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pressed his lips, and nodded slowly. "All right," he said; "what else?" "Perpend, Markham," Vance pointed with his cigarette. "The left lens of the glasses—the one furthest from the punctured temple—is cracked at the corner, and there's a very small V-shaped piece missing where the crack begins—an indication that the glasses have been dropped and nicked. I can assure you that the lens was neither cracked nor nicked when I last saw Swift alive." "Couldn't he have dropped his glasses on the roof here?" asked Heath. "Possible of course, Sergeant," Vance returned. "But he didn't. I carefully looked over the tiles round the chair, and the missing bit of glass was not there." Markham looked at Vance shrewdly. "And perhaps you know where it is." "Yes—oh, yes," Vance nodded. "That's why I urged you to come here. That piece of glass is at present in my waistcoat pocket." Markham showed a new interest. "Where did you find it?" he demanded brusquely. "I found it," Vance told him, "on the tiled floor in the vault across the hall. And it was near some scattered papers which could easily have been knocked to the floor by some one falling against them." Markham's eyes opened incredulously. "I'm beginning to see why you wanted me and the sergeant here," he said slowly. "But what don't

Vance took the cigarette from his mouth and addressed Doremus. "I say doctor; speakin' of the blood on the johnnie's temple, what would you say about the amount?" "Two damned little, I'd say," Doremus returned promptly. "But bullet wounds have a queer way of acting sometimes. Anyway, there ought to be a lot more gore." "Precisely," Vance nodded. "My theory is that he was shot elsewhere and brought to this chair." Doremus made a wry face. "Was shot? Then you don't think it was suicide?" He pondered a moment. "It could be, of course," he decided finally. "Find the rest of the blood and you'll probably know where his death occurred." "Thanks awfully, doctor," Vance smiled faintly. "That did flash through my mind, don't y' know; but I believe the blood was wiped up. I was merely hopin' that your findings would substantiate my theory that he did not shoot himself while sitting in that chair, without any one else around." Doremus shrugged indifferently. "That's reasonable enough assumption," he said. "There really ought to be more blood. He died instantly." "Have you any other suggestions?" asked Vance. "I may have when I've gone over the body more carefully after these babies"—he waved his hand toward the photographer and the fingerprint men—"finish their hocus-pocus." Captain Dubois and Detective Bellamy had already begun their routine, with the telephone table as the starting-point; and Quackenbush was adjusting his metal tripod. Vance turned to Dubois. "I say, Captain, give your special attention to the head-plate, the revolver, and the glasses. Also the doorknob of the vault across the hall inside." Quackenbush, his camera having been set up, took his pictures, and then waited by the passageway door for further instructions from the finger-print officers. When the three men had gone inside, Doremus drew in an exaggerated sigh and spoke to Heath impatiently. "How about getting your corpus delicti over on the settee? Easier to examine him there." "O. K., Doc." Two detectives lifted Swift's limp body and placed it on the same wicker divan where Zalia Graem had lain when she collapsed at the sight of the dead man. Doremus went to work in his usual swift and efficient fashion. When he had finished the task, he threw a steamer rug over the dead man, and made a brief report to Vance and Markham. "There's nothing to indicate a violent struggle, if that's what you're hoping for. But there's a slight abrasion on the bridge of the nose, as if his glasses had been jerked off; and there's a slight bump on the left side of his head, over the ear, which may have been caused by a blow of some kind, though the skin hasn't been broken." "How, doctor," asked Vance, "would the following theory square with your findings—that the man had been shot elsewhere, had fallen to a tiled floor, striking his head against it sharply, that his glasses had been torn off when the left lens came in contact with the floor, and that he was carried out here to the chair, and the glasses replaced on his nose?" Doremus pursed his lips and inclined his head thoughtfully. "That would be a very reasonable explanation of the lump on his head and the abrasion on the bridge of his nose. . . . So this is another of your cock-eyed murders, is it? Well, it's all right with me. But I'll tell you right now, you won't get an autopsy report tonight. I'm bored and need excitement; and I'm going to Madison Square Garden."

Vance thanked him. "I'm not in the least surprised," he added. Dubois rejoined Bellamy and Quackenbush in the hall, and the three made their way down the stairs. "Well, Vance, are you satisfied?" Markham asked. Vance nodded. "I hadn't expected any fingerprints. Cleverly thought-out crime. And what Doremus found fills some vacant spots in my own theory. Stout fella, Doremus, understands his business. He knows what is wanted and looks for it. There can be no question that Swift was in the vault when he was shot; that he fell to the floor, brushing down some of the papers; that he struck his head on the tiled floor, and broke the left lens of his glasses—you noted, of course, that the lump on his head is also on the left side—and that he was dragged into the garden and placed in the chair. Swift was a small, slender man; probably didn't weigh over a hundred and twenty pounds; and it would have been no great feat of strength for someone to have thus transported him after death. . . . There were footsteps in the corridor and, as our eyes involuntarily turned toward the door, we saw the dignified elderly figure of Professor Ephraim Garden. I recognized him immediately from pictures I had seen. He was a tall man, despite his stooped shoulders; and, though he was very thin, he possessed a firmness of bearing which made one feel that he had retained a great measure of the physical power that had obviously been his in youth. There was benevolence in the somewhat haggard face, but there was also shrewdness in his gaze; and the contour of his mouth indicated a latent hardness. He bowed to us with an old-fashioned graciousness and took a few steps into the study. "My son has just informed me," he said in a slightly querulous voice, "of the tragedy that has occurred here this afternoon. I'm sorry that I did not return home earlier, as is my wont on Saturdays, for in that event the tragedy might have been averted. I myself would have been in the study here and would probably have kept an eye on my nephew. In any event, no one could then have got possession of my revolver." "I am not at all sure, Doctor Garden," Vance returned grimly, "that your presence here this afternoon would have averted the tragedy. It is not nearly so simple a matter as it appears at first glance." Professor Garden sat down in a chair of antique workmanship near the door and, clasping his hands tightly, leaned forward. (TO BE CONTINUED)

CHAPTER VI—Continued

Markham meditated on this for several moments. "Still, Vance," he said at length, "reasonable objections could be raised to all the points you have brought up. They are based almost entirely on theory and not on demonstrable facts." "From a legal point of view, you're right," Vance conceded. "And if these had been my only reasons for believing that a crime had been committed, I wouldn't have summoned you and the doughty sergeant. But, even so, Markham, I can assure you the few drops of blood you see on the chappie's temple could not have thickened to the extent they had when I first saw the body—they must have been exposed to the air for several minutes. And, as I say, I was up here approximately thirty seconds after we heard the shot." "But that being the case," returned Markham in astonishment, "how can you possibly explain the fact?" Vance straightened a little and looked at the district attorney with unwonted gravity. "Swift," he said, "was not killed by the shot we heard." "That don't make sense to me, Mr. Vance," Heath interposed, scowling. "Just a moment, Sergeant," Vance nodded to him in friendly fashion. "When I realized that the shot that wiped out this johnnie's existence was not the shot that we had heard, I tried to figure out where the fatal shot could have been fired without our hearing it below. And I've found the place. It was in a vault-like store-room—practically sound-proof, I should say—on the other side of the passageway that leads to the study. I found the door unlocked and looked for evidence of some activity there. . . . Markham had risen and taken a few nervous steps around the pool in the center of the roof. "Did you find any evidence," he asked, "to corroborate your theory?" "Yes—unmistakable evidence." Vance walked over to the still figure in the chair and pointed to the thick-lensed glasses tipped forward on the nose. "To begin with, Markham, you will notice that Swift's glasses are in a position far from normal, indicating that they were put on hurriedly and inaccurately by someone else—just as was the head-plate." Markham and Heath both moved and peered at the glasses. "Well, Mr. Vance, I agreed with the sergeant, 'they ain't don't look as if he had them on himself.'" Markham straightened up, com-



He Made a Cursory Examination of the Limp Figure.

understand, Vance, is that second shot that you heard. How do you account for it?" Vance drew deeply on his cigarette. "Markham," he answered, with quiet seriousness; "when we know how and by whom that second shot—which was obviously intended for us to hear—was fired, we will know who murdered Swift. . . . At this moment the nurse appeared in the doorway leading to the roof. With her was Doctor Doremus, and behind the medical examiner were Captain Dubois and Detective Bellamy, the finger-print men, and Peter Quackenbush, the official police photographer. Miss Beeton indicated our presence on the roof and made her way back downstairs. Doremus acknowledged our joint greetings with a breezy wave of his hand. He made a cursory examination of the limp figure, scrutinized the bullet hole, tested the arms and legs for rigor mortis, and then swung about to face the rest of us. "Well, what about it?" he asked, in his easy cynical manner. "He's dead, shot in the head with a small-caliber bullet; and the lead's protruded in the brain. No exit wound. Looks as if he'd decided to shoot himself. There's nothing here to contradict the assumption. The bullet went into the temple, and is there at the correct angle. Furthermore, there are powder marks, showing that the gun was held at very close range—almost a contact wound, I should say. There's an indication of singing around the orifice."

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Columbus' Trip Prompted by Polo's Tales of East
Marco Polo's story-telling ability was really responsible for the discovery of America, asserts a writer in the Washington Post. In 1270, more than 200 years before the voyage of Columbus, Marco Polo went to China with his father. They went by the overland route through Armenia, Palestine, Persia, and so on to China. It took them three years to get there. They stayed in China sixteen years. Marco ruled the city of Yang-Chow for three years. When Marco returned he told wonderful tales of the Far East of gold, jewels, silks, and fabulous riches of all kinds. All Europe buzzed with his stories, incredulous, yet eager to obtain the silks, the jewels and the gold. In order to impress their friends with the great riches of the East, the Polo's gave a great banquet. In the midst of it they ripped open their garments and out fell hundreds of jewels and much gold. Then Marco Polo wrote a book about his travels. It set the imagination of the world on fire. It started people thinking on the possibilities of the Far East. This overland route was very long, difficult and dangerous. A sailing route around Africa and through the Indian ocean was almost equally hazardous. The great question for centuries was a short route to the East. Columbus, believing the fantastic idea that the earth was round, sailed west to reach the West Indies and discovered the West Indies—all because Marco Polo was a good story-teller.

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Why Men Cuss Congress

Congress has in session but a few weeks and yet more than 6500 bills have been dumped into the legislative hopper of the lower house alone. Scarcely one out of a hundred of these has a chance of being enacted into law. But this does not seem to interfere with the average congressman's idea that best way to earn his salary is to introduce as many bills as possible each session.

If all the bills introduced in congress this session were passed every living person in the U. S. would be drawing some kind of government pension while the dead ones would be buried in some sort of national cemetery set up in every state. We would have 150 new national parks and national lotteries would replace taxation; no one would be forced to go to work until he was 25 years of age, and then would be retired when he reaches 45. These are the provisions of some of the most freakish proposals that have been offered at the session of congress. Almost every bill presented seeks to obtain an appropriation of some sort: very few of them are intended to cut down the expense of government or to save the taxpayers money.

When you take into consideration the fact that each congressman draws a salary of \$10,000 a year, in addition to hundreds of dollars for clerk hire, office supplies, etc.; it is easy to understand why the average Robert Lee taxpayer wonder why they don't do something to earn and something to advance the interests of the ones who sent them there.

Good Safety Work

A matter of great interest to everyone is the fact that rapid progress is being made in the elimination of grade-crossings all over the country, 748 having been wiped out in 1936. Plans have been approved by the government for 166 more such projects and from money eliminated by

Expensive Rats

From figures gathered in all parts of the country, federal experts have determined that the average rat consumes \$2 worth of grain a year. Now, if farmers around Robert Lee have any way of determining how many rats they have around their homes they can tell just what it is costing them in good hard dollars to maintain them. When one considers that a rat can get away with \$2 worth of marketable products annually it is hard to understand why more attention is not given to their elimination. If everyone realized that the sum of \$2 could be saved this year by slaying a single rat, think what a slaughter there would be. And yet Uncle Sam says there is a saving of \$2 worth of grain every time a rat is killed. He gives no figures concerning the destruction wrought by mice, but housewives know it must be in proportion. What the country seems to need just now as much as anything else is a national rat and mice killing campaign.

Physicians advise folks to lie on right side. Yes, if you must lie, always lie on the right side.

at the end of the current year That is the kind of safety work the public approves of. But it should be remembered by all motorists that not all the death-traps are going to be eliminated overnight. There will still be plenty of need for cautious driving over rail-crossings for a good many years to come, and so long as there is a single crossing left everyone who drives over it is in more or less danger. You don't win anything if you beat a train to a crossing. And if it happens to be a tie just think what you stand to lose.

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the loaf is approximately 2 cents. Among other ingredients are milk, salt, yeast, lard and malt. Grouping the cost of these other ingredients together adds about 2.8 cents, making the total cost of the loaf 4.8 cents. The difference between this and the price paid for bread by the consumer represents manufacturing and distributing costs.

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--A. B. Hegeman

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Along about this time of year local housewives begin ridding the house of what most generally classify as "junk." Few of them, unfortunately, realize what may be junk to them really constitutes an article of value to someone else in the neighborhood. It may be an old piece of furniture, a worn rug or carpet, a lamp, radio, washing machine, table or stove. Why throw it away when there is a chance that someone else needs it and would gladly pay a reasonable price for it? Someone else may be wanting right this minute the very thing you are going to destroy tomorrow. And finding out who they are isn't difficult, nor is it expensive. A few cents spent for a little local liner in these columns will most generally serve to put you in contact with someone who wants the very thing you are tired of--some one willing to pay you for it. It means an actual cash profit for you.

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OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin



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Well-Dressed at Little Cost



IT WAS some job, Ladies of The Sewing Circle, to get these three lovelies together to pose for the camera this week. They're under the strict tutelage of Dame Fashion just now, learning the latest lessons on how to be well turned out this Spring without benefit of a private mint. You can understand, then, why the co-ed above, center, sort of jumped the gun, so to speak, and was already on her way when the camera clicked.

A Frock That Clicks.
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Go Print for Spring.
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Wool Tailleur for an Early Easter

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THE calendar announces an early Easter. Supposing the weather should happen to go temperamental. Just merely supposing it should by any chance happen to cloud a bit, rain a bit, possibly send down a snowflake or so, then, oh then, comes that ever haunting "what-to-wear" question.

And the answer? A practical, ultra modish tailored wool outfit is the logical answer if you want to be ready for rain or shine. Smartly, simply fashioned, it must be of a swanky wool weave in latest approved color with fashion-right accessories that add the final accent of chic. The illustration pictures what we are meaning to say. Perfect is this trio of "what-to-wears" for Easter or for any spring day, be it sunshiny or cloudy.

Before we describe in detail the stunning tailleur pictured we want to say a word in regard to outstanding colors for spring. We are going to talk mostly about black, navy, beige, gray and the new pastels. Many best-dressed women are selecting black cloth suits with which they plan to wear frilly lingerie blouse or neckwear, adding

white doeskin gloves and a white boutonniere. As to navy, it's big news for spring, navy wool twills especially for the classic suit. And there's beige! It, also, is staging a most exciting comeback. In the pastels you'll adore the new "dusty pinks," also various soft blues, "rusty" yellows and misty greens.

You will be hearing the expression "softly tailored" frequently this season because most suits have lost their mannish lines and the trend is to graceful, subtle silhouettes. Note, for example, the charming youthful suit to the right in the picture. No femininity is sacrificed.

Smart in either black or navy is the lightweight wool that styles this distinctive spring model. The skirt is short and slim and the cutaway jacket buttons up to a "young" round collar. The short blouse is of white satin. The pillbox hat with jaunty quill and piquant face-veil is decidedly chic.

Pastel blue wool kasha makes the three-piece cape costume centered in the group. Capes are very important this season, emphasizing as they do the softly tailored theme. A slightly flared skirt is topped by a short-sleeved, front-buttoned jacket with body of jacket and sleeves made in one piece, stitched onto a yoke. The matching cape with fitted shoulders ties at the chin under the jacket collar.

It is to be expected that the three-piece tailored ensemble to the left be in the smart widely-exploited beige color, for as we said before beige is definitely "in" this spring. With the jacket this very lovely three-piece becomes a smart suit, just such as will fit into the Easter style program admirably. Without the jacket you have a winsome light wool dress which will come in perfectly for mild spring days. The matching beige fur is a smart detail for the fur-trimmed suit is conspicuously present in advance style displays. Note the off-face hat of Breton influence, for this is the very latest for hat and hairdress. The black doeskin gloves and strap-handle bag "say it" with fashion emphasis.

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WHIMS OF FASHION

Doeskin shoes, in soft, muted shades, are smart.

Black lace is the most popular material for formal occasions.

White continues to be a leader both at home and at smart resorts.

So many of the clothes this year combine lace with some other sheer fabric.

The first prints of the season here are being used largely for contrasting sleeves.

Some of the new mousselines are quite stiff, with stripes of silk gauze and silk metal.

Bright new boutonnières are made of painted English walnut shells attached to a leafy sprig.

Experiences of Life—

Their Significant Interest and Some Ways to Meet Them

THE journey through life is filled with experiences from the time we are born to the day we die. Without them life would be dull and uninteresting. The more experiences are crowded into our lives the fuller and more interesting they become.

When we are in the midst of events that have elements of danger or when they are of momentous proportions with matters at stake that may be disastrous, should things turn out differently from our wishes, the mind is too excited or too much engrossed with results to grasp anything but the immediate moment.

Reviewing Experiences.

However, on looking back over the past, we discover what thrilling times we went through, and how the experiences stand out as dramatic and of significant interest. Often we find ludicrous features entered into the experience but we had no eyes to see them at the time. We can laugh over them and actually enjoy the remembrances of what were breathtaking events when they happened.

No Age Limit.

Since life is so full of experiences some of which turn out felicitously, and others not so satisfactorily, there must be a good reason for our having to go through the events. I remember when I was a little girl and there was something which, to me, seemed very important to decide rightly, how I envied grown-ups. They always knew just what to do! The fallacy of this assumption we all know, but we do not all appreciate how dull life would be if it were true, and how development would be retarded. There is no age limit to the series of experiences.

The benefits of our life experi-

ences come through our way of taking them, and on our wisdom of decisions when these require our consideration. If we think of ourselves only we become selfish, hard, and difficult. If we decide with a larger vision of results, and of the best good to others as well as to ourselves, we become fine and strong characters. By the exercise of good judgment and by making the best of things we learn to develop well by experiences.

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 with Edmund Lowe - Gloria Stuart - Reginald Owen
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Texas Eligible to Receive \$1,500,000 Road Funds

Texas is eligible to receive \$1,500,000 in 1938 as her share of the twenty-five million dollars appropriated to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads for secondary or feeder roads, and a like amount will be available for the same purpose in 1939.

Planning Survey Essential

The bill specifies that the projects must be constructed in at least fifty per cent of the counties and that the designation of the secondary road system will be based upon the importance of various roads as revealed by the Highway Planning Survey now in progress. Pending the completion of the survey the Highway Commission will select projects which can reasonably be included in the secondary system.

Vehicle Owners Should Help

The Highway Planning Survey is now collecting important information from car owners of Coke County. Each car owner as he pays his 1937 registration fee at the office of the County Tax Collector will be handed a post card questionnaire upon which to note a few essential facts. These cards are self-addressed and require no postage. Vehicle owners should fill them in and mail them at once. The information collected in this manner will be used by the Highway Department in designating the secondary system which is to be established soon. Information from car owners should be available to the Highway Department as soon as possible, and the cooperation of all car owners is vitally necessary.

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CITY DRY CLEANERS

LOST--Small black Poland-China pig, tip of legs white. Notify Paul Good.

J. J. Vestal & Son have recently installed a Hobard electric welding machine and there is no need now to send that class of work elsewhere to have it done.

Fashion took the hatpin away from women, and left her with nothing but an automatic pistol with which to defend herself.

One peculiar form about the American system of government is the men who make our tax laws usually pay the least taxes.

Whittaker Brothers tested field seeds at W. K. Simpson & Co.

Your water bill must be paid by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued. City Commission.

Since the fine rains of the past week, the country is putting on a coat of green that is pleasing to the eye. Grass and weeds are growing rapidly, assuring a fine Spring range. A fine season is in the ground for planting, and a fine grain crop is on the way. Instead of dry weather and high winds characteristic of March, the month is reversing the program this year.

Sit-down courtships are dangerous. The girls may conclude that the man who can't stand on his feet to propose is not likely to stand on them to wash dishes.

Notice to Bidders

Bids will be received March 26th by the Commissioner's Court of Coke County, Texas, for one Diesel Maintainer of not less than 40-horse power, cab, curtain, wind shield and two two-foot extensions; warrants to be issued with maturity date not later than the year A. D. 1942, the sum not to exceed \$4000.00. Trade in will be one Austin Western Maintainer, hand control. The county reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed McNeil Wylie, County Judge, Coke County, Texas.

Mrs. Mabel Williams and Gilbert Wallace visited Tommy Williams at A. C. C. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and little daughter of Bronte, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Cowley, Sunday.

Although there is still a great deal of whooping cough, reports from Robert Lee and Green Mountain schools show the attendance much better this week from several weeks past.

Jack Walker of Silver is in San Angelo this week being treated for sinus trouble and it is likely he will be given an operation.

FOR SALE -Two-wheel trailer, good condition. See Charley Bessent.

Frank Dean Bryan, who has been connected with the M System Store here, has been transferred to their No 1 store in San Angelo.

It is said there has been a marked increase in the sale of life insurance lately. Life has become so merry that people that people figure it is bound to be short.

Mrs. H. D. Fish and her sister Miss Neeley, have been at the bedside of a sister in Blanket for several days who is seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. Fish also left Thursday for Blanket.

Whittaker Brothers tested field seeds at W. K. Simpson & Co.

Bring Your Cream

On or before Tuesday March 16 you may have some trade in advance for your cream, and on March 16, date we will test cream, you may receive checks.

We have Maize, Sudan, Potato and Garden Seed. Stock and Block Salt, Drugs, Cosmetics and a variety of other articles.

Cosden Petroleum Products. Also Accessories and Free Air.

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NEEL'S STORE
 AT EDITH

Pay your water bill by 10th of each month or service will be discontinued. City Commission.

Equip your car with the new improved cuckoo clock. When the car reaches the speed of 40 miles an hour it hops out and sings, "Lord I'm coming Home" and at 60 miles an hour, it will sing, "Nearer My God To Thee"

An eastern preacher has published a list of 783 sins. There are some fellows around here who should send for a copy to see if they have missed any of them.

Citizens are hereby advised to take care of their pennies. The tax collector will take care of the rest of the change.

They say the Spaniards are the most cruel fighters in the world but you don't read anything about them using poison gas.

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Specials For Friday & Saturday
 March, 12 & 13

R & W MARSHMALLOWS, 1 lb cello bag	15c
BLACK PEPPER, platonite shaker's, 2 - 2 oz cans	15c
R & W ready to serve SOUP, asstd, flav. 16 oz can	14c
R & W Chili SAUCE, 12 oz jar	25c
R & W CATSUP, 14 oz bottle	17c
B & W, TAMALES, no 2 special can	14c
R & W Country Gentleman CORN, 2 no 2 can	29c
Sun Spun Salad Dressing	Qts. 35c Pts. 23c 1/2 Pts. 14c
OXYDOL, large size package	19c
R & W CLEANSER, 3 cans for	11c
Thrill Toilet Soap, 3 bars	18c
B & W SOAP CHIPS, 5 lb box	37c
I & W LYE, 13 oz cans, 2 cans	15c
B & W Cocoa Hardwater Soap, each	5c
R & W Floating Soap, each	5c
R & W White Laundry SOAP, 6 giant bars	25c
R & W BROOMS, each	93c
Kitchen BROOMS, each	39c
No 16 Thread MOPS, 12 oz head, each	29c
O-Cedar MOPS, No 20, 25c polish free	89c
RADISHES	Fresh from the Valley 2 bunches 5c
TURNIPS & Tops	
BEEFS,	
APPLES, Fancy Wash. Delicious, Size 163, doz	27c
ORANGES, Extra Large Texas, 150's, each	4c
LETTUCE, Firm Green Heads, each	4c

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