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MILITARY MATTERS.

Private H. G. Hoffman, company G. third Texas infantry, now at Fort Clark, Tex., is transferred to the hospital corps.

A detachment of Austrian sailors will debark in the Austrian covette Frundabing, now in Chinese waters, to take part in the European garrison of Pekin.

The twelve companies of the one hundred and fifty-seventh Indiana regiment have been mustered out. The mustering out was done at Camp Mount, located near Indianapolis.

In the Cape Colony assembly at Cape Town W. P. Schreiner, the premier, introduced a bill proposing an annual contribution by the colony of £30,000 to be given the British navy.

Private Thomas McClairn, light battery K, first United States artillery, now on sick furlough at Fort Apache, Ariz., will be honorably discharged by the commanding officer at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

Information has been received by the government that the Spanish officers have ceased to break up and carry away things that are regarded as immovable property.

Mr. Hanna, an Americon consul in Porto Rico, advises young men contemplating going to that country with the expectation of working, to stay away. He says no American should go there unless they had ample funds.

Lieut. Hobson wants a million dollars to continue the work of raising the sumken Spanish warships and the secretary of the navy in inclined to let him have it if the prospects of success will warrant. He is very confident.

Private Leopold Stocker of the signal corps, United States army, has been transferred from Camp Weikoff, N. Y., to light battery K, first United States artillery, at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex. Private Stocker will report for duty at once.

In front of the Birmingham, Ala., Commercial club Rev. Owen P. Fitzsimmon, chaplain of the first Alabama regiment, just mustered out, was hanged in effigy. It seems the chaplain incurred the ill will of some of the soldiers and they thus sought revenge.

Secretary Long is quoted as saying that the government would take no further steps to raise the sunken wrecks of the Spanish vessels destroyed off the coast of Santiago, but the navy department would receive propositions from private firms to that end.

Coke County Rustler. GAS EXPLOSION AT CAPITOL

Irreparable Damage Done, as Accumulated impurse Spain for her "pacific" expen-Documents for Sixty Years it is Feared are Ruined.

Supreme Court Room Destroyed. Washington, Nov. 7.-An explosion

and fire at 5:13 yesterday afternoon wrecked the supreme court rooms and the rooms immediately adjoining it on the main floor of the capitol. The damage is enormous. The entire central eastern part of the great marble pile from the main floor to the

subterranean basement practically is a mass of ruins. The force of the explosion was so

heavy that the coping stones on the outer walls just east of the point where the explosion occurred were bulged out nearly two inches, windows in all that part of the building were

blown out and locked doors were forced from their hinges quite a hundred and fifty feet from the scene of it.

Fire followed the explosion so quickly as to seem practically simultaneous with it.

The explosion shook the immense structure to its foundation and was heard several squares from the capitol. It occurred in a small room tightly inclosed by heavy stone walls in the subterranean basement immediately below the main entrance to the old capitol building. In this room was a five hundred-light gas meter which was fed by a four-inch main.

Very little gas is used in that part of the building, but at the time of the explosion the gas had not beeen turned off at the meter.

The meter itself was wrecked and the gas pouring from the main caught fire.

The flames originating from the explosion darted up the shaft of the elevator which had been completely destroyed by the force of the explosion and communicated with the record room of the supreme court, the office of the marshal of the court and the supreme court library.

Before the flames could be subdued room had been almost totally destroyed and serious damage had been done representatives. to the marshal's office and some minor

Shreveport, La., has removed quarantine against all infected points.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

At Conway, Ark., Harvey Browning shot and killed his brother-in-law, Tom Tuggle.

Col. W. J. Bryan has left Savannah, Ga., for Lincoln, Neb., on a fifteen-day sick furlough.

Rev. T. O. Witherspoon, president of the Louisville, Ky., Theological seminary and a noted Presbyterian divine, died at Louisville.

Articles of incorporation for the Arkansas Zinc company, capital stock \$30,000, and Harrison, Boone county, place of business, have been filed with the Arkansas secretary of state,

The cotton in the Mississippi delta, the greatest producer of the staple in that state, is less than half picked tion. owing to a disagreement between planters and renters.

Dr. J. G. Hopkins and Robert R. Evans, prominent citizens of Thomasville, Ga., quarreled in that city over a trivial matter, which resulted in the shooting and killing of Mr. Evans. Both men have large families.

Private Sherman Cunningham of company M, ninth Illinois regiment, was shot and instantly killed at Savannah, Ga., by Private Reuben M. Benham of company L, same regiment.

W. H. Burns, a traveling salesman for a Birmingham, Ala., house, while ill at Holly Springs, Miss., took a combination of quinine and strychnine. which he mixed himself. There was too much of the latter in the mixture and death soon resulted.

The monument erected at Chickamauga, Ga., to the memory of the Conerateand Federal soldiers buried there, will be dedicated Nov. 25. Gov. Bradley with a staff of fifty Kentuckians the priceless documents in the record will attend. The governor calls on all Kentucky societies to send uniformed

aria Teresa Sinks.

Segative Answer.

Paris, Nov. 5 .- The Spanish commissioners in the course of a two hours' session of the peace conference yesterday flatly refused to accept Monday's proposition by the Americans to take the entire Philippine group and to reditures there.

in the Philippine islands and could duced a chill.

have none save by the consent of Spain before the signature of the protocol re- which were before free. ceived from Madrid, the presentment alleges, a cable message clearly set-

ting forth that the maintenance of the Spanish authority over the Philippines should not be affected in the protocol, made at that time no protest or objec-

This dispatch to M. Cambon, as the Spaniards claimed yesterday, embodied also the view that the United States had no valid basis for claims in the archipelago.

It was further held by Senor Rios and his colleagues that the capitulation privates and American officers. of Manila having occurred after the signing of the protocol, and thus after among our troops, but it is due printhe suspension of hostilities, was invalid.

With all this for a ground work the heads of departments. Spaniards made their first positive movement against the Americans and it constituted their counter proposition. throughout the islands. They charged upon the United States a wrongful appropriation of public moneys belonging to Spain by seizing the tariff duties at Manila, and they formally demand the return of these moneys in the sum of nearly \$1,000,-

On the same premises the United States was declared to have made and held as prisoners the Spanish troops at Manila in violation of international law, because done after the suspension ovation. of hostilities under the protocol. A further charge was that by the im- the lord mayor read an address, in prisonment of the Spanish troops at which he said the honor was only re-Manila the United States had prevented served for England's greatest sons. Spain from quelling the insurrection and had thus contributed to the violence against Spain after the cessation of hositilies. Yesterday's presentment also cited the refusal of the Americans to consider the Cuban debt on the ground that it was not sanctioned in the protocol, and demanded an adherence to this as a precedent in the discussion of the Philippines, regarding a cession of which the Spanish commissioners held the protocol made no mention. In support of these assertions, arguments and demands the Spanish presentment invokes Spain's record in the correspondence by mail and telegraph, though it is known officially whether the Spaniards produced the message said to have been sent from Madrid to M. Cambon at the time the protocol was signed, in which it was affirmed yesterday Spain deserves her Philippine sovereignty. The presentment was read by Interpretor Ferguson, being rendered from Spanish, in which it was written, into English. At the close of the reading the Americans said they wished to have the Spanish statement rendered into written English for more careful consideration and an adjournment was taken till Tuesday.

Not Satisfactory.

New York, Nov. 5.-Gen. Roy Stone, who has just returned from Porto Rico, savs:

The people of Porto Rico are not at all satisfied with American rule. There is a growing difference between the natives and the militia which is greatly to be regrettted. When the army of This negative decision was expected. occupation first invaded the island the The Spanish commissioners had also natives received the Americans so cora number of positive declarations, dially that they expected to be treated which filled some thirty-seven sheets as people of this country and not as a of type-written presentment. In this conquered province. The treatment statement the Spaniards held that the they have received from our hands has United States had no ultimate rights been just the opposite. This has pro-

What the Porto Ricans want is to in these negotiations and upon terms be taken in as a part of the United satisfactory to her. According to the States. They do not expect to enter Spanish contention in the formal state- the Union as a state but as a people ment the United States entertained no in training to be advanced to statethought of annexing the Philippines hood. In addition to this they want when the protocol was signed or it free trade with the United States and would have been expressed in the pro- there is no reason that I can see why tocol as clearly as the conditions re- they should not have it. At present garding the cession of territory in the they are forced to pay duty on all im-Antillees and the orient. M. Cambon ported goods, Spanish goods included,

Our military government of the island has been far from satisfactory. We have destroyed the Spanish military rule and have not replaced it with American forces, thus destroying their to which reservation the United States safeguards to life and property. As a result of this from 150 to 200 of the finest plantations have been destroyed by fire. Just who is responsible for this I can not say.

> The infantry is of very little use in policing the island. We must have cavalry. In addition there should be a civil guard composed of Porto Rican

> There is a great deal of sickness cipally to the imprudence of the men and not to any neglect of officers or

> Gen. Stone will advise the establishment of an electric railway system

Kitchener's Grand Reception.

London, Nov. 5 .- The streets of the city were crowded, an immense number of people seeking to witness Gen. Kitchener's triumphal progress to the Guild hall to receive the freedom of the city of London and the sword of honor presented to him in recognition of the defeat of the dervishes at Omdurman. The general received a great

In presenting the sword of hypor

Gen. Kitchener in reniv express

The United States battleship Texas arrived from Philadelphia. She went to the navy yard to be placed in dry dock for repairs to her propeller, which was injured in contact with a log while proceeding up the Delaware river recently.

The gunboat Helena is to be sent to the Asiatic station by way of the Suez canal. Her course will lie across the Atlantic, going eastward, while that of the Oregon and Iowa, destined for the same point, will be across the Atlantic, going westward. The distance will be practically the same.

The United States transport steamer St. Paul arrived at San Francisco from Manila, being on the trip thirty-seven days. She brought four prisoners from the United States steamer Charleston, who will serve out their sentence on Mare island, near San Francisco.

The Porto Rican postal commission is at work framing its report on the postal work on the island. They will suggest the retention of the postal service now in operation, to be under the direct charge of a superintendent of mails, pending legislation that may be enacted on the subject at the next session of congress.

Aguinaldo has issued a proclamation reciting that though the stringent orders previously issued by him have been generally observed, a few Filipinos have refused obedience and offended in various ways, and that all such are liable to be declared outlaws and punished.

The transport Peru from Manila has arrived at San Francisco. Fifteen soldiers and sailors, including several officers, came on her. Among the sick was Col. John R. Bratt of the first Nebraska regiment. He is seriously ill with gastritis.

The cruiser New York, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, has completed coaling at Tompkinsville, S. I. and is taking aboard stores for a long voyage.

coms in the immediate vicinity. The library of the supreme court,

located immediately beneath the supreme court room was badly damaged by fire, smoke and water, water practically destroying the great collection contains about 20,000 volumes and was midst of a furious storm. used not only by the justices of the supreme court, but by memebers of congress and lawyers practicing before York. She had already passed Cape the supreme court.

was very valuable. Many of the works ing of which had already been sent out, it contained would, he thought, be difficult to replace.

Librarian Clarke, after a cursory examination necessarily made by the light of lasterns, expressed the opinion that many of the books could be saved, although they had been drenched by water from the streams poured into the library for two hours or more after the explosion occurred.

The most serious damage, in the opinion of the justices of the supreme court, is to the records stored in the sub-basement. These included all the records of the supreme court from 1832 to 1892. The rooms contain records of cases and opinions rendered by the fathers of the judiciary of the government. Apparently the documents in this room are either totally destroyed or so badly damaged by fire and water as to be useless.

Seven Killed.

Wilkesbarrie, Pa., Nov. 7.-Seven men were killed and three fatally injured in the Exeter colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company at West Pitsten, near here Saturday. The accident was due to the alleged carelessness of Engineer David Price, who, acting in disobedience of positive orders, caused three cars to run into the top shaft. These cars, loaded and weighing eleven tons, fell down a 300-foot shaft and crashed with frightful force upon a carriage carrying ten men. Seven were killed.

Two Mexicans had a fight at El Paso, Tex., and one was fatally burt.

Joseph Jefferson, the actor, is ill.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 7 .-- The ocean tug Merritt put into Charleston Saturday morning for supplies. She reported the loss of the cruiser Maria Teresa, raised by Constructor Hobson recently, of law reference books. The library off San Salvador, Bahamas, in the

The cruiser left Caimanera, Cuba, on the morning of Oct. 30 in tow for New Maisi and started northeast arounud

Justice Harlan said that the library the Bahamas. A furious storm, warnovertook her and in her condition she

was unable to weather the gale. The strain opened rents in her hull, which had been patched to enable her to make the journey, and she began to fill rapidly. The Merritt took off Capt. Harris and the crew from the sinking ship and she soon went down. The Merritt brought the captain and 136 men, who will proceed north by rail.

Later in the day the Merritt arrived from quarantine and the survivors of the Maria Teresa came ashore. They lost all clothing and personal effects and are supplied scantily. The Teresa sunk thirty miles off Whealing island after battling with the gale six hours. Farts o fthe huil, thought safe, became weakened, rivets broke and the water made rapidly in the hold. Boilers began to give way and finally the water extinguished the fires in the engine-room. The pumps would not work. The whole vessel showed signs of a collapse and the men stood stripped awaiting orders to quit the ship. The Vulcan was towing the Teresa while the Merrritt rescued 114 of the crew, made up of volunteers from the Cincinnati, Newark and Vulcan. The ropes were then cut and the Teresa rapidly filled .The Vulcan and Leonides deserted the Merritt, which put into Charleston with the rescued. Capt. Crittenden and Capt. Lacade of the Merritt had arms sprained. The crew left Saturday afternoon for Norfolk.

Rumors say Dreyfus is at Fort Mont Valerein, France.

Jones Bowen was killed at San Saba Tex., by State Ranger Barker.

Yesterday evening the Spaniards affected to believe that Americans had planned to develop the spirit of their Philippine demand before the American elections, but they decline to say whether they expect easier terms after the election.

Rev. James Billings, pastor of the Universalist church at Hico, Tex., is dead.

Will Abandon Fashoda.

Paris, Nov. 5 .- A semi-official note issued yesterday evening says the government has resolved not to retain the that the decision was arrived at by the cabinet after an exhaustive examinareplying to an interpellation to be asked in the chamber of deputies will avail itself of the opportunity to ex-

his deep and heartfelt thanks, and said the successful campaign was due not only to the oneness of purpose and cheerful spirit of determination, but to the master mind of Lord Cromer, the British agent in Egypt, under whose able direction, the sirdar asserted, the Soudan had been reconquered.

The banquet given to Gen. Kitchener at the Mansion house last night was an exceptionally brilliant affair. The guests included the duke of Cambridge. the marquis of Salisbury and the other cabinet members, Lord Rosebery, Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the British forces; Lord Curzon of Kedelston, the newly appointed viceroy of India; Mr. Henry White, the United States charge d'affairs; Baron Rothschild and others of the highest rank in the British empire. In all there were about 350 guests present.

Two Medical Conventions.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 5 .- Two important meetings which were postponed on account of the stringent quarantine regulations will occur in Memphis in December. The eleventh annual meeting of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological association will be held here on Dec. 6, 7 and 8. This is one of the most prmoinent associations of surgeons in the country.

The Tri-State Medical association of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee will also meet in Memphis on Dec. 20, 21 and 22. This is the largest district medical association in the south, Dr. T. J. Happell of Trenton, Tenn., being president, and Dr. Richmond McKinney of Memphis secretary.

Oppose Payment.

New York, Nov. 5 .- Seven governors and four members of the house of representatives in telegrams give their views on the proposition to pay Spain Marchand mission at Fashoda, adding \$40,000,000 for the Philippines. State executives and national lawmakers generally agree in opposing any plan tion of the question. The government for a money payment by victor to vanquished.

> The bail of ex-Banker Marsh at Philadelphia has been placed at \$20,000,

plain the motives for the resolution.

Mrs. Sanger's Funeral.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 7 .- The remains of Mrs. Alexander Sanger, who died in New York last Tyesday, were laid at rest in the family vault at the Jewish death was 83 years and 4 months old. cemetery in this city yesterday afterroon. The event will be long remembered. It is probably safe to say it will be many a year before another such funeral occurs in this city. Everyone who had known Mrs. Sanger-and it seemed that this included every class in the city, from the street laborer who had at some time received of her farreaching charity, to the merchant prince and the banker-was in attend-

The palatial residence at the corner of Ervay and Canton streets, which, for many days has been darkened and draped with crepe, was thronged with friends whose eyes filled with tears as they fell upon the casket. The lawn was backed. Men, women and children stood upon the terrace and clung to the iron fences for support. The streets were so blocked that even cars could not force their way through. From the narrow slit-like windows, high up in the tower of St. Matthew's cathedral across the way, many gazed down on the impressive scene below. It was an almost silent crowd. But few in the immediate vicinity of the residence spoke at all, and these only in subdued tones.

A floral canopy, designed to cover the grave, was conspicuous. It was three feet wide, six feet long and six feet high. It was made of white carnations, white roses and chrysanthemums. The pillars were draped with smilax. On top, at either end, were two white doves with wings outspread which seemed to be flying toward a crown of gold of gold in the center. A card attached bore theinscription: "With the heartfelt sympathy of the wholesale clerks, Sanger Bros., Dallas."

A broken column, six feet high and seven inches in diameter, resting on a floral base, stood near. Fifteen hundred white carnations were used in the construction of the column. The shaft was entwined with white roses, and draped with maiden-hair fern. The base was formed of long-stemmed white roses, draped also with ferns. It was mounted on a black velvet basement. It was from the employes in the retail department of Sanger Bros., Dallas.

From the employes in the establishment at Waco came the design, "Gates Ajar." It was surmounted by a star. The arches were filled with roses, carnations and chrysanthemums and the background was of ferns. The star was of white carnations. The base was of long-stemmed roses, carna-

Letter From Philip

Waco, Tex., Nov. 5 .- Dr. Tom Moore died at his residence, 726 South Third Texas: He was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, in 1815. In 1853 he came to Texas and from that time until his death he was a leading citizen of his community and esteemed for his wisdom throughout the state. It was the practice of Dr. Moore and his wife, who survives him, to give a family reunion on each succeeding anniversary of the birth of the doctor, Aug. 15,

and at this family assembly the doctor would greet his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Noted Texas Dead.

He was one of the sixty Texans signing the call for the state convention of 1861 and as chairman of the the whole picture will make you laugh. committee on federal relations he framed the address to the people of this for thinking of me. We had little to state recommending secession. During the war he was one of the receiv. the good old Texas. We, officers and ers of the Southern Confederacy, and in 1896, under the administration of A. ure and honor of being on board the J. Hamilton, provisional governor, and Texas-and she did the rest. If the his son, John Moore, were imprisoned Texas goes to Galveston this witter, at Austin as being persons "in oppo- you must try and see her, for she is a sition thereto and dangerous to the dear old ship. I would like to be there, cause of reconstruction." The doctor too. Your friend, J. W. PHILIP. and his son were released after seventy-eight days in military duress. In 1867 he sold his Burnet county farm and ranch and came to Waco, where he resided until his death.

Dr. Moore was chairman of the first Texas state Democratic convention in 1858.

Teachers in Session.

McKinney, Tex., Nov. 5 .- The North Texas Teachers' association convened in Heard's opera-house here with a flattering attendance. Nearly 400 visit- Hayes, and myself, sncere thanks for ing teachers were present, threefourths of whom are ladies.

Capt. E. C. Comegys of Gainesville presided over the meeting. Several interesting papers were read and discussed.

State Superintendent Carlisle was me. Yours very cordially, preesent, who addressed the association this evening. President Winston of the state uni-

versity was also here. J. L. Long of Dallas, A. L. Maione of

Ladonia, J. W. Evans, superintendont of Fannin county; J. B. King, superintendent of Grayson county, and W. A. Stickey of Honey Grove were also here.

Will Confer.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 5 .--- With reference to the contemplated purchase of land by the penitentiary board, Gov. Cuiberson said last night that he would confer with the board and other peni- enteen of Overton's and Henderson's for \$35,200. Messrs. Thiers & Coolidge addressed that they could neither be tentiary officials before officially announcing his conclusions. These gentlemen have carefully gone over the matter and he has great respect for their judgment and while there is room for doubt, he will likely accept their opinion. It is not improbable that his suggestions as to the purchase of the land decided upon by the board will be

Terrell, Tex., Nov. 4 .- The following is a copy of a letter received here by street yesterday. The doctor at his a 12-year-old girl from Commodore J.

> U. S. S. New York, Navy Yard, New York, Oct. 11 .- To Miss Julian Trueheart, Terrell, Tex .: I suppose that you have long since given up looking for the postman to see if he had a "note" from "the captain of the Texas," etc. I received your kind and good letter in due time and delayed replying, hoping to get a photograph, as you asked. I have none; but to-day I sent over to the office in the city and procured for you a paper which contains a picture, the head and face being better than any photograph 1 ever had taken. My boys think it splendid, and I do thank you, and all the children do with the battle of July 3; it was all crew, happened to have had the pleas-

Thanks Returned.

Ennis, Tex., Nov. 4 .- Some time ago Camp Longstreet, Unied Confederate Veterans, adopted resolutions of respect to Miss Winnie Davis. These were forwarded to Mrs. Davis in New York and the mail has brought to of acknowledgment, which is self-explanatory:

Adjt. B. F. Marchbanks-Dear Sir: Please accept from my daughter, Mrs. the handsome resolutions passed by the James Longstreet camp. I am

VARINA JEFFERSON DAVIS. New York.

Rusk County Fair.

was Confederate day at the Rusk county fair.

through town and it was well got up. years as a brigadier general. First came little Ralph McMurray on

a Shetland pony which, as were the other horses, was trimmed with red,

Promotions and Aypointmen ts.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 3 .- The adjutant general yesterday made the following promotions and appointments in the W. Philip, formerly of the battleshir first regiment, Texas volunteer infantry, to take effect from Nov. 10:

First Lieut. Richard A. Scurry. company A, to be captain, vice McCormick, resigned.

Second Lieut. Milby Porter, company A, to be first lieutenant, vice Scurry, promoted.

First Lieut. and Assistant Surgeon Thomas T. Jackson, late of the second regiment of Texas volunteer infantry, is appointed first lieutenant and assistant surgeon, and assigned to duty with the first regiment. Texas volunteer infantry, vice Sammon, resigned.

The following promotions and appointments were also made in the first regiment of Texas volunteer infantry: Capt. Edwin A. Hammond. to be

major, vice Easley, resigned. First Lieut. Isaac N. Layne, troop L, to be captain, vice Hammond, promoted.

Second Lieut. Lauret Holmes, troop L, to be first lieutenant, vice Layne, promoted.

L, to be second lieutenant, vice Holmes, promoted.

Laid to Rest.

Brenham, Tex., Nov. 3.-Mrs. Louise Upshaw, who was buried in Prairie Lea cemetery, this city, has been a to conspicuous figure in this section of the pills and he is at school now envelope, inclosing the following note shaw, who was at one time inspector for Pale People general in the United States army, saw

active service in the Chickasaw war, be-

ing very severely wounded. In At 10 o'clock the parade started though above the age, and served two

Street Railway Sold.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 3.-At a sale by a It is said that nearly 750,000 letters white and blue ribbon on the bridle, master in chancery the Dallas Rapid handled by the English postal system

A FATHER'S STORY.

From the Evening Crescent, Appleton, Wis A remarkable cure for a disease which ha generally wrecked the lives of children, and left them in a condition to which death itself would be preferred, has attracted a great amount of attention among the residents

of the west end of Appleton. The case is that of little Willard Creech, son of Richard D. Creech, a well known employe of one of the large paper mills in the Fox River Valley. The lad was attacked by spinal disease and his parents had given up all hope of his ever being well again when, as by a miracle, he was healed and is now in school as happy as any of his mates Mr. Creech, the father of the boy whe

resides at 1062 Second Street, Appleton, Wisconsin, told the following story:



"Our boy was absolutely helpless. His lower limbs were paralyzed, and when we used electricity he could not feel it below his hips. Finally we let the doctor go as he First Sergt. Byron Kirkpatrick, troop did not seem to help our son and we nearly gave up hope. Finally my mother who lives in Canada wrote, advising the use of Dr. Williams Pink Pills for Pale People, and I bought

This was when our boy had been on the stretcher for an entire year and helpless for nine months. In six weeks after taking the pills we noticed signs of vitality in his legs, and in four months he was able to go

"It is two years since he took the first of the state for nearly fifty years. She happy and well as any of the other child-Commander W. R. Hamell a mourning was the widow of Gen. A. M. M. Up-saved the boy than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Increase of Female Partners.

The number of female partners in private firms has increased from 1760 1840 he moved the Chickasaw in 1885 to 2598 in the year 1895; in Indinas from Alabama to the other words, from 6.22 per cent to 8.56 Indian Territory, and served with per cent of the entire number. This great usefulness as special Indian com- increase of female partners in private very desolate, certainly, and the sym- missoner of ithe Uunited States from firms, although only 838 in number, pathy of your camp and that of other 1840 to 1850. In 1850 he moved his constitute an increase since 1885 of Confederate camps is at least some family to near Chappell Hill. He 47.61 per cent, while the number of comfort to my stricken family and to was a member of the state legislature male partners has increased only 4.27 in 1857-8, was re-elected and served per cent. But in corporations women with distinction in the house in 1860-1, of 57,191 stockholders in 1895, 34,231 The Girard, West Forty-Fourth street, which was convened mainly for the were males, 17,369 females, nearly onepurpose of conforming the constitu- third of the stock being held by womtion and laws to the ordinance of se- en. In 1885 the total number of stockcession, which had just been adopted. holders was 42,731, in 1895, 57,191. Henderson, Tex., Nov. 4.-Yesterday He was for years treasurer of the The total increase in stockholders, Masonic grand lodge of Texas. He male and female, in ten years was enlisted in the Confedreate army, 33.84 per cent; of these, that of male stockholders was 3498, or 11.38 per cent, while that of the female stockholders was 5997, or 50.16 per cent.

Could Not be Read.

saddle and blankets. Then came sev- Transit and Traction company was sold last year were so illegibly dated and

tions and chrysanthemums. The entire design was draped with maidenhair fern and attenuisimus.

Rabbi Kohut conducted the services. The funeral procession was of great length and hundreds preceded the funeral to the cemetery.

Trouble at Starr City.

Rio Grande City, Tex., Nov. 7 .- Starr county's election troubles commenced yesterday in earnest. Yesterday afternoon John H. Spalt, a United States customs inspector, was going to his home after making a seizure of mescal when he met two men suspected of smuggling and attempted to search them. Fred Marks, a special deputy sheriff, interfered. Spalt was shot twice in the back. Marks is in the guardhouse at Fort Ringgold and Spalt is in the hospital in a critical condition. Excitement runs high. More trouble is expected. Spalt says he is going to die and makes a statement to United States Commissioner E. E. Neal. The post doctor says Spalt may recover.

Gas Find,

Houston, Tex., Nov. 7 .- A small party of business men went out to investigate the new discovery of gas and oil near the ranch of Mr. Taylor, south of the city about six miles. They found that the well had been sunk to a depth of 220 feet and the gas was rushing out at a great rate. The sound of escaping gas was heard at a distance of 500 feet from the well. The increase of gas has been steady. They found upon examination quantities of oil upon the water, which shows that oil is below. They will continue boring until they reach oil. They collected a good deal of oil from the surface of the water brought out of the well. The discov ery has created something of a sensation here.

Dropped Dead.

Mexia, Tex., Nov. 7 .- J. M. Suttle, a prominent farmer, while walking the streets, fell dead of heart failure. He was buried under the auspices of the Confederate Veterana.

met and the trade consummated.

San Angelo Notes. San Angelo, Tex., Nov. 5 .- The electric light plant has been moved from town to Middle Concho.

There is some talk among the cititens of San Angelo of trying to induce the government to re-establish Fort Concho.

A million and a quarter pounds of fall wool has already been stored in San Angelo, with more to come. Rust Bros. will have their telephone line from San Angele to Sterling City, a distance of forty-five miles, completed within three weeks.

No One Hurt.

Orange, Tex., Nov. 4 .- An axle broke under a freight car on the main track of the Southern Pacific railroad about 200 yards north of the passenger depot, and three loaded cars rolled into the ditch. The accident occurred about 3 o'clock yesterday. The freight was transferred to another car and sent to its destination. A switch alongside enabled trains to pass around the wreck, avoiding delay of freight or passenger business. No one was injured.

Brakeman Injured.

Marshall, Tex., Nov. 5 .-- Cal Byers, & switchman employed in the night yard of the Texas and Pacific railway here, was severely if not fatally injured. Byers while standing on the tank footboard of the switch engine endeavored to couple the engine to a baggage car

on the coach track. The Miller coupling of the baggage car jumped the coupling of the engine and Byers' left leg was frightfully crushed at the hip,

Charles Sing, a Chinaman, and Miss Frazer, white, were married at Rock. wall, Toz.

prettiest girls.

ing national airs, especially "Dixie." the successful bidders. There were Arriving at the grounds they were four other bids from local parties. The joined at the entrance by the ex-veter- bidding began at \$10,000 and was forced ans and then they went around the upward. The successful bidders asrace track until the grand stand was sumed the floating indebtedness of the reached where the girls dismounted company. Messrs. Thiers & Coolidge and band wagons were pulled out of have returned to Boston and it was imthe way and Hon. A. J. Baker was in- possible to find out their future intentroduced and spoke about an hour and tions in regard to the road. All the a half to the already large crowd.

Badly Shattered.

Brenha, Tex., Nov. 4.-At Somerville yesterday morning the third section of extra No. 37 south-bound Santa Fe section. The engine was badly shattered by the collision and the caboose and several cars of cotton were knocked into kindling wood. The dense fog prevented the engineer from seeing the danger signals until too late hours.

Postponed.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 4 .- At the request of Attorney General Crane the injunction hearing at Dallas has been postponed from Nov. 10 to Nov. 21. Judge Storey stated yesterday that it is likely the commission will issue a circular in a few days canceling the different hearings set. All hearings will be canceled pending the injunction hearing and final disposition.

Some Weddings.

Waxahachie, Tex., Nov. 4 .-- Rev. F. P. Ray and Judge J. C. Smith married the following couples in the courthouse yesterday: H. H. Sealey and Miss Ruby Jones, W. B. Hendricks and Miss Eva Crabtree H. V. Batchelor and Miss Anna Fields. Judge Smith married the two last named couples.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation reserving certain water front at Honolulu for naval purposes.

Spain is threatened with secession in the province of Cataluna, which oks annexation to France.

of Boston, representing some of the Then came the Henderson band play- bondholders who live in Boston, were bidders deposited certified checks for \$3000.

Japanese Consul.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 3 .- Mr. Robert Bornefeld has received an official freight crashed into the caboose of the document from the foreign office of Tokio, Japan, signed by Count Okuma Thigenobu, minister for foreign affairs, notifying him of his appointment as his imperial Japanese majesty's honorary consul for the state of Texas.

The communication is made out most to stop. Traffic was delayed several elaborately in Japanese characters and speaks of the growing commercial relations between Japan and Texas as a reason for the necessity of official representation.

Bled to Death.

Sherman, Tex., Nov. 3 .- Mrs. Martha Came was found bleeding to death in the barn of her son-in-law, Richard Roberts, yesterday morning. Her throat had been cut from ear to ear. She was 60 years old and a native of Hardeman county, Tenn. She had been hysterical since Sunday. A blood-covered razor was close by. The body was found by Mrs. Roberts.

More Than Last Year.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 3 .- There are 524 students registered at the state university to date, seventy more than last year at this time. The last to register was J. B. Sneed of Georgetown. He possesses an M. A. degree secured at Princeton last year and entered the junior law here.

Dr. R. H. Jones, on trial at Dallas, Tex., for the killing of W. G. Veal, was I could have lived long if Mrs. Pink-

delivered nor returned to the writers. The letters undelivered for various reasons, but returned to the senders, were very numerous, and they had inclosures all told of the value of £ 50,000.

'Tis the early worm that catches cold these mornings.

Front gates can rest till next spring: lovers stay in doors.

The toothache will make the largest person move lively.

STORIES OF RELIEF.

Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. JOHN WILLIAMS, Englishtown, N. J., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-I cannot begin to tell you how I suffered before taking your remedies. I was so weak that I could hardly walk across the floor without falling. I had womb trouble and such a bearing-down feeling ; also suffered with my back and limbs, pain in womb, inflammation of the bladder, piles and indigestion. Before I had taken one bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great deal better, and after taking two and onehalf bottles and half a box of your Liver Pills I was cured. If more would take your medicine they would not have to suffer so much."

Mrs. JOSEPH PETERSON, 513 East St., Warren, Pa., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-- I have suffered with womb trouble over fifteen years. I had inflammation, enlargement and displacement of the womb. I had the backache constantly, also headache. and was so dizzy. I had heart trouble, it seemed as though my heart was in my throat at times choking me. I could not walk around and I could not lie down, for then my heart would beat so fast I would feel as though I was smothering. I had to sit up in bed nights in order to breathe. I was so weak I could not do any. thing.

"I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and can say I am perfectly cured. I do not think given two years in the penitentiary. have's medicine had not helped me."





Wednesday.

W. B. Green, of Sanco, was down several days this week.

town during the week.

J. F. Cole, one of the best citiztwo during the week.

Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock tist Pastor, preached interesting Oinment, read the ad in this issue, sermons at eleven ane night, at

orders for. He has sold a number of copies in Robert Lee-

Attend the Teachers Institute Will Cumbie, next Friday and Saturday, the 18 th and 19th.

W. T. Caraway, from near Hay- M K Sheppard, rick, has been in attendance on W R Pressler, L the court this week.

Grandpa Kellar; who lives near Panther Gap, was seen on our streets this week.

G. C. Laswell moved his family from Sanco to Robert Lee last week, in order to have access to the Robert Lee High School.

Capt. J. P. Hatchison, of Bronte chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, was in Monday.

manuer this week.

Miller Byrd, of Sanco, was down turn soon, and will make nomore trips he middle of the week.

the best in that section.

Judge R. B. Truly, one of the leading legal lights of the Ballin-J. C. Durham, an old and estee- gee bar, is up looking atter his med fliend, spent several days in clients interests in our District Court.

To kill saund fleas on your dog cus of Sanco was in town a day or or your chickens use Nussbaumers Antiseptic Stock Ointment

If you want a free sample of Eld. G. C. Berryman, the Baptury", is a new and instructive day. His theme, at the eleven book, which I. M. Bennick is tak. o'clock service, was "The Glory of God".

County Court Jurors.

J B McCutchen, T L Vaughu, W B Jones, M B Sheppard,

Chas Hale, G D P clark,

F Scarborough. J N Padgett, J L Hyde, J E Robbins, J M Gunnels, County court Convenes Monday Nov. 21st.

Gin Notice.

After November the 1st the tles 50 cents and \$1.00. Robert Lee gin will commence ginning cotton each week on Thursdays and continue till ail cotton in yard is ginned. H. W. WALTON.

The Salt River boat started up the river last wednesday, with Judge Mea folly trip, no more stops were made unfilabove Edith, where two more patent No 423. " Uncle George Arnett, from up good men wore allowed to join the

for about two years.

Simpson 17 Totals.....

Five boxes to hear from.

For Sale.

A nice banch of steers for sale. For particulars see editor.

Remarkable Ressue.

Mrs. Michael Cartain, Plainfiel Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on he lungs; she was treated for a month "The Achievements of the Cen. the Methodist Church, last Sun- by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's Nev Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found her self benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found her self sound and well; now does her own house work, and now is as well as she ever was .- Free trial bottles o this Great Discovery at Ed. M. Mobley's Drug Store. Large bot

Deeds Fled For Record.

W P Walling to J C Arnett lease on 1-2 section of land No 280, Block 2, 14 miles west of Robert Lee.

A A DeBerry Trustee to \$400 District Attorney D, D. Wallace Carty as captain and Sam wilkins at James Woody release of two note of Augelo was on hand and pros- the helm. The passengers were most on 80 acres out of survey No 1. cented in his always vigerous ly from Hobert Lee, which guaranteed abstract No 5816, Cert No 1915.

Dr A J Marberry of San Ange on Pecan, was in part of the week excursion, J c Newton and Silas con- 10, one of the best Surgeons in ner. we hear that the boat will re- Texas, was in Robert Lee Wednesday and Thursday.

Contractor & Builder

Will contract Wood or Rock Work, and Cisterns, Etc. If in need of anything in my line let me know and I will call and figure with you.

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MINUTE ROMANCES.

"This isn't the life I promised you Mary," John Mutlee said yesterday when, for a moment, the brave wife faltered and cried in discouragement. And when Mary saw the man she loved in the humiliation of his helplessness she dried her tears and comforted him.

"Never mind, dear," she said, smiling with wan lips and patting his thin hand softly, "I'm all right now! I couldn't bear to hear the children cry for food. But they're pacified now with the crusts, and I guess I can get something for them. I'll try, anyway!"

A sob caught in her throat, but she went out with a cheery wave of her toil-roughened hand to her husband. In two hours she was by his side again.

"I have meat and bread, dear," she said. "The butcher's wife paid me with it for scrubbing her floors. Now, if I can only get some coal you and the children shall have a good, hot dinner!"

She snatched up a small basket and went to the Hudson River railroad tracks to gather cinders and scattered coal. Her heart was light with hope again, and she was just lifting the well-filled basket preparatory to going home, when the rumble of a train startled her. The fast freight was coming, and she stepped off that track just in time to be caught and crushed by the express train from the opposite direction. The yardmen picked the quivering, broken form up from the roadside with careful hands, and soon she was in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. Once there, the physicians worked over her for hours, and when the laggard consciousness came back she whispered:

"Please, please-help me up. I want to get John-and the children-some dinner!" Then she drifted out again. And now she is waiting quietly in the little white hospital bed for the terrible pain to leave her swift and willing feet so they can begin again their service for the four little ones who sob "Mamma!" through the lonely nights, and for the man who sits in helpless anguish whispering to himself the loved name: "Mary.'

"If there is anything I despise it is superstition," Lottie Alton confided to the company of girls she had invited to luncheon before the call to "break ranks" was sounded by Vassar, Wellesley, and Smith, their respective colleges. "It seems so foolish to hesitate to undertake a task or a journey on Friday."

Well, I am not superstitious as a general thing," replied Carrie Wilson, "but I-I do hate to commence anything on that day.'

Juliet, who had been abroad, shrugged her shoulders and said "Pouf!" fetchingly. While Alma and her friend from the south compared

spiders, dear?" asked sha .-- Chicago Journal

A TALE OF CARDS.

Jack Gray had a dim, hurt feeling at his heart. He had gone to the lawn party with the one desire that he might spend the day with Dorothy, but only a moment before he had seen her step lightly across the lavel with his rival.

He walked away and sat under a tree with his back to the direction in which she had gone. For awhile he watched the sports about him, and was about to return home when he spied near at hand a tent which was the conventional gypsy booth. An irresistible longing seized him to enter and learn his fate.

Rather doggedly and feeling like a school boy he sat down on the low seat before the fortune teller.

She bade him shuffle and cut the pack. Then she spread them out one by one before her.

"Let me see, you are not entirely blonde. I think I shall take for you the Jack of Hearts. Ah, yes! Wealth, health and advantage cards together. Rather pessimistically inclined. Yes, at times very pessimistic."

He looked up sharply at the gypsy, but she continued:

"Yes, your nature is a little unfortunate, a little unhappy. Lately-no -yes, lately you have loved. There



"THEN THAT MEANS SHE LOVES ME!"

is a blonde man and the jealousy card is between you and the blonde man. She is a brunette. Spades. Clubs. It is that unfortunate nature of yours again," she said, solemnly, putting her finger on a black card near the Jack of Hearts. "The card of imagination near it. You have imagined! And yet she-the brunette-you have no warrant for it. Only light cards surround her. You have misjudged

her." "How do you mean?" he was startled

"Where where can one buy dry ing freely over the success of the GETTING NEWS FOR NOTHING. would-be fortune teller .- Ex.

THNIC VALUE OF POKER. Nations of Great Poker Players Will

Conquer the Earth. Those Europeans never will understand American institutions. Here they have gone and prohibited poker in Vienna on the ground that it is a game of chance. Of course that is the dictionary definition, says the Brooklyn Eagle, but any man who has ever kept his feet warm with three five spots and bluffed out a man with three kings knows that it is a game of courage and that the race is not to the swift, but to the man who believes in himself. As an indication of character poker beats phrenology hands down. It is the nations of great poker players who conquer the earth. Shafter, who will send more prisoners home from Cuba than he ever had soldiers there, understands the philosophy of jackpots, while when poor Toral gambled he took chances at roulette and faro, games admirably adapted to the genius of the superstitious Spaniard, because fate, a rank outsider, controls the result. In poker every man is his own fate. That is why Americans play it and why Gen. Schenck, who taught it to the British, was a more popular minister than many a better diplomat. Gen. Miles, who, when it became evident that Gen. Shafter's force was not large enough if the Spaniards really chose to fight, and things were looking pretty blue at Washington, advised the demand for the unconditional surrender at Santiago, is probably a bad man to meet in a quiet after-dinner game. His bluff and its wonderful results indicate a first-class poker player, with an unimpaired circulation. As for the Rough Riders, poker was the common ground on which the western and eastern contingents met and fused. These two branches have many complimentary things to say of each other's courage in the charge through the before the first transport cast anchor. That is why they fought side by side with such absolute confidence. They knew no man in the band would draw out while he had a ghost of a show. Instead of prohibiting poker, the Austrians ought to learn to play it. Then they wouldn't play second fiddle to Germany so much as they do now. As a training ground for courage and judgment it is worth all the gambling games of Monte Carlo and the rest of the continent put together. Good poker players and good fighters are pretty nearly synonymous.

NO CAUSE TO BLUSH.

Pretty Girl Was Rather Too Confident That She Deserved Admiration.

She was a very pretty girl, and she knew it, two things which were certainly all right, but she should not have displayed her knowledge on that

particular point quite so plainly as she

Thrift Displayed by Chicagoans Coming

to the City to Do Business Two cents does not seem to be a large sum of money to invest in the pur-

chase of a supply of the morning news One would scarcely expect a business man who is able to rent a high-priced office to halt at giving a couple of pennies for a newspaper. Yet this is just what any untold number of reputable business men do every morning of their lives. They enter the elevated roads and devote half the trip into the city furtively watching for a dropped paper that they may get the news without cost. They know from long experience that half the men who read on the trains finish the perusal of the morning sheet before they reach the stopping station. This fact presents the opportunity to him who wants news and is unwilling to pay for it. Yesterday the writer entered a south side elevated train well down toward the Jackson park terminus with a Chronicle in his hand. He took the smoker and sat down to read. Being of an observant turn, he soon became aware the car. He paid but little attention writer took mental notes. Before the train reached Indiana avenue five men under espionage quietly folded up their papers and put them in their pockets. The portly man dropped them with a sigh and gave the writer more attention. It was a poor morning for a fellow hungering for news but too poor to dig up two cents. Finally the writer carelessly dropped his paper on the seat beside him. It was in the same seat occupied by the owner, so the portly man was not nervy enough to swoop down upon it. His gyrations for the remainder of the trip were very amusing. He twisted and turned, never permitting that paper to escape his eye, while keeping watch and ward for any other which might be left without Cuban underbrush, but they knew all a guardian. But none fell to his lot about each other's good qualities long and he watched hungrily, like a dog shadowing a bone, until the station at Madison street and Fifth avenue was reached. Here the writer began to get ready to leave the train. As it slowed disease. Mrs. L. A. Johnston, 103

> portly man made a dare for that paper. | cured: But he never got it, for the writer turned half around, and, calmly picking it up, remarked: "No, you don't, and two of Man-a-lin and rejoice to say, my boy. I bought that paper myself, and while I have no further use for it, I will dispose of it to suit myself. Why has done me more good than any medidon't you buy like the rest of us?" "That's none of your business," said prescribe it to every one I meet who the fat man. "You look after your is suffering, as the best medicine in own affairs and I'll take care of mine." the world, and have made many con-"Just what I'm doing," was the retort. verts who are now rejoicing in the "I am a newspaper man and have been great good which they have derived watching you for three miles. If you from the same. I can tell you that I were too poor to buy a paper I would am almost entirely relieved of indigeslet you have this one, but you are evi- tion, that great foe which has tortured dently as well able to buy as I am. me so many years, and can now eat

CatarrhCured

Blood Purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla and Health is Good.

"I was a sufferer from catarrh. One of my neighbors advised me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and I did so. A few bottles purified my blood and cured me. I have remained in good health ever since." JAS. T. ADKINS, Athensville, Illinois.

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Change Rings.

"In Denmark a girl never knows the unadulterated joy of receiving a diamond engaement ring," remarked a returned traveler. "She gets a plain gold band known as a wedding ring in that country, and it is worn on her left third finger. On the day of her marriage the bridegroom changes it to her right third finger, which is the marriage finger in that country of queer customs. When the husband that he was watched furtively by a dies the widow changes her ring again portly, well-dressed man just across to her left third finger, and everybody knows that she is a widow. Being until he saw the same man taking in engaed can't mean a great deal of hapevery other with a paper. Then the piness in Denmark, any way you take it, for a girl is never under any circumstances permitted to see her betrothed one minute alone."

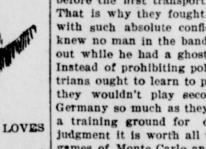
> It is the restaurant babitue who us all the sauce.

> > Cleanliness goes with health. If we have catarrh anywhere we cannot be wholly

> > > clean. Makesystematic efforts to be free from this disgusting

down he rose, buttoned his coat, and Pilham and Ripley Sts., Montgomery, took one step toward the forward Ala., tells her experience with catarrh part of the car. As he did so the of the stomach and how she was

> "I will state to you that I have taken eight bottles of your Pe-ru-na God bless Dr. Hartman and Pe-ru-na." And I earnestly assure you that it cine I have ever taken in my life. I



"I reckon if you'd been nursed by a black mammy, as I was," said the girl from Mobile, "you all would believe in ghosts and charms. You can't help it when you heah the niggers telling of the haints, and it's too fascinating for anything to hear about the voodoo Why, they have love spells. charms-"

"Love charms!" the chorus expressed horror, delight and cutiosity. "How terrible!" "How perfectly funny!" "How interesting!"

"But the white people never believe such nonsense, do they?" There was pious disapproval in the question. The southern beauty pouted bewitchingly. "Ob-I don't know!" she said.

"Belle, did you ever have a love charm?" the hostess demanded, "Did you?"

"Uhmhuh." (That canny word, "uhmhuh.' ye ken it means 'yes.') "How dreadful! Where did you get



PICKED UP THE BROKEN FORM. it? Did-did you use it on any-anybody?" (eagerly).

"Uhmhuh!"

"You did?" "Oh, Belle!" They were all talking at once. "What was it?" "A dried spider ?" "Uugh!"

"Yes, I did! Old mammy gave it to me and I wore it in a locket, and the first time I met Charlie he fell in love with me. See here!" A diamond sparkled on her hand, and the mischief left her lips. The girls looked from one to the other, then Lottie spoke up valiantly for all.

into saying.

"See!" she said, laying her finger on the hated Jack of Diamonds. "You have no cause for jealousy. There are no love cards between them. She does not love him."

"Are you quite sure?" asked Gray. "Quite," said the gypsy. "But she might, because he loves

her," he insisted. "Do you mean that I've no cause for jealousy with that Jack of Diamonds so near my brunette of spades?"

"None," she replied, solemnly. "No danger of her falling in love with him?

"No," said the gypsy; "the love cards are not there. "Where are they then?"

"Here they are, on the other side of the brunette-the nine, five and seven of hearts."

"On the other side," he said; "fre, seven, nine; those are love cards! Well, what does that mean?" He looked puzzled and then put his finger on the Jack of Hearts. "Isn't that myself-that Jack of Hearts?" "Yes," she answered, dreamily.

"Then the love cards are between the Queen of Spades and the Jack of Hearts, which is myself?' The fortune teller assented.

"Then that means-she loves me "Yes," said the gypsy almost under her breath, "she does."

Jack thought a moment. "Well, that's just where you're wrong," he said, ungraciously, and rose. "You see, I knew before I came in; so you will excuse my saying it is rubbish. Here is your fee."

In a moment he was outside, leaving room for another adventurer to enter. He stopped just before the tent and listened to the conversation within.

It was not in the mysterious tones he had heard, but a girlish voice, which he knew only too well.

"Yes,' it said softly, "and nobody guessed in the least that it was I.' He waited a few moments until the long robe and vell were thrown off, and she fluttered out.

"Dorothy," he said, softly. With a little cry she found herself face to face with him, and ere long the Queen of Spades and Jack of Hearts were walking together be-

did. It happened in a Detroit street car the other day. She climbed in down at the square, accompanied by a friend who was both older and plainer than herself. It happened to be one of the old-fashioned cars, with long seats running along the sides, and right opposite the girls sat a handsome gentleman, with big, wide-open gray eyes, at whom the pretty damsel cast a sweetly simpering smirk as she sat down and arranged herself so that he could see just how pretty she was. He did not smile, but he continued to stare, and at first she seemed to think things were all right, but before long she began to squirm and shift in her seat, and finally ejaculated to her friend in a tone that was audible through the can "Really, dear, it's dreadful the way that man over there stares. It's all very well for a man to admire you, but there really are limits." One or two of the passengers smothered their smiles and looked to see how the man took it. But he did not seem to hearjust continued to stare with the same steady, concentrated gaze, and the passengers grew interested. The gtrl made one or two more remarks and then suddenly the gentleman sitting beside the offending one leaned over. and said clearly: "Pardon me, madam, but as you seem to be a little put out with my friend, I wish to explain that he is quite unaccountable, because he is totally blind." There was silence for a moment, while the young lady's blushes lit up the car with a lurid light, and then amid ill-suppressed titters she arose and got out without a word, followed by her giggling comrade .-- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cotton Is Still the American King.

The annual report of Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, for the cotton year, 1897-8, recently ended, indicates a greater advance in all branches of the cotton industy than has hitherto been reported. At.11,199,994 bales, the crop shows an increase of nearly 2,250,000 bales over that of the previous year. The total value, \$320,553,000, is over \$1,300,000 less than that of a year ago, owing to neath the shade of an old tree, laugh- a reduction of about \$8 per bale.

You don't fatten your mental average anything I desire without it is fruits or off of my purse."

Where Fish Spend the Winter.

James B. Church, of Tiverton, Rhode Island, a recognized authority on fish and their habits, thus writes: Fish are, except the birds, the best pilots in the world. Either the birds or fish know more when asleep about piloting than a man pilot does when awake. Now, as to the habits of fish. They come on the coast in the spring, when the migratory instinct starts them out of their winter's sleep. In winter they are in a dormant state. like the bear, skunk and woodchuck. The old theory that fish migrated south is all wrong. Fish simply leave chance for a confict. the coast and go off shore on the northern edge of the gulf stream, get into water of the right temperature and go into winter quarters. Before the time comes for them to start on their annual pilgrimage for their winter quarters they have taken on a good coat of fat. It is under their skin, and their stomach is lined with it, and it is also all through their bodies when they arrive at the spot that they have selected for their winter home. Then there grows over their eyes a white film, and their vent closes, and so they remain until the time comes for them to start for their summer home.

Ironical Ifs.

If you want to pick a flaw in humanity begin at home. If a woman dresses with taste she ought to look good enough to eat. If poetry runs in the veins some poets should be run in by the police. If a man makes a fool of himself over a woman she is usually satisfied. If a woman is fair that doesn't prevent her from being unfair at times. If a man lacks enthusiasm it takes him twice as long to accomplish a task. If half the world worked less the other half wouldn't be worked so often. If a man doesn't use his head in his business he is sure to put his foot in it. If it wasn't for an occasional funeral lots of men would never see the inside of a church. If women were satisfied with nature's handiwork there would be fewer toilet preparations on the market.

something acid." To understand the scientific action

of Pe-ru-na it is best to have Dr. Hartman's special book for women or his book on chronic catarrh. These books are mailed free by the Pe-ru-na Medicine Company, Columbus, O. All druggists sell Pe-ru-na.

Conflict of Arms.

"A conflict of arms," he said, "is a terrible thing."

"Of course," she replied, blushing; . ly; "and so inexcusable, too. I hold that the disposition a man makes of his arms is none of a girl's business." After that, of course, there was no

Sounds Too Tame. Wirewick-I don't exactly like the idea of calling one of the new ships of

war "The American Girl." Yabsley-What is the matter with it? Wirewick-It sounds too tame. "The Hired Girl" would give a much better idea of destruction and desolation.



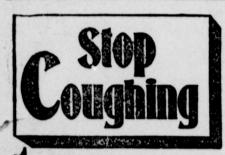
Suggested by Friendship.

Bret Harte's story, "Tennessee's Partner," is said to have been suggested to the author by the touching and beautiful friendship which binds together two old men who have lived There will be, in the bath room, for more than forty years in the mountains on the route to the Yosemite. Beside this, a dark room is to be pro-They have a little gold mine which vided in which the amateur photogyields an occasional \$50, an orchard rapher can change his plates and deand a garden. One of the two has not seen San Francisco since 1855. With of the journey. A small but compreall their hermit life, however, the two hensive library in the center coach old gentlemen read a great deal and will contain the standard works of know what is going on in the outside world.

A Klondike Millionaire.

Alexander McDonald, the Klondike millionaire, is on a visit to Seattle. He says that when he started to the fields he had just enough money to pay his way to Juneau, and no more. Nevertheless, he adds that unless a man is young, strong and without family ties, "the experience of thousands has taught that he has no business in Alaska."

A swagger walk does not indicate athletic prowess.



Every cough makes your throat more raw and irritable. Every cough congests the lining membrane of your lungs. Cease tearing your throat and lungs in this way. Put the parts at rest and give them a chance to heal. You will need some help to do this, and you will find it in

From the first dose the quiet and rest begin: the tickling in the throat

Sumptuous Train.

The train which is to cross Siberia will probably be the most sumptuous of its kind in existence. The most upto-date furnishing will be employed. instance, a set of gymnastic apparatus. velop his pictures during the progress seven languages, and, associating in good nineteenth century fashion the body with the mind, will have, too,

a stationary bicycle. The plano will be there in plenty. Electricity will furnish the light, call bells and several portable reading lamps. Stationery and barber's services there are, of course, but these are hardly an innovation.

Peculiar Transaction.

An extraordinary action on the part of a member of the bar is that developed in the transaction for the recovery of bonds that had been stolen from President Greenwood, of the Coatesville, Pa., National bank. These securities, valued at \$12,000, were cleverly stolen on October 1 last, and after futile efforts to trace out the thief Mr. Greenwood offered a reward for the return of the bonds, and gave the assurance "no questions asked." Thereupon a Philadelphia attorney sent word that he had a "client" who would deliver the stolen property if the promises of the owner were fulfilled-a reward and "no questions asked." The detectives advised Mr. Greenwood to accept the conditions, and at a meeting with the attorney \$5000 was first demanded as the "reward," and finally \$1200 was agreed upon.

The woman of the hour is usually the one who says that she will be ready "in just one minute."

The laugh of a merry girl is sweet music to the ear.

'Possum and sweet potatoes are much-enjoyed dish now.

The wretched dry goods clerk does not make all the mistakes.

What Cuba's Loss Means to Spain.

The loss of Cuba means to Spain the loss of the very sustenance of the nation. In the same way the loss of your appetite means starvation to your body. If any reader of this notice wants to fully enjoy hearty meals, we can recommend Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It cures indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation.

Lovers of persimmons are now enjoying this lucious fruit.

FARMER AND STOCKMAN.

The farmers about Cuero have ordered enough flax seed to plant nearly 400 acres.

Dick Smith of Whitney shipped four cars of choice feeders from Albany to Whitney.

C. Anson, a prominent cattleman of Coleman county, has returned from a visit to England.

E. C. McIlhaney received ot Big Springs from Phoenix, Ariz., two cars of remarkably fine Durham cattle.

Dr. Timothy Rogers and his brother, E. A. Rogers of Rockwall, bought recently of J. Miller 1060 lambs and 1465 ewes at \$3 per head all around.

'The Milam County Oil mill received last week 1400 head of cattle belonging to Eugene Fowler, which are to be fed for the market.

Mr. Brumley of Coleman sold 100 head of beeves, twos and threes, to \$27. L. Love sold 25 head to the same parties at the same price.

B. W. Langley of Denton county has sold to some residents of Dallas county 13 grade Polond-Angus. 3 bulls at \$42.50 each, and 10 heifers at \$25 each.

W. G. Urton, monager of the Cass Land and Cattle company, recently shipped about 1000 head of bar V and X bar X cattle, old stogs, etc., for Kansas City.

S. H. Purcell has bought from John L. Fouts the latter's one-half interest in the Estis & Fouts ranch and cattle in Andrews county, paying \$3000 for the interest in the ranch. There are 3000 cattle valued at \$20 a head.

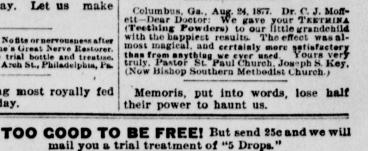
C. M. Cauble of Albany shipped from there on the 28th ultimo a train of good stock cows. They were bought of the Reynolds Land and Cattle company and went to Waco for butchering purposes.

The Souther Poultry Show and Pet Stock association will give a poultry exhibition at Beaumont, 1ex., beginning Wednesday, Dec. 14, and lasting four days. An effort is being made to have a flower show at the same time.

Receipts of cattle in Konsas City in October were slightly in excess of 231,7 000 head, making a new record for a month's receipts. The previous big month was September of 1896 with 229,945.

J. M. Chittim is bock at San Antonio from a week's trip to his ranches at Mathis and Goliad. He says that the country is drier than he has ever seen it, but that his cattle are in remarkably good fix.

Societies for the suppression of un- necessary noises are needed.	TO CURE A COLD IN Take Laxative Bromo Quini druggists refund the money in 25c. The genuine has L. B. G.
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We possess to-day. Let us make the most of it.	Columbus, Ga., Aug. 24, 1877 ett-Dear Doctor: We gave (Teething Powders) to our
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STILL WELL TWO YEARS LATER.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., -Two years ago this present month I sent you an unsolicited testimonial of what "5 DROPS" had done for myself and friend, Mr. Edwards, and now I want to send you another, saying we have not had a return of Neuralgia or Rheuma-tism since. I think the cure must be permanent; but if it should return, I keep "5 DROPS" in the house and I know that would stop it. It is good for so many things no house should be without it. Yours truly, Mrs. D. T. Carver. Sept. 28, 1838.

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Doubt Whether it Can be Held.

Some attention was given to the question of a Pacific cable by the United States commissioners to Hawall on their recent visit to the islands. They learned, for one thing, the scion of a family that in the bedeep at points in the track of the broad Japanese current which sweeps down between the islands and the western American shore, and while a cable can be laid in such a depth of water, there is grave question whether it can be held there against the strong current of the Kuro Siwo.

Destroyed It.

Thomas Coffin, brother of Lucretia Mott, was not in the least entitled to any claims to personal beauty. He was once asked by a friend for his picture, but extended little hope that he inquirer would ever get what he asked for. "Well, Thomas," said the other, "if thee will not get one taken for me,

Members of a Noted Family.

Count Moerner, who has just given up his position as hall porter in the Chelsea apartment house in New York. and returned to Sweden to marry, is that the Pacific ocean is some six miles ginning of this century took a prominent part in the election of the French Marshal Bernadotte as crown prince of Sweden, in the place of Prince Gustavus of Vasa, who was banished from the kingdom. The count left his native land in 1891, because of a tragedy in which his brother was killed by the discharge of a pistol. He was tried and acquitted, but came to America.

Bee in His Threat

Among the peculiar happenings, that which afflicted Charles Matz of Tyrone. Pa., was unusual. He was drinking cider out of a barrel, through a small gum hose, when a bee was sucked into his throat, where it stung him. Mr. Matz' throat afterward became so swollen that only through the use of



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will thee let me have a copy of an old one?" "I am afraid I can not do that, a tube, until the swelling abated, was either," replied Thomas; "the fact is his life saved. that I once did have a picture taken of myself,and it was so good that I destroyed it."

How She is Known.

"Brides are usually distinguished for some special trait or attraction." "I believe so."

"It's different with one of the latest of them."

Merritt."

Nearly Caused a Run.

Gen. Lee paused in front of a Richmond, Va., bank the other day to converse with a friend, and thereby almost precipitated a serious run on the institution. A crowd of gaping bystanders gathered around the general, and a timid depositor, fancying that a run had begun, frantically rushed "She'll be known for her General into the bank and demanded his money.

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