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Physician and Surgeon.
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
Office:—At My Store.

Utah is now a state.

A shoe factory is to be erected
at Long View Texas.

The cattle market at Chicago
last week took a 35 cent rise.

The Ft. Worth Gazette of the 5th
says there a plan on foot to send
a colony of people from Texas and
Indian Territory to Venezuela to
settle in that country and to offer
their services to the Venezuelan
government to resist the aggression
of England.

It was supposed at the first
that is if the United States and
England really went to war that
Germany would be an English
sympathiser, but England and
Germany now have a war of their
own.

In a manufacturing town recent-
ly the workmen were paid 700
marked \$10 bills on Saturday eve-
ning and by the following Tues-
day \$10 of these marked bills had
been deposited in the bank by
saloon keepers.—Ex.

A boy can sit on a board six
inches square tied to a sled going
eight miles an hour, who couldn't
sit still five minutes on a sofa for
a dollar. A man sits on an inch
edge of a board fence and talks
politics for three hours; put him
in a church pew forty minutes and
he gets nervous, turns and goes
to sleep. A man will fill his
mouth with filthy tobacco until it
runs down his chin, but hair in
the butter kills him.—Ex.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A special to the
Times-Herald from Washington
says—Warships flying the stars
and stripes and manned by Amer-
icans blue jackets may force the
passage of the Dardenelles and
Bosphorus and anchor at Con-
stantinople and show the sultan
that Uncle Sam is not to be trifled
with.

The state of Utah will introduce
an innovation in the jury system
by substituting eight jurors for
twelve in all cases not involving
capital punishment, and permitting
a verdict on the vote of six out of
eight jurymen.

The New Man.

She had yielded to the fascina-
tions of the new women idea, and
was at least a neck ahead of the
most advanced. Her husband
was meek and lowly and they liv-
ed out on Fannin streets.

After supper she put on her
bloomers, got her hat and cane
and said she was going down to
the club for an hour or two. Her-
ry had gone to bed and was try-
ing to figure out why he had been
born.

She reached up to the gas burn-
er and said:

"Is there anything I can do for
you, Henry before I put out the
light?"

"Yes, my dear; I'm feeling rath-
er nervous to-night. Would you
mind looking under the bed to see
if there's a woman there before
you go out!"—Houston Post.

To the Stockmen of Texas.

The object of this letter is to
urge upon you the great impor-
tance of your attendance at the
coming annual meeting of the
Texas Livestock Association in
San Antonio on the 14th and 15th
of this month. The railroad com-
panies will issue half-fare round
trip tickets; the good people of
San Antonio are making unusual
preparations for the entertainment
of their visitors; an attractive pro-
gramme, embracing all important
branches of the livestock interest
has been prepared and assigned to
competent speakers, and the pro-
ceedings will terminate with an
excursion to Mexico, which a
large number have already signi-
fied their intention of joining.

A part from the above induc-
ements there are, however, strong-
er reasons for desiring your atten-
dance. The cattle and sheep inter-
ests of our state are at present
in a condition from which there
will before long be a change ei-
ther for better or worse, which
it is to be depends greatly upon
legislative action. For this reason
it is now of vital importance
that not only stock raisers, but all
who are in any manner interested
in the industry should confer to-
gether and decide upon some spe-
cific action. You can readily see
therefore, how directly you are
interested and the consequent im-
portance of your attendance at
this meeting.

You are further kindly request-
ed to give as much publicity as
possible to this call and urge the
attendance of your friends. The
association wishes it understood
that all are free to address the
meeting, and a special invitation
is tendered non-members to meet
with us and participate in our de-
liberations.

Yours very truly,
GEO. B. LOVING!
Secretary.

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Chicago, Ill.—[Special.]—Post-
master Washington Heising, refer-
ing to the Chicago postoffice, in a
recent speech at the Auditorium,
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is equal to New York in its impor-
tance, in the volume of the mail and
in the number of registered packages.

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look out. If she starts out in vigorous,
womanly health then it is pretty safe to
say she will be a healthy, attractive,
beautiful woman.

The beginning of womanhood is the
real crisis in a woman's life. Nearly
always something is wrong then in the
distinctly feminine organs. Maybe it
isn't very serious—no matter—the time
to stop disease is when it starts.

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI

will bring girls safely through the crisis.
Taken at the first indication of weak-
ness, it never fails. It regulates the
monthly periods with perfect precision.
Its action is direct upon the feminine
organs that above all others, ought to
be strong and well.

Start the girl right. Don't expose her
to the dangers and tortures of dragging
weakness, bearing down pains, nervous
prostration and the debilitating drains
so common to women.

McElree's Wine of Cardui, is a home
treatment. It does away entirely with
abhorrent "local examinations."

Sold at \$1.00 a Bottle by Dealers in Medicine.

Congressman Noonan has intro-
duced a bill for the establishment
of a federal court at San Angelo.



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When you are in NEED

Of anything in the way

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The first car load of hogs were shipped from Ballinger Tuesday by Messrs. C. C. F. Blanchard and W. J. Wiugate. They were shipped to Fort worth, and numbered seventy-two head of as nice logs as one could wish to see. They were not over an average, but mouth and fat, presented a splendid appearance. There will be about 4 or 5 cars to go out soon by the same gentlemen. These hogs were all fattened on milo-maize, and fully demonstrates what any man can do so desired Runnels county should ship out at least one hundred cars of hogs each year, all fattened and made ready for the market on milo-maize. Mr Blanchard tells us that he now has something over 100 as fine pigs as Runnels county ever produced, and that when fattening time comes next fall he will put up to fatten for the market from three to five hundred head of splendid hogs. This sounds like business, and we hope their owner will make a young fortune out of the enterprise, for he certainly deserves it.—Banner Leader.

Photographs! Photographs!!

You can get first class pictures in Robert Lee, for the next thirty days. T. Irby, Artist, on his way to Ballinger will positively be at Robert Lee 30 days.

Jim Sims Killed.

Last Thursday afternoon about five o'clock, Cordis Vanelieve who lives on South Concho, about twelve miles south of town, came in and surrendered to Sheriff Shield. The young man, who is about twenty years old, had ridden last and was very excited. He stated that he had had a difficulty with Jim Sims, a young neighbor of his, and had killed him in self defense. Shortly after Vanelieve's arrival Dr. McHenry was called upon to go and minister to the wants of young Sims, but the doctor's services were of no avail and the victim died at eleven o'clock that night. It is however probable that the accused will be let out on bail, as his case from all details which can be gotten is one of man slaughter.—San Angelo Enterprise.

CHEAP GROCERIES!

CHEAP GRAIN

—AND—

FREE WAGON YARD!

By doing business on a strict cash basis this year I will be able to sell groceries and grain at a verry small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and now have good water and good roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,

John Barron.

Judge Gu'n and E. A. Trail of Ballinger were in Robert Lee Friday and Saturday. Judge Guion was examining the titles to the land Mr. Creamer has sold to W. L. McAuley south of the Colorado river in this county.

Dr. W. F. Key and Mr. George

Harris, of Bronte, were in the city Thursday paying Taxes, while here they made us a pleasant call.

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MRS. J. D. SCROGGINS,
Ballinger, Tex.

Commissioners Court.

At a special session of the commissioners court held on Monday the 6th, for the purpose of receiving the County Treasurers' additional bonds as required by that court on Dec. 16, 1895, the Treasurer having failed and refused to make said additional bonds, the court declared the County Treasurers office vacant, and J. A. Gardner Sr. was appointed Treasurer to fill the vacancy.

The court ordered Mr. Gardner as County Treasurer to give bonds as follows:—

General County bond in the sum of \$10,000 and a school fund bond in the sum of \$7000, said bonds to be presented to the court for approval on the 27th of January 1896.

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

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J. W. TIMMINS - - - Judge.
D. D. WALLACE, - - - Attorney.
ED M. MOBLEY, - - - Clerk.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

D. T. AVERITT, - - - Judge.
W. C. MERCHANT, - - - Attorney.
ED M. MOBLEY, - - - Clerk.
L. B. MURRAY, Sheriff & Col'rs
H. E. JOHNSTON, - - - Assessor
W. C. HAYLEY, - - - Treasurer
J. R. PATTERSON, - - - Surveyor
J. M. PERRY, - - - Inspector.

COMMISSIONERS.

M. H. DAVIS, - - - Pre. No. 1.
L. H. McDORMAN, - - - " " 2.
A. C. GARDNER, - - - " " 3.
J. H. CAMPBELL, - - - " " 4.

SOCIETY.

L. O. O. F.—Robert Lee Texas No. 357 meets each Thursday night, George Williamson N. G. F. B. Perry, V. G. H. H. Hayley, Secretary, J. D. Davis Treasury.

A. F. AND A. M.

Hayrick Lodge No. 696 meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

R. R. Smith, W. M., George Williamson S. W. W. R. Presler, J. W. H. E. Johnston Sec. B. A. Boykin, Treasurer J. A. Burroughs Tyler J. H. Burroughs S. D. T. A. Higginbotham, J. D.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Bronte, 2d " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Tucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.
GEO. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

W. W. HAMPTON, Pastor.

Baptist Church; 3d Sunday No Pastor.

Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.

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1 Special Mountain Hack, 1-1-4 axle, top, pole and brake, \$120. Former price of same, \$165.

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1 Ranch Road Buggy, full rubber top side curtains, apron, pole, brake etc., a splendid ranchman's buggy, only \$125.

Former price of same \$165.

1 Ranch Road Buggy, full rubber top, side curtains, apron, pole, brake etc., same style as above but lighter, only \$90.

Former price of same, 125.

We also have a carload, just received, of Milburn single and double Buggies, Hacks, Milk and light spring Road Wagons at very reasonable prices. We give a full guarantee on these lines of goods.

One 100-piece Royal Porcelain Dinner set, handsomely decorated and gold stenciled, regular retail price \$16.50, now by set \$12.75.

One 50-piece dinner set, same as above regular price \$7.25, by set, 6.00.

One 40-piece dinner set, same as above, regular price \$5.75 by set 5.00.

One 35-piece combination dinner and Tea set, Carlsbad China, daintily decorated and gold stenciled. Very handsome only 20.00.

One 25-piece dinner set, pure Carlsbad China, of a very handsome and fashionable decoration and catches pattern nothing better in the store \$12.75.

One 30-piece delicate plain China dinner set, regular \$6.75, only 6.00. We still have only about 40 or 50 of these 4 piece sets left at 40 cents per set.

Pure white Ironstone cups and saucers, handled and full size, warranted, at only 40c per set.

Plates of same grade same price.

Full size pitchers and bowls of same grade for only 75 cents.

Handled Water Glasses, 20 dozen at 35 cents per dozen. Will close them out.

CHINA AND GLASS.

HAGELESTEN.

San Angelo, Texas.

HOLIDAYING IN JEWELRY.
Some People

Won't buy a present until the day before Christmas. A thoughtful person will buy one while many different lines of Holiday novelties are unbroken—the selection is easier—you have the

of the choicest—and the prices are no greater.

PICK

W. E HEALD

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East of Nimitz Hotel.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Fine rain Monday night.
Have we lost the telephone.

Mr. M. Patterson, of Sanco, was in town Friday with a bale of cotton.

J. W. Ashurst of the Divide was in town Friday.

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansaw Smith's

Esq. Byrne of Sanco, was seen on our streets last Friday.

Mr. Ed Stokes of Sterling county was in the city Monday.

J. N. Buchanan and F. B. Perry went to Maverick Wednesday.

Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths San Angelo.

Scrip for sale at the RUSTLER office.

Mr. Kelley, the Ballinger Livery Stable man was in town Thursday and Friday.

Try some of F. B. Perry's 50 cents a quart whiskey.

The Masonic fraternity is talking of erecting a Masonic Hall on the public square in Robert Lee soon.

Quite a number of the citizens have been in town this week settling up for 1895 with Mr. Murray.

Sheriff L. B. Murray made a flying trip to San Angelo the first of the week and returned on Thursday.

Mr. R. R. Smith, of near Hayrick was in the city several days this week.

Arkansaw Smith is the red-hot cash man of San Angelo

Patronize those who advertise in the RUSTLER.

Come New

To Robert Lee, a fine picture of your baby or whole family Guaranteed.

E. Rambin, of near Hayrick was in the city Wednesday paying taxes.

Messrs J. H. Barronghs and Dr. J. B. Latham paid San Angelo a visit Wednesday and returned Thursday.

Judge Adams was seen on streets one day this week.

Can get more Groceries for less money than any place in San Angelo at Arkansaw Smiths'.

I will buy or repair your second hand Wagons, Buggies and Hacks. Always a stock of same on hand for sale at my shop 3 blocks North of Ice Factory. Come see me.
H. Y. KETTLER,
San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. T. L. Vaughn, the Bronte mill man was in town Tuesday and reports that the Bronte gin has turned out 721 bales to date, this season and says there is considerable cotton yet to be gined.

Mr. Will Murray, of Sanco, brother of Sheriff Murray was in town Tuesday.

Sheriff Murray reports that there were over \$10,000 taxes paid last month.

January 1st, 1896.

I have closed my books and from now on will sell strictly for cash. I have found out, that with the capital I have, I can not keep an assortment of goods and sell on a credit. All that are indebted to me, please come forward and settle.

Respectfully,
R. B. Higuins.

The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for the Robert Lee Mission held a meeting in Robert Lee on Thursday and took steps preparatory to building a Church house in Robert Lee this spring or summer. The Church Extension Board of the M. E. Church South has donated \$250. for this purpose.

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Of fee at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

The people of Robert Lee have at last gone to work in earnest about securing a gin and mill to be located in the out skirts of town.

If you want the best whiskey in town, call at the Round Front Saloon and see F. B. Perry.

Judge M. H. Davis, after an absence of three weeks returned home Thursday on the San Angelo stage and reports he had quite a prosperous business trip.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

ASA CORDILL, Ballinger, Tex.
If your Watch, Clock or Jewellery needs repairing, send or bring it to me. My work is first class and is guaranteed in every respect. Give me a trial order.

Lum Hudson was here Thursday.

You can get whiskey at F. B. Perry's all the way from 25 to 75 cents a pint.

Mr. John Burnett, of Coke county, formally of Erath, is visiting friends and relatives at Higland this week.—Dublin Progress.

If you are behinde on your subscription, please come in and pay up before Jan. 1st, as we are much in need of money.

Hesters report for December shows that, with the exception of 1892, less cotton was brought into sight during that month than for the corresponding month of any year since 1887.—Compared with last year it shows a decrease of 638,000 bales. Yet the returns to the farmers from this year's crop have been greater than were those from the heavy crop last year. If this years advance in price does not bring an overproduction the next crop should yield at least as good, if not better, returns than the present one.—Fort Worth Gazette.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friend to come to see me.

F. B. PERRY.

Mr. J. R. Patteson our County Surveyor a member of the Law firm of Brightman & Patteson has been quite busy in the country this week Surveying and establishing land corners.

Mr. G. W. Webb, invites the patrons of his hotel to put their teams up in his free wagon yard.

Mr. J. C. Turner and wife, of Hamilton county, formally of this county, are visiting relatives and friends at Sanco and Robert Lee.

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Mr. Henry Williams, of Indian Creek neighborhood was in town one day this week. Mr. Williams says every thing is getting along nickerly on Indian Creek.

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Mr. S. S. Craddock, of Sanco was in town one day this week. He says their school is getting along nicely and every body has got their cotton out and says Sanco is on a boom now.

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Special AnnouncemEnt.

During the balace of this month we will make a General reduction in prices on Surplus Lines preparatory to our ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING in DECEMBER.

Remember that these SPECIAL PRICES will only last until Stock-Taking. The following is a partial list of goods on which we will make

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Ladies Novelty Dress Goods, White and Red Flannels, Fancy Flannels French Flannelettes, Ladies Underwear, Ladies Cloaks and Jackets Ladies wool hose, Ladies Skirts, Gents Suits Gents Overcoats Gents Underwear, Gents Hats, Gents Shirts, Gents Mackintoshes, Ladies and Gen's Shoes, Children's Shoes, Blankets and Quilts.

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Ballinger, Texas.

Marriage.

Miss Vena McAuley, the estimable and charming daughter of our old time friend, W. L. McAuley, of the Maverick country, was married Wednesday to Wm. Hearrell at the residence of the bride's parents, at which place a bountiful and elegant supper was spread to about three hundred select guests. The list of presents was not very extensive but were elegant and costly, a list of which we did not procure. A magnificent in-fair dinner was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Good, at which many prominent guests were present to enjoy. To take it all in all this was a most brilliant affair. The Banner Leader extends congratulations, and wishes them a happy and a prosperous sojourn through life.—Ballinger Banner Leader.

A MEETING CALLED.

Of All Cotton Growers.

An address to all cotton growers has been issued by the president of the American-Cotton-Growers-Protective Association, Mr. Lane. In the address president Lane urges all who are interested, directly or indirectly, in the welfare of cotton-growers to attend a convention to be held at Memphis, Tenn., January 21st. President Lane advises those who have it to hold their cotton for an advancement in price, which he thinks is bound to come before this crop is consumed. He also advises farmers to still further reduce the acreage in cotton and show how a small crop sold at 10 and 11 cents pays better than a large crop sold at 5 and 6 cents.

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The First Christians.
An Armenian clergyman, now in this country, recounts the sending of missionaries to his country as an impertinence. "We are the first Christian nation," he says; "we accepted Christ when all others rejected him. Abgar, king of the Armenians at Etesia, the city of Abraham, heard of Christ, who was at that time in Jerusalem, healing the sick. Abgar wrote a letter to Christ saying: 'You must be God's son or God himself, for what you are doing no man in this world can do. Pray come to my country; it is not a large country, but it is large enough for you and me.' This letter is still in existence. It is in Cairo, in the famous 'strong room' of the museum, and has been read by many English scholars. Another thing we claim is that God spoke Armenian with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, which was located in Armenia, and our history also shows us that the Armenians were the only people who did not assist in the building of the tower of Babel. Noah was alive at the time, and spoke the language of Adam, which was Armenian. After the ark rested on Mount Ararat in Armenia, Noah named the first house he built Nahrison, meaning 'I just got down.' Yes, we are the oldest people and the oldest Christian nation in the world."

Goes Down People's Necks.
Some French statisticians have been troubling their mind to know where all the champagne produced in the world goes. He estimates that there is a yearly output of 21,000,000 bottles. Of this quantity his own country drinks the least. England, and then America, consume the most, closely followed by Russia. Add to this the quantity of champagne France has never seen that is consumed in this country and it will be understood that country is quite a consumer.

Very Rich Indeed.
In the elements that supply the human system with bone, muscle and brain substance is a circulation fertilized with the supreme tonic, **Wine of Cardui**, which heaves through assimilation and digestion, and gives a healthy impulse to every function of the body. Hypertic and weakly persons give strong life to their system. So do those troubled with biliousness, malaria, rheumatism, constipation and inactivity of the kidneys.

Stay Away.
Robert Perry, a Chicago contractor, who has been spending some time in South Africa, says that it is an excellent place to stay away from. The climate is bad, water is scarce, living is high, and there is no chance to make anything.

Madam Boivect.
I am a mid-wife and have been giving McElree's Wine of Cardui and Black Draught to my lady patients, both during pregnancy and after birth as a tonic, and have found the treatment will do more than is claimed for it. Two years ago I was troubled with female weakness myself, that I could not work at all. I heard McElree's Wine of Cardui recommended, and got six bottles of it, and a mammoth package of Theford's Black Draught. I began the treatment as directed, and in two weeks I had improved so much I could do my work, and have never been troubled with it since.

Mrs. V. M. BOIVECT,
Zurich, Kansas.
Mrs. MARY F. McCLAREN, Rockmart, Ga., writes: "I have always been a great sufferer during child birth. I used McElree's Wine of Cardui before confinement the last time, and the pains were much less and shorter than ever before, and my baby is larger and much healthier than any of the others."

The man who knows least generally wants to talk the most.

In Olden Times
People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects; but now that with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

Some people don't know enough to blow hot & up.

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GOOD ETCHINGS FOR OUR LITTLE READERS.

The Sleepy Song—A Sober Thought—A Noble Youth—A Mouse's Engineering—A Pleasant Greeting—Duty and Love.



OPTLY LITTLE
hands are folding—
Play forgotten—
waiting rest:
Drowsy eyes fond
dreams behold—
Brighter than the
painted west.
Nearer, drawing
nearer,

Blessed rest!
Clearer, ever dearer
Comes the fairy music, low,
Leading forth the happy visions
Only childhood's eyes can know—
Sweet, sweet rest!

Gently little eyes are closing,
Drooping with their weight of bliss;
Lips smile, the while supposing
Every touch an angel's kiss.

Sweeter, ever sweeter,
Peaceful sleep!
And the music's mystic meter
Croons a heavenly lullaby
While the cherubs hold their candles
At the windows of the sky.
Precious sleep!

Innocence asleep! so tender,
Love could only stoop to kiss—
Life can show no calm surrender
Half as brave or mild as this.

Purer than love's passion,
This the best,
Fairer than all fashion—
Ah! to share its peace benign—
'Tis the only mood where humans
Prove their lineage divine—
Sweet, sweet sleep!

—Geo. E. Bowen in the Inter Ocean.

A Sober Thought.
The Golden Censer tells of a mechanic who had been in the habit of dropping into a beer saloon twice a day, and spending five cents each time for a glass of beer, was captivated one day by a new thought. "I am poor," he said to himself, "my family need every cent I can earn; it is growing more and more expensive every year; soon I shall want to educate my children. Ten cents a day for beer! Let me see; that is sixty cents a week. That is thirty-one dollars and twenty cents a year! And it does me no good; it may do me harm. Let me see"—and here he took a piece of chalk and solved the problem on a board—"I can buy two barrels of flour, one hundred pounds of sugar, five pounds of tea and six bushels of potatoes for that sum." Pausing for a moment, as if to allow the grand idea to take full possession of himself, he then exclaimed: "I will never waste another cent." He never has, and he is to-day a prosperous man.

A Noble Youth.
How many young men, just budding into manhood, have taken the first fatal cup? And not stopping at the first, as they may have thought of doing, but taking a second soon after the first and so on, until their ruin was complete. There was once a young man who was clerking in a large dry goods store where many other young men were employed. Some of the latter urged the newcomer to accept a social glass, but he refused. The young men laughed at him, calling him a "baby," and they also said that "one glass would not hurt him." "Oh, no," he replied, "if I should take one glass, I could easily be persuaded to take another. My mother taught me to shun the fatal cup. And when I was a little child, she taught me this verse among many others: 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' The lads laughed and sneered at him, but it was useless to try to remove his scruples. "My father," the brave boy continued, "went that downward path and at last filled a drunkard's grave. I do not intend to follow in his footsteps." If other young men would only stand their ground firmly for the right, doing nobly as this one did, there would be a great many fewer drunkard's graves and a great many more happy hearts and homes.

A Mouse's Engineering.
"While digging holes for telegraph poles at Byron, Me.," said a Western Union man, "I became interested in watching the ingenuity and perseverance of a mouse. He fell into one of the holes, which was 4 1/2 feet deep and twenty inches across. The first day he ran around the bottom of the hole, trying to find some means of escape, but could not climb out. The second day he settled down to business. He began steadily and systematically to dig a spiral groove round and round the inner surface of the hole with a uniformly ascending grade. He worked night and day, and as he got further from the bottom he dug little pockets where he could either lie or sit and rest. Inter-

ested witnesses threw in food. At the end of two weeks the mouse struck a rock. This puzzled him. For nearly a day he tried to get under, around or over the obstruction, but without success. With unflinching patience he reversed his spiral and went on tunneling his way in the opposite direction. At the end of four weeks he reached the top, and probably sped away to enjoy his well-earned freedom. His escape was not seen. When his food was put in in the morning he was near the surface, but at night the work was seen to be complete, and the little engineer, whose pluck and skill had saved his life, had left."—New York Sun.

Bought Her Own Gown.
They tell a story of an unfortunate society woman who, being terribly pushed for a gown to wear at a great occasion, sold seven gowns for the price of one to Mme. X. Among these gowns was one hardly rumpled, and which, though very magnificent, had evidently been worn at most only once. This dress Mme. X. sold as a model to Mme. Y., who was the society woman's dress-maker, and who had been obdurate about making another thing for the poor little woman without cash down. When this "model" came in she saw a chance for big return of money, so she compromised with her customer, and agreed to let her have a model dress, just imported, for a very low figure. Whereat the poor woman paid all the money she had received for all her dresses, and out Mme. Y. brought the model. The poor woman talked herself blue in the face, but she could not say anything to protect herself without betraying her dealing with Mme. X., so poor thing, she danced in her old frock after all, having swapped all her other gowns for the privilege.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Evidence Against Him.
"Why don't you have me called at 6 o'clock?" roared a commercial traveler in one of our city hotels, as he faced the clerk and banged his fist down on the register.
"I did," calmly replied the clerk.
"You did not, sir."
"I tell you I did."
"You did not, sir, and I can prove it."
"All right, go ahead; but you can't prove it."
"Yes, I can."
"Prove it, then."
"Well, you did not have me called at 6 o'clock, because I did not leave word to be called at all," and the commercial man grinned and looked for the clerk to blush and apologize.
But he looked in vain. A little thing like that wouldn't bother a hotel clerk.—Bangor News.

A Pleasant Greeting.
One day a stranger, approaching the late John Boyle O'Reilly from behind, mistook him for a friend whom he had not seen for some time. In his enthusiasm he stepped up, slapped his supposed friend on the shoulder, and greeted him with some particularly hearty expression. Many men in O'Reilly's position would have felt at least a momentary annoyance. Not so with the poet. Turning about, he stretched out his hand. "I'm not Jack," he said, "but I'm glad to shake hands with any man who is as glad to see an old friend as you seem to be."

Stop Me.
Stop me, good people! Don't you see My temper is running away with me? Help, Master Commonsense! Are you afraid?
Good Mistress Prudence, come to my aid!
Stop me, Conscience; stop me, I pray! My temper, my temper, is running away!
Dear Brother Kindness, snatch after the reins!
Help, or my temper will dash out my brains!
Help, or I'll get a terrible fall!
Help, Shame, Caution, Love, Wisdom and all!
—Amos R. Wells.

Feminine Life in a Lighthouse.
Boston has a lighthouse keeper's daughter who, perhaps, has not emulated Ida Lewis, yet she is an accomplished oarswoman as well as a versatile writer. Miss Louise Lynden has lived with her father on that beautiful headland for nearly fifteen years, and although a graduate of the Boston Girls' High School in 1879, she has preferred to keep herself on the island summer and winter, ever since her father was appointed as keeper of the light in 1880. Miss Lynden is an accomplished photographer, and many of her charming stories are illustrated by her own pictures.

No Duty Without Love.
We cannot do our duty to any one without love. We cannot keep His commandments without doing our duty to men. But, when we learn to love and to obey the promptings of love in our human relations, we find that "His commandments are not grievous" any more. The spirit in us is in sympathy with the spirit in Him, and we are the children of our Father which is in heaven.



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CONDITIONS.
The length of a sentence is to be measured by the number of letters it contains, and each contestant must indicate by figures at the close of his sentence just how long it is. The sentence must have some meaning. Geographical names and names of persons cannot be used. The contest closes February 15th, 1896, and the results will be published one week later. In case two or more prize-winning sentences are equally short the one first received will be given preference. Every competitor whose sentence is less than 116 letters in length will receive Wilkie Collins' works in paper cover, including twelve complete novels, whether he wins a prize or not. No contestant can enter more than one sentence nor combine with other competitors. Residents of Omaha are not permitted to take any part, directly or indirectly, in this contest.
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