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The Country Doctor

By the Country Squire

"Hello, Hello!"
How many times have I heard the stillness of the night broken by that appealing cry in front of Dr. Pearson's house.

Then a quiet, firm voice answers, "All right, what is it?"

"Doctor, this is Jim Wells from Jacobie. My baby is awful sick."

"All right, I'll be right down."

Then a lighted lantern bobbing around the barnyard, a quiet word to an overworked and sleepy horse. "Whoa, Blackie, now stand still."

Then the leisurely trot across the bridge over White Rock Creek intermingled with the sound of flopping saddle bags, filled with iodine, pills, quinine, calomel and the unadulterated bitter medicines of yesteryear, unsoftened by sweet coatings or dilutions.

And so rode the Country Doctor—just a midnight jaunt of seven miles, each way, over a muddy folorn road. The eager welcoming cry of the mother, a light in the kitchen, where water was placed to boil, the vigorous shaking of a thermometer and then the plain unvarnished truth in diagnosis. Treatment prescribed, the homeward trip with the horse jogging just a little faster, arrival at home as the sun's first rays proclaimed a new day. A hurried breakfast and then another ride on another horse on another call for which the doctor, bless his heart, received no compensation but the fervent thanks of a country mother.

Night after night the patient, good man rode forth on his mission of helpfulness and mercy.

He brought countless babies into the world under conditions which required superskill to perpetuate these lives. He folded the hands of the dead, and prepared them for burial. He served as legal adviser in the making of last wills and testaments. He was dentist, functioning with one pair of wire pliers. His ministrations extended into the field of veterinary medicine. He was optician, he was nurse, his skill exemplified itself in directions in which his city successors now specialize by the hundreds.

If he was paid at all, it was with sausage or hams, chicken or eggs, although occasionally some small change found its way into his coin purse.

The Country Doctor was America's greatest, most heroic figure, I say "was" because he is no more.

The advent of good roads which replaced the muddy stretches of those days, the early twentieth century, and the coming of the automobile have revolutionized the practice of medicine in the rural areas. Now the doctor lives in the larger communities, a telephone call instead of a midnight visitor on horseback summons him. In fifteen minutes he covers the distance, which before required hours of hard riding. A desperately sick child is bundled into his car and hurried to the

Plans Drawn for Addition to School Building

The school board in regular meeting Monday night, appointed a committee to select an architect to draw up plans and estimate the cost of an addition to the school building. The contemplated addition is practically the same as plans the board had under consideration a year ago. Some consideration was given, several weeks ago, to the idea of buying a frame building at Big Lake and moving it here to be used for needed class rooms and for vocational agriculture and home economics. This idea, however, has given way to plans for a more permanent building.

Association Meets Here

The Runnels Missionary Baptist Association met Tuesday at the Robert Lee Baptist church for an all-day session with luncheon served at the church. Thirteen churches in the association were represented. Principal speakers were, Rev. J. H. McClain of Ballinger, Rev. J. L. Wallace of Miles, Rev. W. T. Hamor of Winters, Rev. R. L. Shannon of Abilene, and Rev. M. C. Golden of Ballinger.

Miss Helen Abbott of Bronte gave a report on the G. A. house party recently held at Howard-Payne and a Mrs. Weathersby of Long Beach, California, formerly of Ballinger, told some of the work done in the church of which she is a member in Long Beach.

The singing was led by Rev. Paul Smeltzer who also gave a solo in the morning session.

The association accepted an invitation from the Pumphrey church to meet with them for the regular meeting in July.

Chanda Brown is home from Abilene where she has been attending A. C. C. She has completed the sophomore work there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roe and H. E. Smith of Robert Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Walling and Miss Ella Arridge of Silver, attended the wedding, Saturday night, of Miss Della Higginbotham and Mr. H. A. Fitzhugh. The ceremony took place at the Higginbotham home near Bronte.

nearest hospital in just a few minutes. He makes many times the calls he was able to make in the same time in the old days and is fresher and more effective for his duty. If you, my forgetful reader, ever rode horseback six or seven miles to summon a doctor for a desperately sick child or mother, I am sure you join with me in the heartfelt tribute to the Country Doctor and, in the same breath, praise engineering genius for the constant protection afforded by good roads.

Questions and Answers

Old Age Pensions

These are questions that the people of Texas are asking. Orville S. Carpenter, executive director of the Old Age Commission, answers them:

Q. When will first pension payments be made?

A. July 1.

Q. Are you sure of this?

A. Yes, because both State and Federal pension money will be in the Texas Treasury. Texas was granted only recently \$1,181,250 by the United States Government.

Q. How many of the aged past 65 years of age will be eligible?

A. As far as I can estimate now, there will be approximately 65,000.

Q. How much will each one receive?

A. Each one will receive up to a maximum of \$30 a month, or \$15 from the State and \$15 from the United States. However, payments will be based upon need because of the Federal Social Security Law and the Texas Law. People who do not need as much as \$30 will receive less. All payments considered, the average will be around \$20 to each applicant who meets the requirements of the Texas law.

Q. Does not the Texas law require that each applicant for assistance be investigated?

A. Yes.

Q. Is not the organization of the Old Age Assistance Commission based upon rules laid down by the Washington and the Texas laws?

A. Yes.

Q. Then the method in which you handle applications for assistance is mandatory upon you because of the Texas law and rules of the Social Security Board?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it true that some payments will be only \$9 or \$10 per month?

A. Yes. Payments will be based on need. It is also true that payments will be \$30 per month to those whose needs require it. However, the general average will be about \$20 to each old person on the pension rolls. This average is in itself \$5 a month more to each needy old person than he or she could get if Texas had a blanket pension program of \$15 a month only.

Rial Denman has installed a circulator in his ice house which prevents the ice from melting, thereby saving a considerable lossage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCabe have moved to the Murtishaw place and Mr. and Mrs. Victor McCabe have moved to the McKinseyville place they bought several months ago.

Texas Editors to Visit Centennial Saturday

Texas editors and their families will be guests of the Texas Centennial Exposition Saturday June 13. The newspaper men will come to Dallas Saturday morning from Tyler where they will hold their regular meeting. Registration and assembly will be in the City Hall Auditorium at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning when passes to the Exposition grounds will be given to the visitors.

Luncheon will be served at the Exposition in one of the larger restaurants at 12:30 p. m. Saturday evening and between 6:30 and 8:30 an old-fashioned barbecue will be served the editors in the corral of the Texas Ranger building. Adjournment will be taken in time for the newspaper men to visit "The Cavalcade of Texas." Sunday the members of association will visit the various exhibits and concessions.

Delegates to the Theta Sigma Phi national convention of newspaperwomen will be entertained at the same time as the Texas editors and many of these visitors are expected to stop over in Dallas June 13 and 14 enroute to their meeting in Austin.

Blue Bonnet Club

Mrs. S. E. Adams was hostess at the regular meeting of the Bluebonnet Bridge Club last Friday afternoon. The Centennial theme was used in decorations and favors. Ice cream and cookies was served. Members present were, Mesdames W. B. Clift, M. L. Woodmansie, Fred Roe, Marvin Simpson, P. E. Mahon, Chism Brown, Freeman Clark, Cortez Russell, Dollie Wylie, Rial Denman, and Miss Mittie Russell. Guests were, Mrs. Sam Powell, Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Christine Glenn, Virginia Griffith, and Mrs. John Brown.

Mrs. Good's side won high score. The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. H. Bell with Mrs. Rial Denman as hostess.

Ticket No. 1

Centennial Shafer, 60, of Valley Mills, Texas, was the first person to enter the main gates of the Centennial Central Exposition at Dallas that opened Saturday.

Shafer had ticket No. 1 which he purchased a year ago. He was given the distinction because of the date of his birth, June 6, 1876, the year the United States celebrated its centennial of independence, and his name.

Ice Box Flowers at W. K. Simpson & Co.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Hughes of Mertzon, district deputy grand matron of the O. E. S., was the grand installing officers at the installation ceremony of the Robert Lee chapter Saturday night, which followed an informal supper in the basement of the Methodist church for the Eastern Star members, their families and the invited guests. Mrs. Ione Allen, deputy grand matron, was the grand installing marshall; Mrs. Cora Simpson, installing chaplain; Mrs. Lena Russell, installing pianist; Mrs. C. C. Holder of Bronte, escort.

The out-going officer are: Worthy matron, Mildred Simpson; worthy patron, McNeil Wylie; matron, Mrs. Bertie Clift; asst. patron, W. J. Cumbie; conductress, Ione Allen; asst. conductress, Elsie Adams; secretary, Ruth Clift; treasurer, Mrs. Ollie Cumbie.

The newly installed officers are: Worthy matron, Mrs. J. A. Clift; worthy patron, Albert Baze, Jr.; asst. matron, Elsie Adams; asst. patron, W. J. Cumbie; conductress, Vivian Roane; asst. conductress, Mildred Simpson; secretary, Ruth Clift; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Cumbie; marshall, Ione Allen; chaplain, Willie Clark; pianist, Hazel Millican; star points—Ada, Julian Batton; Ruth, Aline Steffey; Esther, Virginia Sneed; Martha, Garland Good; Electa, Theo Allen; warden, Naomi Brown; sentinel, Lucile McCutchen.

At the close of the ceremony, Doris Baze, costumed as a black cat, meowed across the chapter hall to present to the grand installing officers, gifts "the cat dragged in." Mrs. Elsie Adams, representing the chapter, presented a past-matron's gift to the outgoing worthy matron and worthy patron.

Among out-of-town guests were, Mrs. Katie Lee Trainer and Mrs. Ollie Walters of Mertzon, Mrs. Tubb and her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Parker of Eldorado, Miss Iva Sneed of Ft. Stockton, Mrs. Joe Long Sneed of San Angelo, and Mrs. Kate Vaughn of Lubbock.

New White Sandals at W. K. Simpson & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barger, Misses Nina and Juanita and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lovell of Headley left Wednesday morning for a visit in Vinton, La., with Mrs. Barger's sister, Mrs. J. H. Donnelly. They went by way of Austin and will return through Dallas where they will "see the sights."

Condition of the Treasury (For Last Fiscal Week)

Receipts	\$ 35,398,042.43
Expendit'r's	98,968,508.79
Balance	2,389,795,599.28
Deficit	2,931,260,573.43
Public Debt	31,643,720,479.88

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Current Events IN REVIEW

by Edward W. Pickard

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Rural Housewives of World in Convention

RURAL housewives from many countries began their third triennial conference in Washington with Mrs. Alfred Watt of Canada presiding.

Their first meeting was held in 1930 in Vienna, and the second in Stockholm three years later. Secretaries Hull and Wallace and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, extended greetings to the visitors, but beyond that there were no set speeches and little formality. Instead, the farm wives held "exchange of experience" sessions, viewed elaborate exhibits of rural needlework and crafts of organized countrywomen of the participating nations, and attended "open houses" held by all branches of the federal government in which countrywomen are particularly interested.

In exchanging experiences the women learned, among other things, that English groups have stimulated a remunerative revival of quilting to supplement the family income.

Australian countrywomen maintain seaside homes for convalescents. Canada's Federated Women's Institute promotes clubs for rural youth and combats maternal and infant mortality.

By conducting evening classes for young girls Danish countrywomen have helped to check their migration to town to seek factory work.

The East Africa Women's League visits native women in prisons and hospitals and provides information to prospective white settlers.

Huge Deficiency Bill Passed by Senate

THE senate by a vote of 62 to 14 passed the deficiency bill carrying \$2,375,000,000, of which sum \$1,425,000,000 is handed to the President to spend as he pleases for "relief and work relief." As passed by the house, the measure turned the entire amount of relief money over to WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins.

Three Democratic senators voted against the bill—Tydings of Maryland, Bulkley of Ohio and Byrd of Virginia.

By a senate amendment, the bill authorizes the President to order a re-study of reports on the \$200,000,000 Florida ship canal and allocate another \$10,000,000 to carry on work upon it during the coming fiscal year.

Efforts to do anything for the Passamaquoddy tidal project in Maine had proved unavailing.

New York's Wage Law Is Held Invalid

NEW YORK state's law providing minimum wages for women and minors was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme court on the ground that it conflicts with the fourteenth amendment by violating freedom of contract. The decision, written by Justice Butler, was concurred in by Justices Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland and Roberts. Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Stone, Brandeis and Cardozo dissented. A number of other states have statutes similar to the one thus held invalid.

Zioncheck Nabbed for Test of His Sanity

MARION ZIONCHECK, the peculiar representative from Seattle, Wash., outdid all his previous performances in one day of wild deeds and landed in the Washington municipal hospital where his sanity was to be tested. He had made two attempts to see the President, saying he wanted to ask for machine guns and tanks to blow up a hotel where he suspected his bride was hiding; sought a warrant for the arrest of Vice President Garner on the belief that he knew where Mrs. Zioncheck was concealed, and in various other ways persuaded the authorities that his mental condition should be investigated.

Civil War in A. F. of L. Expected Soon

NINE of the richest unions in the American Federation of Labor, having more than a million members, probably will be suspended from the federation's executive council, and at the next convention they will be expelled if the council can command the necessary two-thirds majority. Thus will come to a crisis the internecine contest between the craft unionists led by President Wil-

ham Green and the industrial unionists who follow John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers.

The craft unionists, it was learned, intend to suspend the charters of the nine industrial unions at the July executive council session, a power granted the council under the A. F. of L. constitution.

Lewis' group of unions includes 400,000 miners, Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, David Dubinsky's International Ladies' Garment union, the oil workers, typographers, flat glass workers, hat, cap, and millinery workers, mine, mill, and smelter workers, and textile workers.

Liner Queen Mary Fails to Equal the Record

BRITAIN'S magnificent new liner Queen Mary was given an uporous welcome at New York as she completed the first leg of her maiden transatlantic passage. The giant steamship behaved well in every way but fell short by 42 minutes of equaling the record set a year ago by the French liner Normandie. The Queen Mary's officers offered no apology for this, but it was public knowledge that her speed had been cut down by a fog off the American coast.

The Queen Mary averaged 29.13 knots on a measured course of 3,158 nautical miles, between Cherbourg breakwater and Ambrose light, completing the journey between those two points in 4 days 12 hours 24 minutes.

Business Men Oppose New Guffey Coal Bill

BOTH the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers is firmly opposed to the new Guffey-Vinson coal control bill designed to replace the act declared invalid by the United States Supreme court.

Harper Sibley, president of the chamber, and James A. Emery, general counsel for the manufacturers' association, recalled, in almost identical language, that the most widely discredited phase of the defunct NRA was price fixing through codes. The new Guffey-Vinson bill, they said, like the old bill, is designed to establish price fixing by levying a prohibitory tax on products of mines which do not submit to its provisions.

Pope, on His Birthday, Denounces Communism

CATHOLICS the world over celebrated the seventy-ninth birthday of Pope Pius XI, and the pontiff himself marked the day by attending a solemn mass in St. Peter's in the presence of 40,000 pilgrims who went to Rome especially for the occasion. These were mainly members of the Catholic Action organization which Pius XI founded, and to them he spoke for nearly an hour. He denounced communism, as he has done on other occasions, and declared the Catholic press was one of the best forces in combating the communists.

It was evident to all observers the pope's age is beginning to tell on him and that he found the long ceremony very much of a strain.

That the pope's health is causing some concern also in Vatican circles was shown by the fact that the plans that were originally made for the pope to bless the crowd gathered in St. Peter's square from the outer balcony of the Basilica were abandoned at the last minute.

Japanese Find Excuse for Action in China

THERE was every reason to believe that Japan had found, or manufactured, excuses for further encroachments in northern China, and that serious conflict between the two nations would ensue unless China were submissive. The Japanese alleged that a bridge on the railway line between Tangku and Tientsin was destroyed and that there was an attempt to wreck a troop train. The highest Japanese officers in North China were informed Generalissimo Kai-shek, Chinese dictator, of this viewpoint.

Yakichiro Suma, Japanese consul general in Nanking, declared publicly that China must choose either "mutual interdependence with Japan or war with Japan," and he said he had informed Generalissimo Kai-shek, Chinese dictator, of this viewpoint.

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

160,000 Horses A New Democracy Thin Men Live Longer Must We Have War?

The well advertised Queen Mary, looking very big moving up to her New

York dock, represented in reality the quintessence of compressed power. On the way over she developed one hundred and sixty thousand horse power.

That number of horses hitched in pairs, one ahead of the other, would make a "team" more than two hundred and fifty miles long. Still more remarkable power compression is that of the flying engine, which compresses the power of a 1,000-pound horse into less than three pounds of metal.

The government offered for sale six hundred millions of 2% per cent bonds, four hundred millions of 1% per cent notes. The whole issue is oversubscribed.

It is a comfort for those that have money and want no risk to invest even at low interest rates, free of income tax payments.

Such an investment is much simpler than running the risk of a business enterprise with pay rolls and jobs attached.

To tax heavily the man who uses his money and brains to give work to others, and free from taxation those that buy bonds and take their ease, is a brand-new kind of democracy.

Men of middle age and older may learn from Civil war veterans in the Memorial day parade, some ninety and some ninety-three; one, who led New York city's G. A. R. procession, past ninety-six years of age.

All the old soldiers are very thin men, averaging in weight less than 140 pounds. Had they been fat they would be in the grave, not in any parade.

General Pershing cut a big birthday cake with a general's sword, Mrs. Roosevelt looking on, and on Memorial day he warned America against another war.

To believe that this country can be dragged into a war without a repetition of our big war folly is not complimentary to those in charge. No foreign nation would force war on the United States, and thus put United States resources, and any fighting qualities that Americans may possess, on the side of that foreign nation's enemies.

The unfortunate congressman, Zoncheck, from the Northwest, is locked up in Washington, his sanity to be investigated, after he visited the White House with a present of empty beer bottles for the President.

The unfortunate congressman's antics are not important in themselves, but you wonder what qualities were seen in him by the voters.

The United States Supreme court declared unconstitutional a New York state law that would permit New York to fix a minimum wage for women and children.

Chief Justice Hughes, who did not agree with the majority opinion, wrote: "I find nothing in the federal Constitution which denies to the state the power to protect women from being exploited by over-reaching employers."

American cotton growers fighting the boll weevil will sympathize with Argentine growers, attacked by vast swarms of devouring locusts, far worse than any weevil. The Argentine ministry of agriculture announces 10,000 tons of cotton devoured, 60,000 acres invaded.

Farmers fight the locusts by erecting walls of sheet iron or digging ditches, into which the locusts swarm, to be sprayed with gasoline and burned. Tons of the pests are thus destroyed.

Mayors of Arab cities in Palestine warn the British that they must stop Jewish immigration and the sale of land to Jews in Palestine. The British answer to the warning will probably not be satisfactory to the Arabs. It is reported also that the central committee for Palestine of the "Communist party" is distributing literature urging British soldiers in Palestine to mutiny.

President Lewis, of Lafayette college, thinks wars would end if monarchs who voted for it were put in front line trenches. That might prevent some wars, not all.

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Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted By WILLIAM BRUCKART

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Washington.—A great many persons were mystified a few weeks ago by the treasury announcement that it had entered into an agreement to buy Chinese silver. On the surface, it appeared to be an action by the American government that was wholly a part of its domestic silver policy—a policy that thus far has resulted in no economic benefits at all but has cost American taxpayers rather dearly. Beneath the surface, however, the Chinese silver purchase agreement is one of the most significant moves yet to be made in our foreign policies. I believe it has potential consequences as great or greater than any foreign relations pronouncement to come from the Washington government since World war controversies were liquidated.

To understand the importance of the silver purchase agreement with China, one must examine international relationships over a wide scope. They involve, first and most important of all, the steady inroad made by the Japanese into the Chinese political and economic structure. They embrace, as well, relations of Soviet Russia with China and Japan, and the whole Far Eastern situation for that matter, and the continued efforts of the British to obtain for their nationals additional or restored spheres of influence in China.

Lastly, these international relationships involve, indeed, directly affect, the open door policy respecting Chinese trade. The United States has consistently maintained that China must be open to world trade and in this attitude our nation has had support of the British and some other white nations. On the other hand, the Japanese, while adhering to the open door policy on the surface, have consistently attempted to undermine it directly or by use of the military.

Before the World war it used to be said in China that the international competition there took the form of diplomacy operated through banks and railways. Now, we see the additions of currencies and tariffs to the methods used by the diplomats. The United States is using the currency method—a method attempted by the British without success two years ago—and through this influence, this nation is seeking to expand its trade with China. The Japanese are employing the tariffs to protect their own interests in China and to keep the British and the Americans on the outside.

So, for the first time since 1898, the battle among the nations for the rich lure of China trade is on an economic basis of competition and, it must be said, Japan is in the lead. The Japanese are ahead in this economic warfare chiefly because of their proximity to the territory which is so rich in potential trade.

A year or more ago, the British sent Sir Frederick Leith-Ross of the British treasury to Shanghai to aid the Chinese ministry of finance in the establishment of a currency system. It was not announced, of course, but the real purpose of Sir Frederick's visit was to stabilize Chinese money and link it to the British pound sterling. Diplomats watched the maneuver with great interest because it was expected that Japan's control in the North China provinces would be loosened through British currency influence. But it failed to work that way. The North China provinces simply were separated further from China proper and the Japanese tightened their grip.

Now, the Americans have tried something of the same scheme. They worked it out on the basis of silver purchase from China but they prescribed that as the American treasury buys Chinese silver, the dollars paid therefor will be deposited in a branch of the Bank of China which will be established in New York. It will result in easy transfers of money where American exporters ship to China.

No one can tell what the consequences will be.

There is still the further circumstance of Japan's smuggling into China. Having had control

wily of the Chinese tariff, the wily Japanese proceeded to enforce their rules rigidly against everyone except themselves. Stories coming out of North China through diplomatic channels as well as from commercial interests tell of vast smuggling operations by the Japanese. In other words, the Japanese have proceeded to Japan's interests.

The Japanese are operating in another fashion in the Philippines. It is a well established fact that when legislation is being considered by the Philippine legislative body, it is confronted with a powerful lobby if it is imminent

to Japanese interests.

This lobby is known and recognized and many of the Japanese representatives are fearful of consequences to their political careers if they go contrary to the lobby's position.

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By MARY HASTINGS BRADLEY

WNU Service

SYNOPSIS

Leila Seton, young and beautiful, and an expert on paintings, is commissioned to go over the collection of paintings in the home of the wealthy Kellers in New York, where a party is in progress. From her window she witnesses a man in another room strike a woman. Shortly after Mrs. Keller sends up word, asking her to join the party at dinner. She is seated between Mr. Deck, a critic, and Monty Mitchell, a noted lawyer. Introductions follow. There are Mr. Harriden, Miss Letty Van Aistyn, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Watkins and Prince and Princess Rancini, guests. Leila finds she is taking the place of Nora Harriden. Dan Harriden leaves the table, and Mitchell explains he has gone up to see how his wife's headache is. He returns shortly, Deck, saying he must put in a call, leaves. Upon his return, he begs Leila to secretly take a message to Nora "to take no steps until I see you." Leila consents. Leila finds the Harriden rooms empty and so informs Deck. Coming out she passes Letty. Harriden asks Princess Rancini to run up and see his wife. The princess reports the absence of Nora. Search is fruitless. Harriden admits that he had a row, and believes she is spitefully hiding. Letty tells of seeing Leila come from the room. Leila accuses Harriden of having struck his wife. This Harriden denies. From the Harridens' window Leila sees what proves to be Nora's lifeless body. A ghastly head wound caused death. Dan says she was lying on her bed when he went to dinner, and when he ran up later the room was dark. Thinking she was asleep, he left without seeking her. Mrs. Keller comes upon a pool of blood in the closet. A diamond chain is missing.

CHAPTER III—Continued

When they went to examine the place where the body had been found, Monty Mitchell threw a coat about me and drew me out with him. Perhaps he wanted my observation, as he said; perhaps he was simply being kind to me, the outsider among those whispering groups.

The police had turned the headlights of their car on the shrubbery and every leaf stood out in brilliant detail. There was not a bit of blood to be found anywhere, nor did they find any object which could have made the wound in her head. The dense bushes had received her body and eased it to the ground. "She was dead before she got here," I heard the inspector say.

The ground had been so trampled by the men who had lifted out Mrs. Harriden's body that all footprints were indecipherable, and there were no marks to be found of any ladder.

"He must have had one, to get up there," Donahey muttered, squinting up at the smooth white stone facade, as the spotlight from a car played over its high austerity.

I heard Keller saying that the gardener reported that all ladders were safely locked in their proper places. "Awkward sort of thing to bring along with him," the inspector mused. "But he might have used it on the walls and then here."

"And lugged it away with him?" said Mitchell. "Somehow I don't see a sneak thief trying to lope along inconspicuously, with a twenty-foot ladder."

Slowly Donahey nodded, still studying the window. "Might have got in somewhere else and used the window for a getaway."

Mitchell debated that. "That's a high drop—he'd have made a heavy landing and smashed the bushes. There isn't a sign of injury to them except where Mrs. Harriden fell."

There is no use in going over those hours, moment by moment, those hours in which we sat waiting or milled around, eddying to each report. There were lonely hours for me, for now Monty Mitchell ceased to concern himself with me and went busily about with the police.

Very thoroughly they went over the place while Donahey interviewed each member of the domestic staff. He interviewed them separately, butlers, maids, cooks, laundresses, chauffeurs, the linen woman, the lodge-keeper, the boathouse-keeper, and not one of them had a suspicious thing to communicate. All their testimony was to the effect that it would be impossible for any one to enter or leave the house without being seen.

"Well, if it isn't an outside job it's an inside," Donahey retorted dispassionately. "Somebody got in here somehow."

That Donahey was letting it stand for what it was worth at the present. Between the interviews there were constant reports from the men who had been sent out to check up on things and the sum total of those reports was that the lodge-keep-

er said there had been no attempts to enter and that there was no marks of footprints about the base of the walls or any ladder marks, or any signs of disturbance of the glass cemented on the top of the walls between the spikes. There were no footprints, either, in the sands where the side walls ended at the sea, and no indications of a boat having been beached. The tide had been going out since seven and the shore was utterly untouched except by water marks.

"Well, that's fine," said Donahey sarcastically. "No way into the grounds and no way into the house. Except by the front door."

CHAPTER IV

It was our turn then. A bizarre scene, I thought, to be taking place in that pale gray drawing-room, the heavy Inspector in his dark uniform seated formally behind that incongruously fragile inlaid table, the strained group of men and women in evening dress, and the ring of policemen fringing the borders of the Aubusson carpet.

Donahey's notes and papers were spread out on the table before him and among them was a list of the guests the Kellers must have provided, that he consulted now carefully, checking us off one by one. There were ten of us present now, beside the Kellers, for Deck had reappeared from the seclusion he seemed to have been keeping, and Harriden himself had come down and stood, grim and expressionless, on the other side of that little table.

What Donahey wanted first was an account of the last time Mrs. Harriden had been seen alive. Every one had seen her at late afternoon cocktails, then Harriden reported that they had gone upstairs to dress, a little before seven-thirty, he thought, that later he had gone into his wife's room and she had said she had a headache and would not go down.

"About what time was that?"

Harriden considered. "About eight. I say. I know it was time to go down. I'd already dressed."

Not a word did he say about any other conversation between them, though earlier in the evening, he had blurted out that there had been a row, and that he'd been afraid of what his wife might do, in hysteria or dramatics. Well, I did not blame him for holding that back. He was not called upon to offer up that secret bitterness to the public. . . . He must have felt sure that his friends would be careful not to repeat it; there was a solidarity that knit these people's interests together.

He went on, "The maid saw her at that time, too."

"Anson," mentioned Mrs. Keller, and Donahey's pencil moved.

"I rang for her just as I was leaving the room, and I told her Mrs. Harriden did not want to be disturbed or have any dinner brought up. No one was to come till she rang. I believe Mrs. Harriden told her this. No," he amended, "I remember the maid said Mrs. Harriden did not speak to her. Anson merely saw her."

"What was Mrs. Harriden doing then?"

"Lying on the bed." He added. "The room was darkened, and she said she wanted to go to sleep."

"What happened next?"

"I went down and told Mrs. Keller. She did not want her table unbalanced so she sent for some one in the house."

"During dinner," he stolidly continued, "I went up to see how Mrs. Harriden was. The room was still dark, and I closed the door without speaking, believing her asleep."

"She was still on the bed—?"

Harriden hesitated. "I thought she was—I took it for granted that she was. I can not swear to it since the room was dark."

"At what time would you place your visit?"

"Oh, sometime during dinner," he jerked out, with his first betrayal of impatience at the ordeal. "Early in the meal, I think, for there was time for some one else to leave the table for a short interval after I returned."

Donahey made a quick note of that.

"Then what happened?"

"Nothing. We finished dinner. Afterwards, before they began on bridge I asked the Princess Rancini to run up and see how my wife was. It was her visit that discovered Mrs. Harriden's absence from the room—though we had been told that [redacted] had already discovered it, without mentioning it."

"Who was that?"

Harriden's head jerked towards me. "I think the name is Seton."

My heart began to race as Donahey looked toward me; he could not fail to be struck, I thought, by something purposefully slighting, almost contemptuous, in Harriden's reference, but though his pencil made a quick, side notation, he did not question me then.

After a moment, Harriden continued, very deliberately, "I sent the princess because I thought Mrs. Harriden might want a little attention from another woman—women always know what to do for a headache. The princess came down and told me she was not in her room."

I knew then why he had chosen to give his testimony before all of us, refusing privacy. He wanted the Princess Rancini to hear what he had to say and be guided by it.

"And that is all you can tell us, Mr. Harriden?"

"That is all I know."

"What was your surmise when she was first missing?"

"I didn't have any. Thought she might be walking off on a headache. We went out to look."

"You didn't see any reason to summon the police—didn't fear she had been kidnapped?"

Harriden growled, "No."

"You've no knowledge of any threatening letters she may have received, or any previous suspicious circumstances?"

Harriden grunted a negative.

"Now what time was it when the Princess went to Mrs. Harriden's room?"

"Just after dinner."

"And what time was that?"

"Couldn't say."

"Oh, a little after nine-thirty," Mr. Keller suggested.

"After nine thirty," he repeated.

"And the deceased was last seen alive



Closed the Door Without Speaking

at eight o'clock—by Mr. Harriden and the maid Anson—possibly alive at eight forty-five. . . . Now one thing more, Harriden. How was the window when you left the room at eight o'clock? Was it open?"

"Couldn't say," Harriden told him.

"Probably closed or I'd have felt a draft."

"And when you came up from dinner?"

"Didn't notice any cold air."

"It was the maid who found the window open, Mr. Donahey," Mrs. Keller suddenly interjected, as if she could bear no more of this tedious verifying of what we were all by now familiar with, but Donahey was not to be hurried.

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"I think not," said the princess. "I noticed nothing unusual. The room was simply ready for the night."

"Where's this Miss Seton that was up in the room before you?"

"I'm Miss Seton," I said, my heart knocking.

"When did you go up to the room?"

I told him, "Just after dinner. Just before the Princess Rancini went."

"How did you happen to go? Friend of Mrs. Harriden's?"

"I had never met her," I answered.

"I am a stranger here," and I went on to tell him why I had come and what my work was.

"How'd you happen to go up?" he asked me.

There was no help for it; I had to go on with the story I had told them before. Aside from my feeling of not betraying Deck—and that was strangely strong—I knew that he would hear my first story, sooner or later, and round upon me for murder. I said, very slowly, "I went, because I thought I knew what had happened. I thought Mrs. Harriden had a hurt check she wanted to hide and that I could help her cover it up. In my work I had pigments and stains with me."

"How did you know she had a hurt cheek?"

"Because, from my window, before dressing for dinner, I saw some man in her room slap her. I can't be sure it was she," I stumbled on, "but it was in her room, the first big window at the north, on the front of the house, and I saw the figures of a man and a woman there, against the light."

"You mean you saw a man hit her?"

Harriden tried to intervene. "Look here, Inspector—" but Donahey waved him away, his eyes steadily on me.

"He didn't exactly hit her," I said. "He just slapped her. Then she went away from the window, and he seemed to follow and then one of them came and pulled the curtains across. Any way I couldn't see any more."

"And what time was that?"

"Some time before dinner. About seven-thirty—a little after."

"Who was the man?"

"I don't know."

"You know what he looked like, don't you? Big or little, tall or short? You say you saw him."

"I saw the outline of a man," was all I could tell him. "There wasn't anything to compare him with until she came into sight and then I was so startled by what he did that I wasn't really attending to what he looked like."

"Well, he was taller than she was or shorter?"

"Why, I'd say taller, but I couldn't be sure," I stammered.

"Oh, you couldn't be sure!" His tone was distinctly ironical. "Seems to me, young lady," he commented, "you haven't got a very good detecting eye."

"A man might be a very good detector of counterfeit notes," I retorted, heartened by my anger at him, and not be able to describe people glimpsed at a window—in silhouette. They were just shadows against the light."

"H'm. How about this, Mr. Harriden?"

Harriden's look turned towards me, and I could feel the heavy hatred in it, like a weight upon me. I did not blame him.

"Oh, it's a lie," he said contemptuously. "I think this girl is a publicity seeker—or worse."

Donahey was reshuffling his notes.

"You say you and your wife went to your rooms a little before seven thirty?"

"Thereabouts. She went up before I did."

"And you went directly to your room?"

"That's it."

"When did you go to your wife's room?"

"I told you. When I was dressed. To see if she was ready."

"And you didn't hear anybody in the room before that?"

"I did not," said Harriden firmly.

Donahey consulted a rough drawing he had already made of the arrangement of the room. "Door shut between your rooms?"

Harriden appeared to reflect. "It was," he said firmly.

"And your dressing-room and bath were at the north end of her's, I see. Couldn't you have been there—and so not heard anything?"

"I was all over the place, dressing," said Harriden very positively, "and there wasn't anything to hear."

"We—well," said the inspector, considerably, with an attempt at a soothing inflection, "we have to look into it, anyhow, you know."

"You'd better spend your time," exploded Harriden, "in asking Alan Deck what he was doing when he left the dinner-table after I did. The maid saw him outside Mrs. Harriden's room."

"All right," said Donahey. "Where's Mr. Deck?" Alan Deck's tall figure came down the stairs, when I went up stairs, Mr. Deck?"

Alan Deck answered slowly, "About nine o'clock or a little before, I'd say. I went to put in a call to my paper."

"I was outside Mrs. Harriden's door," went on Deck, in a drawling, almost amused voice, "because I went past to the picture gallery on the third floor after a handkerchief I'd left there before dinner."

"And Mrs. Harriden's door was closed?"

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Scene's of Carnage

A writer in a recent issue of American Mercury presented a new and interesting view of the automobile accident problem. He observed that, in the light of present-day conditions, it is not remarkable that 36,000 persons are being killed in traffic accidents annually—but that it is remarkable that the number is not several times as great.

In the average state, almost anyone not completely crippled can obtain a license to drive a car, irrespective of his ability, responsibility, intelligence or judgement. If he chooses, he can operate a car that belongs by rights in the junk heap—a car with an inaudible horn, feeble or glaring lights, uncertain brakes, and a steering gear affected with St. Vitus dance. If he drives that car in a dangerous manner, cutting curves, weaving in and out of traffic, and "giving her the gun" whenever possible, the chances are that he will escape arrest—and that if he is arrested, he will be assessed a relatively small fine and permitted to go right on driving. When the inevitable finally occurs, and someone is killed or injured because of his recklessness or incompetence, he may have a harder time getting out of the mess—but that won't bring a dead person to life.

If any progress is to be made in reducing the horrible toll of automobile deaths and injuries, stringent methods must be adopted. Traffic codes must be modernized and enforced with the utmost strictness and impartiality. Much higher qualifications for the issuance of drivers' licenses must be established. And the unsafe automobile, as well as the unsafe driver, must be banished from the road. Otherwise, America's streets and highways will continue to be scenes of carnage.

Philosophy of Life

Life is so short and the pathway so full of stony places that the soul of man is often sorely tried. The easiest to do is often the thing that should not be done. We go ahead doing the things that cause others unhappiness, and if there is a spark of goodness in us it will eventually cause us unhappiness. In the bosom of every man there is a constant struggle of wrong against right, and far too often wrong prevails.

Men whose lives are devoted largely to doing good will grow stronger and braver as the years multiply.

Robert Ingersoll said, "The place to be happy is here. This time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is help make others happy."

If we know what is right and try to do it we will finally succeed. It may take a long time, and we may miss the mark many times, but after all, if we can keep

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Mr. and Mrs. Audra Peays have gone to Montana for the summer. Mrs. May Hurley is in Mrs. Peay's beauty shop at the present.

Elmo Bell has sold his cafe to a Mr. Baker of Texon who, we understand, will take charge in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald and Mr. McDonald's mother returned this week from an extended trip through Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, and Oklahoma. They returned by the way of Dallas and spent a short time at the Centennial. Bill says they had a wonderful trip and it was thoroughly enjoyed, but Coke still looks good to him. The mileage covered on the trip was 3600 miles with no car trouble at all.

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Douglas Sneed, his sister, Iva Sneed of Ft. Stockton, and their niece, Jerry Louise Sneed of San Angelo, went to Glen Rose Monday to visit with their grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Bragg.

Maxine Craddock is the guest this week, of the H. M. Gilbert family in Carbon, Eastland county.

James Wallace Clift of San Angelo was in Robert Lee Sunday.

Albert Baze, Jr., and family have moved to San Angelo where he has a position.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brannan, Mrs. Sarah Pool and Mrs. Pool's son and daughter, all of San Angelo, visited their sister and aunt, Mrs. M. E. Walker, Sunday. Mrs. Walker returned with them for a few days visit.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of Silver, is still in the Shannon hospital but is reported to be some better.

Doris Sneed is visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nickols at Chillicothe. Mrs. Nichols was formerly Ethel Sneed.

Mrs. J. C. Allen and Mrs. W. W. McCutchen were invited to act as grand installing officers in the ceremony of installation of the Ballinger O. E. S. chapter Monday night. Mrs. Allen was grand installing officer and Mrs. McCutchen was installing marshall.

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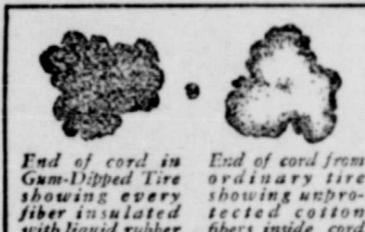
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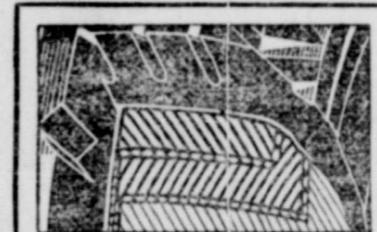
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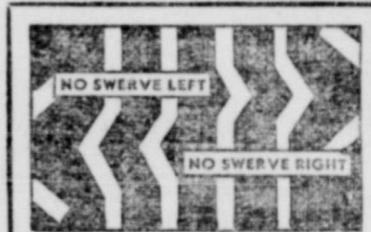
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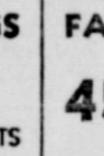
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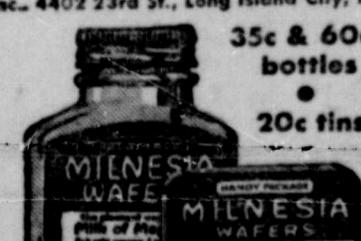
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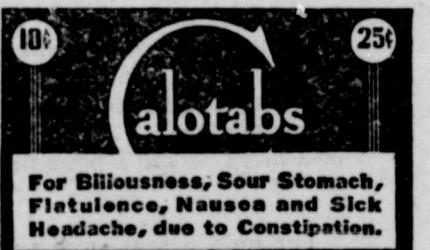
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JUST LIKE BUGS



Spider—What luck, those fool bugs think my web is a hammock.

Mixed Motivation

"What are you going to do with your fortune?"

"Leave it to a college," said Mr. Dustin Stax.

"To benefit humanity?"

"Partly for that purpose, and partly to spite my relations."

"Don't you think the world owes you something?"

"Yes," roared Plodding Pete. "But the world is a tough old creditor. I find I have to hand it a few wallops with a pick and shovel to convince it."

Estate Sworn At

"How much was old Jackson's estate sworn at?" Higgs asked a friend of the old fellow's family, says Pearson's Weekly.

"Quite a lot, so I'm told," he was informed.

"Really, you surprise me," said Higgs. "I was under the impression that he left practically nothing."

"You were right," said the other. "That's why it was sworn at."

Just That

A woman came before a pension committee and stated that she was seeking her "eternity" benefit.

"Your what, madam?"

"My 'eternity' benefit," she reaffirmed.

"My dear woman, 'eternity' means your 'hereafter'."

"Yes, sir; that's what I'm here after."—Painter and Decorator.

Private Preserves

Pluto—What were the two luckiest feasts that ever lived?

Boss—I give up.

Pluto—The pair on the Ark. They each had a dog.—Out Paper.

HALF-WAY



Dick—So you let it out! Didn't I tell you it was a secret and that you mustn't tell a living soul?

Ruth—No, you didn't. You only said it was a secret.

Why Not?

Greenhorn—My baby chicks are all dying!

Advisor—What are you feeding them?

Greenhorn—Feeding them? Why, nothing. I supposed the old hen gave them all the milk they needed.

STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

★★★By VIRGINIA VALE★★★

IT LOOKS more and more likely that Paramount and RKO will merge in the not-so-distant future, which will mean another of those upheavals that take place every so often in the motion picture business. It's rather like shuffling a pack of cards: the same men bolt up over and over.

And, curiously enough, some of those men are not too competent. One of the big shots who gets important jobs, over and over, has consistently been a company wrecker. (Incidentally, he's not among the Paramount-RKO assortment!) Yet when one company lets him out, another one takes him on.

Olivia de Haviland, who has climbed to the top so rapidly since she appeared in "Midsummer Night's Dream," remarked the other day she had tied up her income in a trust fund, allowing herself only \$250 a week, (wise girl!) and that, furthermore, she'd spend her spare time between pictures in her home town, Saratoga, Calif., because there's nothing like a small town where you know everybody to defeat your ego.



Olivia de Haviland

A girl who'd grown up with her in that same small town declares that Olivia has always been one of the grandest girls alive, an opinion shared by every one who knows that very lovely young actress. And what a break for her that she's to play opposite Robert Montgomery in "The Marriage Clause." Working together they should make a team that movie fans will talk about for a long time to come.

"Show Boat" may be pretty hard on your pocket book, because you're going to want to see it over and over again. Compared with the stage play and the screen version made years ago, it comes out on top. A hardened movie goer who had never liked Helen Morgan, a man who had seen her at night clubs and on the stage, capitulated when he heard her sing "My Bill." Another one said he felt as if he'd never heard "Old Man River" till Paul Robeson sang it this time. And Irene Dunne's dance to "Can't Help Lovin' That Man" is worth the price of admission all by itself.

A new series of historical shorts is under way, and it's about time! Most of us remember what we see on the screen, so this ought to be the best possible method of teaching children history. The first one, "Song of the Nation," drama of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and it's finished. Some of the other subjects are Lincoln's boyhood, the fall of the Alamo, the drawing up of the Declaration of Independence, the Louisiana Purchase and the duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton.

Anna Sten, whose movie career went up like a skyrocket and came down like the rocket's stick, has returned from Europe, where she made a picture. No announcements yet about her making any more over here.

A lot of the movie stars of earlier days will be seen in the picture, "Hollywood Boulevard"; some of them have been slowly coming back to pictures; others have merely wanted to. Leatrice Joy had a test the other day. And one company has been dickered with Theda Bara, but she wants lots and lots of money.

Speaking of old-timers, Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. has just about decided not to make pictures any more; all the talk about "Marco Polo" has come to nothing. He admits that he's been away too long, that picture-making has progressed too rapidly for him.

Fred Astaire has finally got things fixed to suit him. From now on he'll make just two pictures a year. And Ginger Rogers (who's had some very smart new sandals named for her, incidentally) will have a chance to go dramatic in some of the ones she makes without him. She insists that she doesn't want to be—nothing but a dancer, and she's right. She should have a chance to show her other talents in acting and to develop them further in pictures.



Fred Astaire

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for June 14

JESUS CRUCIFIED

LESSON TEXT—Luke 23:33-46.
GOLDEN TEXT—But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Romans 5:8.

PRIMARY TOPIC—When Jesus Died for Us.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Savior—Christ the Lord.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus Died for Me.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Meaning of the Cross.

It is highly important that every teacher have the personal experience of Christ's death for himself and then get his pupils to see that Christ's death was instead of their own death. We escape judgment because judgment fell upon Christ. He was made to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (II Cor. 5:21). No one lacking this experience can truly teach this lesson.

I. The Place of Crucifixion (v. 33). They led him away to Calvary, a hill north of Jerusalem resembling a skull. Calvary is the Latin word, and Golgotha is the Hebrew. This is a most significant name for the place where man's redemption was accomplished. The skull is an apt symbol of man's condition as a result of sin. Life and intelligence are gone, leaving only the dark empty cavern which once contained them.

II. His Companions on the Cross (v. 33).

Two malefactors were crucified with him. This is in fulfillment of the Scriptures: "He was numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12). Personally, he was sinless, but he became sin for us.

III. His Forgiving Love (v. 34).

He cried, "Father forgive them." He doubtless had in mind not only the soldiers who acted for the government, but the Jews who in their blindness were ignorant of the enormity of their crime. He was absolutely destitute of hatred, even for his betrayer and murderer.

IV. The Revelation of the World (vv. 34-43).

Take a cross section of the world at any time since Christ was crucified, and representatives of the various classes therein were found around Jesus on the cross. The cross is the judgment of this world (John 12:31).

1. The covetous (v. 34). They gambled for his seamless robe where he was dying. This represents those whose primary interest in Christ is a means to get gain. If they had had eyes to see they could have beheld a robe of righteousness being provided in his death.

2. The indifferent (v. 35). "The people stood beholding." They gazed upon him with indifference. The great mass of the world today gazes upon the crucified Christ with stolid indifference.

3. The scoffers (vv. 35-39).

a. The rulers reviled him for his claim to be the Savior. They wanted a Savior but not a crucified one. Many today are religious but have only contempt for a salvation which centers in an atonement made by blood. They uttered a great truth when they said: "He saved others." But he could not save himself and others because God's plan was to save others by giving himself.

b. The soldiers reviled him for claiming to be a king. The title "King of the Jews" had been placed over him in irony. But it was pre-eminently true, for by right of the Davidic covenant, he shall one day be king over Israel (II Sam. 7:8-16). Through his death, he came into the place of Lordship over all who acknowledge him.

c. The impotent malefactor (v. 39). This brutal man joined in reviling the Savior, even though he himself was under condemnation.

4. The penitent malefactor (vv. 40-43).

The conscious sinner who discerned the heart of the Savior prayed for mercy. The salvation of this penitent man is a remarkable picture of the saving power of Christ. The man confessed his sin as against God and cried to Jesus for salvation. He saw that the dying man was the forgiving God. His salvation was immediate. Christ said: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

V. The Death of Christ (vv. 44-46).

So shocking was this crime that nature herself threw around the Son of God a shroud to hide him from the godless crowd. Darkness was upon the land at noonday. When the price of sin was paid he cried with a loud voice, showing that he still had vitality, that his death was not through exhaustion but by his sovereign will. He died like no other one in all history. He gave up the ghost, that is dismissed his spirit.

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Difficulty and Stimulus

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Siamese Fish Able to Walk, U. S. Scientist Confirms

Most people still refuse to believe that fish in Siam can travel over dry land, though for years scientists have been discussing these freaks of nature. Recently, Dr. H. M. Smith, former assistant commissioner of the United States fisheries, confirmed their observations by his own.

Once, while in Siam, he watched an anabas "walk" over dry land. The fish covered 300 feet in 30 minutes. On other occasions, usually at night, he saw these fish climb steep banks of canals and make their way overland to nearby ponds. They possess an organ above their gills which enables them to breathe air.

Seek Not Revenge

The best sort of revenge is not to be like him who did the injury.—Antoninus.



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Dr. Miller of San Angelo, candidate for Congress of the 21st Congressional District, spoke at the court house Tuesday night, but owing to the lack of publicity given the speaking very few attended. He made a return date for Tuesday night, July 7, when he hopes to have a better attendance.

Miss Mettie Russell left Monday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Joplin, in Levelland. She will be away for three or four weeks and will visit relatives in Ft. Worth before returning.

Loretta Crocker of Riviera, Texas, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Carroll Russell.

Tommie Williams spent the last weekend in Abilene trying to make arrangements to attend A. C. C. next year.

Luther Keenan and Burl Chilvers left this week with a shearing crew for Tatum, N. M.

Veva Welch and Roy Morgan, both of Sterling City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Russell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Keeling are spending a month on a ranch near Santa Anna. Mr. Keeling is managing the ranch for his parents who are away on vacation.

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Miss Myvan Morris has resigned her place as a member of the Robert Lee school staff after having been a member of the high school faculty for five years. The board formally accepted the resignation Monday night. Miss Morris has accepted a position in the Christoval school.

F. C. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker of Bronte, went to Dallas first of the week to attend the Centennial.

Wilfred and Winston Gardner are home from the State University. Wilfred received his degree with the last graduating class.

Chester and Lillie Puett are at home for a short vacation from the Masonic home at Ft. Worth.

Jim Bennett and Miss Thelma Bryson were married this week in Kerrville.

Six Robert Lee boys will go to San Antonio July 7 to be in training camp until Aug. 5. Earl Childers is going for the third year, John Rodger Simpson, Winston Gardner and James Newton for the second and J. D. Coleman and Bob Jordan are entering training for the first time.

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