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Thanksgiving Feasting

The happy Thanksgiving time is here once more; and with it comes a sense of gratitude to God for this unlimited goodness and merry tins, and thankfulness to friends and loved ones for every kindness bestowed. On Tuesday evening November 23rd, at the Baptist Parsonage all was quiet, as the pastor and family were enjoying the early evening hour together. A rap at the front door took the pastor's wife to the front to welcome an evening caller, and as the door opened lo! a sea of faces met her astonished eyes, and the members of the Baptist church, together with several others came pouring into the house until about all the available standing room was occupied. In their arms they bore evidences of the fact that there is still plenty to eat in the Portales Valley, and that the Baptist posses their share of this great plenty. The tables were loaded, and under the tables filled with good things to eat. A fine fat turkey was given room on the outside, and in a prominent place in the room was placed a fine white leghorn dressed up somewhat in a clerical fashion and proudly bearing the inscription "I crow for Dawn." When all had exchanged happy greetings the pastor "said let us sing" and we sang my country tis of thee, with Miss Terry at the piano. Brother Calloway, then offered prayer in his own fervent manner. Then Mrs. Dr. Garmy came forward and favored us with one of her excellent readings, to the delight of everyone. To the encore she responded with "Madam Know All" and in her own graphic way showed us the hideous picture of a town gossip. After this Gertrude Thompson sang two selections to the delight of all present. Miss Terry and Miss Pearce each furnished splendid Piano selections. Last but not least came Dr. S. B. Owens to the front and in his own convincing style showed us that we needed to enlarge the Parsonage for the comfort of pastor and family, and to meet the urgent necessity of the church for other reasons. Those present responded in a very liberal way and nearly enough money was provided to build the new room; for which the pastor and family are especially grateful. There were present at this happy gathering about 130 people all brimful of enthusiasm and hopefulness for this year and in many tasks. The guests departed about 9 o'clock leaving pleasant memories, and a crowded pantry at the parsonage. The pastor and family accept this bountiful token of love from the people they try to serve with happy thankful hearts, and pray that the year may be filled with love and service together.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. W. E. DAWN

Methodist Church

There will be the regular services at the Methodist church Sunday. We were sorry to miss the opportunity of preaching to the fine audience that came out Sunday morning but on account of a severe attack of lagrippe I had to call in our services on last Sunday. Come again next Sunday, and worship with us. We always welcome you.

A. C. BELL, Pastor.

Langton B. Gregg, one of the old timers of Portales, but who has been in Prescott, Arizona, for the past year or two, arrived this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Commissioners Proceedings

Proceedings of the board of county commissioners of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, at a recessed session of the regular October 1915 term thereof, held in the court house at Portales, Wednesday November 24th, 1915. Present: C. V. Harris, chairman, S. E. Johnson, and D. K. Smith, commissioners and J. W. Ballow, clerk.

The board fixed the 1915 tax levies at and for the following purposes, to-wit:

County Levy	
Court Fund	0002
General County	00265
General Road	0002
Wild Animal Bounty	0001
General School	0043
Special Levy	
Town of Portales	009
Town of Elida	0015
School District No. 1	0007
School District No. 2	0005
School District No. 49	0004
State Levy	
State Purposes	003
Charitable Institutions	00015
Interest and Sinking Fund	0003
State School	0005
Cattle Idemnty	0005
Sheep Sanitary	003

The following bills were examined and approved and the clerk was ordered to draw warrants in payment of same to-wit:

J. A. Moss, supplies for indigent, \$12.50
S. E. Johnson, expense, 26.00

No further business appearing at this time, it is ordered that court take a recess until the next regular meeting unless sooner convened by order of the chairman.

C. V. HARRIS, Chairman.
Attest: J. W. BALLOW, Clerk.

Reformation

A writer in the National Municipal Review calls attention to the "danger in a multitude of organizations," and gives an astonishing list of leagues, societies, associations, organizations and federations. This multiplication of organizations is a direct result of the initiative and referendum and other popular government ideas. We have distrusted the state and taken things into our own hands, with the result that organization in the effort to have our ideas adopted into laws has become a baneful influence. The chief evil of such organizations, however, is to be found in the multiplicity of statutes which express the zeal of petty groups and small minorities, and not the considered judgement of the mass of the community. Such laws are largely unenforced or unenforceable, and they themselves create and evil far outweighing the good they were intended to accomplish, even if that good were in reality attained. It is a pity that so much civic feeling is dissipated by its diversion into so many petty channels. Laws should express the main stream of community thought and feeling and no more.

Wilcoxon Dairy Sold

I wish to announce to the public that I have bought the Wilcoxon dairy and hope by sanitary methods and courteous treatment to merit the patronage of Mr. Wilcoxon's customers and as many others as possible. I will make deliveries twice daily but prefer not to make settlements or do other unnecessary business on Sunday. FRANK M. BEARD.

FOR SALE, RENT OR EXCHANGE—Will sell, rent or exchange my 160 acres adjoining Painter post-office. Fine grass, some improvements. Also have 80 acres near Lake Arthur, in artesian water belt. Eastern property preferred. R. P. GUYER, Brown City, Michigan.

BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

Farmers and Business Men of Roosevelt County in Better Spirits Than Ever Before in the History of Portales and Roosevelt County

Many Visitors From Our Neighboring Towns and a Host of the Farmers of this County Being in Attendance. Never Before in the History of Portales Was Such an Interest Manifested.

The entertainment and banquet given in honor of the Roosevelt County Creamery on Monday night of this week was one of the most successful and beneficial gatherings ever pulled off in the history of Portales, and as evidence of the truth of this statement the News cites you to any man or woman who attended. At seven o'clock they gathered at the Cosy Theatre where the committee had made arrangements with the management to admit all those who held invitations to the banquet, and about one hundred and fifty people took advantage of the courtesy, some from Elida, some from Clovis, some from Taiban, some from Texico, and many of the farmers of Roosevelt county. After the show they went to the armory where a sumptuous feast had been prepared and spread by the Woman's club of Portales, and right here the editor of this paper wishes to state that he never in his life partook of a nicer, better gotten up feast than was spread by these good women and we believe this is speaking the sentiment of all who had the opportunity of being present.

After the banquet, the evening was spent in short talks by different citizens of the county and from some of the leading citizens of our neighboring towns. W. O. Oldham, president First National bank, was selected as toastmaster, and after a few remarks, giving his ideas and experience in the cow business in this country, and congratulating Mr. Blunt for the success he has made in organizing this creamery, and called on him for a short talk and to explain the whole situation concerning this new enterprise. Mr. Blunt complimented the citizenship of Roosevelt county very highly on their interest and also upon the personal work done by the different business men of Portales and Roosevelt county. He also took occasion to thank some of our business men for personal work done in helping to make this creamery a realized institution. After this, Mr. Oldham called on quite a number of citizens of this county to give their ideas and experience in regard to the dairy business, and also to state how they expected this creamery to benefit their business, among whom were: Messrs. J. P. Deen, C. V. Harris, G. W. Carr, R. L. Blanton, G. L. Reese, Henry Ketchel and others. Alex Shipley, a prominent cow man of Curry county, was then called on to address the gathering. He stated that he knew nothing whatever about the dairy business, but that cows in any way are profitable. Mr. Shipley is one of the pioneers of this western country and has seen the best come from a wild and lonesome range to one of the best agricultural and stock raising countries in the world.

C. W. Harrison, banker from Farwell, was then called on to make a short talk, and stated that as far as he is concerned, he is with us and he would do all he could in getting the farmers of his part of the country to ship their cream to this place. He, like Mr. Shipley, said that the feeling between the towns were better and more friendly now than ever before, and for this we are very proud, as we have always advocated the good feeling spirit with all of our neighboring towns.

Captain T. J. Molinari, gave a splendid talk on good roads, and incidentally congratulated Mr. Blunt and the people who helped in getting this new institution installed, and urged that the citizens stand by the creamery to the end that it will be one of the greatest drawing factors and most beneficial movements ever started in this county.

Next was Rev. E. P. Kuhl, who gave his experience in the dairy business and also told what he thought would be the outcome of the Roosevelt county creamery. Mr. Kuhl is what you would call one of the old timers of this western country, having been in this country something like forty years ago, and has been through here at inter-

vals since, consequently he can see the improvements made during that time. Mr. Kuhl plead with the cream producers to stay with creamery above all things and said that, in his opinion, this was one of the greatest moves ever started in this county.

B. A. Pendleton of the Elida community gave a short talk on the dairy business and also stated that he was going to do all in his power to help the Roosevelt County creamery. He also suggested that a committee be appointed to go down and talk this matter over with the merchants of this town.

Some of the features of the evening were solos by Mesdames Beaver, and Knapp, and two solos by Chas. Payne. Also a duet by Messrs Deen and Hough. Two very nice readings by Mrs. Chas. Timmons were enjoyed by all present.

George Randolph Chester



Having completed a course of instruction in his "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" stories, showing anyone who follows it how to become wealthy, George Randolph Chester now takes a new turn and shows his audience how to be good. In the new serial, "The Ball of Fire," which we have arranged to publish in installment form, Mr. Chester descants upon the modern tendency toward commercialism in everything, and especially that of making a business enterprise of a church.

It is a rapidly moving story with a well-defined romance centered largely around a beautiful western girl who visits her uncle in New York city. It is one of the best novels Chester has ever written and one you should not fail to read.

Professor Long, Carl Owens, Miss Janice Wyly and Miss Leota Merrill returned this week from Albuquerque where they took part in the state oratorical, declamation and spelling contests. Miss Janice Wyly received the first prize as the best speller in the state.

Frank M. Beard this week purchased the I. J. Wilcoxon dairy and will run same in the future. The deal included twenty head of fine Jerseys, the dairy equipment. Mr. Beard is an old hand at the business and we predict for him a most successful business.

The Portales town football team went up to Clovis Thanksgiving day where they met the Clovis town team in a fast game. The outcome of which is no need to state only giving the score, which was 14 to 6. As usual in favor of Portales.

J. T. Wilcox left Wednesday for his home in Fairbury Illinois, and will be gone for about a week. Mr. Wilcox has one of the finest bunch of cattle in the country and will be back to look after them about the seventh of next month.

If You Feel Grouchy

If you feel grouchy and out of sorts and the world seems warped and twisted from all viewpoints, look in the glass. Your own reflection will set you thinking and wondering if perhaps it is not it is not you instead of the world that is warped.

When something goes wrong and you feel like cussing or kicking the cat there is nothing quite so efficacious as looking in a glass. You see yourself as you are and not as perhaps you think you are. All of your hard lines and your ill humor are reflected by the faithful glass, and the moment a fleeing smile begins to creep over your face the glass will magnify it and glorify it until in but a short time you will be forgetting entirely your ill humor and will be smiling from the pure joy of living.

Look in the glass.

The Weekly Newspaper

The weekly newspaper is one of the greatest assets in any community, and yet it is seldom that such an enterprise receives the credit due for its share in the upbuilding and development of the community in which it exists. Perhaps, it is because that in this enlightened age the newspaper is so closely interwoven into the life of the community it is looked upon as a necessity, and its continued existence in our midst, always upholding the progress and welfare of the community, has become so common that one naturally expects and knows that the paper will do the right thing.

There are times, however, when the citizens of the community should bespeak a few good words for the weekly newspaper. During the organization period of the Roosevelt County Creamery the two newspapers of Portales were untiring in their efforts in boosting this great enterprise, and the various committees in charge wish at this time to publicly thank the management of our two papers for this work. We feel that the creamery is a great thing and that it will be a boon to the farmers and business men of our county. Its existence has already been the cause of a raise in the price of butter fat of almost seventy-five per cent, and the newspapers certainly did their part in securing the creamery and thereby securing this increase. We all know that when anything is doing we can count on our weekly newspapers.

As manager of the creamery and as chairman of the various committees, in behalf of ourselves and of the committees, we wish hereby to publicly extend our thanks to The Portales Herald-Times and The Portales Valley News.

J. L. Blunt,
W. O. Oldham,
W. H. Ball,
C. V. Harris.

J. Roy Carder and brother were in Portales the latter part of the week looking far a few hogs. They purchased about twenty from the farmers around here.

T. T. Waggoner, of Elk City, Oklahoma, was a visitor in the valley Wednesday of this week. He is looking for a location and may decide on Portales.

Miss Janie Warnica returned this week from a visit with relatives and friends down in Texas. She has been away for something like two months.

Frank Greathouse attended the teachers meeting in Albuquerque this week, returning Friday.

HAS HAD LONG SWAY

Ottoman Empire Nearly Six Hundred Years a Power.

From Small Beginning the Turk Made Himself Powerful in Europe—First Alliance Was With the Genoese.

Is the Ottoman empire about to fall after 589 years? Whatever its history, the true era of the empire may be said to date from 1326. In that year the fall of Nicomedia was recorded. A few years later Nicaea surrendered, and in 1336 Pergamon, the capital of Mysia was added to the empire of the Turk. "The people of Nicaea were permitted to emigrate and take with them all their goods, archives and relics, and such moderation," says Dr. Stanley Lane-Poole in his volume, "Turkey," "greatly strengthened the position of the conqueror."

"The little clan of shepherds, who had been graciously permitted to settle in the kingdom of the Seljuks, had now possessed themselves, in two generations, of the whole of the north-west corner of Asia Minor, where they commanded the eastern shore of the Bosphorus. Here, for the moment, they were content to rest. The Greek emperor was glad to make peace, and the Turks were anxious to gain time to organize their new dominions and prepare for the great struggle which they knew was before them."

"For twenty years tranquillity reigned throughout the land of the Turks, and during these twenty years Orkhan and his elder brother, Ala-uddin, the first Turkish vezir, labored at the organization of the state and the army." During this period the famous corps of the Janissaries, or "new troops," was formed, which for many centuries constituted the flower of the Ottoman armies.

Once possessed of an efficient army, Orkhan was able to survey the kingdoms which surrounded him, and it was to Europe he turned. "The wealthy provinces of the Byzantine empire, already falling to pieces, and divided by strife among their rulers, lay before him. As he stood on the shore of the Bosphorus he could see the domes and palaces of Constantinople. This was a quarry well worthy of pursuit."

"He had already prepared the way by moral force. The firm and equitable government of the Turk," Doctor Lane-

Poole continues, "had produced a strong impression upon the Greeks of Asia, who found themselves better off, more lightly taxed, and far more efficiently protected than they had been under the rule of the Byzantine emperor, whose persistent and perfidious intrigues, joined to the insensate jealousies of the nobles," and the demands of foreign mercenaries, put any approach to good and impartial government out of the question. During the twenty years of peace there had been a friendly understanding between Orkhan and the Emperors Andronicus and Cantacuzenus, but an opportunity soon occurred which enabled Orkhan's army to take the field. "The struggle which was then going on between the two great maritime powers of the Mediterranean, the Venetians and the Genoese, found a frequent meeting place on the Bosphorus, where the latter held Galata, a suburb of Constantinople. The Venetians, who were destined for centuries to be the most determined foes of the Turks, had," the writer continues, "already aroused Orkhan's anger, and he lost no time in giving his support to their rivals."

"Out of this alliance came the first entrance of the Turk upon European soil. Suleyman Pasha, Orkhan's eldest son, who had already operated with success in the Balkan provinces, crossed the Hellespont on a couple of rafts, with 80 followers, and surprised the castle of Tzyppe. In a few days it was garrisoned by 3,000 Ottoman soldiers. By this small beginning the Ottomans had won their foothold in Europe. Gallipoli was soon in their hands, and the shore of the Hellespont garrisoned by Turkish soldiers."

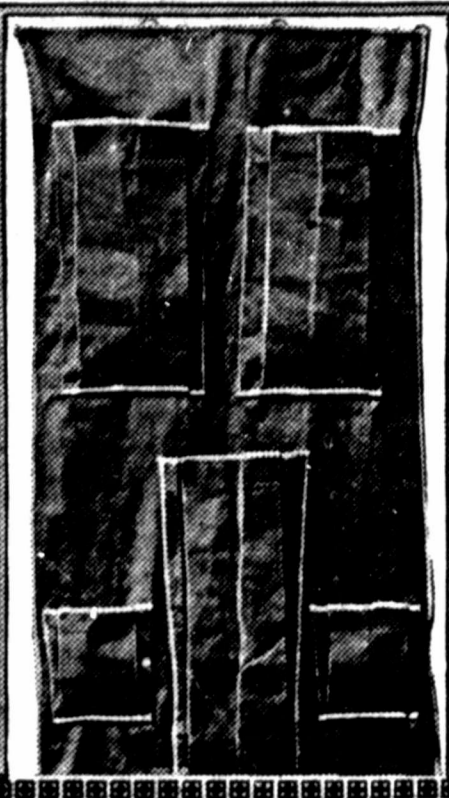
Automatic Traffic Cop.

To provide a quick and reliable means of clearing the streets for the fire department, the city of Pittsfield, Mass., has installed electric siren horns above the fire alarm boxes along the principal thoroughfares. The horns are connected with each other by an independent circuit and are also connected with the regular fire alarm circuit in such a manner that when an alarm is turned in from any box, the horn above that box and all those between the box and the central station will start blowing and will continue to blow until the apparatus is placed in inoperative position, or the current is switched off at the central station. —Popular Mechanics.

When an individual begins to start his observations with "I remember" it is time to look upon him with compassion.

ACCEPTABLE HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS GIFTS BY JULIA BOTTOMLEY

Wall Pockets for the Closet



A convenient gift which will be welcomed by either men or women is a group of wall pockets for the closet. A strip of denim or cretonne is cut as long as the maker may choose and bound with tape. Strips of the material, ranging in width and length are bound with the tape and a deep box plait is laid in each one.

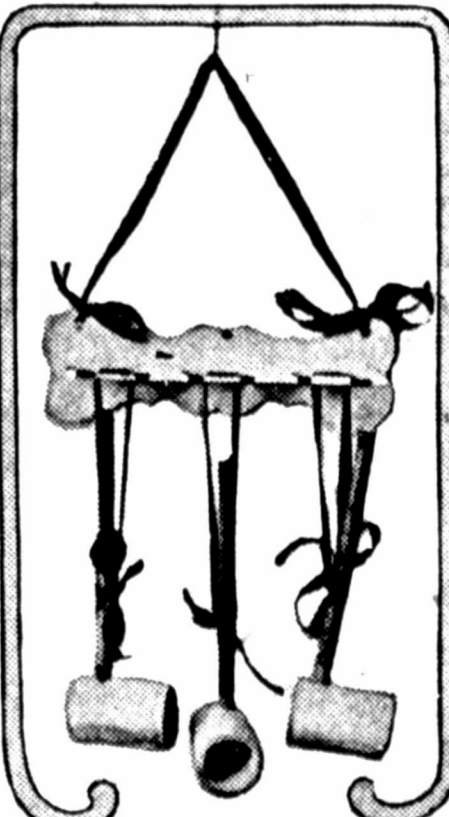
These pieces are stitched along three sides to the plain strip to form pockets, as shown in the picture above. The pockets hold slippers, shoes, rubbers, hosiery, corsets or small articles for the laundry. Pockets made to extend the length of the closet door will hold everything which usually finds a place on the floor.

Darning Bag of Silkaleen



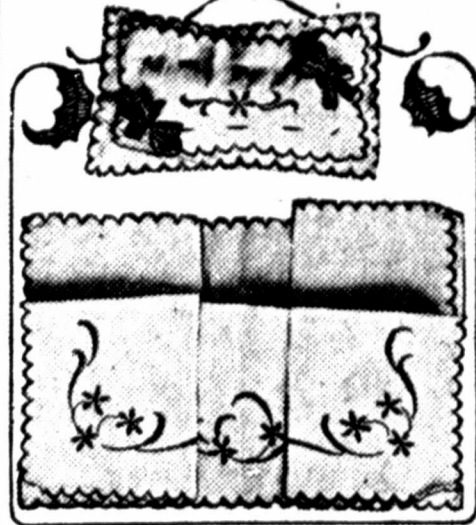
Two squares of figured silkaleen are placed face to face and machine-stitched together in a felled seam. One corner is then cut off and the bag and corner piece turned right side out. The edges, made by cutting off the corner, are folded over a small embroidery hoop and sewed down. The bag is suspended by means of a fold of the silkaleen, with edges machine-stitched together and ends sewed to each side of the opening. The corner that was cut away is stuffed with cotton or sawdust and bound with tape, making a cushion for darning needles. A little piece of tape is sewed to one edge of it and the bag, attaching it to the opening. This provides a receptacle for hosiery that needs darning.

Bubble Pipes That All Enjoy



A small wooden rack, or one of celluloid, such as are sold for holding tooth brushes, a few clay pipes and four yards of bright red baby ribbon, serve to fix up a gay little gift holding promise of fun for the young people. And bubble blowing is not beneath the dignity of the elders; everyone indulges in this pastime. Two other pipes may be suspended from this rack by shorter lengths of ribbon and the man who prefers to blow smoke so bubbles will like a rack which holds a fresh pipe or one he may offer his friend.

Dresser Set of Embroidered Linen

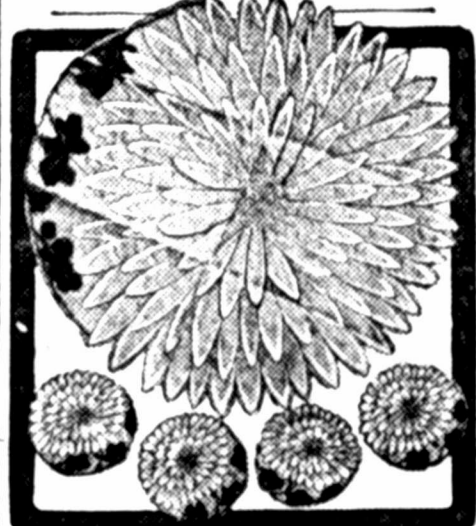


Heavy white linen (or cotton in certain weaves) embroidered with light colored floss, make simple and elegant dresser sets that will delight the heart of the neat housewife. These sets consist of dresser scarf and pin cushion cover usually, but glove and handkerchief cases may be made to match and added to them.

The scarf is a length of the linen having scalloped edges buttonhole stitched with light colored floss. A scroll and flower pattern is embroidered at each end and at the center of the scarf, on one side.

A small oblong pin cushion is covered with two pieces of linen, one smaller than the other, as shown in the picture. These are buttonhole stitched in scallops about the edges and eyelets are worked in them. A scroll and flower pattern is embroidered in the smaller piece. They are joined by narrow satin ribbon threaded through the eyelets and tied in little bows.

Luncheon Set of Silk Muslin

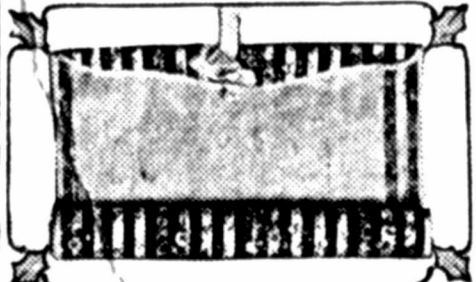


Something new in luncheon sets is made of stiff white silk muslin, very small gilt cord and white and green water color paints. It consists of a centerpiece and twelve dollies to match and is made in a conventionalized chrysanthemum design. The dollies are small replicas of the centerpiece.

A large circle is cut from the muslin for the centerpiece and a few French knots, of dark yellow embroidery silk, are worked in the center to represent the stamens. Three rows of petals are outlined on the centerpiece with white paint and the tiny gilt cord is sewed with yellow silk thread along the outline of each petal. The petals are crowded a little at one side to allow three light green leaves to be painted in. A little white paint is brushed in at the point of each petal and the muslin about the edge trimmed away from them.

The dollies are made in the same way but on a smaller scale.

Roll for Dollies of Cretonne



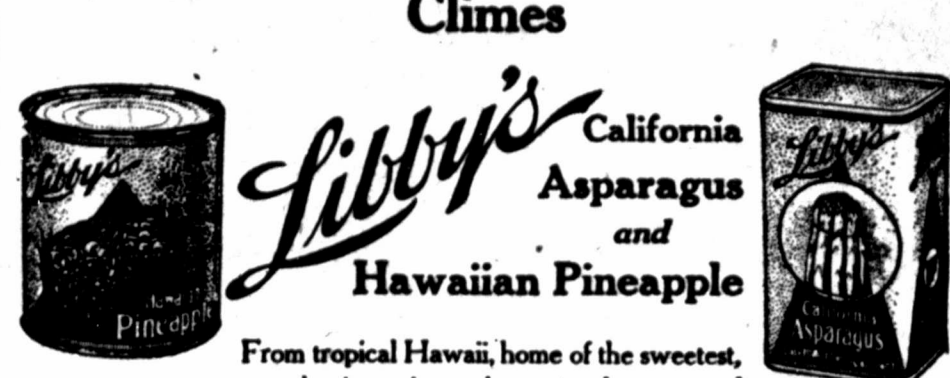
A dolly roll makes a pretty gift for the housewife and is useful to her in more ways than one. It keeps her dollies fresh and easy to get at. Nothing is easier to make, and very few equally pretty gifts cost so little.

The rolls are usually made in two lengths, one for centerpieces and one for dollies. To make one a strong pasteboard tube, such as used for mailing is procured. Circular pieces of cretonne are stretched over the ends and pasted down on the roll.

A strip of the cretonne as wide as the tube is long is then cut off of any length desired. One end of this strip is trimmed in a curve and the other left straight. The curved end and sides of the strip are bound with tape.

The straight end is pasted to the roll, the cretonne wound once about it and sewed down to form a casing for it. Ribbon ends are sewed to the curved end of cretonne to form ties for fastening it when the dollies have been rolled. The cretonne used to make the roll shown in the picture is a striped pattern with small flowers scattered over the surface. Dark backgrounds with gay flowers make rolls that do not soil easily. The ribbon used should match the flowers or foliage in the pattern.

Table Dainties from Sunny Climes



From tropical Hawaii, home of the sweetest, most luscious pineapple, comes the one; and California, where the tenderest asparagus grows, supplies the other. The Libby care and cleanliness back of both is a warrant of a product that will please you. Insist on Libby's at your grocer's.

Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago

The Profits.

"Do you think it is profitable for a man to be a chauffeur?" "Well, it is a business in which he can certainly manage to raise the dust."

When it comes to an alarm clock, no mechanical contrivance has anything on an industrious housewife.

STOP THOSE SHARP SHOOTING PAINS

"Femmina" is the wonder worker for all female disorders. Price \$1.00 and 50c. Adv.

The secret of success is a secret that women never tell.

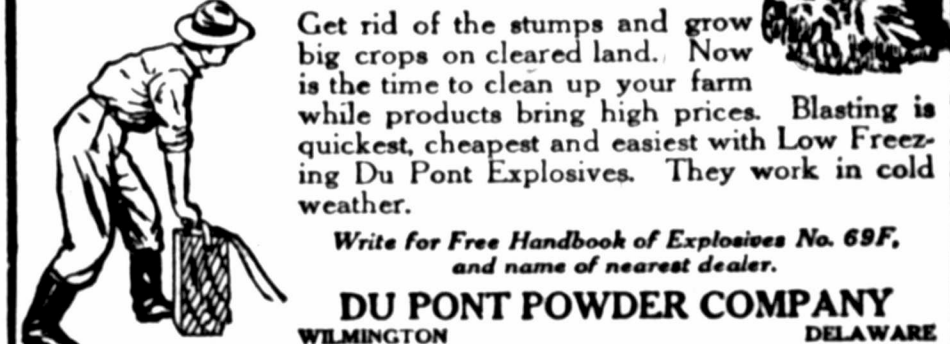
Queen Elizabeth of Belgium holds a degree of doctor of medicine.



MAN'S RAW SPREADER

Prepare for Better and Bigger Crops. Buy the Best. CHRISTOPHER A. SELL, Wichita, Kan.

10c Worth of DU PONT Will Clear \$1.00 Worth of Land



Get rid of the stumps and grow big crops on cleared land. Now is the time to clean up your farm while products bring high prices. Blasting is quickest, cheapest and easiest with Low Freezing Du Pont Explosives. They work in cold weather. Write for Free Handbook of Explosives No. 69F, and name of nearest dealer. DU PONT POWDER COMPANY, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

SCHOOL TOTS TREE A BEAR

Barking Like Dogs, Six Youngsters Frighten Bui and Bring About His Death.

Six school children, the oldest of them aged nine, treed a bear at the Oak Run schoolhouse. During the afternoon recess while the tots were at play, brui ambled into the school grounds. The children, barking like dogs, took after the bear, who, taking fright, climbed a tree to get out of danger.

Miss Vivian Brauer, the teacher, fainted when she saw what the children had done. She called the children into the schoolhouse, locked the door and, womanlike, pulled down the blinds. A few minutes later the bear climbed down the tree and ran into Amos Welch's field 50 yards farther up the creek. Welch shot and killed the bear.

There was a barbecue at the Oak Run schoolhouse Friday afternoon, bear meat being the important item on the menu.—Redding Dispatch to San Francisco Chronicle.

Beyond the Critical Stage.

Mrs. Howell—I understand your husband is ill. Is his condition critical? Mrs. Growlles — Critical, indeed! Why, he is positively abusive.

Credulous.

"Very credulous, is he?" "Why, you could sell him a mortgage on a castle in the air."—Judge.

DEATH LURKS IN A WEAK HEART,

so on first symptoms use "Renovine" and be cured. Delay and pay the awful penalty. "Renovine" is the heart's remedy. Price \$1.00 and 50c.—Adv.

Something Better to Watch.

"Do your men watch the clock?" "Not since I hired that pretty stenographer."

One of Those Friends.

"Wombat, I'm a friend of yours, and I must tell you that today Flubbud was saying some very mean things about you."

"If you are a friend of mine, why did you stand there and listen to him?" "Well, I'm a friend of his, too."

SUFFERED FOR FOUR YEARS.

Mr. J. M. Sinclair of Olivehill, Tenn., writes: "I strained my back, which weakened my kidneys and caused an awful bad backache and inflammation of the bladder. Later I became so much worse that I consulted a doctor, who said that I had Diabetes and that my heart was affected. I suffered for four years and was in a nervous state and very much depressed. The doctor's medicine didn't help me, so I decided to try Dodds Kidney Pills, and I cannot say enough to express my relief and thankfulness, as they cured me. Diamond Dinner Pills cured me of Constipation."

Dodds Kidney Pills, 50c. per box at your dealer or Dodds Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Dodds Dyspepsia Tablets for Indigestion have been proved, 50c. per box.—Adv.

Food for Thought.

"Will you have some of the cereal, dear?" asked the novelist's wife at the breakfast table. "Yes, thank you," replied the author, absent. "You may give me about two chapters."

Worth Looking Into.

Noit—That fellow Hawkins is as honest as the day is long. Askitt—But what's his night record?

ANURIC!

The Newest Discovery in Chemistry

This is a recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, who is head of the Invald's Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Dr. Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—as backache, scalding urine and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, it is simply wonderful how surely "Anuric" acts. The best results are always obtained in cases of acute rheumatism in the joints, in gravel and gout, and invariably the pains and stiffness which so frequently and persistently accompany the disease rapidly disappear. Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of

"Anuric" manufactured by Dr. Pierce, or even write Dr. Pierce for a large trial package (10c). If you suspect kidney or bladder trouble, send him a sample of your water and describe symptoms. Dr. Pierce's chemist will examine it. But Dr. Pierce will report to you without fee or charge.

NOTE.—"Anuric" is thirty-seven times more active than lithia in eliminating uric acid, and is a harmless but reliable chemical compound that may be safely given to children, but should be used only by grown-ups who actually wish to restore their kidneys to perfect health, by conscientiously using one box—or more in extreme cases—as "Anuric" (thanks to Doctor Pierce's achievement) is by far the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector obtainable.

Nothing Stops This Man

The man with vigorous, virile health, and a clear mind, who brushes away obstacles, and rejoices in overcoming difficulties, is bound to succeed. His is the joyous outlook on life.

Physical and mental conditions like these come largely through proper eating—"Food makes the man."

Now it is a fact—attested by food experts—that the modern dietary is woefully lacking in the very elements that put success into a man. They are the mineral salts—Phosphate of Potash, etc. White bread is almost wholly lacking in them. But there is one food that richly supplies these vital elements, and that food is

Grape-Nuts

Made from whole wheat and barley, Grape-Nuts contains all the nutrient of the grain, including the valuable mineral salts. It is easily digested, is concentrated and has delicious taste. A daily ration of Grape-Nuts along with other food helps build vigorous bodies and keen brains.

"There's a Reason"

—sold by Grocers everywhere.

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A dolly roll makes a pretty gift for the housewife and is useful to her in more ways than one. It keeps her dollies fresh and easy to get at. Nothing is easier to make, and very few equally pretty gifts cost so little.

The rolls are usually made in two lengths, one for centerpieces and one for dollies. To make one a strong pasteboard tube, such as used for mailing is procured. Circular pieces of cretonne are stretched over the ends and pasted down on the roll.

A strip of the cretonne as wide as the tube is long is then cut off of any length desired. One end of this strip is trimmed in a curve and the other left straight. The curved end and sides of the strip are bound with tape.

The straight end is pasted to the roll, the cretonne wound once about it and sewed down to form a casing for it. Ribbon ends are sewed to the curved end of cretonne to form ties for fastening it when the dollies have been rolled. The cretonne used to make the roll shown in the picture is a striped pattern with small flowers scattered over the surface. Dark backgrounds with gay flowers make rolls that do not soil easily. The ribbon used should match the flowers or foliage in the pattern.

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SCHOOL TOTS TREE A BEAR

Barking Like Dogs, Six Youngsters Frighten Bui and Bring About His Death.

Six school children, the oldest of them aged nine, treed a bear at the Oak Run schoolhouse. During the afternoon recess while the tots were at play, brui ambled into the school grounds. The children, barking like dogs, took after the bear, who, taking fright, climbed a tree to get out of danger.

Miss Vivian Brauer, the teacher, fainted when she saw what the children had done. She called the children into the schoolhouse, locked the door and, womanlike, pulled down the blinds. A few minutes later the bear climbed down the tree and ran into Amos Welch's field 50 yards farther up the creek. Welch shot and killed the bear.

There was a barbecue at the Oak Run schoolhouse Friday afternoon, bear meat being the important item on the menu.—Redding Dispatch to San Francisco Chronicle.

Beyond the Critical Stage.

Mrs. Howell—I understand your husband is ill. Is his condition critical? Mrs. Growlles — Critical, indeed! Why, he is positively abusive.

Credulous.

"Very credulous, is he?" "Why, you could sell him a mortgage on a castle in the air."—Judge.

DEATH LURKS IN A WEAK HEART,

so on first symptoms use "Renovine" and be cured. Delay and pay the awful penalty. "Renovine" is the heart's remedy. Price \$1.00 and 50c.—Adv.

Something Better to Watch.

"Do your men watch the clock?" "Not since I hired that pretty stenographer."

One of Those Friends.

"Wombat, I'm a friend of yours, and I must tell you that today Flubbud was saying some very mean things about you."

"If you are a friend of mine, why did you stand there and listen to him?" "Well, I'm a friend of his, too."

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Food for Thought.

"Will you have some of the cereal, dear?" asked the novelist's wife at the breakfast table. "Yes, thank you," replied the author, absent. "You may give me about two chapters."

Worth Looking Into.

Noit—That fellow Hawkins is as honest as the day is long. Askitt—But what's his night record?

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"Anuric" manufactured by Dr. Pierce, or even write Dr. Pierce for a large trial package (10c). If you suspect kidney or bladder trouble, send him a sample of your water and describe symptoms. Dr. Pierce's chemist will examine it. But Dr. Pierce will report to you without fee or charge.

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CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK, UGH! IT'S MERCURY AND SALIVATES

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Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. Take a dose of the vile, dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

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Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store or dealer and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't

straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it cannot salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

And Now They Don't Speak.
Annie—it was awfully dark where we met under the trees, and the first think I knew, he'd kissed me.

Fannie—I wouldn't be angry about it, dear. I don't think he'd have done it had it been in the daylight.—Judge.

A NEGLECTED DILEMMA
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SAVING SOIL MOISTURE

Fall Plowing Permits Rains to Percolate Into Ground.

Mulch Formed on Surface Tends to Prevent Water From Subsoil Being Evaporated—Moisture is Saved for Spring Crops.

(By W. H. FRAZIER.)

Plowing early in the fall liberates more plant food for the spring crop and conserves more moisture. By loosening the surface soil, thus allowing the air to penetrate, the soil particles which contain phosphorus, potassium and lime are caused to oxidize, which sets free these elements for the plant. The soil compounds originally are very complex and are practically of no benefit to the crop until they are acted upon by the air. The solutions in the soil, and plant juices, so as to decompose them and make them much simpler. Fall plowing has a tendency to let the rains percolate into the soil better, which tends to dissolve and break up the compounds for the use of the spring crop.

Bacteria, which are found in the soil in countless numbers, generally work better where oxygen from the air is readily available, and these in turn break up the organic matter of the soil into simpler compounds, liberating nitrates or nitrogen food for the plant. This is one of the most essential elements for the early growth of the plant. It is often noticed that spring plowing will not cause crops to lodge so badly as fall plowing. This is explained by nitrogen being set free to a larger extent in the loose porous, fall-plowed land than in the more compact soil.

The moisture problem is also an important one from the standpoint of productivity of the soil. As stated above, by opening up the soil the fall rains percolate much more rapidly into the soil, while there is a mulch formed on the surface which tends to prevent the water from the subsoil going directly to the surface and being evaporated. Early fall plowing makes a reservoir of the subsoil, storing the water for the crop in the spring. Often where the ground is a little rolling, the water will run off before it has time to soak in when the soil is compact and hard. Those who have practiced summer fallowing know that it increases chances for a good yield the following season, and this is largely due to the liberation of plant food in the soil and conservation of moisture. Fall plowing is very similar, only the soil has not quite so long to bring about these changes as in case of summer fallowing. Where possible it is nearly always advisable to plow as early in the fall as possible.

PREPARING FOR SUDAN GRASS

Unless Soil is Especially Inclined to Blow it is Best to Plow in Fall to Conserve Moisture.

It pays to prepare the land carefully that is to be planted to sudan grass for hay. Unless the soil is especially inclined to blow, it is best to plow in the fall, to conserve moisture and to increase the available plant food. The field should be well cultivated the next spring, to destroy weeds, and the planting should not be made until the soil is warmed thoroughly. It has been found that the hay crop generally will make a much faster growth in the spring than that which has been planted in furrows for cultivation. This was especially noticeable last spring. Probably this is due mostly to the soil being warmer where it is level than that in the bottom of the furrows, and it indicates quite forcefully that sudan grass is distinctively a warm-weather plant, and also that the crop should not be planted until the soil is thoroughly warmed.

NUMBER OF FARMS IN U. S.

According to the Last Federal Census There Are 878,798,325 Acres Devoted to Agriculture.

The last federal census shows the total number of farms in the United States to be 6,361,502, containing 878,798,325 acres.

The land in farms represents 46.3 per cent, or less than one-half of the total land area of the country. Of the total acreage given only 478,451,750 acres are classed as "improved land." The remainder comprises wood land and other unimproved land in farms. The improved land given above is only about 25.1 per cent of the total area of the country. The average size of farms, as shown by the last census is 138.1 acres, of which an average of 75.2 acres are improved, and 62.9 acres unimproved.

Sweet Clover Coming.
It will not be many years before sweet clover will take its deserved place as an economic rotation and for age crop in the Northwest. The prejudice against it is disappearing as preference always does in the face of truth and common sense.

Those who will not accept sweet clover's worth are harming no one but themselves.

Know How Bugs Feed.
You must know how an insect feeds in order to know how to deal with him. Some insects chew their food while others suck the juices from foliage, stalk or root. The sucking insects cannot be killed by spraying with poisons.

Oklahoma Man Tells About Kidney Remedy

Several years ago I was taken with severe pains in my back, due to diseased kidneys and was forced to give up my daily labor. I heard of your great kidney remedy and resolved to try it. I did so with wonderful results.

Since taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root I have had no trouble from my kidneys. I am giving this testimonial of my own free will to let others know the wonderful merits of Swamp-Root.

If you should care to, you are at liberty to publish this testimonial whenever you choose.

Very truly yours,
J. A. PARRISH,
Stillwater, Okla.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of March, 1912.

H. S. HAUSSDER,
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Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

The Man for the Job.
"He never complains at his luck. Just takes his misfortunes with a smile and keeps plugging along."

"Fine, he's just the man we're looking for. Let's make him chairman of the entertainment committee and give him the worst of it."—Detroit Free Press.

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY
is her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzled, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Many a man's worth is not discovered until his will is read.

Idealize a woman and she doesn't care if she isn't understood.

If some men were to lose their self-conceit there'd be nothing left.

FEW CHURCHES DIE THAT WAY

Colored Preacher Unlikely to Be Called Upon to Fulfill Vow That He Had Made.

The following story comes to us from old Virginia:

A devout colored preacher, whose heart was aglow with missionary zeal, gave notice to his congregation that in the evening an offertory would be taken for missions and asked for liberal gifts. A selfish, well-to-do man in the congregation said to him before the service: "Yer gwine to kill dis church ef yer goes on sayin' 'give'! No church can stan' it. Yer gwine ter kill it."

"After the sermon the colored minister said to the people: 'Brother Jones told me I was gwine to kill this church if I kep' a-sakin' fer to give; but, my brethren, churches doesn't die dat way. Ef anybody knows of a church that died 'cause it's been givin' too much to de Lord, I'll be very much obliged of my brother will tell me what church is, for Ise gwine to visit it, and I'll climb on de walls of dat church, under de light de moon and cry: 'Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord.'—Cleveland Intelligencer.

Hard to Tell.
"What is our national dish?"
"Well, I'm undecided between spaghetti a la Boston and goulash Maryland style."

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Enhanced By Perfect Physical Health.

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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A bad back makes a hard work harder. All day the dull throbs and the sharp, darting pains make you miserable, and there's no rest at night. Maybe it's your daily work that hurts the kidneys, for jarring, jolting, lifting, reaching, dampness and many other strains do weaken them.

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Alfalfa Hay

The following song was sung at the banquet last Monday night by Mr. Charles S. Payne, and was much enjoyed by all present. Tune of sweet Adeline.

What makes the landscape look so fair;
What blossoms bright perfume the air;
What plant repays the farmer's toil,
And will enrich the worn out soil?
Alfalfa hay!

What is the crop that always pays,
Which may be cut each forty days,
Resisting drought, the frost, the heat,
Whose roots reach down full twenty feet?
Alfalfa hay!

What grows in loam, in clay, and sand;
What lifts the mortgage off the land;
What crop is cut three times a year,
And of never a failure do you hear?
Alfalfa hay!

What makes the swine so healthy feel,
And never raise a hungry squeal;
The wholesome food that never fails
To put three curls into their tails?
Alfalfa hay!

What makes all other stock look nice,
And brings the highest market price;
What fills the milk pails, feeds the calf,
And makes the old cow almost laugh?
Alfalfa hay!

..AS THE EDITOR SEES IT..

No work, no happiness. Go to it.

Christmas in the trenches! Wonder what it will be?

The loud mouth bully is heard, the gentleman is seen and known.

Christianity may save the world, but the biggest gun will rule it.

Affinities are becoming so commonplace they are seldom able to creep into the headlines.

In all polite circles it is assumed that a prize husband sews on his own buttons. What is your status?

All aboard for hell! European stop—over privileges allowed all male passengers.

The man who exercise his jawbone and not his backbone will soon have nothing but jawbone left.

Before classing another as a fool just remember that he may have the same opinion of you.

Do not be afraid to stand when talking to a friend. Life is too short for long sits.

The fellow who is always looking for something for nothing is himself an overgrown wad of nothing.

Beware of the convivial spirit. His attractiveness usually lies solely in his conviviality.

Occasionally we hear of a man who is never affected by the modern display of feminine no-nery. Blind, of course.

While planning for a 1916 increase in other products, let us not forget the minor one of population.

As an appropriate badge of office, we suggest that postal employees attach a button to their lips.

We energetically protest against the statement that war at its best is barbarous. There is no best.

Just hike right off to the big city, youngster. There's a world of sport and excitement in a hand to mouth existence.

Don't be eternally asking the advice of your friends. To do so is to admit that you have few brains of your own.

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Warning Bag of Silkalene



Two squares of figured silkalene are faced to face and machine-stitched together in a felled seam. One corner is then cut off and the bag and inner piece turned right side out. The edges, made by cutting off the corner, are folded over a small embroidery hoop and sewed down. The bag is suspended by means of a fold in the silkalene, with edges machine-

Notice of Foreclosure Sale.

Whereas, on the 27th day of July, 1915, in Cause No. 1089, pending in the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, wherein Alexander F. Koppin is plaintiff and A. B. McBride and A. C. Parker are defendants, the plaintiff recovered a judgment in the sum of Six Hundred Sixty-five dollars and sixty cents, together with costs of suit upon a promissory note and mortgage executed and delivered to the plaintiff by T. E. Brown and H. E. Brown, and obtained a decree foreclosing plaintiff's said mortgage, given for the security of said sums and amounts, upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The northeast quarter of section twenty, in township four south of range thirty-two east of the New Mexico meridian, New Mexico, containing 100 acres; that said judgment at the date of sale hereinafter mentioned will amount to the sum of Six hundred ninety-one dollars and fifty-eight cents, together with costs of suit, that after the making and recording of plaintiff's said mortgage the said T. E. Brown and H. E. Brown sold and conveyed all of their equity and title in and to said property, and after a number of mesne conveyances the defendant A. C. Parker became the owner of the legal title to said property, it also being alleged that the defendant A. C. Parker claims some interest in said property.

Whereas the undersigned, P. E. Jordan, has been appointed special commissioner by said court and directed to advertise and sell said property according to law and to apply the proceeds to the satisfaction of said judgment and costs.

Therefore, by virtue of said judgment and decree, and the power vested in me as such special commissioner, I will, on the 27th day of November, 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the court house, in the town of Portales, New Mexico, sell said described property, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said judgment, interest, costs of suit and accruing costs.

Witness my hand this 19th day of October, 1915.

P. E. JORDAN, Special Commissioner.

Notice of the Pendency of Suit

The State of New Mexico; To C. J. Jones, defendant, Greeting:

You will take notice that a suit has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein Dallas M. D. McBean is plaintiff and you the said C. J. Jones are defendant, said cause being numbered 1144 upon the Civil Docket of said court.

The general object of said suit and action are as follows: The plaintiff seeks to recover the sum of \$1470.00 with interest, upon a written contract executed by the plaintiff and defendant on the 9th day of May 1914, for services performed by the plaintiff for the defendant, and for the purchase price of four horses and one saddle, blanket and bridle sold and delivered to the defendant by the plaintiff pursuant to said contract.

You are further notified that your property, to-wit: One buffalo bull about four years old, four catalo cows, from six to twelve years old, and one buffalo calf from four to five months old, has been attached upon a writ of attachment issued against you in said cause, and that unless you appear and plead or answer in said cause on or before the 16th day of January, 1916, judgment will be rendered against you by default and your said property will be sold to satisfy the same.

You are further notified that Geo. L. Rees is attorney for the plaintiff and his address is Portales, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 24th day of November, 1915.

(SEAL) J. W. BALLOW, Clerk.
By Guy F. Mitchell, Deputy.

Dr. Swearingin's Dates

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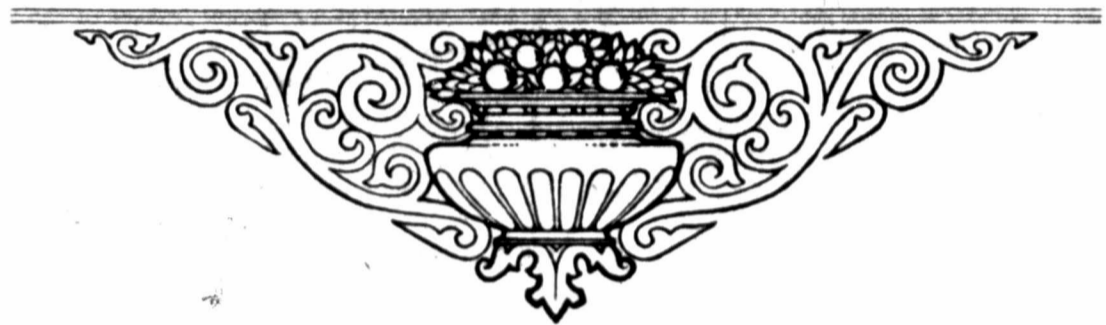
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 You, and each of you, will take notice that a suit has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein M. C. Rowell, is plaintiff and you, the above named, are defendants said cause being numbered 1150 upon the Civil Docket of said court. The general objects of said action are as follows:
 The plaintiff sues upon a promissory note and to foreclose a mortgage deed executed and delivered by the defendants, Gibbs W. Dyer, and Della M. Dyer to the plaintiff on the 18th day of September, 1911, the plaintiff claiming that there is due upon said note and mortgage the sum of \$600.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent, per annum from the 18th day of September, 1914, till paid, 10 per cent additional upon said amount as attorney's fees and all costs of this suit; that said mortgage is upon and conveys to the plaintiff for the security of said sums the following described property, to-wit:
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The Spirit of the Day

By HUGH PENDEXTER

HE sheriff of Mudge Creek threw back his head and raised his corded arms in the luxury of relaxation. It had been a trying day and his small office with its chuckling fire seemed good. His eyes were drowsy with content as he slowly brought his fists to his shoulders, but even while he was twisting his bearded face into a mighty yawn his gaze flamed fire at hearing a staccato voice advise:

"I kind o' like ye that way. Keep 'em up."

The sheriff was standing, back to the speaker, and at the first word he stiffened. Beyond this sudden rigidity his square form evidenced nothing to show he was aware of any intrusion; nor did he turn for several seconds, and then very deliberately. His steady eyes beheld an old man, white bearded and with shoulders that stooped. What focused the sheriff's attention, however, was a limp, scrawny hand, holding a blue-steel Colt's, whose menacing muzzle never wavered a hair's breadth.

"Jem Peace, eh?" murmured the sheriff, the veins on his tanned forehead standing out like whipcords as he endeavored to eradicate any semblance of interest from his voice; but he could not quench his eyes, which blazed in the thin, weak light of the one kerosene lamp.

"Ya-as," admitted Mr. Peace, slowly advancing. Then, sharply, "Turn 'round. Easy! Stand still!" And his left hand deftly encircled the other's waist and removed the belt and its sagging holster. "Now, if ye'll condescend t' take a chair at this little table ye kin lower yer hands, while we gossip a bit, jest like o' neighbors. Tut! tut! Keep 'em on th' table. An' mebbe ye'd better kind o' clasp 'em. That's better."

"Wa-al, Jem; what's th' game?" inquired the sheriff gently, his eyes never leaving the dark barrel of the thirty-eight now resting at a slight slant on the table.

"I got th' idee from promiscuous circus posters 'round th' settlement that I'm wanted," began Mr. Peace.

"Five hundred, dead or alive, no particular difference which; an' we s-bankers' ter ye," confirmed the sheriff. "But what's th' game? Me?"

"I hope not," sighed Mr. Peace. "I hope I ain't got t' make it a thousand for my ol' hide. But it all depends on how ye take a little proposition I've come t' make. Ye jest brought in a prisoner, unbeknownst ter anybody—Fred Turner. Ye fetched him in sly-like, so's there 'd be no premeachooor backs'."

"Ye're gittin' t' be a truthful man

in yer ol' age," admired the sheriff. "Yep; he's th' man that shot my deputy through th' arm. So ye've come fer him, eh?"

"In a way I have," mildly confessed Mr. Peace; "but not in a rough, unlawful way. Fer I opine ye're goin' t' help me."

"Ye might as well crook yer finger an' be done with it," growled the sheriff, his beard bristling. "That's th' only way ye kin git th' key."

"Softly, softly," soothed Mr. Peace, stiffening his arm a trifle. "Hear me out afore ye think o' tryin' t' tip th' table. Now, what man of all others had ye ruther jam inter that jail in his place?"

"Jem Peace, th' worst ol' sinner that ever fretted Wyomin'!" declared the sheriff, without a second's hesitation.

"Now that's kind o' ye, an' it makes tippin' tables unnecessary," cried Mr. Peace heartily. "I've come t' take his place; him t' go free."

"What!" gasped the sheriff, jolted out of his composure; and his hands unclashed and rested on the table as he made to rise.

"Slump back in yer chair," commanded Mr. Peace, in a low, calm, even tone, while his words were accentuated by the elevated muzzle of his gun. "Please don't forget ag'in an' make me nervous. Ya-as, I've come t' take his place; th' place of a fool young man, who never did nuthin' worse'n lick up cheap whisky, in which ye could count th' finest ter-



At the First Word He Stiffened.

backer. Arter roundin' up a heap o' that stuff, it seems, he went on a rampage an' spilled yer deputy's gun arter a while. But he ain't bad. He jest stayed on ter th' wrong range. I'll swap myself fer him. What d'ye say?"

"Just explain a bit more," begged the sheriff earnestly. "Lead yer ace. Why d'ye do it?"

The old man bowed his head a notch and scrutinized his gun thoughtfully. He seemed hesitant, but at last laughed awkwardly, and asked: "Did ye know Turner's mother once lived out here, 'way back in '67? She was one o' th' first women in th' first settlement. I reckon. Wyomin' was a

maverick then; hadn't even been branded as a territory. I knew her in them days."

"I don't know her, or of her," said the sheriff.

"Ye missed a heap," sighed the old man, reminiscently. "She was Kate Connolly then; th' fetchin'est bit o' woman gear in th' whole West. She sent her boy out here t' round up health an' muscle, an' she don't know he's been runnin' wild."

"Go on," encouraged the sheriff, now studying his visitor with new interest. "Ye reason fer chippin' in?"

"Wa-al," confessed Mr. Peace, sheepishly, "I reckon I thought a heap o' Kate Connolly." And he lowered his eyes so completely as to render his position hazardous had the man across the table been less curious. "She seemed t' take t' me, too," he continued proudly.

"An' then?" prompted the sheriff.

"An' then her pa took her ter lowy, an' she grew t' fergit me an' married a dude what probably wore galuses. An' I turned maverick an' ain't been nobody's darlin' since. But I'm here t' give her son suthin' more of a square deal than she ever give me. He looks like his ma, ye know."

"I'll be dam'd!" ejaculated the sheriff.

"Ye will be if ye don't keep them fins clustered in front o' ye," growled Mr. Peace, resenting the other's surprise.

"But such a cantankerous old whelp as Jem Peace ever bein' in love," demonstrated the sheriff, hardly remembering the warning. "That gits me."

"Be ye game, or not?" barked Mr. Peace angrily, and tapping the table with his gun.

"I be," cried the sheriff, warmly. "An' it speaks well fer ye, Jem, t' have these soft feelin's. I'll be hanged if ye ain't almost human. Come right back t' th' younker's room, an' in ye go, an' out he comes. Ye kin trust me t' keep my word, I reckon."

"I never asked or give much credit," demurred Mr. Peace. "Besides, there's a little more t' th' game. Th' next pint is this: on th' nine o'clock stage terminator, Kate Connolly arrives t' visit her son, an' t' take him back home with her. Her dude husband is dead an' she's lonely. She's writ him several letters which he didn't git, as he was hidin' up, until twenty-four hours ago, when he rode inter Searsville. Ye nabbed him there a hour arter he showed me th' last letter, what said she'll be here terminator. He'd 'a' jumped a train an' cut her out from th' Crick, only it was too late."

"An' ye're wantin', Mister Peace?"

"I want him free from sunup terminator, t' meet his ma an' spend th' day with her. I want her t' find him a highly respected citizen. What's more, she must find me a highly respected citizen. He'll take her away on th' artemoon stage; then ye kin have my gun."

The sheriff gazed long and earnestly at the blue crick across the table and then stared intently into the old man's narrowed eyes. At last he suddenly decided: "I'm game. I'll do it."

Mr. Peace slipped his weapon into the holster under his arm and rose and said: "Lemme see th' younker alone fer a minute, t' explain th' game t' him. Then if ye'll kindly have yer deputy take down all decorations from th' street, where I'm branded as wurth five hundred, I'll drop inter Big Mike's

place early in th' mornin' an' mention I'd like t' have th' posters removed from th' barroom. Not that she's likely t' go in there, but I'm keen t' have th' whole town play my game fer a few hours."

Then as they walked to the door, still eyeing each other warily, Mr. Peace suddenly reminded: "An' terminator's Thanksgiving day. Wa-al, I don't know whether I oughter be thankful fer seein' her once more or not."

The adult male population of the settlement, almost to a man, was gathered in Big Mike's place, busy in pledging many healths. The spirit of the day had been invoked right early as an excuse for a liberal indulgence, and the proprietor, now approaching the sentimental stage, had called for volunteers to emulate him in toasting the entire state in one all-encompassing potation.

As the pleasing invitation was about to be accepted the door swung smartly open and a genial voice saluted: "Howdy, folkses."

"Ol' Jem Peace!" stammered Big Mike, staggering in front of the cash drawer, while in mechanical unison a forest of upraised hands left the array of glasses untouched.

Mr. Peace took a lazy attitude at the end of the bar and seemed lost in meditation, quite unmindful of the row of startled eyes focused on him. But his right hand thrust carelessly inside his rough coat was suggestive enough to continue the tenacity of the situation. Suddenly he straightened and sharply explained: "I'm spendin' Thanksgiving with th' sheriff, an' he's backin' me in what I have t' say. I would like fer them signs up there t' be took down fer th' day," and his Colt's swung in a circle at the numerous placards bearing his name. "Kin ye find time t' see it's done afore th' stage comes in, Michael?"

"I'll do it myself an' right away," Mr. Peace, cried the proprietor eagerly. "Won't ye have a mild snort while I'm doin' it?" and his hand reached behind him.

"Quit," snarled Mr. Peace, throwing his gun forward. "Afore ye try hostility jest prance 'round th' room with hands up an' when ye come ter a poster, brush it down. There! that's much nicer, an' ye do it real graceful an' pretty like." This as the proprietor entered upon his task in a stiff, awkward manner.

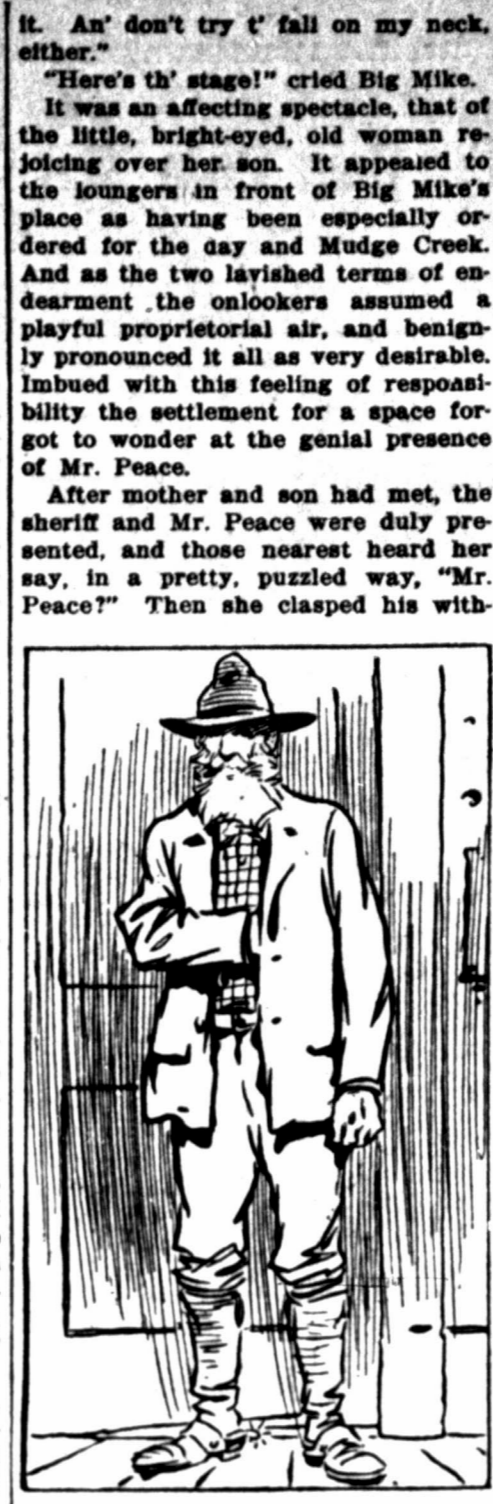
"Do we drink now, Mr. Peace?" humbly asked the man beside him. "I don't want to do nothin' hurried like."

"Sure ye kin; only, I allers admire t' see two flippers on th' bar rail fer every man present. Hi! Number Four, where's yer left duke?" and the Colt's was instantly trained along the line.

"If ye please, Mr. Peace, I ain't got only one," babbled the offender.

"I'll 'scuse ye, then," said the old man, kindly, after craning his neck to discover the empty sleeve.

After the glasses were gently replaced on the bar in the midst of a



"Howdy, Folkses."

ered hand and peered intently into his bearded face, while he stood stiffly, with his eyes staring over her shoulder. "Why, it can't be—why, it's Jem Peace!" she cried, softly. "It's the Jem I use to know." And she placed her other hand on his rough coat sleeve and beamed in delight at detecting him beneath his whiskers.

"Ya-as, it's me, ma'am," he awkwardly confessed. "Lawsd! We two ain't met fer a dog's age. How d'ye know me? I s'posed th' brand had worn off."

"Know you!" she cried in a little birdlike voice; "as if I could ever forget you. You were—yes, Jem, you were—you were a handsome boy."

"A-kerchew!" loudly sneezed Big Mike.

Then the bystanders were precluded from hearing much more as the interruption caused Mr. Peace to suggest gently:

"Michael, ye're ketchin' cold out here. Please, please go inside an' take th' boys with ye."

"Dear ol' Jem," choked the proprietor, turning humbly away; and the crowd, remembering the morning's instructions, hoarsely chanted: "Howdy, Mister Peace."

Despite the irrelevancy of the salutation the widow's eyes sparkled with new pleasure as she cried:

"And to think, Jem, it's forty years since we've seen each other; and I find you, as I left you, exerting a kindly influence over these rough men."

The stage driver, catching the last, gave an excellent pantomime of a man strangling, and after kicking the off horse rushed blindly into the bar, whence issued a series of miniature explosions.

The sheriff, quickly observing the warning glint in Mr. Peace's eyes, hurriedly suggested an inspection of the settlement, to be followed by a little dinner at his official residence. The gray-haired little mother had moved him to a softer mood, and as the four walked along he found himself lavishing praise on his recent prisoner.

"An' it's proud I be t' have ye an' yer son at my table ter-day," he concluded, warmly.

"Everyone is so kind," she protested, tearfully. "And you all seem to think so much of Fred. You'll be sorry to have him go?"

"I'd figgered on his stoppin' longer," said the sheriff, gravely.

"Too bad ye have t' start back ter-night," observed Mr. Peace, sorrowfully.

"Why," she returned in surprise, "I had expected to spend a few days here; so Fred could bid all good-by. I could easily—"

"I've said my farewells, mother," broke in the son, anxiously.

She halted and turned and surveyed them with happy eyes. "Do you know," she cried, "you are for all the world like two dear old cronies."

"Brothers is a better word," choked Mr. Peace, warily clasping the sheriff's inquisitive left.

As they turned a corner their conversation was broken into by the appearance of five men, sent out by Big Mike to spy on the situation. Mr. Peace immediately fell behind the widow and her son and encoined his right hand in the bosom of his coat, whereat the broad grin of amusement instantly evolved into a wild-eyed, fervent gaze of admiration. And the quiet, lining the rough path, salaried deeply and awkwardly and cried as one: "Howdy, Mister Peace."

"Dear me! I feel almost unworthy to be in such fine company," said the widow, playfully.

"I'd bet—that is, if I was a gambler man—"

"That every man or group we meet

will salute him in that same respectful way."

"They do it t' please me," deprecated Mr. Peace. "It was th' first thing I heard at th' hotel this mornin'."

The sheriff's prophecy was fulfilled several times as they wandered about the settlement, while waiting for the dinner hour. The air was crisp and tingling, and the exercise put a bright light in the widow's eyes and brought a tinge of pink to her pale cheeks. The sheriff could easily believe that as Kate Connolly she must have been very prepossessing.

Where the way was broad all four walked abreast; when it became narrow the sheriff and Mr. Peace walked arm in arm. It pleased the widow not a little to observe their simple gallantry. For as the hours passed the sheriff's solicitude for his old friend's ease increased. He could not bear, it seemed, to be away from his side. When they reached the sheriff's house he courteously stood aside for Mr. Peace to precede him; and the latter, now given continually to a clerical pose, insisted the sheriff should enter first. They compromised by locking arms and affectionately squeezing through together.

During the dinner the widow's quick glance decided her host must be uncomfortable from his heavy belt, and begged him to remove it. He turned his troubled gaze on Mr. Peace without complying. The old man smiled slightly and hastened to explain how even he had got into the habit of carrying firearms. In a final burst of confidence he added:

"Why, I've got one on now. Reckon we'd better discard, sheriff."

And the two, narrowly meeting eyes, released buckle for buckle, as if playing a game, and slowly deposited their weapons behind them.

"Now for a toast," cried the young man, in a search of an expedient to divert his mother's attention.

"Let Mis' Turner give one," urged the sheriff, carelessly swinging about sideways to the table.

"Very well," she fluttered. "To all that we should be thankful for on this day, and to all those whose sacrifices have made the day possible."

"We shall not meet again, Jem," she said, as they stood waiting for the stage. "We are near the grave."

"Huh! Give me a good hoss—Wa-al, there's a heap of truth in what ye say, ma'am," he stammered.

"Call me Kate," she whispered. "You haven't today. We were good friends in the old times. And you've been a good friend to the last. The sheriff says you've done more for my boy than I can ever appreciate."

"I may 'a' been accomodatin'; that's all," he belittled, averting his gaze.

"But, Jem," she continued, not heeding him. "It pleases me to think you did it all for my sake. We're both along in years and I can say it. I like to think you've wisely counseled my son for the sake of Kate Connolly."

"I'd 'a' done much fer her," he muttered. "There! there! Here comes th' stage. Good-by. Slong, my boy. Keep straight."

"If he'd only follow my example," she sobbed, turning to mount the step. "He'll go high if he does," declared the sheriff, gently.

"Jem, come here," she said, leaning from the window. Then seizing his limp hand she whispered: "And you never wrote me in answer to my last letter. I never forgot you. I felt bad to believe you'd forgotten."

"Gee lang!" called out the driver in response to a nod from the sheriff.

And as the stage swung down the rough road, Mr. Peace removed his old hat and stood staring after it, while a drop of moisture on his hand burned like a bit of fire. As the vehicle



"Th' Ol' Pirut," Raged the Infuriated Officer.

swayed around a curve he sighed, heavily.

"Up with yer hands," broke in the sheriff's metallic voice. "Th' game's over, an' we're takin' no chances. Take his gun, Mike."

But that night, just as the snow-laden wind succeeded in jamming the moon behind a rack of clouds, the settlement was aroused by a volley of pistol shots. An investigation revealed the countless sheriff dancing madly in front of the jail and emptying his second gun at the sound of clattering hoofs somewhere ahead. Occasionally a spurt of flame answered back from the darkness.

"Th' ol' pirut," raged the infuriated officer. "He's off on my best hoss. Then to himself: 'An' I let him enter that cell an' hide a gun an' tools when he said he wanted t' chin th' younker!'"

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Mr. Arthur F. Jones, who has been employed at a bank in Aztec, New Mexico, for the past few months was a visitor in Portales the first of this week. Mr. Jones has many friends here who were glad to see him.

When a peppery old duck told his wife she had no sense she meekly pleaded guilty to the charge and pointed to him as the greatest evidence of the fact.

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Dr. Swearingin, of the firm of Doctors Presley & Swearingin, specialists, Roswell, New Mexico, will be in Portales, at Neer's drug store, on the 20th, 21st and 22d of each month, to treat diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and to fit glasses.

Will, also, be in Elida the 25th of each month. 1-tf



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