tell you about Texas.

I called on one farmer whose house was right in the middle of his farm. We tied our horses at the man's gate and walked thirty-two miles to his house.

If I owned Hell and Texas, I'd rent Hell to the Rev. Dr. Quarle and live in Texas.

People who have not seen the Southwest during the past five years cannot by any description realize its progress. What is known as "the Santa country" can feed the world.

The fare from Dallas to New York is \$41 and from New York to Dallas it is \$48. When I asked why this was a railroad man told me people were loath to leave Texas, but when it came to getting back, money was no object.

Texas has 3,000,000 folks, 10,000,000 cattle, 12,000,000 sheep and 3,000,000 horses. One horse, you see for every man, woman and child in the State! That is one reason why I like Texas. As a matter of happiness, if I ever get to Heaven, I would trade six harps for a horse—even if it were a "skate" to use the classic phrase of old Bill Graham.

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Uncle Ben came again with a widower that had once seen the widow driving along the highway and had fallen in love with her. He had only five children; he never refused his wife a calico dress or a pair of shoes; he never indulged in remarks when his meals were not ready; if the cellar needed whitewashing he did the work himself; if a tin pan leaked he could mend it, and if the churn dasher broke he could make another from a broomstick within ten minutes. The widow gave this man ten minutes' thought and then shook her head. Hay was selling for \$20 a ton, and she would have thirty tons to sell.

He brought Nos. 4, 5 and 6, and he brought thimble, photographs and memoranda. He drank cider while enumerating their many virtues, and he ate apple, peach and huckleberry pie between statistics. As one candidate after another was presented and his claims set forth Uncle Ben saw that the widow softened a bit. She turned them all down, but this softening encouraged him to go ahead. In his own mind he thought her a bit particular—even cranky—for turning down a farmer blind in one eye, a fighting roo man with a game leg and a wire fence man with a hump on his back, but he did not say so. He knew that if he kept on long enough and could find candidates enough the widow was bound to give in. He didn't neglect his farm work altogether, but he kept an eye out for the right sort of candidate. He thought he had him in No. 7. He brought the widower to the house and let him sit in the buggy at the gate while he went in to do the talking.

"There he is, widder," he said, with an air of confidence. "Take a look at him from the window. Forty-eight years old, in good health and not a blemish on him. Don't swear, chew tobacco nor drink. Never gets mad and alias willin' for his wife to go to town. Got five children, and they are little angels. Only takes an hour to scrub one up so that you want to kiss him. Big farm, keeps a hired gal, lives well and bound to make you happy for the rest of your life. When I add that his late wife left four pairs of almost new shoes behind her you can see what kind of a man he is. Shall I holler to him to come in?"

"No, you needn't holler," quietly replied the widow.

"But what's the matter?"

"I shan't marry him."

"But look a-here, widder, this is the seventh man I've bring to your notice."

"Yes."

"And don't you think you're a bit cranky to turn the hull drove of 'em down?"

"I shall never marry," she replied, with a sigh.

"You won't? Say, I kin show you statistics to—"

"I shall never marry unless the right man comes along."

"But who is the right man? Where am I goin' to find him?"

The widow took a step forward and laid a hand on Uncle Ben's arm, and a beautiful blush mantled her cheeks.

"Good Lord, but why didn't you say so six months ago!" he exclaimed as he put an arm around her.

M. QUAD.

### Heaping Coals of Fire

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The Rev. Marcus Butterfield toiled arduously for years to pay off the mortgage of St. Mark's church. At last he got the mortgage down to \$5,000, and there it stuck. The rector was getting on in years and was not capable of the energetic efforts he had formerly made.

Mr. Butterfield's congregation never had a thought of being dissatisfied with him (Miss Amelia Tetling, fifty-five years old, with three short grizzly curls on each temple, told them they were. Miss Tetling made up her mind that she would undermine Mr. Butterfield with a view to securing a man in his place who could raise the required \$5,000. When Miss Tetling determined to accomplish anything she usually did it. She began by calling Mrs. Beechick's attention to the fact that the pastor's voice was becoming husky.

Miss Tetling's next move was to remark to Mrs. Beadle that the pastor's wife seemed to have lost interest in the welfare of the congregation. Mrs. Beadle hadn't thought of it, but now it was mentioned she remembered that Mrs. Butterfield had not been in her house for a year. True, Mrs. Butterfield had been ill most of that time, but the remark set Mrs. Beadle to thinking. She mentioned the matter to several members of the congregation, and all but one said they, too, had the same complaint to make.

Miss Tetling, following up her initial efforts with "little drops of water, little grains of sand," in time arrayed a party behind her in the matter of getting rid of the rector. Her group finally comprised two-thirds of the congregation, while the other third were equally determined to keep him. Mr. Butterfield finally learned of the movement—that is, he learned that "a few of his parishioners" were anxious to supplant him with a better man. He promptly tendered his resignation. It was voted that it was accepted by a vote of 100 to 50.

If there was anything the church was proud of it was its treatment of "their beloved pastor" when "he left them." They gave him half a year's salary and resolved to call on him for an occasional sermon, for each of which he was to be paid \$15. "Could anything be more generous?" remarked Miss Tetling to Mrs. Abercrombie. Mrs. Abercrombie was of the party of the pastor's supporters.

"Very generous," she replied. "Just think, he has been even better treated than was our Saviour."

"What do you mean?"

"He hasn't been crucified."

Mr. Butterfield found it impossible to get another church. He had none of the requisites for a new position. He was too old; his voice was impaired; he lacked vim. Most of the churches looking for a rector were languishing and wanted an energetic young man with business talent to build them up. Simple piety would not pay off mortgages. He got some work to do for a publisher of religious literature, but the pay was inconsiderable. He moved into a cottage and kept his family from starving as best he could.

During Mr. Butterfield's prosperity he kept a horse and buggy. One morning when his friends were gone and his larder empty he drove his rig into the city to sell it. He was turning a corner when an automobile coming in the opposite direction ran into his buggy, smashed it, but left the clergyman unharmed.

"You idiot!" exclaimed the man driving the automobile. "Why did you turn to the left?"

"Because," gasped poor Butterfield, "I supposed you wanted room to swing round the corner."

A crowd collected. Mr. Butterfield wore a clerical garb, and all saw that he was an inoffensive clergyman. They began to hoot at the auto man to pay for the damage he had done.

"All right," he said. "I wish to do what is just and liberal, though I'm a lawyer, and it wouldn't cost me any thing to defend a suit." Then, taking out his pocketbook, he drew a card from it and a pencil and prepared to make a memorandum.

"What's your name?" he asked.

"Butterfield."

"First name?"

"Marcus."

The man looked up at the clergyman and surveyed him critically.

"Any other name?"

"Antonius."

"By thunder!" exclaimed the auto man.

"What's the matter?" asked the clergyman, surprised.

"You a son of Charles Stanton Butterfield?"

"Yes."

"Nephew of Anna Maria Stanton?"

"I believe I had an aunt of that name."

"Well, my friend, all I have to say is that this is a lucky smashup for you. I've had \$200,000 for you for four years, left you by Anna Stanton, I've been looking for you all over the world. If you were not found within five years after the bequest it was to go to charity."

Mr. Butterfield, amid the cheers of the crowd, got into the automobile, was driven to a distant city and received his legacy.

Then what did he do? He astounded his former congregation by paying off the mortgage on the church.

"I do think," said Miss Tetling to Mrs. Abercrombie, "that man is a real Christian."

"No one will ever accuse you of that," was the unvarnished response.

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### NO PAPER CHRISTMAS DAY.

In order to give its force a day's rest and to observe the greatest of all our holidays, the Daily edition of the Times will not be issued on the 25th (Christmas). The Weekly Times will this week be issued on Thursday instead of Friday. Those having business with the Times are hereby notified that the business office will be open on Christmas Day from 9 to 11 in the morning and from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

One reason for building opera house stages so high is to keep the balls from kicking holes in the roof.

Greenville Banner: From yesterday's Banner it will be gathered that Greenville is the greatest poultry-shipping point in the state. This industry has been growing for several years under the direction of Mr. Patterson and it has reached great proportions—probably reaching over half a million dollars during the year. This enterprise work to many hands and is a factor in the industrial life of this city. A refrigerator plant is maintained in this city and the cost of operating the poultry-dressing department runs into big figures.

All this is as it should be. With a ready, steady and always reliable market, Hunt county husbandmen and his handmen's wives can grow poultry enough to put chicken pie and baked turkey within the reach of all the hungry consumers within a hundred-mile radius of Greenville. While they are doing that much for the public they will be putting money in the bank for themselves.—Dallas News.

Mr. Patterson has a branch of his poultry-shipping business located in Wichita Falls, where all the surplus poultry in this part of the state is purchased and shipped in car load lots. At times the poultry is slaughtered here, packed in ice and shipped direct to the New York market. At other times it is shipped to Greenville to be slaughtered and packed. It is probably due to the establishment of this poultry business at Wichita Falls, that the price of turkeys, hens, eggs and even chickens have gone up so high in price that it is impossible almost to obtain any of these articles unless the market price as quoted daily from New York is paid for them. There is money in the poultry business when it is properly conducted, more especially when the demand is by far greater than the supply.

Advised to Pay Your Poll Tax.  
Editor Times—I want to endorse a letter in your paper a few days since signed "A Citizen."

With either State or county prohibition, we will not need to enlarge on jail as suggested by the grand jury. There is not a county in Texas where prohibition laws are reasonably enforced where crime and drunkenness has not decreased since the saloons were voted out. The records show that prohibition lessens crime and gives us less use for jails and penitentiaries. We will have a chance next year to vote for a stainless flag and Texas dry and if that fails we can then have an election for county prohibition if we want it.

The friends of temperance who want to vote in 1909 on either of these issues should pay their poll tax NOW, as the fight for both State and county prohibition may take place within the next year. Respectfully,  
W. J. BULLOCK.

Will Ask for \$100,000 Appropriation.  
Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 22.—The Chamber Board of Trade at a recent meeting passed a resolution requesting the 21st legislature to appropriate \$100,000 to exploit the resources of the state. This resolution was referred to the state association and has met with the approval of the state organization.

It is the custom of most states to make such appropriations but the constitution has been construed as preventing such action on the part of the legislature although appropriations have been made for diverse other purposes. It is possible the agricultural department can be strengthened to a point where it can be assisted in gathering data and collecting exhibits for fair and it will be along this line that the effort will be made.

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### STUPID SHEEP.

They Are About the Most Senseless of All Animals.

A Colorado ranchman declares that no animal that walks is as big a fool as a sheep.

"We have to watch them every minute, and if vigilance is relaxed for an instant the entire flock is likely to practically commit suicide. In handling most animals some degree of self help or intelligence can be relied on to aid the owner in saving their lives, but sheep seem to set deliberately to work to kill themselves.

"If caught in a storm on the plains they will drift before the wind and die of cold and exposure rather than move a hundred yards to windward to obtain shelter in their corral. To drive sheep against the wind is absolutely impossible. I once lost over 1,000 head because I could not drive them to a corral not 200 feet away.

"In the corral they are still more foolish. If a storm comes up they all move down wind until stopped by the fence. Then commences the proceeding so much dreaded by sheepmen known as 'piling.' The sheep will huddle over each other's backs until they are heaped up ten feet high. Of course all those at the bottom are smothered. Not one has sense enough to seek shelter under the lee of the fence, as a horse or dog would do.

"Again, if a sheep gets into a quicksand its fate teaches nothing to those that come immediately after, but the whole flock will follow its leader to destruction. No more exasperatingly stupid animal than a sheep walks."  
—The Louis Globe-Democrat.

### A CHINESE STORY.

The Noted Liar Who Had a Fairly Competent Spouse.

A noted liar once told a friend that he had at home three precious things—a bullock which could run 500 miles a day, a fowl which crowed at the beginning of each watch, day and night, and a dog that could read books. The friend estimated that he would lose no time in seeing these marvels with his own eyes. The man did not expect this, as his house was somewhat distant, so he went home and told his wife that he had got caught at last and that tomorrow the man would arrive and he could be disgraced.

"Never mind," said the spouse. Leave that to me. It will be all right, only you must keep out of sight.

Next morning the visitor arrived and, being met by the mistress, asked where her husband was.

"He has gone to Peking," she replied. "When will he be back?"

"In eight or nine days."

"Why, how can he be so quick?"

"He has gone off on our fast bullock and so can do it easily."

"I hear you have also a wonderful fowl," said the visitor. And, behold, as he was speaking a small cockcrowed.

"That's it," said the wife. "He crows at the beginning of each watch and so when a visitor arrives."

"I would also like to see the learned dog," he said.

"Ah," said she, "I am sorry, but you see we are very poor, and so he keeps hidden in the city."—Scrap Book.

### Let Him In Doubt.

A certain young artist in New York who is on terms of comparative intimacy with the janitor of the apartment-house where he is making his studio is in some doubt whether the janitor is a genius or something of a genius.

One day while doing a bit of repair work in the studio, says the painter, the janitor scratched a bit of my work with obvious solemnity. When I held a portrait of myself the janitor said:

"The paint on this is badly cracked and it spoils the likeness."

"With no more expression in his countenance than is to be seen in the face of a representative of Buddha," she replied.

"Not at all, sir."

### Training Canaries.

In the canary breeding establishments of Germany only the male birds are valued, because the female's revenue. The method of training the birds is to put them in a room where there is an automatic whistle, which they all strive to imitate. The breeder listens to the efforts of the birds and picks out the best apt pupils, which are then placed in another room for further instruction. These are the best singers and ultimately fetch high prices.

### Lived Up to His Belief.

Hobo—No, madam, I am neither a Socialist nor an anarchist. I am a passive atheist. House-keeper—And what in the name of common sense is that? Hobo—I believe in being helped all I can.—Boston Transcript.

### Cautious.

Prospective Best Man—Got the marriage license yet? Prospective Bridegroom—No; I'm not going to get that until the last thing. She may go back on me.—Chicago Tribune.

### The Modern Husband.

Mrs. Kuleker—We are to have a thousand foot skyscraper. Mrs. Bocker—I suppose that means that Henry will be detained at the office 500 feet later.—Harper's Weekly.

### Jaded.

The Lady—Little boy, don't you know smoking will shorten your life? The Kid—Shucks! Wot do I care? I've seen everyting dere is.—Boston Traveler.

What maintains one vice would bring up two children.—Benjamin Franklin.

### A Boomerang.

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"My dear," said Tom Weston to his wife, "I have a note this morning from Jim Atterbury asking an invitation for his special friend, the Hon. Donald Chesterton, a younger son of something of a British lord. Please send him a bid."

"Donald Chesterton! I never heard Mr. Atterbury speak of having friends among the British aristocracy."

"The function referred to was a large dinner and cotillon to be given by Mrs. Weston. Atterbury was Mr. Weston's bosom friend and was privileged to ask of the Westons for what he chose. The invitation was sent, and when the evening came round Atterbury brought his friend to the dinner. Chesterton had mild blue eyes, soft flaxen hair parted in the middle and a cameo cut smooth shaven face. He wore the usual British monocle.

"My friend Chesterton," said Atterbury, introducing him and at the same time slapping him on the back familiarly, "doesn't consider himself a ladies' man. He loves to roam, now hunting in Chicago—beg pardon, I mean Africa—and now doing battle with the clubbers of Philadelphia—I mean the pirates of the Malay archipelago."

"What's the matter with your tongue, Jim?" asked Weston. "Did you drop in at the club for refreshment on your way over?"

"Nothing the matter, I assure you. I only wish to say that Chesterton being more at home in the open than shut up, even in a fine house, Mrs. Weston had better take him under her wing at dinner. He doesn't fly for young ladies."

There was considerable disappointment among the women guests that the Hon. Mr. Chesterton should have been retained by the hostess. But that lady gave out that, like many men of the British nobility, the young man was a sportsman and a man's man rather than a woman's man. He said little and seemed to be keeping his eye on his introducer as though he didn't feel at ease on American ground and among American customs.

"Wake up, Chesterton," said Atterbury from across the table. "We Americans, of course, are Americans, but we're not so dreadfully different from your London smart set."

Chesterton forced a smile, but looked as if he would prefer shooting lions to being oggled by women. When the dinner was over and the guests were forming for the cotillon Atterbury took pity on his protégé.

"Chesterton," he said to Mrs. Weston, "hates the cotillon. You see, when at home he's obliged to do things he doesn't like. He's danced so much at balls in London that he doesn't want any of it in America. I'm going to take him up into the den and let him smoke."

The two men went upstairs. Later Atterbury went down and asked if Chesterton was dancing. Chesterton, he was told, had not come down. Atterbury said Chesterton had left him for a moment some time before and had not returned. The missing man was not to be found. Atterbury seemed worried. He finally told Mrs. Weston that Chesterton, bored as he was by social functions, had probably taken French leave. When the guests were gone Atterbury took Weston aside and said:

"Do you remember our talk some months ago about the effect of dress on people's appearance?"

"Yes."

"And I bet you a hundred dollars that before the winter was over I'd palm off on you a jail bird?"

"Yes."

"Well, I've done it."

"How? When?"

"This fellow Chesterton is no British swell at all. His mug is in the rogues' gallery. I brought him here expecting to keep an eye on him. Somehow or another he managed to give me the slip and—"

"Tom," called Mrs. Weston, "come up here at once. We've been robbed."

The two men looked at each other. Atterbury turned pale. Weston's face changed from interest in the story to interest in what Mrs. Weston was saying, then he ran upstairs.

When he came down he found his friend walking the floor. "You've won your bet, old man, but at considerable cost. All the jewelry that was in a box on my wife's bureau drawer has disappeared. It couldn't be replaced for \$5,000."

There was a constrained pause.

"Well," said Atterbury as soon as he could recover from the shock, "we'll telephone the police. I'll mail you a check tonight for \$5,000. If the stuff is found you can return the amount."

The police were telephoned and soon got on the track of the Hon. Mr. Chesterton, alias Foxy Pete, alias Zeb Nipper and a number of other aliases. He was eventually caught and the jewelry restored. Mr. and Mrs. Weston went to see him in prison early and for some time would not believe that he was the same man who looked so aristocratic in Atterbury's cast off evening dress.

Weston offered to pay the bet, but Atterbury declined to receive it, and when his friend renewed the offer Atterbury told him if he ever spoke of it again he would cut his acquaintance. Mrs. Weston had many inquiries concerning the handsome Britisher, to all of which she replied that at last accounts he was fighting elephants in India. Weston avers that the gentleman is just now having an engagement with bars.

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With the approach of the Christmas holidays the question of providing confections for the occasion becomes of prime importance to the housewife. Where the cost is a factor there is no doubt that candies should be made at home, since the cost of the manufactured product is all out of proportion to that of the raw materials. A few pounds of sugar, a little flavoring, coloring paste, a few nuts and a very little candied fruit will give an abundant supply of pure and attractive candy at a minimum cost. The housewife's strength, however, must be considered; if she is tired and overworked it would be wise to buy such ready-made bonbons as the purse permits.

The assured purity of the home-made article is well worth the trouble of the making. According to the best authorities, the harmful ingredients of confections is found in aniline dyes. Coloring should be of vegetable origin. In selecting it for home use, choose that whose composition is what it purports to be found in some so-called almond flavoring that is derived from peach kernels; even in minute quantities it is dangerous. Mineral matter in confectionery is probably not common. Glucose, contrary to the popular idea, is not harmful, but is actually more digestible for many people than

cane sugar; sulphuric acid is used in its manufacture and in some cases a trace of acid remains; this is harmful.

**Candy for Young Children.**  
Sugar has a recognized place in the diet of children, but the quantity should be limited. It is not so apt to cause digestive disturbance when taken in a diluted form. The craving children have for sweets is probably due to their great activity. Sugar gives energy quickly. Sweets in excess are apt to cause fermentation. If too many sweets are permitted the malnutrition may result. The appearance of the victim of such a diet might not indicate his condition, since sugar is very fattening, and like the babies in the patent food advertisements, his flabby fatness is mistaken for healthful plumpness. When candy is permitted it should be given at the end of a meal in a small quantity. Large quantities of cheap chocolates, marshmallows and Mexican candy, such as some small children consume, would disturb the digestion of an ostrich. Some simple, homemade candy is much to be preferred. Peppermints, barley sugar, molasses tuff and a few fancy creams without nuts are very easily prepared.

The most attractive of the homemade candies are the French bonbons, the foundation being a cooked fondant. These are difficult to make if care is exercised. The cream, when finished, should melt in the mouth with no trace of granulation. The essentials for suc-

cess are a good quality of dry, sparkling sugar; great care to prevent granulation while cooking and cooling and the removal of the fondant from the fire just at the moment the soft-ball stage is reached.

The best sugar for this purpose is the coffee. A sugar, but pure dry granulated or confectioners' powdered may be used. After the sugar begins to cook the sides of the kettle must be kept free of crystals by wiping with a damp cloth. Do not shake or stir the pan. After it has cooked about five minutes test by dropping a little into a cup of ice water; if it forms a soft ball between the fingers remove from the fire and turn into a large flat dish that has been brushed with cold water. In pouring out the syrup do not attempt to scrape it from the pan, as it may granulate. Set the dish in a cool place where it will not be shaken. When the syrup in the center of the mass is just warm, not hot, it is ready for stirring. Stir constantly with a wooden spatula or a wide bladed knife until it begins to crumble, then knead until soft and creamy; place in an earthenware bowl and cover with a damp cloth until the next day, when it will be ready for use.

Unless you are skillful make only one pound of fondant at a time. The next day the fondant may be made into a great variety of bonbons. It is a good plan to buy some nice assorted creams from a first-class confectioner and use them for models. The smooth surface of the creams made by professional candy makers is due to their being dipped in melted fondant after being molded. Creams must stand over night or several hours in a cool place before being dipped.

The flavoring, coloring and shape of the candies may be varied according to taste, but very bright colors are not desirable. Grated coconut may be mixed with the fondant for the centers, the yellow rind of an orange may be grated and added to a pound of fondant for orange creams; a tiny bit of candied orange peel may be placed on each one. Cherries may be cut in quarters and a bit used for the top of plain white creams, or cherries may be split into eight points and the center filled with cream. Nuts may be dipped in melted fondant to which chocolate has been added, or they may be used for the tops of creams. Part of the fondant may be melted and a few drops of oil of peppermint added, and thus delicious cream minis are secured.

The purchase of a little candied fruit and some nuts will give great variety with a slight expense. Cher-

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**A Love Spat.**

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 "It's all over between us."  
 "But, sweetheart!"  
 "Don't sweetheart me!"  
 "For heaven's sake, what can have  
 made this change?"  
 "I'll never marry a medical man;  
 that's what! I'd rather marry an un-  
 dertaker."  
 "But you have made no objection to  
 my studying medicine before now."  
 "A sexton in a cemetery would be  
 far preferable to a sawbones."  
 "Come, tell me what has happened  
 to excite this antagonism to the no-  
 blest of the professions."  
 "Weren't you and Dick Trimming-  
 ham riding in a trolley yesterday on  
 College street?"  
 "I was."  
 "And who was the third person of  
 the party?"  
 "We had a skeleton with us. We  
 were taking it to our rooms."  
 "And who was the person you called  
 Billy?"  
 "Why, that was what we called the  
 skeleton."  
 "So, indeed, you called it Billy? And  
 who put the cigarette between his  
 jaws and said, 'Don't smoke, Billy; it  
 isn't allowed'?"  
 "Oh, you must have been told this  
 yarn by some mean, contemptible—"  
 "Not a bit of it. No one told me."  
 "Then how did you get on to it?"  
 "Never mind that. Was it neces-  
 sary that you should put a nickel be-  
 tween the horrid thing's finger bones  
 and say, 'Here, Billy, pay your fare  
 like a man'?"  
 "Did we do that?"  
 "Yes, you did."  
 "You mean Dick did it."  
 "It doesn't matter which of you did  
 it. You were both acting like ghouls.  
 And if you didn't do it you did some-  
 thing equally frightful."  
 "What was that?"  
 "You said, 'Billy, you ought to have  
 worn your overcoat. You'll catch cold.'"  
 "I—I was thinking of the real person  
 the skeleton was before he died."  
 "Oh, you were! Then why did you  
 laugh when Dick said, 'He slipped out  
 the back door and got away from his  
 poor old mother, who was chasing him  
 with his rubbers'?"  
 "Did I laugh at that?"  
 "You know very well you laughed at  
 it."  
 "It wasn't funny at all, was it?"  
 "Funny! It was shocking."  
 "Well, Dick, he—"  
 "Oh, yes; it's always 'Dick, he.'  
 That's the way you crawl out of  
 everything. Whose hat was on the  
 thing's head?"  
 "I put my hat on it, but only for a  
 minute."  
 "And said, 'There's too much draft  
 for a bald head.'"  
 "That wasn't funny either."  
 "It was revolting."  
 A pause.  
 "I wish you'd tell me how you got  
 on to all this."  
 "Perhaps you don't remember a girl  
 who got into the car with a thick veil  
 over her face to protect her from the  
 storm and lunged on to a strap. The  
 thing was sitting on your lap—"  
 "Oh, my!"  
 "And you said—what did you say?"  
 "I don't remember."  
 "Don't remember! You said, 'Get up,  
 Billy, and give the lady your seat.'"  
 A pause—a dreadful pause.  
 "And the girl was—"  
 "One who had often sat on your lap  
 and felt your arms about her and your  
 kisses. To think that I should have  
 been forced to listen to such words  
 and see that awful thing sitting in my  
 place! I can't bear the thought of it."  
 "Another very long pause."  
 "What did you do?"  
 "What did I do? I know what I  
 wanted to do. I wanted to tell the  
 conductor to let me get off, but just  
 then a gentleman—a real gentleman,  
 such as I always supposed you to be—  
 arose and gave me his seat. I shut my  
 eyes to keep from looking at the grin-  
 ning ghost opposite, but I kept my  
 ears open to hear what next the man  
 I have loved would say." (Weeps.)  
 A pause, in which the young man  
 looks at the ceiling, the floor, the  
 walls, anything, everything except the  
 girl; then he gulps sorrowfully:  
 "I suppose it's all over between us?"  
 "I should think so."  
 "This evening I'll not have you by  
 me, as usual. You'll not sit on my lap;  
 my heart'll not beat against yours.  
 I'll sit alone in my room, with no one  
 to comfort me except—"  
 A pause.  
 "Who'll comfort you?"  
 "None but Billy."  
 "You don't deserve any one—I mean  
 anything—else."  
 "It'll be awful lonesome sitting there  
 that way."  
 "What way?"  
 "With nobody but Billy."  
 An ominous pause.  
 "Suppose I promise never to do so  
 any more?"  
 No answer.  
 "You know I've always loved you,  
 never any one else in the world. It's  
 pretty hard to have no real person to  
 love, only a—"  
 "No encouragement."  
 "Goodby."  
 He takes her hand, and she makes a  
 feint at withdrawing it.  
 "Just one kiss before we part."  
 "Not a single one."  
 "I'll never, never do anything to of-  
 fend you again."  
 Silence.  
 "Won't you forgive me? If I go to  
 that awful room with that awful thing  
 there I do believe I'll blow out my  
 brains."  
 He draws her down into his lap.  
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 EUGENE HOLMES BURT.

**An Able Advocate**

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 This is the true story of how Pro-  
 fessor Driesback got his wife.  
 Professor Herman Driesback, botan-  
 ist, seeking specimens in Arizona,  
 rode up to a tavern, hitched his horse  
 to a post, went into the house and  
 called for something to eat. To say  
 that the professor was engrossed in  
 his profession to the exclusion of all  
 else is to convey but a faint idea of  
 his enthrallment.  
 But the moment had come when an-  
 other kind of flora crossed Professor  
 Driesback's path to turn his mind tem-  
 porarily in a new channel. While he  
 was sitting at table eating his dinner  
 and thinking on the latest varieties of  
 plants he had picked up a girl in a  
 short skirt, cowhide boots, buckskin  
 leggings and sombrero entered the  
 room and, deposing a rifle in a cor-  
 ner, sat down at the table opposite the  
 man of science.  
 "Morning, stranger," she said. "Don't  
 know who you are, but I'm Kate Mc-  
 Clennen, ranchman's daughter. Who  
 are you?"  
 "Professor Herman Driesback of—  
 university, at your service."  
 "Now, the professor was thirty-two  
 years of age and, although he wore  
 spectacles, had a pair of mild blue  
 eyes behind them, with which he look-  
 ed at Kate McClennen. If Kate was a  
 revelation to the professor the pro-  
 fessor was a revelation to Kate, whose  
 gentlemen admirers had thus far been  
 made up of cowboys, gamblers and  
 such like rude material. The acquaint-  
 ance developed more rapidly than  
 crosses in springtime. After the meal  
 both arose. The girl took her rifle, and  
 they went out to where the professor  
 had hitched his horse. Learning that  
 the girl was going his way, he offered  
 her a seat in his rattletrap buggy,  
 which she accepted, and they took  
 their departure in company.  
 They had not gone a mile when  
 there was a clatter of horses' hoofs  
 behind, a shot over their heads, and  
 before the young woman could get her  
 rifle in position for defense a man  
 rode up, crying:  
 "Halt, you horse thief!"  
 Now, that the professor was a horse  
 thief was proved by his own state-  
 ment. When asked the color of his  
 horse he frankly avowed that he was  
 black, while the hue of the nag he  
 was driving was white.  
 It didn't take the people thereabouts  
 long to collect a jury of twelve good  
 and true men to try the professor.  
 There were no lawyers in those parts,  
 but Professor Driesback was assigned  
 counsel in the person of a cowpuncher  
 who had spent three months in a town  
 lawyer's office. The professor was  
 permitted to make his statement. He  
 said he had driven up to the tavern,  
 hitched his horse, gone out, got into  
 his buggy and driven away. But since  
 meanwhile his horse had changed  
 from black to white his story did not  
 impress people who had heard much  
 more probable stories from horse steal-  
 ers. His counsel was stammering along  
 with a cock and a bull story (so it was  
 considered) of a real horse thief hav-  
 ing taken the prisoner's good black  
 horse and substituted a poor white  
 one when Kate McClennen took a  
 hand in the proceedings.  
 "What do you roosters mean any-  
 way? I know this here gentleman and  
 have known him since he was a kid.  
 Him and me used to play together in  
 his mother's yard back in Missouri."  
 Professor Driesback opened his eyes.  
 "When he was six years old," con-  
 tinued his advocate, "he had a fit.  
 After that, he kept having fits. Then  
 he began to steal things. Mother  
 couldn't keep anything in the cupboard  
 but he'd come in and steal it. And I  
 couldn't save any pennies because he'd  
 git 'em in spite of all I could do to  
 hide 'em. Do you s'pose I told on him  
 and got him hiked? Not much.  
 What'd I want to git a kid that had  
 fits and scarlet fever and spinal menin-  
 gitis into trouble for?"  
 The professor held his breath in  
 amazement.  
 "And how could any one hand-  
 cuffed this way as a boy expect to make  
 a man of himself? Of course he's a  
 horse thief, and any one of you who'd  
 had chicken pox and measles and  
 mumps and fits when you was a boy  
 would make a horse thief yourselves  
 when you grew up. This here prisoner  
 throws himself on the mercy of the  
 court."  
 Before the plea was half finished the  
 minds of the jurymen were made up,  
 and Professor Driesback was acquit-  
 ted without their leaving the boards  
 on which they sat.  
 After the verdict the court, the ac-  
 quitted man, his attorneys and the  
 spectators went outside and were  
 about to disperse when a couple of  
 mounted men were seen driving a  
 man on a black horse before them at  
 the points of their revolvers. They  
 came up and stopped before the crowd.  
 "Good gracious," exclaimed the pro-  
 fessor, "that's my horse!" Then to the  
 man on his back, "Where did you find  
 him?"  
 "Find him?" growled one of his  
 guards. "He took him."  
 "I'd been watchin'," said the thief,  
 "an' when you drew up to the tavern  
 I took a white hoss standin' near an'  
 put him in place of yours. I knowed  
 you was weak in the upper story an'  
 I'd gain time."  
 A rope was brought for the horse  
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the future in the cumulus clouds. All great souls live alone, and are lonely in the midst of men.

About a beautiful life humanity loves to build legends, and the simple life which leads to spiritual greatness must to men be made unusual with a halo of miracles.

Many old legends concern the early schooling of the Boy Christ. It is related that when a child He was taken to Zaccheus, who began to try to teach Him the alphabet.

"My teacher," the marvelous boy is said to have uttered, "thou wouldst teach me, but I shall teach thee."

And then, while the old man listened, thunderstruck, He repeated an alphabet which the other had never learned. He told Zaccheus He had lived from time and knew all things. Zaccheus, amazed, declared he could teach the child nothing.

Some of the legends, as unworthy as the minds that created them, tell that the Child struck His teacher dead. Others tell of His inflicting playmates with death and blindness. In the world of legendary lore, where one finds stories ingeniously simple and charming, it is to be expected, also, that there are crude and cruel traditions.

According to some stories, the children of Nazareth must have found Jesus a wonderful playmate. There was hardly any wish of theirs which He did not fulfill. One day, it is told, some of the little ones wished for fruit.

"Oh, how I would like an apple!" said one.

"And I some figs!" rejoined another.

"How I should love some citron and grapes!" quoth a third.

Jesus looked upon them, and they all seemed so hungry and so anxious that he made a sign in the air and spoke a mystic word. And lo!

A green sprout curled from the ground. Pale green leaves burst forth. The plant rose up and up and up.

"Oh!" gasped the children with great wonder, as before their gaze the plant rose, higher and higher, spreading out limbs—growing larger and stronger, and blooming with flowers. Then the tree, as they looked, bore fruit—apples and citrons, and grapes and figs and whatever their hearts wished.

Here is another story of those childhood days:

A house was being built near the small and modest home of the Holy Family. One day a great uproar arose, and Joseph, stepping from his carpenter shop, saw that a man had fallen from the roof and had been killed.

"Alas! Mary," he said, entering the shop where Jesus was playing, "a man has fallen and broken his limbs; methinks he is dead."

Springing from the floor, the Child, with an expression of great solicitude on His face, rushed into the street. The little crowd parted before him.

He peered into the white face of the dead man. Then His voice rang clear and sweet:

"I say unto thee, arise and do thy work."

The dead man's eyes opened, the blood disappeared from his face and his injuries healed. And he arose and went back to his task.

At another time Jesus was playing with some children on a roof—one of those simple childish games like that of "tag" today. The children were very happy until one falling at full length, went tumbling over the parapet. A cry arose. Peering over the stone wall, the face of Jesus turned white—His little playmate was dead.

Imagine His distress when the parents of the child appeared and accused Jesus of having pushed the little playmate over the wall! Imagine the anguish of Joseph and Mary at the grave accusations! Then Jesus turning to the dead child, called:

"Zeno! Zeno! arise! Arise, Zeno, and tell them if I cast thee down."

And Zeno arose, laughing, clasping and kissing the hand of Jesus, murmuring, gratefully:

"No, no! Thou didst not cast me down."

Many stories are told of the Child Jesus having raised people from the dead in the little known days of his childhood. It is related, too, that when his parents took him to Jerusalem—on the same journey when He had the famous discussion with the learned doctors in the temple—He caused at the sight of Jerusalem, and a spirit of prophecy revealed to Him its doom.

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To many people there is, perhaps, nothing more simply national than the Christmas mince pie, unless it be the pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving Day. This gastronomic dainty has a history as old as Christmas in the North, if not older.

Its earliest known appearance was at the winter feasts of the half-Christianized Britons. It was then, and is still in some parts of Great Britain, made in the form of a manger, and is supposed to represent that in which the infant Christ was laid.

The mistletoe was held in great reverence by the Druids. It was believed to be particularly and divinely healing; in fact, it was given this attribute for centuries. It had a special significance as the cause of the death of Balder, the Norse Apollo, who was killed by an arrow made from its branches and given to the blind Hoder by Loki, the god of mischief. Balder was restored to life, the mistletoe tree was placed under the care of Friga; and from that time until it touched the earth was never again to be an instrument of evil.

The present custom of kissing under the mistletoe is the outcome of an old practice of the Druids. Persons of opposite sexes passed under the suspended vine and gave each other the kiss of love and peace in full assurance that though it had caused Balder's death, it had lost all of its power of doing harm since his restoration.

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## CHRISTMAS AS A FEAST DAY

The great day of Christendom was not always celebrated on December 25. It has been celebrated in March and April, and even now Russia observes the Julian date of January 6. Most authorities agree that the actual date of the nativity has perished beyond hope of recovery. In an effort to end the controversy as to the date, Pope Julius in the Fourth century caused an investigation to be made by St. Cyril, resulting in both being satisfied that, as nearly as could be ascertained, December 25 was the correct date. Locally the dictum of Pope Julius was accepted.

It was not until the Sixth century that most of Christendom united in keeping Christmas on the same day. The reasons for this delay in instituting the feast are summed up by an authority who explains that, in the first place, no corresponding festival was presented by the Old Testament as in the case of Easter and Pentecost; second the day and month of the birth of Christ are nowhere stated in Gospel history; third, that the church hesitated at first about the death and resurrection of Christ, the completed fact of redemption, and made this the center of the weekly worship and the church year; and fourth, that the earlier feast of Epiphany afforded a substitute for the festival of the nativity.

### Other Days Observed.

The Christians of America have steadfastly declined to have anything to do with December 25, and have for many centuries kept Christmas-Day at Epiphany, on January 6. In the czar's vast empire some people observe December 25 and others keep to January 6, but both these Christmas days fall on different days from ours.

This is explained by the proceedings of Julius Caesar and Pope Gregory XIII. When the great Roman conqueror became the master of the world he found the calendar in a frightful state of confusion.

Caesar devised a reformed calendar of his own, but, though it worked well for a long time, it was not perfect. It gained a fraction of time each year. This did not amount to much in itself, but as the centuries rolled on it mounted up, and after nearly 1600 years the world was ten days in advance of actual dates. That is, what was called January 1 was really January 10.

People were celebrating Christmas Day on January 4, while all the time they blissfully imagined that it was December 25. In 1582 Pope Gregory reformed the calendar by the extremely simple expedient of ordering that October 5 of that year should be called October 15.

The intermediate ten days were simply knocked off.

Most countries in Europe promptly adopted this change, but some of them at first declined to do so, and England was among these. All through the Seventeenth century, therefore, England was ten days behind the greater part of the rest of the world as regards date.

In the Eighteenth century, on account of the Julian calendar having then gained another day, Englishmen were eleven days behind. Finally the confusion arising from the use of two calendars became such a nuisance as to seriously interfere with trade. So, in 1752, after a vast amount of debate—for many good folk thought it was irreligious to tamper with such things—an act of parliament ordained that September 2 of that year should be reckoned as September 14.

The Russians, however, from start to finish, have absolutely refused to have anything to do with the Gregorian calendar, and their Christmas takes place on what is our January 6.

### Origin of Some Customs.

Comparatively few of the millions of persons who annually enter so heartily into the festivities of Christmas give a thought to the origin of the customs they observe. Young people, middle-aged people and old people who take an indescribable pleasure in decorating their homes with holly, mistletoe and other evergreens, in anticipation of a reign of fun and frolic, do not, as a rule, give much thought to the nativity, and never for a moment does any idea concerning the origin of such decorations enter their heads.

How many good souls there are who delight in the old-fashioned Christmas customs, and who once a year, at least, let themselves out to enjoy the revels of St. Nicholas' feast in the good old style, who would hold up their hands in horror were it even suggested that

they were simply imitating the "wicked old pagans." Almost all our popular practices in honor of the birth of Christ have their origin in the ante-Christian ones.

About 300 A. D. a boy was born in Lycia. His parents called him Nicholas, but (so the chronicles tell us), though that was a man's name, he preserved the nature of a child, for he chose "to keep virtues, meekness and simplicity, and therefore children do him worship before all other saints."

The modern child's "Santa Claus" is a Dutch contraction of "Sankt Nikolaus," "Sank'ni K'laus," and the saint's custom of giving presents secretly and in the dead of night as the development of a deed of charity he performed when he assisted by tossing three well filled purses into their bedroom long after they had retired.

Thus Santa Claus comes about when the children are asleep and gives them their hearts' desire. St. Nicholas' Day was originally early in December, but later it was confounded with Christmas.

### St. Nicholas and Father-Time.

The idea that St. Nicholas was an old hoary-bearded man comes from the ancient representations of Saturn, who was pictured a patriarch, and also from the confounding of the Christmas saint with Father Time, who always had his special day, on New Year's Eve, a week after Christmas.

This custom we derive from the Romans, who on the first day of Saturnalia, gave to their servants and children, dolls, candles and little doll-like pastries, the exact significance of which, it is believed, had to do with those days when human sacrifices constituted a feature of the Saturnalia ritual.

The dolls were given principally to children, although their significance, it is believed, was relative to that sacrifice of human lives to the infernal god which was practiced at Carthage.

Hardly was the Saturnalia over when the Paganalia began. At this festival an altar was erected in each village throughout Italy. For this all persons contributed money. Hence arose the custom, so an old mediæval chronicler writes, for the "parents to give cakes, toys, boxes, garments, little wagons, apples, nuts, etc., to their children on Christmas Eve, and sometimes rods were added to the presents in order that the children might be the more easily ruled by fear of punishment."

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Will Open New Business. E. M. Rogers, formerly local manager for the Southwestern Telephone Company, will open up a gas supply and fixture store in the building now occupied by the City Bakery on the first of the new year.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Roberts entertained a number of friends at "59" at their hospitable home at 1400 Lamar avenue Saturday evening. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

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More About the New Plan. The Fort Worth Telegram yesterday gave the following outline of the plan of the Texas Farmers' Union to make cotton warehouse certificates legal tender.

A bill making warehouse cotton certificates legal tender is to be introduced in congress at its present session, and the indications are that it will carry!

This startling statement, which will be of interest to the farmers all over the United States, was made by President Neill Monday morning in his address before the meeting of the county presidents of the Farmers' Union of Texas.

President Neill declared that Congressman Henry of Waco has been consulted with reference to the measure, and that he is in hearty sympathy with it. In fact, such good progress has been made that it is already being shaped up, and the measure is to be introduced by Congressman Henry and seconded by Congressman Burleson.

If this thing is pushed through successfully, it will be one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of the Farmers' Union; and will tend materially to strengthen every union in the country. It will aid the farmers in their fight for higher prices; and at the same time the merchants will be benefitted for with these certificates as a legal tender, the farmers will have money with which to operate while their cotton is being held at the warehouses for a fixed price.

How System Works. When a farmer hauls his cotton to the warehouse he is given a certificate showing the number of bales he has. It is proposed to allow him a certain sum—a price which the cotton would bring at any time—and with this amount specified on his certificates, which would be legal tender, he could cash it in anywhere, thus allowing money to be circulated freely. Then, when the cotton is sold at the fixed price, all above the amount allowed in the certificate is to be paid.

In some quarters it has been held that the holding of cotton in warehouses, which tied up a vast amount of money, was indirectly responsible for the recent panic. Be that as it may, if the plan of President Neill goes through the holding of cotton will not cause any scarcity in the circulation of money in the future.

The regular prayer meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at 7:15, led by Mr. J. C. Hunt. All members are urged to make a special effort to be present.

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Nothing else does quite so well for a Man's or Boys' Christmas as something he can wear. What he wears he'll appreciate. Man or Boy—what makes so satisfactory a Christmas Gift as a Suit, Overcoat or Rain Coat? If you do not care to invest so much then a Hat, a Cap or any of the many things in our Toggery department. We've a host of things that are just right.



Our store is in Holiday attire. New styles and new ideas will greet you at every turn. Come in to see what we can do for him. We can settle your Christmas worry in short order.

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 10 P. M.

K A H N - THE CLOTHIER

THE OLD CIRCUS POSTER.

Pretentious Language With Which the Show Was Described.

The grandiloquent extravagance of language of the old time circus poster is illustrated by this reproduction, which is given verbatim:

"There will be presented a resplendent series of sublime, moral, interesting, instructive, amusing and wonderful scenes which would appear entirely too fabulous if expressed in an advertisement. They must be seen to be duly appreciated. These great displays will unfold in all the loveliness and beauty of enchantment, carrying the minds of the bewildered or spellbound spectators off on the gentle wings of the imagination to such pageantry as they might dream of after reading a few pages of 'Arabian Nights' Entertainments. Words are really wanting to give adequate expression. Webster's unabridged fails most signally in language to fully portray a semblance of the reality. Zoonomy may be learned at this great college in a single evening. Here the visitor will see splendid specimens of the zygodactylous race that live upon the earth or float and poise upon the wings of gold and silver plume in the cerulean arch, and in reference to these the corps of superintendents in courtly dress will elucidate the peculiarities of each with guarded suaviloquence."

His Fears Realized.

"My heart is in my mouth. I am afraid to hear you answer."

"You may well be, Mr. Dollboy," retorted Ethel. "I never could marry a man whose heart was not in the right place!"

If a man is worth knowing at all he is worth knowing well.—Alexander Smith.

The attention of those contemplating building or making improvements is directed to the advertisement of Fritz L. Ernst, contractor and builder, to be found in another column. He would be pleased to furnish estimates of all work in his line, and guarantees his work to be satisfactory.

Sole agents for the celebrated J. R. Keiser's neckwear. The best made. A beautiful line at 50 cents to \$2.50. 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

Genuine holly wreaths at Ralph Darnell's. 187-1f

Automobile gloves, \$3.50 to \$5.00 at 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

Get a ticket on the Beautiful \$25.00 doll, at Ralph Darnell's. 183-2t

Roster 23rd Legislature.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 22.—The Texas Commercial Secretaries association is issuing a pamphlet form roster of the members of the 31st legislature. All members of the legislature are listed in alphabetic order and also in numerical order according to districts. The Senatorial districts are separated and representatives in each senatorial district listed together with the commercial clubs and newspapers in such district. The members of the 31st legislature who were in the 20th legislature are also listed. The book is 5x7 inches in size, 50 pages and is run in two colors handsomely bound.

Sole agents for St. n-Bloch & Co.'s clothing. 189-6t WALSH & CLASBEY.

Young County Coal. Maricle Coal Co. has just received a car of Young County coal. If you want to try it phone your order to 437. Stonecipher stand. 193-3tc

Something good—new kraut. King & White. Phone 261. 178-1f.

Buy your fireworks from Ralph Darnell. He has them galore. 183-2t

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