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CUBA

And Its Reciprocity Treaty Come in for Discussion in the Senate

FOSTER LEADS IN OPPOSITION'S FIGHT

Saying Reciprocity Measure Is the Work of American Speculators

DEPEW REGRETS THE ISLAND'S FREEDOM

And Makes Assertion It Would Have Been Better Had Cuba Remained in Status of Porto Rico—Bailey to Speak

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Less than a half dozen senators heard the opening prayer in the senate today. A few moments later a quorum appeared.

The Cuban reciprocity bill was taken up immediately after the routine business. Mr. Bailey, democrat of Texas, gave notice that he would address the senate on the measure Monday. Mr. Foster, democrat of Louisiana, then took the floor and spoke in opposition to the bill. He charged the reciprocity sentiment in Cuba to be the work of shrewd American speculators and declared that he doubted if history could furnish an equal to what he contended was an organized attempt to buy the American people and work on their sympathies. He said the reciprocity treaty would work to the disadvantage of the Cubans and that the trained diplomats of this government had taken advantage of the new and inexperienced sister insofar as a cold bargain was concerned.

CHARGES WOOD

He charged that the use by Governor General Wood of Cuban funds to assist in a reciprocity propaganda was illegal and wrongful and that it was directed purely to misstating and misrepresenting facts. He insisted that Cuba needed no aid and denied that there existed any moral obligation toward the government by the United States that called for the ruination of certain prosperous industries in this country. In replying to an inquiry of Mr. Tillman, democrat of South Carolina, he declared that the passage of the pending measure would obliterate the sugar industry of his state (Louisiana). He charged that the passage of the bill would be a political and economic blunder and barely short of a legislative crime. Mr. Foster declared that the passage of the bill would sound the death knell to the beet sugar industry of the west, and characterized the reciprocity in the pending measure as the hand maid of special interests. In responding to an inquiry by Mr. Spooner, republican of Wisconsin, and Mr. Fairbanks, republican of Indiana, he gave the sugar production of his state as 550,000 tons, 700,000 less than that of Cuba, and stated that the cost of production was three cents a pound against a cent and a cent and one-quarter in Cuba. In conclusion Mr. Foster made a strong and eloquent appeal that his people might not be a victim to the war, begun in the interest of humanity.

DEPEW ANSWERS

In answering him, Mr. Depew, republican of New York, said that the issue was not a sectional one. He thought that the fact that the bill had received the unqualified endorsement of the president, the votes of almost every member of the house of representatives and the earnest support of the newspapers of the land, showed that the public interest was behind the measure more than political interest. He also touched upon the connection between Cuba and the United States since the war of rebellion. He said he deeply regretted that congress had adopted the resolution establishing the independence of Cuba. He said he thought it would have been infinitely better for the United States and the Cuban people if the island had been made such a dependency as Porto Rico. He showed that certain grave obligations rested upon both governments, that one of them was to be executed in favor of the new republic by the enactment of pending measure. He reminded those who declared that there was no moral obligation on the part of the United States toward Cuba to remember that under the Platt amendment we guaranteed to remember the obligations.

"Why," continued the speaker, "the United States is personally behind every politician of that island. Even the sanction of Cuba is openly to the protection of the surgeon general of the United States and Cuba does not have to ask for

our interference, we are the sole judges."

PENN RESENTS IMPUTATION

Mr. Penn, democrat of Colorado, warmly resented Mr. Depew's declaration that Cuba was a dependency of the United States. "There is no such thing as a half way sovereign," he said. Cuba has entered into diplomatic negotiations with every powerful nation in the world, interpreted Mr. Foster. "The very fact that a treaty is before us for ratification should convince the most skeptical mind that Cuba is a sovereign government." Later he declared that such clamor, meaning annexation talk, should cease in the senate. He said the Cubans should be given to understand that the only interest the United States had in them was for their benefit, and that there was no desire to interfere in their government.

Mr. Teller objected to the inference that the blowing up of the Maine had brought about war. "It was Spain's inhumanity," he insisted. "It was Weyler, and if we had not been peaceful and law-abiding we would have driven Spain into the sea in 1854 or in 1872."

Mr. Newlands, democrat of Nevada, advocated the annexation of Cuba. He contended that under present conditions, with trusts "clutching the island," the people would soon be servants and not mere slaves. He said he had often heard it said that Cuba would be acceptable were it not for her people; that it were a shame the island could not sink into the sea and then emerge. "She is at the lowest state of her population now," said Mr. Newlands. "War has decimated her."

Mr. Clay, democrat of Georgia, defended the measure under consideration because of its reciprocal character. He thought it would be of benefit to the United States and of great advantage to the south. He painted a glowing picture of Cuba's prospects and insisted that inasmuch as this government had started the new republic on its course it should benefit her in every way. He said he did not believe the passage of this bill would injure southern cane interests or the beet sugar people and said he hoped to see the time that we would take to the same interests in Colombia and other Central and South American countries that we do in Cuba. The senate then adjourned.

BLIZZARD

Sweeps Over Chicago, Stalling All Kinds of Surface Traffic

CAUSES COLLISION ON ELEVATED ROAD

In Which Twelve Persons Are Injured—Heavy Snow Continues All Day and Night.

Complete Tie-up May Result

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The heavy snow blizzard which began last day and tonight, was responsible for one of the worst elevated railway destructions in the history of the South Side Alley "L," a north bound train running at high speed crashed into a train standing near the Forty-seventh street station about 2 o'clock this afternoon and nearly a dozen persons were injured.

Lydia Montgomery of Prairie avenue is tonight one whose injuries are likely to prove serious. The others were cut and bruised, but all of a minor nature. The escape of the motorman of the colliding train seems almost miraculous. The front end of his car was telescoped back to the second row of windows and he was pinned in and completely surrounded by a mass of broken timbers, glass and twisted iron rods, and yet though his body is covered with cuts and bruises, he is not seriously injured.

The heavy, clinging snow on the rails had stalled two north bound trains near forty-eighth street. A third train bore down from the south running at high speed. The snow, caked upon the window, prevented the motorman of the rushing train from seeing those ahead. His car was but a few feet from the second of the stalled trains when his eyes met the danger. In a desperate effort he tried to bring his train to a standstill. The brakes failed to work and the heavy cars slipped along on the rails, crashing into the rear coach and telescoping it like an egg shell.

HEAVY STORM

The present storm is the heaviest of the winter and surface traffic of all kinds has been much impeded all day. Suburban trains have been hours late and running at irregular intervals. Many minor accidents have happened to pedestrians who, forgetting to be wary in their efforts to protect themselves from the storm, came into collision with street cars and teams at street intersections. Of the many persons injured one most seriously hurt was G. W. Emerson, struck by a Wentworth avenue car on his way to work.

STORM IN MISSOURI ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special).—

CHICAGO LABOR UNION FINED AS CORPORATION

Press Feeders Found Guilty of Contempt in Violating an Injunction

A THOUSAND DOLLAR PENALTY IS IMPOSED

And Judge in Addition Heavily Scores Pickets and Union Men

MAKES A PRECEDENT IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Court's Action Being First of the Kind Ever Recorded.

Union Recognized as Corporate Body

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(Special).—One thousand dollars fine for illegal acts as a corporate body was imposed upon Franklin Union No. 4, Press Feeders, by Judge Holdom today. The court found the union as a corporation guilty of contempt of court for violat-

ing an injunction restraining it as an organization from interfering with the business or employees of ten printing firms, members of the Chicago Typothetae. Judge Holdom's action creates a precedent, it being the first time in the history of trades unionism in this country that a court has fined a union as a corporation. "Together with this decision Judge Holdom handed down an opinion in which he severely condemned the acts of pickets and union members which followed the Press Feeders strike. "Such warfare cannot and will not be tolerated by the courts in a land of peace, where the people are governed by law," said Judge Holdom. "And the law would be lacking in one of its most necessary attributes if it was impotent to punish for such violation."

REVIEWERS CASE Judge Holdom, in his opinion, reviewed the details of the strike, declared Sept. 27, and of the terms of the injunction granted Oct. 10, and then recited various acts of violence brought out in court as having been committed by the strikers. "From the affidavit in this case," said the judge, "it appears that more than fifty people have been since the inception of the difficulties, set forth in the bill, assaulted, intimidated, called epithets and threatened with harm, simply because they worked in a place vacated voluntarily by members of Franklin Union No. 4."

GLARING POSTAL FRAUD DETECTED AT MEMPHIS

Victims Are Residents of Indian Territory, Arkansas and Texas, and Their Losses Will Aggregate Thousands of Dollars—Alleged Perpetrator Is Arrested

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 12.—(Special).—One of the most gigantic and unique swindles ever perpetrated through the postoffice was exposed today when Albert V. Keech was arrested by government detectives. Close upon the heels of the arrest telegrams from victims in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas are pouring in. The postmaster is holding an accumulation of about 1,500 letters containing remittances. The attention of the department officials was attracted by thousands of letters being received here addressed to parties in Southern and Western states. Investigation showed that they were mailed by a man who gave his name as Robert M. Banks, having a room at 300 Front street. After a lapse of ten days mail began to flow in and the mysterious Mr. Banks got busy. It was found that he was sending broadcast circular letters which were accompanied by a fraud decree rendered by the "Court of Claims," designating him as "receiver" for the "Mississippi Valley" "hunting" Publishing company, whose affairs, according to the circular, "were thrown into court through a bill filed by the "Chicago Paper company." The publishing company gave a long list of prizes or premiums to its subscribers. The premiums were itemized from a pair of mules, wagon and horses,

down to a double barreled shotgun, including a miscellaneous array of valuable prizes. The court had decided against the "Chicago Paper company," said the circulars, and ordered that the premiums be awarded to the lucky subscribers. The books of the alleged defunct company failed to give all the names of lucky subscribers and a receiver was ordered to compile a new list. This he had done. All that was necessary for the subscribers to receive their premiums was to inclose a remittance covering the express charges. A special rate had been granted the receiver with the understanding that the whole lot of premiums was to be shipped on one day, December 15. The express charges were itemized in every instance at not less than \$15 nor more than \$30. Despite the fact that the court decree was bogus the "Planner Publishing company" a myth and none of the victims who received the fraud letters were ever subscribers, they bit at the scheme by the hundreds. It was such a glaring fraud the officials are amazed at its wonderful success. Remittances aggregated thousands of dollars. It is believed that Albert V. Keech is the "Robert H. Banks." He was arrested at the office of the fraud receiver.

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COLD WAVE IN TEXAS According to Saturday's prediction Texas experienced a general cold wave last night, ending with a sharp drop in temperature early this morning. Advice received at The Telegram office last night up to 12 o'clock were of cold weather in Northern Texas, the lowest temperature recorded being 28 degrees at Amarillo, with the mercury still falling. At Gainesville and Sherman the mercury registered 30 degrees. No official record of temperature was obtainable in Fort Worth, but a temperature below freezing continued from soon after sundown.

BAD FIRE AT LORENA Seed and Grain Warehouses Destroyed. Loss \$10,000. WACO, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special).—There was a very destructive fire at Lorena this evening. The cottonseed warehouse belonging to Cooper Williams was totally destroyed, also a grain warehouse belonging to Seley and Early of this city. The loss on the grain warehouse is about \$8,000 and is covered by insurance. The loss on the seed house will be about \$2,000 but the amount of insurance is not known.

BOX BALL AT Y. M. C. A. Some good bowling records are being made in the local Y. M. C. A. The state championship is held in the local association. F. E. Green has the member's record of 161. This stands as the record, though Secretary Reeves has made 173.

APPEAL BOND FILED As soon as the decision was rendered John A. Bloomington, counsel for the defendant, offered a cash appeal bond of \$125,000 and said he would carry the case to a higher court.

KAISER Makes His First Public Appearance Since the Recent Operation

AT LIGHT COMEDY IN NATIONAL THEATER

Appears Worn and Gaunt, Though He Assumes a Semblance of Gaiety to Set Rumors of Condition at Rest

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Great interest was felt in the first public appearance of the emperor since the operation on his throat, which took place tonight at the national theater, when his majesty accompanied by the empress occupied a box and witnessed the presentation of a comedy, Buten Rock (in uniform).

The theater was jammed to the top as their majesties took their position in the box. They were given an ovation that showed how strong is the hold of the house of Hohenzollern on their subjects. The box occupied by the royal couple was the lower stage box and his majesty remained behind the box curtain until the curtain was raised.

The comedy is very bright and was followed very closely by both the kaiser and the empress. The theme is the wooing of a vivacious American heiress by a dashing Prussian.

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The kaiser slapped his hands on his knees and manifested his appreciation in his usual manner. During the intervals between the acts he chatted with the empress and thus gave the spectators an opportunity to study him. He looked worn and somewhat gaunt although his affliction had left no permanent marks. He seemed much thinner than when he was last seen in public. It was freely stated that his appearance of gaiety was assumed for the occasion and that he came before the public at this time because he desired to set at rest finally, if possible, the sinister rumors that have recently been given wide circulation.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW GOOD GAIN The bank clearings for the past week were \$3,958,767.90, as against \$3,132,345.32 for the corresponding week last year, showing a gain for this year of \$826,422.58, or a fraction over 26 per cent.

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HUGHES

Has Been Acquitted of Murder Charged by Jury at Gainesville

VERDICT RETURNED AT 10:30 LAST NIGHT

Fourth Trial of Famous Case That Has Interested All North Texas

CHARGED WITH KILLING GEORGE FRAMPTON

Case Has Been Threshed in the Courts for Three Years With Varying Results—Defendant Is Now a Free Man

GAINESVILLE, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special).—At 10:30 o'clock tonight, the jury in the case of Nathan Hughes, charged with the murder of George Frampton, returned a verdict of not guilty, thus ending one of the most famous murder trials in the history of North Texas.

The jury went out at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the trial having been in progress since Thursday. The case was brought here on a change of venue and was hard fought throughout. The defendant was represented by Hon. A. C. Owsley of Denton and Davis and Garrett. R. E. Thompson and Mr. Mounts represented the state.

STORY OF THE CASE Hughes, who is a young man, probably 24 years old, was charged with killing George Frampton, a man of about 65 years, in 1899 near Denton, afterwards throwing the body into a creek. Hughes and Frampton had been traveling through the country together and it was alleged that Frampton had considerable money.

Following the discovery of the old man's body in the creek, Hughes was arrested and tried in Denton county, being found guilty and receiving a sentence of twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

The case was appealed and on a new trial, also in Denton county, Hughes was again found guilty and sentenced to twenty-one years. An appeal was also taken in this case and a change of venue to Gainesville taken. The case came up at the last term of court and Hughes was found guilty, the punishment being fixed at three and a half years in the penitentiary.

The fourth trial of the case came up last Thursday with the result stated in the foregoing paragraphs.

ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION Throughout the trial attracted a large crowd of interested listeners. The repeated trials of the young man have created a widespread interest through Denton and adjoining counties.

HUGHES A FREE MAN At 11:30 o'clock tonight, Hon. A. C. Owsley stated to The Telegram representative that a charge of perjury which had been lodged against Hughes had been disposed of, and that for the first time since his trials began, Hughes walked the streets of Gainesville tonight a free man.

GIVEN FIVE YEARS SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special).—B. E. Taylor, on trial the entire week on a charge of forgery, was given five years in the penitentiary this afternoon in the Thirty-seventh district court.

COLONEL PARROTT DEAD Former Resident of Waco Expires at Hot Springs, Ark. WACO, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special).—News reached this city this afternoon of the death of Colonel R. B. Parrott, which occurred this afternoon at Hot Springs, Ark., his home. The deceased formerly resided in this city and was for many years one of the leading and most prominent citizens of Waco. He was the state manager of the Provident Insurance Company for many years and was well known in the state. The remains will be shipped here for interment.

COMMISSIONER PROCTOR DEAD WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Civil Service Commissioner John R. Proctor, a native of Kentucky, died this afternoon as the result of an attack with neuralgia of the heart.



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## For Substantial Christmas Presents COME TO STRIPLING'S

We have the greatest assortment of Dolls in the City; our stock consists of the better made dolls that are not easily broken. For Women and Men we have many useful gift things. The following list will give you an idea of what to buy

### All Size China Dolls

Extra large size China Dolls, that are 20 inches long, for only **25c**  
Large size China Dolls that are 17 inches long that we have on sale at **15c**  
China Dolls that are 14 inches long and worth 15c, we are selling at **10c**  
China Dolls that measure 10 inches and that usually sell at 10c for **5c**

### Kid Body Dolls

Real Kid Body Dolls that are 18 inches long and have on slippers and lace hose, worth elsewhere \$1.00; these we offer at only **75c**  
Kid Body Dolls that are worth 75c, 17 inches long on sale at **50c**  
Regular 40c size Kid Body Dolls with light and dark hair; special **25c**

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### Unbreakable Jointed Dolls

24-inch Jointed Kid Body Dolls, best quality; these have on lace hose and colored slippers, actually worth \$3.50; our very low price **\$2.75**  
18-inch Unbreakable Dolls, dressed and jointed; these sell at **\$1.00**  
24-inch Kid Body Dolls with lace hose and slippers; special **\$1.50**

### Fine Kid Body Dolls

In the higher priced Kid Body Dolls we are offering our finest at **\$5.00**  
26-inch Florodora Kid Body Dolls that others sell at \$4.00; here for **\$3.00**  
Dressed Dolls, 18 inches long, unbreakable, with slippers and hose **\$1.50**  
Special—13-inch Kid Body Jointed Dolls, regular 40c kind, for only **25c**

### Fascinators, Petticoats, etc.

Large size Fascinators; colors, blue, red, pink, white; good value at \$1.00, on display counter this week at the special price. **75c**  
We will have on our special display counter this week a large assorted lot of Fascinators that are worth 40c at 25c; another lot that are worth 25c at only **15c**  
Silk Shawls, black and cream. These you will find special good things for a holiday gift; large size at **\$1.75**; medium size at only **\$1.25**  
Silk Petticoats, black and colors—the best ones that we have in stock will be on sale this week at **\$8.50**; other fine ones we will sell at **\$6.50** and **\$5.00**  
Flannel Petticoat Patterns and Wool Knit Petticoats, at only **50c**; the Black Sateen Petticoats with deep ruffles, sell at 98c, **\$1.50** and **\$2.00**  
A full stock of Women's Vests and Pants, bleached and unbleached; these we sell at exceptional values at the price, per garment **25c**

### Holiday Shoes and Slippers

We are showing the best line of holiday slippers in the city. For women you can find here a felt house slipper in all colors, with fur top at **\$1.00**  
Women's Fur Top House Slippers in brown mocha and black kid; soles made of solid leather, beaded and fancy fronts, pair **\$1.25**  
Women's Silk and Velvet House Slippers, fancy buckles; colors, black, green, blue and red, thin flexible soles, per pair **\$1.50**  
Women's Fine Dress Shoes, in all the best styles that shoes are made in will be found in our shoe store at, per pair, **\$2.50** and **\$3.00**  
Men's Holiday slippers and Nullifiers—a big lot of samples in these goods offered at bargain prices; those worth \$1.75 at **\$1.25**, and the \$1.50 grades at **\$1.00**  
Men's Fine House Slippers, in wine, black and other colored leathers, with patent leather trimmings, leather soles and guaranteed; per pair **\$1.50**

### Tailor Suits and Jackets

We placed on sale a few days ago 25 new Tailor Suits that were delayed in coming and that are now offered at special bargain prices—worth \$20.00; selling at **\$16.00**  
Another lot that came in at the same time, that are made in the newest style for late fall wear, that we could sell at \$16.50 are offered at **\$12.50**  
We have about 16 Tailor-made Suits that are of gray and black mixed chevot, in the late fall styles, which we offer this week at a reduction; we will sell choice for **\$10.00**  
Women's New Jackets in the box style and also close fitting back. These goods have just been received and are strictly new in style; fine quality at **\$15.00** and **\$12.50**  
Other New Jackets that come in black, tan, castor and red, box style and close fitting back; some half, others three-quarter length; prices, **\$9.00**, **\$6.50**, **\$7.50** and **\$8.00**  
Misses' Jackets in zibeline and kersey; red, black, blue, green, etc.; cape style, and special values at the following prices: **\$5.00** and **\$3.50**

### Men's Fine Furnishings

Christmas Ties, Suspenders, Fancy Socks, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, etc. This store is showing a very large assortment of these goods at low prices.  
Men's fine quality Four-in-Hand and String Ties for the holiday trade at 25c and **50c**  
Men's Fancy Suspenders, special values at 75c, 50c and 25c; others as low as **15c**  
Men's White and Fancy Vests for dress wear. These you will find desirable for presents; prices, **\$2.00** and **\$2.25**  
Men's Dress Shirts in the soft bosom madras, some being plaited and other plain bosom; just the same as down-town stores show at **\$1.00**—here for **\$1.50**  
Men's Hats in all styles and kinds. We have a large sale on Men's Hats and give exceptional values for the money; prices **\$5.00** down to **\$3.50** and **\$1.50**  
Men's Fine Dress Suits at **\$7.50**, **\$9.00**, **\$10.00**, **\$12.50** and up to **\$18.00**

### Women's Handkerchiefs

The best place to buy your Xmas Handkerchiefs. Every kind that you can think of are here. Very fine embroidered white handkerchiefs, new designs **50c**  
White Embroidered Handkerchiefs that are all linen and that other will ask you 50c for we will sell at **35c**, and the 35c kind at **25c**  
White Handkerchiefs, lace trimmed and very sheer. These are the best that we have ever offered at the price; special holiday offer, only **15c**, two **25c**  
Plain White Handkerchiefs that are nicely hemstitched—the kind that you have often seen at 10c each; as a special holiday offer, only **5c**

### Handkerchiefs and Gloves

Women's and Misses Bordered Handkerchiefs—regularly sold at 5c each; we have over one hundred dozen that we are going to sell at 2 for **5c**  
Women's Guaranteed Kid Gloves, in all colors and black. These will be put up against any \$1.25 glove in the city; suitable for presents. **\$1.00**  
Women's Golf Gloves in black, white, light and dark fancies—a lot of these are samples that were bought at a discount; prices, 25c, 40c and **50c**  
Men's White Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, all letters in the alphabet—nothing better for a small Xmas token; best quality, at **50c**; others at **25c**

### Jewelry for Christmas

Men's and Women's Shell Rings—these rings are all guaranteed for five years, 25c and **50c**  
Children's Dress Pin Sets, 3 pins to set, gold plated kinds for **50c**  
Children's Dress Pin Sets, and also beautiful Scarf Pins for men at **15c** and **25c**  
New Holiday Brooches—these are beautiful and make an appropriate present; the best ones will wear for years; these sell at **50c**; another lot at **25c**  
New Belts in patent and Russia leather; also good styles in black silk, **50c**  
Fine Black Silk Belts for the holiday trade at the following prices, **\$1.25**, **75c**, **\$1.00** and **\$1.50**

### Dress Goods, Quilts, etc.

We offer this week our regular 36-inch \$1.25 Taffeta, in black, at **98c**  
54-inch Melton, that is intended for skirts, worth \$1.19, this week **85c**  
52-inch all wool Venetians, all shades and black, special value at **75c**  
Fancy Linen Towels for tidies, etc.—a new assortment of these, bought for the holidays; prices 25c, 40c and **50c**  
Comforts that are full bed size and filled with white cotton, at **\$1.19**  
Comforts in regular size and full weight will be on sale this week at **98c**  
White Wool Blankets that are good \$3.50 values will be sold this week **\$2.95**  
Cotton-Blankets in 11-4 size, gray and white; prices **98c**, **\$1.35** and **\$1.69**

### Suggestions for Xmas.

New assortment of Silk Pillow Cords, variegated and solid colors, per yard **10c**  
Silk Pillow Tops, blue, red, white, etc., gilt embroidered; each **\$1.00** and **\$1.25**  
White Table Scarfs, square and oblong, large size **50c**; small size **25c**  
Slipper Soles for crochet slippers, women's sizes, **25c**; men's sizes **35c**  
Shetland Floss, all colors of the best quality; 90c lb., per skein **72c**  
Chain Purses—our holiday line is the best we've ever offered, **50c** and **25c**  
Fine Leather Auto. and Leather Handle Bags, in all colors, at **\$1.00** and **\$1.25**

### HIS TOUCHING TALE

Worked Lawyers Beautifully Till Some One Told Story in a Joke  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A prosperous looking man giving the name of Gottman and bearing with him a touching tale of domestic infelicity, has found a profitable field for the accumulation of ready money among the shrewd lawyers of the east side. These men of legal gift are said to have shown great willingness to part with sums ranging up to \$50 in exchange for bad checks and refrained from making the tale public until some one told it on his partner as a joke. Then reports of Gottman's operations came from many leading law offices along East Broadway, showing that the swindler had been acting for several weeks on the same plan.  
Gottman's scheme was to visit a lawyer and retain him in an action for divorce, after telling of his troubles at home. As a retainer he offered an apparently good check for \$100 and asked for change which always was forthcoming in cash. Gottman never came back but the checks always did, and they were cancelled as being worthless by the bank.  
Gottman has not been apprehended. He is supposed to have secured a large sum before the swindle was exposed.

### TEXAS WISHES TO MAKE GOOD SHOW AT INTERNATIONAL

Texas wants to be represented at the International in Chicago next year in such a way that she will be able to successfully compete for the grand sweepstakes prize for the best fattened bunch of steers shown. J. A. Craig, dean and director of the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas, and a man who is conceded to be one of the best posted men

on live stock matters in the southwest, has taken the matter up and will endeavor to make a good showing for Texas cattle at the International next year. Mr. Craig was selected by the directors of the college to take charge of the agricultural department of the station because of his superior knowledge in the raising and handling of live stock and his progressive ideas in breeding and experimenting with stock. Marlon Sansom, chairman of the board of directors, said yesterday that on his last trip to Chicago he received numerous congratulations upon the boards' securing Mr. Craig for the Texas work and that he himself considered Mr. Craig one of the best qualified men in the southwest for the position.

Mr. Craig wishes the co-operation of the leading cattlemen of the state in assisting him to make a big showing with Texas graded and fine cattle next year and has prepared the following letter

which he is sending to the members of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association:

"I am laying plans now to make a show of live stock from our station next year at Chicago. We are very much lacking in equipment to do this work unless we have the co-operation of all those that are interested in our cattle industry. I have thought that the Shorthorn Association might consider the matter of enough importance to assist us, or join with us in this work. Texas, this year at Chicago, showed that she produced the best feeding stock in the United States, and it seems to me that it can be shown also that she has the other means for producing the best finished stock in the United States if we can jointly work towards making a show of finished stock that will win at Chicago next year. To do this it will be necessary to show a car load of two-year-old steers fattened here. And we would also like to make a try for the grand sweepstakes prize. How far do

you think your association could help us? We have the means to carry the fattening through from start to finish, but have hardly enough money to buy as many steers as we want. What do you think of the idea of asking the Shorthorn Association to furnish us with a car load of steers of Shorthorn breeding for this purpose? Suppose the association appointed two of its members to work with me towards selecting a car load of Shorthorn steers, and then when we had them selected, let the association stand the first cost of the steers. We could stand all expenses afterwards in feeding and showing these steers at Chicago. This same committee might be empowered to secure for feeding for the grand sweepstakes. I know that in this we are aiming high, but I do think that Texas should make a try for these prizes, and as we do not have the means to carry the movement completely through, it seems that the

Shorthorn Association should be willing to do this much for us in view of the credit that would come to the breed if we could win out.

"I would be pleased to hear from you frankly in regard to this, and also what measures you think would be best to take to bring the matter before your association in the best way."

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your Druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50 cents.

Our Razors have won a reputation for themselves and us and if you have a gentleman friend you wish to remember do better than present him with one of these fine blades. NASH HARDWARE CO.

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Goods delivered Christmas morning.

**BUY YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS NOW**

And get a splendid choice from our large stock; we will store them and deliver them whenever you desire.



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Handsome, Striking, Up-to-date Illustrations.

Ask the lady in charge of

**ARMOUR'S BEEF EXTRACT DEMONSTRATION**

How to get one, and while there try, with our compliments, some of the dainty dishes that she is serving.

**OUR CHRISTMAS STORE LIKE A RADIANT STAR**

Bright and Sparkling with Christmas Gifts...The time to buy is NOW...Don't wait until the last moment to make your purchases, for the stocks will be broken; you'll not have near as complete a line to select from; and then again you'll avoid the Great Crush that is always in evidence a few days before the Great Day of All...Our stocks, generally, are more complete and better selected than ever before. **Don't Fail to Visit the Departments That Are Stocked With Appropriate and Useful Holiday Gifts.**

**Women's and Children's Coats**



This popular department will offer to the Monday buyers a fine opportunity to purchase a stylish Coat or Suit at a big saving. We have made a price on these garments which makes it possible for any woman or child to be stylishly dressed this winter for a very small sum. Come early Monday morning and get first choice.

**Women's Military Coats**

The finest and most stylish Coats worn this season, made of the best quality Covert Cloth with Military cape and new sleeves, handsome collar of green and white broadcloth, piped with gold; also the collarless Coats; our regular \$27.50 and \$45.00 Garments, reduced for Monday, price ..... **\$25.00**

**Stylish Corset Coats**

This coat is correct style; handsomely tailored in the finest of covert cloth, specially designed for women of fine taste and good figure. Monday, we will offer all the \$25.00 and \$27.50 garments at ..... **\$19.50**

**Children's Coats**

Our beautiful line of Children's Coats have been reduced on account of having no room to display them; the large Biblical Tableau on Second floor makes the closing out of these garments necessary. They are made of all-wool cloakings and French Flannels in Emblem styles and other late effects. Monday we will sell the \$2.50 and \$3.00 values at \$1.95; the \$3.50 and \$4.00 values at ..... **\$2.75**

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

Below we reproduce our second floor Christmas Tableau, which is taken from one of the most beautiful scenes spoken of in Biblical history, specially designed and executed by our own artist.



**Xmas Furs**

We have made extra preparations for Christmas buyers of Furs and are showing the most attractive fur scarfs and sets for women; also a handsome line of fur sets for children. We invite your inspection of this rich display.

**Fur Scarfs and Sets**

You can purchase an elegant scarf from us Monday of Marten and Sable, Fox, trimmed in cluster of tails at \$10.00, \$12.50 and **\$15.00**

The most exquisite are the Fur sets of Sable, Lynx, Squirrel and Fox at \$75.00, \$100 and **\$125.00**

**Children's Fur Sets**

Beautiful Fur Sets of Angora, Chinchilla, Squirrel and Ermine, Scarf and Muff, at \$2.25 up to ..... **\$9.75**



**Stylish Millinery**

Monday will be a day of Great Interest in this Department. We have made reductions of such magnitude that will make all other sales pale into insignificance and those wishing to obtain a choice selection will do well to come in the forenoon.

Women's very stylish Velvet and Felt Hats and Street Wear, trimmed in ornaments, birds and feathers. Our regular \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00 values Monday at ..... **\$2.00**

A Choice Bargain will be the sale of a number of late style street Hats, made of plain and scratch felt, regular \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25 values; Monday at ..... **\$1.00**

**White Goods**

This department is making some extra special offerings in Bed Spreads. Superior quality Table Linen, 72 to Xmas presents.

Marseilles Bed Spreads, beautiful patterns, large size, hemmed and ready for use; Price ..... **\$1.75**

Marseilles Bed Spreads, very heavy, handsome raised patterns, regular \$5.00 values; Monday ..... **\$3.98**

Iron Bed Spreads with knotted fringe, all around and cut corners, regular \$2.50 quality; Monday ..... **\$2.10**

An excellent Bed Spread in pretty designs that should sell at \$5.00; Monday ..... **\$3.49**

Beautiful Waist Patterns of Oxford Vesting and Satin Damask that we usually sell at \$2.25 per pattern, Monday price, per pattern ..... **\$1.50**

A very handsome Christmas gift is this Bargain Table Cloth of Satin Damask, attractive designs, regular \$1.50 yd. quality, Monday at per yard ..... **\$1.29**

Superior quality Table Linen, 72 to 90 inches wide, snowy white and very soft, \$2.00 and \$2.25 value; Monday, per yard ..... **\$1.69**

A select showing of fine Napkins in newest patterns, expressly for Christmas. Prices are \$1.23 up to ..... **\$4.98**

**Fancy Goods**

Here you will be surprised at the beauty of the display. All the latest and finest importations of the world's markets.

Pillow Covers, mammoth assortment of lithographed and stamped designs in all the newest colorings; 50c prices are 25c and ..... **50c**

Doilies, Center Pieces, Squares and Scarfs, Drawn Work, Linen, Battenberg, Teneriffe, etc., in all sizes at low prices; 25c to ..... **\$25.00**

Stock Collars, silk, satin, lace and chiffon; in all colors; embroidered, lace and applique trimmed. Prices range from 75c to ..... **\$3.75**

**Silk Petticoats**

We are showing a very handsome collection of Women's Silk Petticoats in all colors, priced at \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

**Fine Waists**

Evening Waists of Chiffon and Crepe De Chine in very handsome patterns will be sold Monday at a Greatly Reduced Price. Our \$35.00 values have been marked at \$25.00 and our \$25.00

tiful new designs, shoulder and stole effects, \$1.50 to ..... **\$15.00**

Forsythe Waists of Mercerized Cheviot, Oxford Vesting, Embroidered Pique. Monday, we sell our \$10.50, \$7.50 and \$4.50 Waists at ..... **\$2.75**

**Dress, Skirt and Waist Patterns**

This showing is one of the most novel innovations in our store. We carefully selected some of the most beautiful cloths that we had and cut them into Dress, Skirt and Waist lengths for Christmas Presents. Each pattern is artistically rolled and done up in ribbons, making a very attractive and desirable Christmas Gift

Beautiful Suit Patterns of Zibeline, Camel's Hair and Scotch Mixtures, in white, black, brown, gray and Champagne, prices are \$15.00, \$17.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and ..... **\$30.00**

Very handsome Skirt Patterns of Zibeline, Basket Cloth, Broadcloth, Serges, Maxillas, Cheviots and other popular weaves in all colors at \$3.50, \$4.50 and ..... **\$5.00**

All wool Waist Patterns in pretty stripes and colors. The Regular price of these materials was 75c and 85c per yard; Monday per pattern, 65c and ..... **75c**

**Couch and Piano Covers**

On our third floor, we are making a grand display of Couch and Piano Covers at very attractive prices, that should appeal to the Christmas buyers.

A Couch Cover in very beautiful and attractive designs, priced at ..... **\$6.00**

Very Pretty Tapestry Couch Covers, Bagdad effect, daintily figured; priced at ..... **\$3.00**

Beautiful Cotton Couch covers, handsomely figured, priced at ..... **\$1.50**

Satin Piano Covers, pretty stripes and floral designs, price, per yard ..... **\$1.50**

Japanese Silk Drapery with Persian and floral designs, for piano covers; price per yard ..... **75c**

**Handkerchiefs**

Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs, all linen, at ..... **15c**

Hemstitched Embroidered and Embroidered edge Handkerchiefs, Beautiful Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered, at 50c and ..... **75c**

A variety of beautiful Val and Mechlin Lace Handkerchiefs, soft and snow white, at ..... **\$1.50**

Snowy white embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs, at \$2.00 and ..... **\$2.25**

The Daintiest Point Lace Handkerchiefs from France and Belgium, prices range from \$2.98 up to ..... **\$15.00**

HANDKERCHIEF SETS—Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs, six in box, for ..... **\$1.50**

HANDKERCHIEF SETS—Children's Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, three in box ..... **25c**

**Women's Gloves**

The De Lorme in the dainty Parisian shades of Canary, Violet, Hello and Champagne; also black and white. Pair ..... **\$2.50**

The Vallier, a very serviceable glove shades, pair ..... **\$1.50**

The P. and L., a popular Glove for street wear, in the newest shades, Pair ..... **\$1.00**

**The Doll Palace**

Our showing of Dolls is the largest and most attractive in the city. We have them from all over the world. You will find here the cork filled, kid dolls, kid dolls with jointed arms and limbs, kid dolls with natural hair, beautiful dolls with natural eye lashes, bisque, French and Puritan dolls, baby dolls, boy and girl dolls, indestructible dolls and in fact the whole human race is here reproduced in the form of dolls at prices that are attractive.

**Xmas Fans**

Beautiful silk Gauze Fans, imported new patterns, hand painted, Spangled and plain, white with enamel wood and pearl sticks, prices range from \$1.50 up to ..... **\$17.50**

**Holiday Aprons**

The daintiest of dainty Aprons for Christmas Gifts. Newest patterns and large assortment.

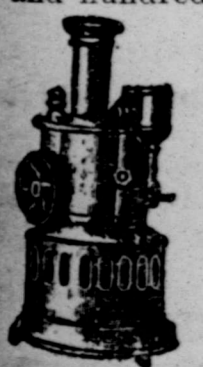
Paris Aprons, beautifully trimmed with ribbons and laces, at 25c, 49c, 98c and ..... **\$1.25**

**Parker-Lowe Has It For Less**

**Toy City In Full Blast**

Bring the children and come to this miniature city. Everything is here on a larger scale than ever before. Santa Claus is here and has brought hundreds of interesting presents for the little folks. There are Automobiles that run by themselves, Trains, Fire Engines, Flying Machines, Steam Engines, Magic Lanterns, the Balking Mule, Shoo-Fly Horses, Tea Sets, Kitchen Sets, Games of every description, Building Blocks, Soldier Sets and hundreds of other amusing Toys.

**STEAM ENGINES**—The joy and delight of every boy. One of the most educating toys in this department. All styles and sizes. Prices range from \$1.00 up to ..... **\$3.30**



**THE BALKY MULE**—A wonder of mechanism; most amusing toy made; come in and see him buck; price ..... **50c**

**MAGIC LANTERNS**—Entertain at home with this most interesting article; a variety of styles, prices range from 50c to ..... **\$3.50**

**Flannelette Kimonos**

Very beautiful House Gowns have been reduced for Monday buyers. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 garments at ..... **\$1.19**

**Women's Fascinators**

A Christmas suggestion is a very pretty fascinator. Our stock is complete and offers a splendid selection.

Silk Fascinators in Black and Cream with beautiful border, prices range from \$1.25 up to ..... **\$5.00**

Ice Wool Fascinators with pink and blue borders in beautiful designs at ..... **\$3.50**

Ice Wool Squares in black and white, handsomely made, priced at 98c and ..... **\$1.50**

**Women's Hosiery**

Black Silk Hose, embroidered in pink, blue, white and red, at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.98 and ..... **\$5.00**

Black Lisle Hose, embroidered in silk colors at 50c, 98c and ..... **\$1.50**

**Comforts and Blankets**

On the third floor of our building we will offer some extra special inducements for Christmas buyers.

Extra Heavy Comforts, of good size and large line to choose from; each ..... **75c**

Full Size Silkoline Comforts, figured on both sides; Monday, each ..... **98c**

Extra Large Silkoline Comforts, pure white cotton filled, quilted or knotted; price, each ..... **\$1.98**

10-4 Gray Cotton Blankets with fancy borders, regular 75c values, at pair ..... **59c**

11-4 Tan and White Blankets, fancy borders, that usually sell at \$1.25; Monday special, pair ..... **98c**

Extra Long Gray Blankets, with fancy borders—regular \$1.50 values; Monday, per pair ..... **\$1.19**

**BRIC-A-BRAC**—Handsome Decorated Austrian Ware, in large and small vases and many other attractive ornaments, at prices ranging from 5c up to ..... **\$25.00**

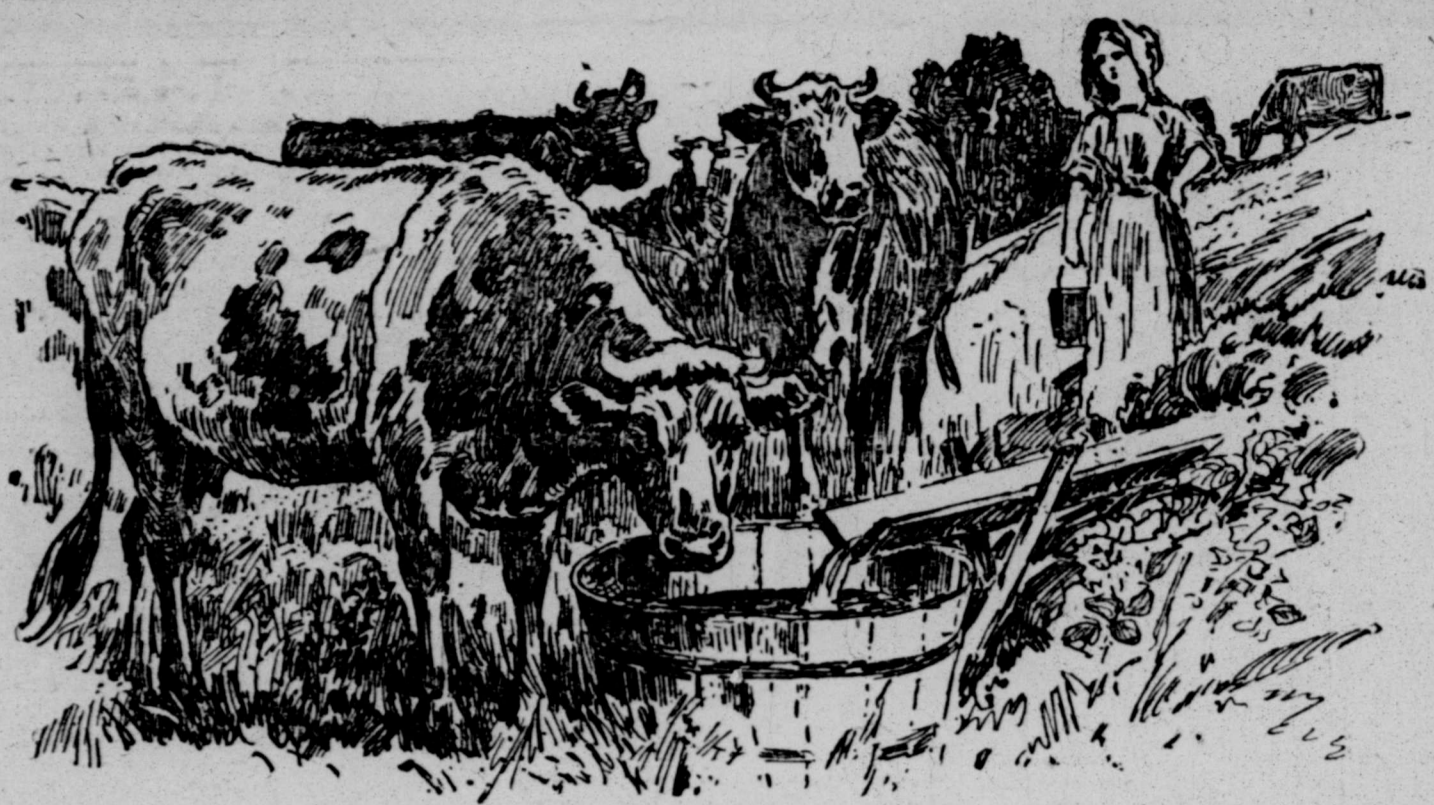
**Suggestions for Xmas Gifts.**

The assortments we are showing are more beautiful and more attractive than ever before. You can find here, handsome Sterling Silver Toilet Sets, a large variety Sterling Silver Comb and Brush Sets and Manicure Pieces; Men's Pipe Racks and Smoking Sets, Thermometers and Ink Stands, Ash Trays and Card Receivers, Photo Frames, Mirrors, Powder Boxes, Hair Receivers, Art Glass Puff Boxes, Infant Sets, Military Brushes, Handkerchief and Glove Cases, Jewel Cases and Bonboniers, Cut Glass Punch Bowls, Water Tumblers and Pitchers, Genuine Sevres Ware, Gilt Clocks and many other new and useful gifts.

**Gentlemen's Smoking Sets**

Mounted on stand and unmounted. A large variety of these useful and ornamental gifts makes the selection very easy; See the window display. Prices range from 35c to \$5.00.





The Animal's Instinct.

NATURE INTENDED WHAT WAS RIGHT.

All nature is but art unknown to thee; All chance direction which thou canst not see; All discord, harmony not understood; All partial evil, universal good; And spite of pride, in erring reason's spite, One truth is clear, whatever is is right.

NATURE provides everything necessary for human existence. The more we penetrate the secrets of nature the more we find to wonder at and to convince us that the closer we live to the laws of nature the healthier are our lives.

to find in nature that which would increase the red blood corpuscles and tone up and strengthen the human system. This he found in certain roots, herbs and barks, which he made into an alterative extract called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

attention to my trouble until I became so run down and weak that I knew I had to do something at once to regain my health. I began to feel better within four days after I had used the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and after using nine bottles I was restored to my usual health, feeling better than I had for years.

RETURNS FROM A BIG HUNTING TRIP

County Attorney Lattimore Tells of His Adventures as a Sportsman

County Attorney O. S. Lattimore is back from a hunting trip through portions of Southern Texas and does not hesitate in telling the usual big "fish stories" of the adventures of himself and party while away. In the party were Mr. Lattimore, Assistant County Attorney Buck, Jourdan Cummings and John E. Homan.

SANTA

Wires The Telegram to Receive All Letters Addressed to Him

SAYS HE IS COMING TO ALL WHO WRITE

Invites All Children to Make Their Wishes Known in Telegram—Jolly Old Saint Is Busy the Whole Year Round

TOYLAND, Arctic Regions, Dec. 12, 5 p. m.—To The Telegram, Fort Worth: I wish you to accept letters from all children in your section, addressed to me, and I will endeavor to accommodate all. My journey is a long one, but I am coming to Fort Worth direct. All letters published will have attention.

Women Who Love Beauty, who value comfort, who appreciate economy, find peculiar satisfaction in The Famous Shoes. The handsomest, easiest and best value ever offered in ladies' footwear; \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50, \$3.00 and ..... \$2.50.

EVIDENCE FOR DR. RAMEY Dr. A. W. Ramey, the Noted Specialist. Who has gained a wide reputation by his wonderful cures, is now permanently located at 909 Main Street, where he invites all men and women to consult him, FREE.

4 BIG FOUR ROUTE TRAINS NEW YORK AND BOSTON LIMITED Leaves St. Louis 8:30 a. m. daily. THE KNICKERBOCKER SPECIAL. Leaves St. Louis 12:00 noon daily. CINCINNATI EXPRESS. Leaves St. Louis 8:25 p. m. daily. No. 46 NEW YORK AND BOSTON Leaves St. Louis 11:00 p. m. daily.

PAVING OF THE CROSS STREETS Alderman Moreland Says He Is in Favor of the Work at Once

MRS. MASSEY IS A WHITE WOMAN Famous Case at Covington, Tennessee, Is Finally Settled by Court

NEW CHARTERS FILED Farmers of Mineola Organize for Mutual Benefit AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The following charters have been approved—Ledger Publishing Co., of Ballinger, capital, \$5,000.

CHRISTMAS Calls For Turkeys Turkeys Call For Carvers... We have the carvers people call for. All prices. But one grade—that the best. Patterns that will please anyone.

Wabash Route NEW YORK, BOSTON, BUFFALO, NIAGARA FALLS, DETROIT, CHICAGO AND ALL EASTERN CITIES. The shortest and only line from Kansas City or St. Louis running over its own tracks to Niagara Falls or Buffalo. Time and equipment unexcelled.

Drake's Palmetto Wine. A tonic palmetto medicine that relieves immediately and absolutely cures every case of Indigestion, Flatulency, Constipation and Catarrh of the Mucous Membranes to stay cured.

SUGGS Is in Memphis Interesting Politicians There in Indian Territory

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL Few People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the best and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature.

Your Friend Is Waiting Here While here he is being shown Genuine French Stag Manicure, Toilet or Infant's Sets and many other holiday attractions, including the finest line of perfumes in the city—imported and domestic.

SPECIAL CARS VIA INTERURBAN The Interurban is prepared to run SPECIAL cars for select parties, lodges, etc., at low rates. For full information call GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT, PHONE 100.

PRESIDENT GIVES LUNCH WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—President Roosevelt entertained at lunch this afternoon the eighteen members of the International League of Republican

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# MONDAY SPECIALS!

For Monday we have some Extra Special Bargains to show you in Seasonable Merchandise.

## In the Dress Goods Department

54-inch Black Pebble Cheviot our \$1.00 quality ..... **89c**  
Fancy Flake Mixtures, regular 60c quality; Monday ..... **48c**  
50-inch Dress Flannel, in light and navy blue, 65c quality ..... **49c**

## Uncle Sam Silks

In all colors, every yard guaranteed \$1.00 quality ..... **50c**  
36-inch Black Taffeta; special for Monday ..... **69c**

## Ladies' Kid Gloves

Ladies' Kid Gloves, just in by express, in black and colors; other stores ask \$1.00 for them; our leader ..... **75c**  
Pretty Sofa Pillow Tops—a big assortment; choice Monday ..... **25c**  
Fancy Pillow Cord, at per yard, 10c and ..... **15c**

## In Our Ladies Suit & Skirt Dept

All our \$25.00 Ladies' Tailor Suits; Monday ..... **\$15.00**  
All our \$15.00 Ladies' Suits; Monday ..... **\$10.00**  
All our \$10.00 Ladies' Suits; Monday ..... **\$6.95**  
Ladies' Black Broadcloth Skirts, trimmed with taffeta folds, worth \$8.50; Monday ..... **\$6.95**  
One lot Ladies' Skirts worth \$5.00; Monday ..... **\$3.95**  
Just in by express, about 100 Children's and Misses' Jackets, in all colors, will be on sale Monday at about 25 per cent off; range in price, \$1.50 to ..... **\$5.00**

## All Our Waistings Reduced

All our \$1.00 Waistings; Monday ..... **75c**  
All our 75c Fancy Waistings; Monday ..... **50c**  
All our 50c Waistings; Monday only ..... **39c**

## In the Clothing Department

See our window display of Men's Suits. They are \$8.50 values; special for one week ..... **\$6.95**  
All our \$12.50 and \$15.00 Men's Fancy Mixed Suits go for ..... **\$9.85**  
Boys' Knee Suits—our \$4.50 and \$5.00 line goes for ..... **\$3.15**  
Boys' Knee Suits—our \$1.25 grade; Monday ..... **.98c**

## Shoe Bargains

Ladies' Kid Shoes with heavy soles, our \$1.50 line; Monday ..... **\$1.35**  
Ladies' Dress Shoes in fine vici kid and patent colt—our \$3.50 line; Monday ..... **\$3.00**  
One lot Ladies' Shoes—about fifty pairs worth up to \$1.50; choice, Monday ..... **75c**  
Men's heavy high top Shoes—a good wearer ..... **\$1.95**

the Traction Company says under no conditions will the company reinstate the strikers.

### AUSTIN CARNIVAL

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Excursion trains poured visitors into Austin today by the thousands, and the big carnival went out amidst a blaze of glory and the uncontrolled enthusiasm of the people.

### WEATHERFORD 5, DALLAS 0

WEATHERFORD, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—In a tame football match between Hughey and Turner's football eleven and a picked eleven from Dallas, the Hughey and Turner boys won by a score of 5 to 0. Wollen of Dallas made a sixty-five-yard run around left end which was a feature of the game.

### KATY EXTENSION

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—T. S. Miller is in Austin and says it is uncertain when work on the Katy extension from Georgetown to this city will commence.

### TERRY'S RANGERS

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Word comes from San Marcos of great preparations made for the twenty-third reunion of Terry's Rangers on the 15th.

### RAIN AT AUSTIN

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A tremendous rain fell here last night, and the wind came in gusts and gales from the northwest today.

### REVENUE DEFICIT

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—When the doors of the state treasury closed tonight the total number of claims registered against the general revenue fund was 6,165, aggregating \$614,963. The state treasurer says the fourth call will be made soon.

### SHREDDED RICE FACTORY

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A movement has been inaugurated to establish a factory to put up shredded rice in convenient packages. The Chamber of Commerce has the matter in charge.

### GATES LEFT BEAR

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Having returned to Chicago in answer to a hurry call, John W. Gates left the bear he killed in Matagorda county with local friends. Last night they enjoyed a bear meat banquet at which the mighty hunter was royally toasted.

### TO LECTURE ON ZIONISM

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Rabbi Friedlander has been invited to Waco to lecture on "Zionism." While a resident of London, the rabbi was prominent in the movement.

### SALVATION ARMY DINNER

BEAUMONT, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Salvation Army is perfecting arrangements for a Christmas dinner for the poor. They expect to feed 500.

If you have weak lungs you have reason fear pneumonia, and should keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or attack of the grip to result in pneumonia, and is pleasant and safe to take. It always cures, and cures quickly.

thus shut off entirely separate from the rest of the building. In addition there are abundant fire escapes of the latest construction.

### THE CAFE

The Metropolitan cafe, which is on the first floor and has a Main street entrance, is a source of much pride to the management. The dining room is fitted with attractive tables, deep leather-cushioned chairs, and complete silver services, gleaming out glass and snowy linen present a pleasing picture. The cafe has a pressed steel ceiling, tinted green, and the walls are frescoed in the same color. The general effect is one of daintiness and neatness seldom found in so large a room. Private dining rooms, equally attractive, adjoin the main room.

The hotel kitchen has been entirely remodelled and practically rebuilt. It is of the sort a particular housekeeper would find in love with at first sight. A big range of newest pattern occupies an entire side of the room. The usual kitchen paraphernalia is arranged in perfect order and all are spotlessly clean. The concrete floor, sloping towards a drain in the center is scrubbed twice daily and the room is thus kept in faultless condition. Ice boxes, coolers, and urns are likewise dazzlingly clean and a special arrangement for light and ventilation in the center of the room draws off all odors and a smoke so that even at the busiest time the kitchen contains as pure air as the dining room. Even outside the kitchen the arrangements for perfect cleanliness are carried out. Concrete pavements slope towards drains and everything is scrubbed till white as concrete can be made.

It would be impossible to plan more carefully for absolute cleanliness in the preparation of food and as a result the Metropolitan's reputation for choice food will not only be retained, but enhanced by the additional facilities which the improvements have furnished.

### EXCELLENT SERVICE

A feature of the hotel which has remained with the improvements in furnishings and appointments, is the excellent service which makes the hotel home-like for guests. Every thing possible for comfort has been arranged and nothing that could detract from the enjoyment of a guest is tolerated.

The total expenditure for the various improvements made reaches \$25,000, and the result is a hotel with 160 handsomely furnished rooms, each having an outside exposure, and all comfortably heated by steam. The result is a hotel that Fort Worth can be proud of and one that promises to become as popular a hostelry as Texas contains. The proprietors of the Metropolitan are Mrs. Ella Moore and George T. Stullman, the latter acting as manager.

Winchester and Remington Shot Guns and Rifles are the proper kind. We are the authorized agents for Fort Worth. Always come to headquarters. NASH HARDWARE CO.

## METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMPLETE

Popular Hotel Has Been Remodeled at an Expense of \$25,000, and Has Been Made Perfect in Every Detail

"The finest European hotel in Texas," is the way an old traveling man who had tried them all summed up the Metropolitan of this city after spending a day and a night there.

It is doubtful if many Fort Worth people know to what expense and pains the present management of the Metropolitan has gone in order to make such a statement truthful, but certainly anyone who has been through the Metropolitan since its recent extensive improvements were completed, will bear out the traveling man's statement. For three years the management of the Metropolitan has been proving that the European hotel plan is the best and most satisfactory to the general public, and the prosperity which has come as a result, has made the equipment and service now offered the Metropolitan's patrons, possible.

### IN THE LOBBY

The old office has been enlarged by reducing the space formerly taken by the bar, and a big, well-lighted office and lobby secured. Big comfortable chairs, a mosaic-tiled floor and deep marble wainscoting make the lobby an attractive one. A feature in connection which appeals to traveling men is the sample rooms which join the lobby. All have a south exposure and are perfectly lighted.

An automatic electric elevator takes one to the second floor, where there is a cozy and elegantly furnished reception hall. Similar halls are on each of the floors. The second floor has twenty large, parlor bedrooms with private baths, iron bedsteads, heavy mattresses, and new and handsome furnishings. The other floors are repetitions of the second, excepting the private baths. Throughout the entire hotel the furniture and carpets are new, there are wide halls with central skylights for light and ventilations, all of the rooms have windows facing the street. The results are the best light and ventilation obtainable. A feature of the wide halls is the precaution which has been taken to prevent the spread of fire. At regular intervals are double iron doors, which when closed, have an air-tight chamber between and make the space

## FULLER MAKES NO STATEMENT ABOUT ARREST

No One Is Permitted to See Him at County Jail—Little Regular Business in Courts.—Grand Jury Meets Monday

G. M. Fuller who was brought over from Dallas last evening, was lodged in jail and no one was permitted to see him.

Deputy Sheriff George Akers, who went to Dallas to bring Fuller back to Fort Worth, stated to The Telegram that the accused man would make a statement for publication. Fuller told the sheriff that at the proper time he would talk about the affair.

It is believed that Fuller had confederates and the officers hope to locate them.

The Saturday grind in the different courts was unimportant and little was done.

Judge Irby Dunklin of the Forty-eighth district court granted plaintiff leave to amend in the case of Nannette J. Saul against the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas Railroad Company.

A divorce was granted Mary Ward against her husband, Ira W. Ward, by Judge M. E. Smith in the Seventeenth district court. They were married in 1886.

Judge Smith granted the receiver's application in the case of W. C. Weeks against E. F. Townes et al to collect mortgage and execute releases.

In the court motion to amend was granted in the case of the state against E. R. Coulter.

IN THE COUNTY COURT Judge Milam held no regular session

yesterday and the only business that came before him was the cases of three men who pleaded guilty to betting. They were Robert Compton, M. Jones and Charles Thomas. Each was fined \$10 and costs.

### GRAND JURY TO CONVENE

The grand jury of the Forty-eighth district court will re-convene Monday morning. It is understood there are many matters to be brought to the attention of this body. T. P. Boyd is foreman.

### NEW CASES FILED

The following cases were filed with the district court Saturday: Mabel Williams against R. L. Williams; divorce. Ex-parte against Minnie May Mehaffie; removal of disability of minority. T. M. Heap against the Northern Texas Traction Company; damages. Vesta Powell against Edward Powell; divorce. J. L. Comartie against the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company; damages. Jeff Parks against the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company; damages. Bertha A. Lewis against Henry Lewis; divorce.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

The county clerk did a rushing business yesterday in the way of issuing certificates permitting marriage, as the following will show: C. V. Tunnel and Miss Lola Edwards, M. C. Worthing and Miss Susie Penick, N. A. Hammack and Miss Luella Madry, J. S. M. Mason and Miss May Bingham, J. S. Eastwood and Miss Bonnie Sway, Gus Ferrett and Miss Lou Robertson.

### IN THE JUSTICES COURT

Will Bassham of North Fort Worth was given a preliminary hearing in Justice Terrell's court on a charge of the theft of two cows. The defendant was held in the sum of \$400 in each case. In default of bail Bassham was remanded to jail.

### COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Proceedings in the court of civil appeals for the Second supreme district of Texas at Fort Worth: Motions submitted: Little vs. Richards, for rehearing. Little vs. Griffin, for rehearing. Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company vs. Carswell, to affirm on certificate. Woodhouse vs. Massee, for rehearing. Smith vs. Stratton, for rehearing. Choctaw, Oklahoma and Texas Railway Company vs. True et al, to dismiss appeal. Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company vs. Roberts, for certiorari to perfect record. City National Bank of Colorado vs. McMurray, for rehearing. Texas and Pacific Railway Company vs. Barrow, for rehearing.

Motions overruled: Smith vs. Garrison, for rehearing. Hardin vs. Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company, for rehearing. Motions granted: Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company vs. Carswell, to affirm on certificate. Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company vs. Roberts, for certiorari to perfect record. Choctaw, Oklahoma and Texas Railway Company vs. True et al, to dismiss appeal. Reversed and remanded: Austin vs. Espuela Land and Cattle Company, Ltd., from Dickens. Affirmed: McCabe & Steen vs. Farrell et al, from Tarrant.

Cases submitted: Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company vs. Swan, from Hood. Travelers' Protective Association vs. Wright, from Tarrant. Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company vs. Glenn, from Hood. Fort Worth Stock Yards Company vs. Whittenberg, from Tarrant. McLarry vs. Edwards, from Lubbock. Standefer vs. Aultman-Taylor Machine Company, from Bosque.

Cases set for January 9, 1904: Clement vs. Carpenter, from Reeves. Freedland vs. Erwin & Co., et al, from Parker. Warner et al vs. Thomson et al, from Clay. Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf Railway Company vs. Roberts, from Childrens' Western Union Telegraph Company vs. McNairy, from Mitchell. Burton-Lingo Company vs. Beyer, from Mitchell. Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Company vs. City National Bank of Colorado, from Mitchell. Pittman et al vs. Hutchinson, from Tarrant.

### FEDERAL COURT

In the United States circuit court the case of the Interstate National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City vs. John Led. better occupied the entire day. The hearing began on Friday and will be taken up again on Monday.

Trey Poy On, a native of the flowery kingdom, had an examination before United States Commissioner Dodge yesterday on a charge of being unlawfully in this country. He was found guilty and sentenced to deportation. He was arrested at the Texas & Pacific station about two months ago by Immigration Inspector W. H. Robb. He came from New Orleans and had a ticket to Gainesville, but he had no identification certificate such as the law requires.

The only large cities that have not a large German population are Boston, with less than 5 per cent Germans, and Washington, D. C., with 7 per cent.

Of the 100,000 men in Newfoundland more than half are fishermen, who catch 150,000,000 pounds of cod a year, consume one-fourth of it and sell the rest to Catholic countries for \$4,450,000.

In Indian Territory there are 13,864 Indian scholars enrolled in the public schools. Of these 5,383 are in the Cherokee nation, 2,754 in the Creek, 4,783 in the Choctaw and \$39 in the Chickasaw.

Despondency is the chief cause of suicide, and business losses are more potent factors in driving individuals to commissions or rash deeds than ill health, insanity, disappointment in love, or strong drink.

## TIME TABLE

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS AT FORT WORTH TEXAS AND PACIFIC WEST-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
4:45 pm	1	St. Louis, Memphis	Fort Worth
9:25 am	3	Cannon Ball (St. L., N. O., El Paso)	9:45 am
7:45 pm	5	Cannon Ball (St. L., El Paso)	8:20 pm
11:05 am	7	From Willis Point	
2:55 pm	9	Dallas-Min'l Wells	3:00 pm
5:15 am	11	Dallas-Ft. Worth	9:25 am
12:30 pm	13	Dallas-Ft. Worth	
6:50 am	103	Dallas-Ft. Worth	

### EAST-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
7:00 pm	4	Colo., Memphis, St. Louis, N. Orleans	7:45 pm
7:00 am	6	Cannon Ball (El Paso to St. Louis)	7:45 am
10:30 am	10	Min. Wells-Dallas	10:35 am
12:30 pm	12	Dallas Local	1:55 pm
10:30 am	102	To Dallas	9:30 pm

### TRANSCONTINENTAL (Texarkana, Sherman and Paris.) NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
4:35 pm	32	Local	8:35 am
4:35 pm	31	Local	
10:30 am	10	Min. Wells-Dallas	10:35 am
12:30 pm	12	Dallas Local	1:55 pm
10:30 am	102	To Dallas	9:30 pm

### HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
1:35 pm	83	North Texas Lim'd	
7:55 am	85	Mail and Express	
11:50 am	93	Passenger	
8:30 am	84	South Texas Lim'd (Houston-Galveston)	8:30 am
7:45 am	86	Mail and Express (Houston-Galveston)	7:45 am
1:05 pm	94	Local Freight and Passenger (Ennis)	1:05 pm

### FORT WORTH AND DENVER CITY NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
1:11 pm	1	Mail and Express (Spring, Colorado)	
9:45 am	3	Wichita Falls Acc.	6:00 pm
11:10 pm	7	Colorado Express	
5:10 pm	2	Mail and Express	
9:55 am	8	FT. Worth Accommodation	
6:00 am	8	Texas Express	

### INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTH-ERN NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
8:55 pm	2	Mail and Express	
8:30 am	8	FT. Worth Limited	
1:11 pm	1	Mail and Express (Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston)	7:25 am
5:45 pm	7	Houston and Galveston Limited	5:45 pm

### FRISCO SYSTEM NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
10:55 am	10	Meteor (Sherman, Denison, St. Louis, Kansas City)	11:15 am
6:00 am	32	Mixed (Sherman)	6:00 am
2:55 pm	9	Meteor (Brownwood)	3:15 pm
7:35 pm	25	Mixed (Brownwood and Brady)	9:30 pm
Trains Nos. 32 and 35 arrive at and depart from Hemphill station. Trains use Texas and Pacific station, foot of Main street.			

### MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
8:10 am	15	Katy Flyer	8:35 am
10:55 am	2	Kan. City Express	11:45 am
8:15 pm	4	Kansas City, Mo. and Express	9:00 pm
7:45 pm	15	Katy Flyer	8:15 pm
5:10 pm	1	Waco Mail and Express	6:00 pm
7:40 am	3	San Antonio and Houston Express	8:30 am

### ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
12:20 pm	12	Fast Express (El Reno, Topeka, Denver, Chicago)	9:00 pm
8:30 am	14	To Omaha and Mo. river points	8:30 am
7:10 am	11	Fast Express (from Chicago, Denver)	
7:15 pm	13	From Omaha and Mo. river points	

### COTTON BELT ROUTE WEST-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
1:20 pm	6	From St. Louis and Memphis, through express	
6:50 am	101	From Dallas, Memphis, Chicago	
5:05 pm	103	From Texasarkana, Pine Bluff and Arkansas	
6:00 am	6	To Memphis and St. Louis, through express	12:30 pm
9:30 am	102	To Dallas, Memphis and Chicago	9:30 pm
10:40 am	104	Texasarkana, Pine Bluff and Arkansas	10:30 am

### SANTA FE ROUTE NORTH-BOUND.

Arrive	No.	From	Depart
8:20 pm	6	Day Express (Chicago, K. C. and Colorado points)	8:30 pm
7:20 am	18	Limited (Chicago, K. C. and Colorado)	7:30 am
9:00 pm	17	Limited (Galveston, El Paso, San Antonio)	9:10 pm
7:55 am	8	Day Express (Temple, Houston, Galveston)	8:05 am

### QUEEN & CRESCENT ROUTE

OLD TRAVELERS Always use the Luxurious Service of the Through Sleepers SHREVEPORT & NEW ORLEANS TO NEW YORK AND CINCINNATI. All Meals in Dining Cars. T. M. HUNT, Trav. Pass. Agt., Dallas, Tex. GEO. H. SMITH, a'l. Pass. Agt., New Orleans, La.

**Knight Dry Goods Co.**  
311-313 HOUSTON ST.

**GREENWALL'S OPERA HOUSE DECEMBER 16**  
WEDNESDAY, MAT. AND NIGHT  
THE FAVORITE'S RETURN  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL TOUR OF JACOB LITTS INCOMPARABLE COMPANY IN THE MOST POPULAR AMERICAN PLAY EVER WRITTEN  
BIGGER BRIGHTER BETTER THAN EVER IN OLD KENTUCKY  
SPECIAL Ladies and school children bargain matinee, 25c & 50c  
NIGHT PRICES 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.  
WRITTEN BY C. T. DAZEY.  
An entirely new \$20,000 production built especially for this tour—The countless familiar entertaining features presented better than ever before.  
50—ROLLICKING, FROLICKING, COMICAL PICKANINIES—50  
6—KENTUCKY THOROUGHBRED HORSES—4  
The greatest of all horse races. The famous Pickaninny Brass Band. Madge's thrilling swing across the mighty mountain chasm. PICKANINNY BAND PARADE AT 12 O'CLOCK.

**GREENWALL'S OPERA HOUSE**  
Tuesday matinee and night, Dec. 15  
The people's play at people's prices.  
"PECK'S BAD BOY"  
The matinee curtain will rise at 3:30. Matinee prices, lower floor, 30c; balcony, adults, 20c, children, 10c. Night prices, 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c.  
Thursday matinee and night, Dec. 17  
Magnificent scenic and electrical production of Marie Corelli's most popular story.  
"THELMA"  
Matinee prices, adults 50c, children 25c. Night prices, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.  
Friday night, Dec. 18.  
"THE CONVICT'S DAUGHTER"  
Seats on Sale for Above Attractions.  
**GREENWALL'S OPERA HOUSE**  
Saturday, Dec. 19, Matinee and Night.  
A new era in the annals of comedy.  
THE SMART SET  
An all colored comedy company.  
Matinee prices, adults 50c, children 25c. Night prices, 25c, 50c, 75c.  
Seats on sale Wednesday 8 a. m.

**Brief Texas News**  
WATCHING FOR DYNAMITERS SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Members of the police force are on the streets in citizens' clothes tonight watching for dynamiters and rock throwers in the street car strike.  
BANKRUPTCY PETITION SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Joseph Winn McMillan, formerly of this city, but now of Los Angeles, has filed a petition for bankruptcy in the federal court

CITY IN BRIEF

Nash Hardware Company. Dr. Ray, osteopath. Phone connections. Cut flowers at Drumm's. Phone 191. Broiles Electric Co., 1232 Main street. J. W. Adams & Co., feed, fuel and Produce. 499 W. Weatherford. Phone 539.

It will always be found a little better and perhaps a little cheaper at the William Henry & R. E. Bell Hardware Co., 1616-17 Main and 513-15 Houston streets. Dr. M. V. Creagan, 403 1/2 Main street, phone 3903. Special attention given to diseases of the skin.

Go to the O. K. Restaurant, 908 Houston, for the best meal in the city. Second grand masque ball at Foote's academy Tuesday night, December 15. Davenport's orchestra. Per couple, 50c. Extra ladies, 25c.

Nanmah Council No. 11 is serving dinner and supper at 694 Houston street for 25 cents per meal. Bound Electric Co. for globes. Picture Frames at Brown & Vera's. H. D. Mouzon has purchased the Greer studio at 502 Main st. (top stairs) and has furnished it handsomely.

Before you have pictures made see H. D. Mouzon at 502 Main st. (top stairs.) H. D. Mouzon makes a specialty of high grade photographs. You will do well to see him before having pictures made. 502 Main (top stairs.)

Try those large N. Y. Count Oysters at The Busy Bee. They are as large as a negro's foot. The ladies of the First Christian church will hold their Christmas bazaar on the 14th, 15th and 16th inst. in the parlors of the Parker drug store, corner Seventh and Houston streets. They would be pleased to have all their friends call.

Be sure and read the ad of the Crouch Hardware Co. in today's paper. Go see that beautiful soda fount at The Busy Bee, 1108 Main, and get a free glass of soda. They serve all kinds of hot drinks and cider, root beer, Bellefort, ginger ale, etc.

Join our souvenir club and get fine views of Fort Worth to send your friends for the holidays. Special club price this week at 702 Houston st. New views of Fort Worth to send your friends. Special club price this week at the O. K. Studio, 702 Houston st.

The Busy Bee, 1108 Main, is still in town with the finest line of Xmas candies in the city. Mrs. W. G. Turner has returned from a visit of several weeks with North Carolina friends.

Mrs. Steffins of Abilene, who was the guest last week of Miss Spencer, has returned home. The Crouch Hardware Co., 1907 Main street are going to give away a Quick-meal range free. Read the ad in today's paper for particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot were the guests last Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. John Winter. Mrs. Margaret Lewis and the Misses Lewis of Sherman will spend the holidays with Mrs. John Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beckham are entertaining R. H. Beckham, Jr. The young man arrived Friday night fitted up with fine pounds of avoirdupois. Some little girl is going to get a Quick-meal range free. Read the ad of the Crouch Hardware Co. for particulars.

Free, 19-inch mirror with \$5.00 purchase. Blue or black kersey overcoat, \$2.85; \$10.99 and \$12.50 men's suits for \$7.45; \$2.50 and \$3.00 pants for \$2.00. L. Gordon, 1513 Main. George E. Nies was called to Dallas last night on account of the illness of a sister.

Catarrh Is a constitutional disease. It originates in a scrofulous condition of the blood and depends on that condition. It often causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the vocal organs, disturbs the stomach. It is always radically and permanently cured by the blood-purifying, alterative and tonic action of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Sarsaparilla This great medicine has wrought the most wonderful cures of all diseases depending on scrofula or the scrofulous habit. HOOD'S PILLS are the best cathartic.

died yesterday at Albany, Ga. Dr. Mason formerly lived in this city, where he practiced dentistry. He left here about two years ago to reside in Albany, Ga., where he has been very successful. Mr. Calhoun received a letter from him a few days ago, and there was no mention of ill health, so that his death comes as a surprise. Dr. Mason was a member of Fort Worth Ruling 349, Fraternal Mystic Circle and of Queen City Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He has a large number of friends in this city.

BRICE BIDS LOW ON THE BARN OF CAR COMPANY

Manager Haines Has Opened the Bids for the Building to Be Erected on East Front Street

General Manager F. M. Haines of the Northern Texas Traction Company has opened the bids for the construction of the new barn and repair shop which is to be constructed on East Front street near the baseball park.

There were six bidders on the work, William Brice being the lowest. The bids have been sent to the headquarters of the company in Cleveland, where the letting to the lowest bidder will be approved. Each bidder was required to deposit a certified check for \$1,000, which accounts for the fact that but few were in the contest.

The letting of the contract will mark another improvement in this city, and an improvement which will mean the investment of a large amount of money in this city. The Traction Company is thus anchoring itself on Fort Worth dirt, and here it is to remain. While there is no official statement that the company proposes doing so, it is believed that sooner or later it will extend its interurban lines to other towns, and whenever that extension is made, Fort Worth will be the headquarters of the system. The barn will be completed, according to contract, within ninety days from the date the contract is signed.

The company has just completed the switch on the Glenwood line, so that a more frequent service can be provided during the busy hours of the morning and evening.

CHIEF REA IS TO GIVE HELP TO COMPANY

Anti-Spitting Ordinance Is to Be Rigidly Enforced and Officers Are to Be So Instructed

"As soon as your cards are in the car, let me know and I will instruct the officers of the force to look out for violations of the law," said Chief W. M. Rea to Superintendent O'Mara of the Northern Texas Traction Company yesterday.

This has reference to the warning about the anti-spitting ordinance. The warning is large enough. It is printed in big black type on heavy white card board, and will be framed. It will hang conspicuously in the car. Chief Rea further told Mr. O'Mara that he would instruct every officer on the force to watch for violations of the law on street cars and to arrest every one without fear or favor. They will also be instructed to respond to the call of any street car conductor or motorman, on whose car such violations occur.

Last night on one of the cars a man was seen to expectorate four times on the floor of the car while he was riding about four blocks. He was chewing tobacco, and when he left the car there was a pool of filth where he had been sitting. The company and the police department propose to put a stop to this practice.

HORACE SPEED MAY GO

United States Attorney For Territory May Not Be Reappointed WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Deleah McGuire of Oklahoma today discussed with the president his prospective appointment. One of these is United States Attorney Horace Speed, the present incumbent, who is slated to go, at least his reappointment will depend on charges against him now being investigated. McGuire and Speed are not friends and it is safe to say that some one else will be selected.

Read Telegram Want "Ads."



The Toy Store OF FORT WORTH

EVERYBODY CAN GET WHAT THEY WANT AT THE ARCADE

The baby, the girl, the boy, the lady, the gent, the mamma and papa, can all be pleased here. We have the Kid Doll and Jointed Doll with eyelashes, and— Kid Doll 17 1/2 inches long, with shoes and stockings and beautiful hair, for \$50c. And Kid Body Doll, as above, 15 1/2 inches long, for \$35c.

THE ARCADE

1204-1206 Main Street LEE HAGOOD, Proprietor



The Toy Store OF FORT WORTH

Games! Games!

- Pillow Dex ..... 10c World's Fair Game \$1.25 Snap ..... 5c Battle of Manila ..... 35c Fish Pond ..... 10c The Hen That Laid the Golden Egg ..... 35c Santa Claus ..... 5c Trinity Chimes ..... 25c Authors ..... 5c Ten Pins ..... 25c Drawing Teachers ..... 5c Tuber Phone ..... 25c And many others at same price. Hobby Horses ..... \$1.25 Little Cowboy ..... 25c Shoo-Fly Horses ..... 65c

THE ARCADE

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STATUS

Of Fraternal Insurance Association Discussed by Q. T. Moreland

IN LIGHT OF JUSTICE CONNER'S DECISION

That Texas Law Relative to Such Associations Is Unconstitutional, Moreland Says It Makes No Difference

Some days ago The Telegram published the opinion of Chief Justice Conner of the second supreme judicial district in an important case affecting the existence of certain insurance companies. Since that time many inquiries have been made as to whether the opinion affected beneficiary associations. Alderman Moreland gave his opinion on the subject to The Telegram as follows:

Chief Justice Conner of the second supreme judicial district, held that title 49a of the acts of 1899 was unconstitutional. This was "the law relative to fraternal beneficiary associations, specifying what a beneficiary association is, and what such associations must do to enable themselves to conduct business in this state and also in section 11 of the title exempting the money due any beneficiary holding a policy or certificate in any such association, and laying it down that the money should not be subject to garnishments or other process at the suit of any creditor."

"By reason of the provision of section 16 of the act, the court of civil appeals held the entire law unconstitutional. This section 16 provided that the benefits of the act should not apply to the Order of Railway Conductors, Order of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Telegraphers and Order of Locomotive Firemen, etc.

"Johnson, the plaintiff in garnishment, brought suit before Justice Terrell, who held the law unconstitutional, because of section 16. On appeal by the United Benevolent Association, County Judge Milam affirmed the judgment. On appeal to the court of civil appeals that court affirmed the judgment also, holding the law unconstitutional in an able opinion handed down by the chief justice.

"I have seen it stated that this holding puts all of the beneficiary associations of the state out of business. No such result follows, however, from this judgment, even if it should be sustained by the supreme court, for the state was full of such associations long before the enactment referred to. They have been doing business in the state for twenty or thirty years, may be longer. The law was passed in 1899. Knock the law out and it leaves us just where we were before the law was passed. Prior to 1899 it seems there had been no statute specifically regulating or applying to fraternal associations. In 1899 the legislature in its wisdom attempted to pass a law affecting and regulating such associations. The law being declared unconstitutional does not drive the associations out of the state and leaves their status exactly the same as if the 1899 law had not been passed. I may add that I am thoroughly in favor of a

SCHEME DID NOT WORK

Plan of Newspaper Correspondent to Make Money Off Commissioners Falls Through MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the United States commissioners' association of the Indian Territory held here today to consider the increased jurisdiction of the commissioners to cover probable business and additional help in the commissioners' office and a raise in salaries, no special action was taken but the matter will be taken up with federal judges of four districts.

SHOW WINDOW SHOPPERS OUT SIGHT SEEING

There Were Many on the Streets Last Night and All Displays Were Very Attractive

Show window shoppers were out in force last night, looking at the pretty things on display. It looks like the notion struck all the window dressers in the city at the same time, as every one of the leading business houses of Fort Worth was prepared with a holiday display last night. The streets were crowded. At times the pedestrian was forced to elbow his way through the crowds. They walked from one end of Main street to the other, they took in Houston street, and although the weather was a bit cold, they did not appear to be uncomfortable. They looked at everything, and enjoyed the many articles shown. Song went in to make their selections, and quite a good business was reported in all sections.

THE CATCHING OF SNAKES

The catching of snakes and the collecting of their venom, which fetches \$5 per grain, is a new industry in Australia,

A. J. DAVIDSON A VISITOR HERE

General Superintendent of the Frisco System Makes Short Call

A. J. Davidson, general superintendent of the Frisco system, arrived in the city last evening in his special car over the

Texas & Pacific and will depart for the North today over the "Frisco."

Mr. Davidson was seen and asked about the consolidation of the "Frisco and Rock Island interests." He replied that there was a community of interest, but further than this he was not advised. However, he did say that while this may be the case both lines are being operated separately. Mr. Davidson was also asked about the recent displacement of several heads of departments of agencies in many of the principal cities in the country where both the Rock Island and the "Frisco" maintained offices. The reply was that he hardly believed that this action, referring to Texas, would be taken, particularly in the larger cities. This matter, he said, did not come under his supervision, consequently he could not speak exclusively. "My time is taken up almost exclusively in looking after the operated lines over

the country, to know what the executive officers of the company are doing in the direction of building new lines or projecting extensions," said Mr. Davidson when asked what the "Frisco was doing towards construction in and out of the state. He was asked especially with reference to the extension of the line south from Brady to San Antonio, but had nothing new to say.

Mr. Davidson had a conference with Superintendent Fickinger of the Texas line last evening.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Senator Teller has introduced a bill to establish probate courts in all recording districts of Indian Territory.

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### TRUCK GROWERS TO MEET TUESDAY

Distinguished Speakers Will Be Present at Meeting in City Hall

At the city hall Tuesday will be held a meeting of importance to the truck growers of this county, particularly to those who will engage in the business in the future.

Some time ago W. C. Forbess, general passenger agent of the Northern Texas Traction company, and Oswald Wilson, Texas statistician of the bureau of agriculture, Washington, took up the matter of promulgating what is to be known as a farmers' institute to be held in this city and also at Arlington. The matter rapidly developed and all arrangements have been completed for holding the two meetings at the above places.

Among those who will address the farmers on these occasions are some of the best posted men on agriculture and horticulture in the state. It is only necessary to mention the following as a partial list of those who will speak in this city Tuesday to corroborate the statement: R. L. Bennett, director of farmers' institutes of the Agricultural and Mechanical college; Prof. S. A. Knapp of the department of agriculture at Lake Charles, La.; Marjion Sanson of Fort Worth, and E. W. Kirkpatrick of McKinney. Besides these gentlemen there will be addresses by several others who are also well known as experts on agriculture, etc. The address of Mr. Kirkpatrick will be upon the important subject of "Horticulture."

Mr. Smith of Sherman has been induced to come to Fort Worth and speak to the farmers of the institute on the subject of "Alfalfa."

Discussing the matter yesterday Mr. Forbess said to The Telegram that it was the intention to organize a permanent association of farmers in this county, after which the Agricultural and Mechanical college would take the proposition up and push it over the entire state in

an effort to thoroughly organize every county in Texas.

The formation of these institutes, said Mr. Forbess, will be of great interest, not only to the farmer and truck grower, but to the merchant as well, as it will bring both into closer relations one with the other in a business way, and will promote a more friendly feeling between the merchant and the producer.

Mr. Forbess further said that the matters to be considered at this institute will determine the fact that there are other products besides cotton that will pay farmers to raise.

While the move is to become a general one over the state, the Northern Texas Traction company is directly interested in the outcome of the coming meeting. This company proposes to settle many people along its line between Fort Worth and Dallas, who will engage in trucking exclusively. It has been demonstrated that all sorts of produce can be successfully raised in this territory and the effort is to be made to have the truck interests pushed to its limit in North Texas.

### MINNESOTA FINANCE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 12.—That farmers are taking care of their paper without asking extensions is shown by the experience of a local financial institution which had arranged maturities for crop time—October 1 to November 1. These maturities numbered about 1,000 and 95 per cent have been taken care of. The record for October is remarkable in that all but two mortgagors have paid their obligations and the remaining two were carried over because of their well known good financial condition.

Jobbers, implement houses and lumbermen are having a rather slow time with collections just at present. For a time paper was taken up rapidly, but the sport has ceased. This condition is due to the fact that where the country merchant knows that his farmer customer has grain or farm products enough on hand to take care of his running account he allows the customer to do his fall plowing and to finish preparing for the long winter without pressing his account. He, therefore, is not able to pay his account with the jobber and manufacturer and asks a short extension.

At the same time the farmer takes advantage of this attitude toward himself and pays first his paper obligations which are maturing.

Banks are not loaning except where they cannot refuse, but they are granting extensions of thirty to sixty days to the makers of paper which they already hold.

When the farmer markets the grain he has the tide of money will begin to flow outward. At present currency shipments out are very light.

### Y. M. C. A. IS OUT FOR 200 NAMES

Stirring Campaign for Additional Members Has Been Started

A campaign has been organized, the purpose of which is to add at least two hundred members to the Y. M. C. A. On Thursday night a most enthusiastic meeting of members was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, at which the situation was canvassed at length, and the conclusion was reached that 200 men should be added to the rolls within the next thirty days. Not since the days of the big contest in '96, at which time 352 members were received, has there been such enthusiasm. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Reeves and the object explained. E. Jones, representing the state Y. M. C. A., then addressed the meeting. Clyde A. Jack and Jacob Tudor were elected associate captains to serve with two others to be chosen later. These men chose their sides and went into executive session to plan their campaigns. Mr. Jack's team is as follows: George Hill, J. O. Whyte, Prof. J. F. Draughon, F. E. Palmer, W. G. Leake, J. W. Sanders, W. B. Crutchfield, W. B. Paddock, E. J. White, Prof. F. Grantiam, James A. Cameron, C. C. McCormick, Dr. J. T. Williams, Alfred Smith, W. V. Bowman, W. Gray, E. Kruse, William Anderson, J. K. Bumpus, P. Grantiam and E. R. Connor. This team will be known as the Blue Builders and are designated by a blue badge with the significant letters B. B.

The other teams will be known as the Red Record Rustlers, wearing a red R. R. badge. The members are as follows: Jacob Tudor, M. J. Dowlin, George Storer, W. B. Thompson, D. Rector, W. O. Davis, Don Cowan, F. E. Green, W. P. Calhoun, A. Gandre, O. H. Brogdon, Rogers Stuart, M. W. McDaniel, A. Goerte, W. E. Bilheimer, Charles Whyte, H. S. Broiles, Jr., George W. Dudley, Ira B. Sanders, Charles Conannon, A. Grantiam, R. P. Hill and Hugh Clark.

The contest is to run till 6 p. m. January 12. At the close of the contest a grand banquet will be given. To be eligible to a seat at the banquet a contestant must secure five points in the contest. Each dollar on membership counts one point. An interesting feature of the

banquet is that the winning team will be served with an elegant supper while the opponents will eat crackers and water. No one will know who has won till all are seated at the banquet tables. The association will give to the contestant securing the largest number of points a five years' membership in the association dated on the day of the opening of the new building.

As a special inducement to membership a course ticket to the Lyceum will be given with each annual membership.

The contest is opening up lively. A number of applications were handed in yesterday. A bulletin will be posted at the building showing the standing of the two teams up to the last week of the contest. During the last week the standing will be kept secret.

### BIG FOOTBALL GAME

Dallas and Fort Worth to Meet on Local Gridiron Christmas Day.

Not since Thanksgiving has there been any interest taken in football by local admirers of the game, mainly for the reason that beyond the eleven of the two colleges in the city there has been little or no attempt to organize and keep up a good team. However, the old Fort Worth lightweights have reorganized and issued a challenge to the Dallas team, which was accepted, and the game arranged for Christmas day to be played at Haines park. While the team will practice hard until Christmas still a great deal of the playing will be on the individual order, as none of the present players have had much practice this season and two weeks' time will hardly put them in best condition for a game.

### AN OPPORTUNITY

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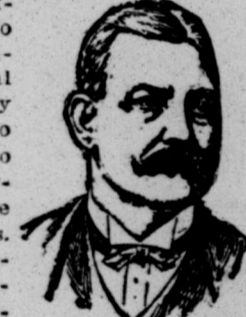
### REV. MONK TO MEN

Men's Mass Meeting at the First Baptist Church Today.

Rev. Alonzo Monk late of Atlanta, Ga., the newly appointed pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, has consented to address a mass meeting of men at 4 p. m. Sunday, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The association is now using the auditorium of the First Baptist church for its men's rallies on account of the limited space in the building. Rev. Monk is considered one of the ablest ministers in Southern Methodism, and a splendid address may be expected today. Special music. All men invited.

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# The Bethlehem of Today

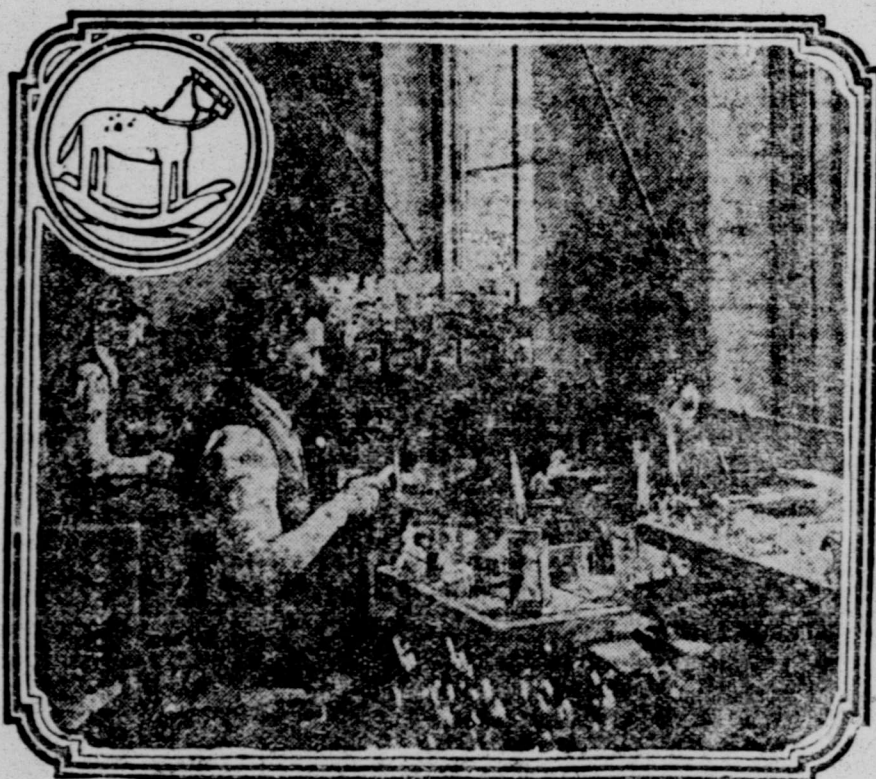
LIFE IN THE TOWN WHERE CHRIST WAS BORN

By EVANGELINE BEN OLIEL

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BETHLEHEM, which in the days of the prophet Micah was "little among the thousands in Judah," is now one of the largest villages in Palestine. The inhabitants number about 3,000. It is very appropriate that this village, in which the Saviour was born, should be superior to all others in Palestine. This it is generally acknowledged to be. The natives of Bethlehem are the most intelligent and the most industrious of all the village dwellers around Jerusalem. They are also renowned for their high moral character. The entire population holds the Christian faith, either that of the Latins or of the Greeks. Ibrahim Pasha on laying Bethlehem in ruins, strangely enough, drove out the Turks and allowed the Christians to stay and dwell in the birthplace of their faith, and they have held sway there ever since.

The inhabitants of Bethlehem cultivate the land with a diligence unknown to their Mohammedan neighbors. The women are quite as industrious as the men, both in the work of the fields and in their homes. Many a maiden with flowing veil and tin-



CHRISTMAS TOY MAKERS HARD AT WORK.

THERE are 150 manufacturers of Christmas toys in the United States. They turn out in a year about \$3,000,000 worth of toys and yet do not supply more than one-half the demand created by the 12,000,000 little ones whose wants are imperative at Christmastide. The toys imported are chiefly manufactured in France and Germany.

king coins on her cap can be seen gleaming in harvest time.

The women of Bethlehem are noted for their beauty and their graceful and dignified carriage. The latter may be caused by the habit they have of carrying heavy pitchers and baskets laden with fruit on their heads above their already heavy head gear. They are also renowned for their nobility and uprightness of character. They claim to have descended from the crusaders, and still wear the costume that was in style in those days. It is the prettiest of all the brightly colored gowns worn in Palestine and is elaborately trimmed with embroidery worked by themselves.

At the door of their homes and in the courtyard which is the common property of the surrounding houses women



A BETHLEHEM FAMILY GROUP.

and maidens can be seen sitting on mats grinding the grain at their small hand mills, singing cheerily as they work. Inside the houses others are busily helping the men carving articles of worship out of the oyster shells found in the Persian gulf. These relics, which they offer for sale, are truly things of beauty, though carved by the hands of these simple, illiterate workers. Large entire shells have bas relief pictures of the Nativity exquisitely carved on them. The Bethlehemites carry on quite an extensive trade both in the orient and in other lands in curios made from this pearl, as also from the olive wood of the land and the black stone from the Dead sea.

The houses in Bethlehem are scattered here and there regardless of symmetry and with no attempt whatsoever

draw to their homes and close their doors soon after sunset. Most of the business of the town is carried on in the market place during the morning, and housekeepers purchase their provisions daily from the men and women squatting on the ground of this central square, where they spend hours bargaining over the price of each article.

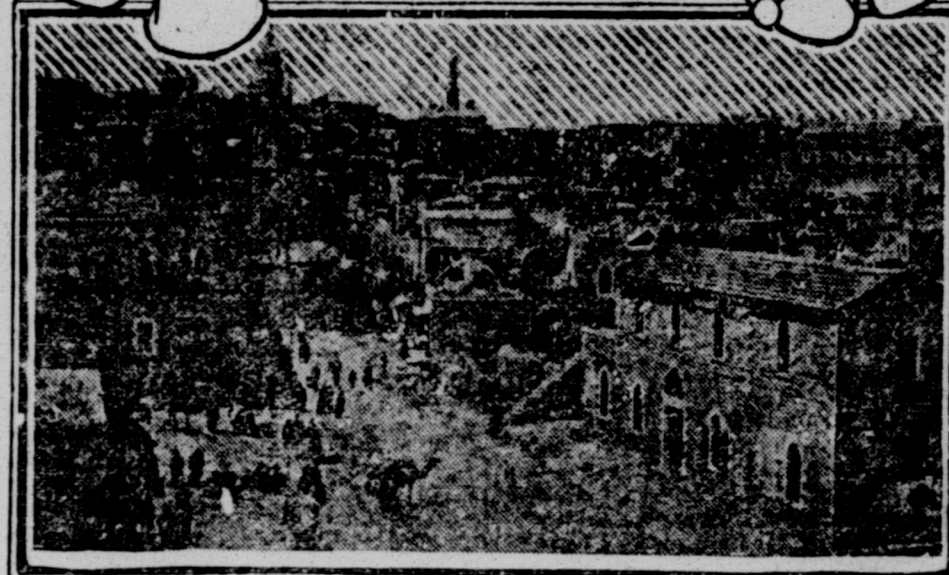
The homes of the natives are very simply furnished. The comfortable beds which serve for beds at night are all put away on a shelf on one side of the room by day. In one corner stands a large stone pitcher of water. This the women fill twice a day from the village well, which is the general meeting place of friends and strangers, and this is the starting place of all the news and gossip of the town. The small hand mill is an important article in every home. Their cooking stove is a little earthenware hearth. On this the coffeepot can be found at almost any hour of the day, or the large pan which contains the rice or beans, which constitute the most important meal of the day. On the walls of the Latin homes are small crucifixes and in the Greek gilded pictures of saints. The Bethlehemites are very proud of the fact that they dwell in the very town where the Saviour was born.

The center of interest in Bethlehem, both to the inhabitants and to the visitor, is the large cluster of buildings consisting of the Church of the Nativity surrounded by the Latin and Greek convents. This most interesting edifice in all Palestine is the oldest Christian church in existence. It was built over a site the authenticity of which is little disputed. St. Helena founded the church in 335 A. D., at the time when she erected so many beautiful edifices upon sacred sites in Palestine. If this church in Bethlehem had been built entirely according to her plan it would have been simply magnificent, but for some unknown reason her details were never carried out. Still the church has standing remains which show something of its former grandeur. The beautiful Corinthian pillars of marble and the cedar beams from the Lebanon, which uphold the roof, and the faded remains of the beautiful frescoes on the walls all give one an idea of the magnificence of her plan.

The present church built over the site and adjoining this basilica of St. Helena is owned in common by the Latins, the Greeks and the Armenians, who each have their own separate share in it and their own small chapels within the one building. The Turk holds control of it and sells the privilege of possession of the various sacred spots to the highest bidder. The Greeks, being the wealthiest of the oriental Christians, own the largest chapel. This is a source of great sorrow to the Latins, and because of the unfriendly feeling between all these

# Bells of Christmas

By C. E. Forbaugh



View of Modern Bethlehem.

Catch the sounds of Christmas bells across the fleecy snow,  
And again I hear the story of the orient's long ago,  
When softly blew the breezes through old Lebanon's cedar trees  
And Kedron o'er its pebbly bed ran laughing to the seas  
When over Bethlehem the stars shone with a purer light  
And mystic voices prophesied the end of Judah's night  
Far in beauty and in glory soon would burst another morn,  
And earth would hail its Prince of Peace, the infant newly born.

How softly ring the bells tonight, the bells of love and peace!  
And with their holy music wars and sins and sorrows cease!  
While I listen at my casement to the chiming methinks I see  
The lilies and the roses by the shores of Galilee.  
Oh, the music in the valleys and the music on the hills!  
How at the ringing of the bells the heart enraptured thrills,  
And the thoughts of man fly backward o'er the soft and fleecy snow  
Where dawned the world's first Christmastide in Judah long ago!

I look down the chancels, in the holy aisles and dim,  
I hear the bells commingle with an only uttered hymn,  
But far beyond the singing, awe, and far beyond the chiming,  
I see a wondrous vision of the early Christmas times;  
I see the pilgrims worship 'neath the snow incrustured trees;  
Low heads are bowed in palaces, and in the peopled dells  
I see the millions listen to the holy Christmas bells.

They wait to tell the story sweet which angel tongues have told,  
A story which is ever new, though time hath made it old;  
They bring the scent of lilies from the sun kissed orient sea  
And music sweet from Hebron's brook beneath the Lebanon trees  
They seem to stir the blossoms on Jerusalem's ruined walls,  
They whisper of Gethsemane, without its cup of gall;  
They fill the world with gladness as the holy anthem swells,  
And far and wide beneath the night ring out the Christmas bells.

Ring out, O bells of sweetness! O soft and holy chiming,  
A listening world would hear again the song of orient chiming!  
Thy music floats among the stars, and gently dies away  
Where fair Aurora in the east unlocks the gates of day.  
The earth is filled with gladness, for again the Jackson tells  
Of peace and love, good will to men beneath the Christmas bells,  
As o'er the snow he wafts from across the sunlight oaks  
The odors of the / on the shores of Galilee.



Bethlehem Square on Market Days.

different sects Turkish sentries are stationed to keep the peace within all the churches in Palestine which are owned by several sects in common.

The grotto of the manger, the site of all sacred sites in the whole world, is reached by a descent of marble stairs, which lead down below the chancel. Here is a small grotto, where, in the place of the stable of history, is a magnificent little chapel resplendent with gold and silver decorations. Many rows of golden lamps hanging from the rocky ceiling shed a gorgeous though subdued light into the otherwise dark and gloomy inclosure. The cradle in which the Holy Infant lay is, according to tradition, in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. An altar stands on the spot of the manger, and above it is a large painting of the stable in which the great Nativity took place. An altar lighted up by many gilded lamps, which burn day and night, records the visit of the magi and the offering of their rare gifts of frankincense and myrrh. This incident is also depicted in a large painting. A golden star in the marble floor is inscribed: "Hic Natus Est Jesus Christus de Virgine Maria."

The whole chapel containing these two altars is only thirty-seven feet long and eleven wide. The walls are covered with rich though somewhat faded tapestries and paintings. As one gazes around and meditates on the associations of the place, looking on the cave, which in all probability is the very one which stood below the inn, and as one's eye rests upon the devoted pilgrims prostrating themselves before these altars in gratitude of soul, one is greatly impressed with the realization of one's surroundings and their marvelous history.

Under the building are caves. Beneath one of the altars down in these grottoes is a dark recess behind an iron grating. By the light of torches in the hands of the monks, who act as guides, one peers down into the grewsome depths below. The monks tell us that this is the pit where the massacred infants were cast. Here also is a large painting depicting the details of this tragic event. The most interesting of all these caves is that in which the noble St. Jerome lived and died from whence he gave to the world his great life work of translation. As the church and the convents are built on the very highest point of the hill the view from their towers is that of a magnificent landscape spreading out for miles before one. Beyond the undulating plains just below the hill of Bethlehem is the wilderness of Judaea leading from Jerusalem down to the valley of the Jordan.

# His Christmas Present

TALE OF A FAMILY QUARREL AND A MYSTERIOUS BOX

By H. E. REALE

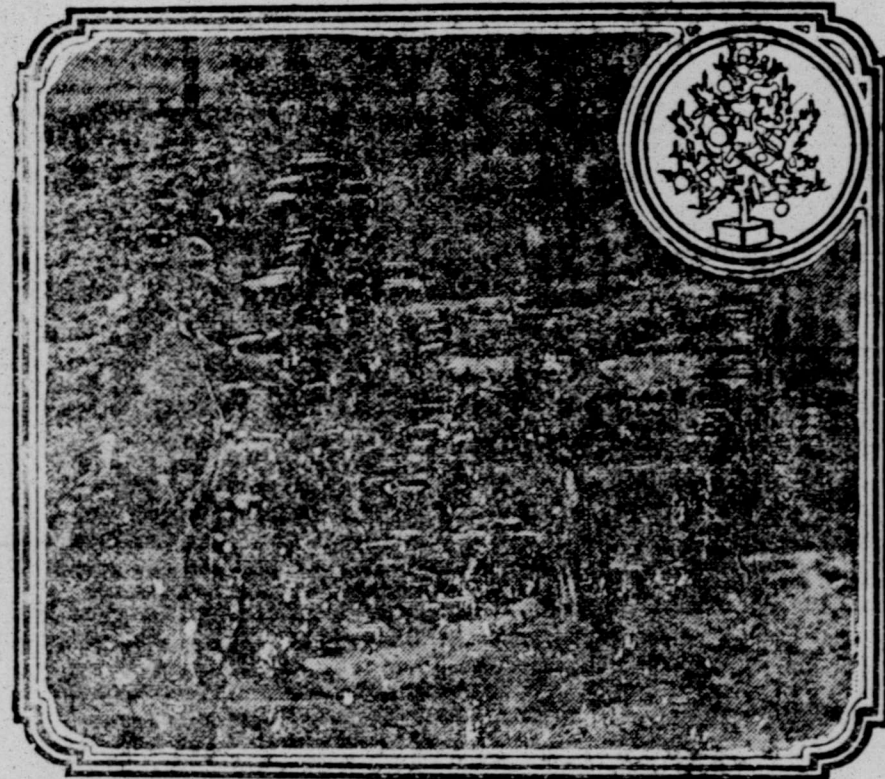
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IT was Christmas day, and instead of being at home I was obliged to ride through sleet and snow. About 12 o'clock I rode up to a farmhouse and asked the farmer if he could give me something to eat. "Y' bet," he replied. "Y' kin have the best in the house, and no pay." He stood in the doorway, and at his side was a little boy about four years old, on whose curly locks his hand rested affectionately. Within I could see a young woman setting a table, while before a fireplace sat a young man. All seemed naturally interested in me, a stranger, but the little boy's eyes were full of childish wonder. I alighted, my horse was put up and I dined with the family. After dinner I lighted a cigar, offered the men a smoke and said to the farmer: "Now I want you to tell me what makes you so happy today."

"Well, stranger, they say a man that's suddenly got somepin' fust rate wants to talk about it, so here goes." He took the little boy in his lap and began:

"When my ole woman died—Sary's mother there—Sary was 'bout fourteen

be Sary. I jumps up, prayin' that it was Sary, and went to the door. There stood a bent ole man with a long white beard. If he'd been fat, I'd thought he might be Santa Claus. A box was a-settin' by him. He looked at me and axed was I Judkins Brough, and I said that was my name. "I got a Christmas box fur y'," he said. "Who from?" I axed. "I was forbid to tell, and I was forbid to leave it unless y' promise not to open it before 9 o'clock." "Waal, I says, 'I hain't had no Christmas gift fur five year, but I reckon I kin wait, specially since it's only a few minutes.'" "Y' must be keeful of it," he said, settin' it down sofly, "and when y' open the box take the nails out easy like, so's not to injure what's inside. It's perishable." "I'm not likely to harm the first present I've got since my darter went away. D' y' think it's from her?" "I'm only a-bringin' it to y'," he says. "Have y' got a darter?" "I had onet." Then it struck me that mebbe Sary had jined her moth-



CHRISTMAS TREES FOR THE CITY CHILDREN.

THE Christmas trees are assorted according to size and quality. Tall ones are the favorites for churches and homes with ample space between floors and short ones for the city rooms and flats. A tree with long lower branches is generally preferred. When laden with presents the branches spread and give a graceful outline.

year old. She was a likely little gal and stepped right into her mother's place in takin' keer of the house, and every year I got more dependent on to her. Five year ago, when she was 'bout eighteen, that galoot over there—the young man referred to as the galoot grinned—"come a-sparkin' of her. What was to become of me if he married her he didn't seem to consern himself. I didn't keer to give her up without a fight, and give him fair warnin' that if he come nosin' round the farm I'd empty the load in that shogin' hangin' agin the wall up there. This had the effect to keep him away; but, Lord, what's the use keepin' a feller from a gal when she kin go to the feller? Sary lit out one day and let her ole dad in the lurch. Didn't y', Sary?"

"Yes, pop."

"She jined Ben there, and they was married. They didn't dare come prowlin' round here, but they sent a letter implorin' forgiveness. I didn't send 'em no answer, so they jist never tuk no more notice of me. That's 'bout it, ain't it, Sary?"

"Y' struck it jist right, pop."

"Y' knowed I'd riddle y' if I got sight of y', didn't y', Ben?"

The young man grinned again, but made no reply.

"I passed the ornariest five years," continued the farmer, "I ever spent in my life. Lonesome? Ben and Sary jist let me alone and didn't show up nowhere. The fust three years I spent cussin' 'em, but the fourth year I thought if they'd come back I'd forgive 'em. The fifth year I went a huntin' fur 'em, but didn't get no track of 'em."

"The wust times I had was the holidays. When Christmas come along, I aims went to town. Meetin' the crowds was better 'n sittin' here all alone, but the crowds was bad enough, fur everybody was a-buyn' somepin' fur somebody and 'minded me that I didn't have nobody to buy anything fur. I allus got to thinkin' of the days when Sary was a little gal and we hung up her stockin' and it bulged on Christmas mornin', and how them black eyes of her'n danced when we drewed the things out, makin' 'em believe they'd got stuck, so's to take 'em out slow."

"Last night was the fifth Christmas eve I'd spent alone, and it didn't seem 's if I could get through it. I was a-sittin' here before the fire a-lookin' over the backlog, picturin' in my mind the faces of them as had gone, a-hopin' I'd jine some on 'em before another Christmas, when there was a rap at the door. I give y' my word, stranger, it was the fust rap on that door any Christmas since Sary lit out. Seemed 's if some on 'em was a-comin' back sure. It couldn't be Sary's mother, fur she'd gone to where they don't come back from. It might

er. No, Sary wouldn't send me no Christmas gift anyway. It must be some un who tuk pity on me fur bein' alone on the holiday. "What'd y' do with her?" axed the ole man. "She married a feller and lit out." "Did y' expect her to be a ole maid fur your sake?" "Waal, that's 'bout it." "Then it served y' right." And, turnin' his back, with a grunt he made off. "I sot down in a chair facin' the box. Purty soon I heard somepin' movin' round inside of it. 'Reckon it's a fox or a cub bear,' I says. Then I looked at the clock, and it was five minutes to 9. I couldn't wait no longer, so I went to the clock and turned on the hands. I heard somepin' ag'in the win-



"WHAT MAKES YOU SO HAPPY TODAY?" der, but when I looked there was nothin' there. I gets the hatchet and goes to work at the corner of the box, but there was nothin' but tacks into it, and after loosenin' 'em a bit I pulled the hull thing right off. As I did so I heard—what did I hear, Jud?" he asked of the child in his lap. "Merry Christmas, grandpop!" laughed the boy. "You kin guess the rest. And that's the reason why y' kin have the best in the house, and no pay neither."

Then He Took Another. Comfort Brown—Don't you think it nonsensical, all this kissing under the mistletoe? Thomas Tubbs—Sure thing! But a little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men—and women!

# Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

Some women would worry if they were in heaven for fear their halo wasn't on straight.

"I done it with my little hatch it," said the hen mournfully as she gazed at her brood of downy ducklings.

It is not always safe to dodge when the door bell rings. It might be your rich ole aunt instead of a bill collector.

Fortune is said to knock once at every man's door, but she forgets to leave her card with her address on it.

Time and tide wait for no man, but the train stops for Mrs. Vanderbilt.

Misery loves company, but it isn't recorded that company reciprocates the feeling.

An accomplished man is one who can successfully stand off bill collectors.

Some men are so contrary that they hustle up when they are called down.

A queer thing about life is that the longer you live it the shorter it grows.

It is a cinch that the man lying on the park bench staring at the sky is not worrying over the late slump in stocks.

"Free as air" will cease to be a simile for liberty as soon as some chap succeeds in inventing a process whereby he can corner the oxygenic element.

A Moonlight Episode. She stood beside the garden gate; The moon shone pale above her. To blooming lilacs, tall and straight, The wind sang, "Don't you love her?"

The lilacs bowed their stately plumes And kissed the maiden's tresses; They softly lent their rich perfumes To sweeten their carresses.

And Harry, coming down the lane, Stopped close beside her, smiling; He listened to the wind's refrain, So soft and so beguiling.

And then he caught the sentient thought That stirred the wind and flowers, And he was quick to turn the trick; The kisses fell in showers.

The maiden blushed a rosy red, An injured look assuming. "Why, Harry, dear," she sternly said, "You really are presuming."

He drew a bunch of lilacs down Till they her fair face shaded And answered, smiling at her frown, "I only did as they did."

See Know. Mr. Crustymann—What does Angelina see in that prigglish young Richie, I'd like to know.

Mrs. Crustymann—Theater tickets, roses, bouquets, a Christmas present and perhaps a diamond ring.

Art Versus Boodle. "Oh, painter," said the lady fair, "Paint me a picture true. A bit of woodland sweet and rare Where sunshine filters through; A land of dreams, a pleasant land Where in a kindly mood From nature's large and generous hand Have flowers wild been strewn."

With half closed eyes the painter stood With dreamy, wistful gaze; Afar he saw the pictured wood As in a summer haze. Then he woke up and mopped his brow And murmured, with a sob: "I can't; I'm painting houses now. There's more pay in the job."

How He Gets Even. Hear the carpet beater's thud, how it pelts the sunny air, and the specks of erstwhile mud float in grim profusion there. See the lovely lady's head, towel covered, towied, too. Firm resolve is in her tread. Cleaning time is overdue. Up and down and out she goes; flits she there and fits she here, with a smudge mark on her nose and another on her ear. But the lovely lady's all unregardful of her looks. Through the bedroom to the hall, scrubbing while the dinner cooks. There's a frown upon her brow; red and grimy are her hands. Lovely lady is she now? Well, her husband understands there are times when men should duck. When he hears the beater's rap, "There," he says, "confound the luck! I have got to see a chap who has minding stock to sell. So I think I'll take a trip. I'll be gone for quite a spell." And he quickly packs his grip. Then he winks his other eye. "Man lives out in Denver, dear." If the time he has comes high, it but happens once a year.

Had Wrong Face Along. "Just one kiss," the lover pleaded. "No, indeed," the maiden said. All his coaxing went unheeded. "Not a one till we are wed." Wasn't she precise and prim Not to give one kiss to him?

Not that kissing was distasteful; Neither would the girl have cared Or called ten or twenty wasteful Had she only come prepared. But she teased her made complexion Wouldn't taste like fresh complexion.

Circumstantial Evidence. "Do you think that the child is father to the man?" "Of course not. How ridiculous!" "Well, some people claim it, and the way some children boss their parents around I did not know but there might be something in it."

All That Was Lacking. "We can surely get married now, John. This advertisement offers to furnish four rooms for \$60." "Now, if we just had some one to furnish the \$65 no obstacle would stand in our way."



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## OPPOSITION

To the Plan of Forming a Special Boll Weevil Commission

### SHOW BY EXPERTS

NOW IN DEPARTMENT

Who Say That to Take Problem Out of Their Hands Would Do Them an Injustice.

Will Fight the Scheme

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—(Special).—The plan to form a commission to investigate ways and means to fight the boll weevil as proposed by the Texas congressmen is meeting with opposition in the agricultural department.

"If the commission is appointed it will halt us in the work we began," said one of the scientists engaged in the cotton work. "We are doing all that any commission could accomplish, probably more than any one could do without coming to us for pointers. If the commission is appointed, it will simply draw pay from the government, hire offices, take trips and then make some sort of a report, based on our researches. It would be rough on us to be obliged to take orders from a set of inexperienced men. The boll weevil certainly ought to rejoice over the proposition of such a plan going through."

### ADDITIONAL SOCIETY

Society that has for weeks been discussing the celebration of the crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Conner found its fluttering expectancy realized in the wealth of beauty that was prepared and in the joyous happiness that prevailed. The Country club, where the reception was held, was ablaze with light and its spacious halls and reception rooms were transformed under the hand of the decorator into bowers of green. There was no corner that had been neglected and which ever direction the eye turned it was met by beautiful conceptions executed with lavish use of the choicest products of the field and florist. In the entrance hall the spacious Queen Anne fireplace had on the hearth stands of palms in white jardiniere. From the

mantel over white draperies hung smilax bands used to form a lattice work effect. Above were potted palms and ferns filling in a pyramidal space. The colonial windows were framed in green and above the wainscoting ivy formed a deep border. All the beams were hung with mistletoe and the electrolites shone from among the waxen berried foliage.

On a table to the right of the fireplace stood the wedding cake, a generous confection lettered "1888-1903" in pink. On a table to the left was the punch bowl served by Miss Byers and Miss Sparrow, two popular young ladies of the Heights.

In the music room the decorations suggested the happy occasion. An alcove formed by tall and waving palms was crowned by a wedding bell of ferns and English Marguerites. The canopy above the bell and the supports on either side were draped in white with ivy and white chrysanthemums thrown in relief. The fringe of ivy in this room took the form of a Greek border and the green of the electrolites were Lebanon cedar. Over the doorway leading to the dining room was a lattice work of Lebanon cedar. The stairway to the dining room had the rail bordered with arbor vitae. In the dining room the triumph of the artist was supreme. Five tables seating eight persons was each a joy to the lover of the beautiful. On each the center place was exquisite drawn work doiley on which stood a cut glass vase filled with bride roses or carnations. Over the larger cover were scattered maiden hair fern fronds, all being under a canopy formed by strands of cedar that ran to the electrolites above. These canopies connected by the bands of green made the entire room a unit of incomparable beauty. On the sideboard were massed bowls of white roses and carnations.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Conner in dispensing joyous hospitality were Mrs. H. W. Williams, Tom West, Mrs. W. G. Turner and Mrs. Fakes, who had charge of the wedding cake, distributing the souvenirs it contained.

Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. Godwin, who looked after the guest book and saw that all guests' names were entered therein. Mrs. Templeton, to whom the punch bowl was intrusted, the young ladies forsaking it for other pleasures. Mrs. Byers, Mrs. Fosdick, Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. Covert, who had the seating of the guests in the dining room.

Davenport's orchestra furnished a concert before the dancing began, the opening number being Mendelssohn's wedding march, to which Mr. and Mrs. Conner had approached the altar on their marriage day. In the private study of the club house were displayed the cut glass remembrances from friends from far and near. The display was of magnificence and beauty and brought out rapturous exclamations of admiration.

Mrs. Conner wore a white moire with duchesse lace panels and hip yoke; bodice with fagoting wheels of satin ribbon and duchesse berth; duchesse fan and handkerchief; set at

her wedding fifteen years ago. White roses; diamonds.

Mrs. Taylor, black embroidered crepe de chine, with yellow trimmings and duchesse cape. White carnations.

Mrs. Parks, white Paris muslin, tene-riffe wheels in black used as medallions on skirt and bodice. Lattice yoke of black velvet.

Mrs. Goodrich, white crepe de chine, shirred flounce and bodice. Smocked berth. Pearls.

Mrs. Bent of Boston, black jetted lace robe over white taffeta, choux of pink satin. Diamonds.

Mrs. Walter Conner of Boston, mode liberty satin with lace trimmings. Duchesse yoke. Diamonds.

Mrs. W. C. Pope of St. Louis, tulle silk poplin with applique of jetted black velvet; yoke and girde of jetted velvet.

## WITH THE BOERS IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Frank Padgett Tells an Interesting Story of His Experience as a Soldier in South Africa

"It will prove to be a blessing to American trade that the English won the war in South Africa, as it will open up a commerce which has heretofore been closed."

This remark was made by Frank A. Padgett, who has been less than a year in this country, on a return from seven years spent in South Africa. Mr. Padgett was through the Boer war in that country, and was a soldier under Commandant DeWet during the entire time. He went out to South Africa as the agent of an American bicycle factory. He was located at Grahamstown, in Cape Colony when the war broke out. He thought of

course the Boers would win, and he knew many of them, so he went into the fight with his friends. For two years and nine months he was a soldier. He was in the big battles of Spionkop, Magersfontein, Elandslaagte and Diamond Hill, in addition to many of the smaller engagements. His last battle was within nine miles of Cape-town, just before the surrender.

Mr. Padgett talks interestingly of the war which is now a matter of history. His story is one which will hold the attention of the listener and as he tells of the work of the two sides, in a great combat, the auditor becomes enthused.

Mr. Padgett says the British occupancy of the South African country has already opened a big trade, and that more will result. It will improve the country, will bring modern ideas and modern goods among the people.

"There is a fascination about the country which draws one back to it, and I want to return now, but I guess I will stay here. I refused to take the oath of allegiance to British sovereignty after the surrender and of course was exiled. But for that oath I would be there today."

His home is Jacksonville, Ill. He is now in Texas seeking a location and will either make headquarters at Fort Worth or Waco. He is a guest of the Delaware.

## KEEP THE POT BOILING FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Captain Cumbie Has Adopted a Unique Scheme to Make Collection for Christmas Dinner for the Poor

"Keep the pot boiling for the Christmas dinner" is the sign which the passer reads as he hurries on his Christmas shopping expedition. The Salvation army has adopted a unique scheme on the Christmas dinner which is to be provided for the poor. A large iron pot is hung to a tripod. It swings within the three-legged support and attracts a great deal of attention. There are two of these on the corner. Each pot is covered with woven wire, but the openings between the weaves are large enough to admit coins—in fact, a dollar can slip through easily. These pots

are for the contributions of the passers. Quite a number of coins were thrown in yesterday.

The amount reported by Captain Cumbie as collected to date is \$90.50. Captain Cumbie acknowledges the receipt of \$3.90 from the members of Union Lodge I. O. O. F., and \$5 from the Fort Worth Lodge I. O. O. F. Quite a number of orders for groceries have been sent in to Captain Cumbie.

## SHOW

Which Has Been Entertaining the Crowds at Austin Carnival

GOES INTO HANDS OF RECEIVER LAST NIGHT

On Application of Ohio Man Interested—Concern Is One of the Biggest Carnival Aggregations in Business

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 12.—(Special).—The Gaskill-Mundy Carnival Company, which has been playing here during carnival week, was thrown into the hands of a receiver tonight on the application of the Ohio and Southern Investment Company of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, of which W. C. Gaskill is the president. The plaintiffs represent that they were joint owners of the Gaskill-Mundy shows with P. J. Mundy and Frank W. Gaskill and that in accordance with a plan adopted by the Ohio Southern Investment Company it was decided to partition the property and that J. P. Mundy has refused to consent to a partition of the show and plaintiff prays the court to appoint a receiver to partition the property.

James E. Lucy of Austin was appointed receiver and he took charge of the show tonight after the performance. The case was set by Judge Calhoun of the Fifty-third district court, where the application was made, for January 4, 1904. The season of the Gaskill-Mundy Carnival Company terminated this evening. The receiver furnished bond in the sum of \$15,000 and has assumed control of the show which will be tied up here until the matter is settled.

Read Telegram's Want "Ads"

## WALTHOUR

Wins Six Day Bicycle Race at Madison Square Garden

CONTENT COMES JUST BEFORE THE WIND-UP

Content's Wheel Breaks and Men Behind Fall Over Him in a Heap—Winner Is From Atlanta, Ga.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, New York, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Bobby Walthour of Atlanta, Ga., won the six day international bike race at Madison Square Garden tonight, finishing in the final one mile sprint nearly a quarter of a lap ahead of George Leander of Chicago, who was ten yards in front of Floyd Krebs of Newark, N. J. Seven teams were tied with even scores of 2,317 miles and 3 laps at 3:59 p. m. and seven representatives of these teams, Walthour, Leander, Floyd Krebs, Fisher, Newkirk, Content, Frank and John Bedell of Long Island, were sent for the final sprint of a mile.

They rode close together for the first seven laps and in the eighth Content, who was in fourth position, behind Walthour, Leander and Krebs, fell, the front wheel of his bike being crushed to a pulp. This accident happened on the Twenty-sixth street side of the track, and Fisher, Newkirk and J. Bedell, who were close behind, fell over the Frenchman, all five being in a struggling heap, while Walthour, Leander and Krebs finished the race uninjured. Walthour outdistanced the other two and finished a winner about fifty yards ahead of Leander, who was twenty yards in front of Floyd Krebs, Fisher, who was the first to remount his wheel after the fall, finished fourth, and Newkirk and Content rode an additional mile to decide the fifth and sixth prizes. Newkirk finished first. Bedell declined to ride and was awarded seventh place.

SYMPATHIZERS ARRESTED SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 12.—(Special).—City Detective Maibaum tonight arrested Jim and Lee Shields, strike sympathizers. In the act of attacking street cars. It is expected that this arrest will lead to other arrests.

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A gallon of Imported Port for.....3.00  
A gallon of Imported Sherry for.....3.00  
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The United States produced 11,000,000 bales of cotton this year; the world's production is 12,000,000 bales of about five hundred pounds each.

Market Quotations

WEEK'S MARKET REVIEW

While the receipts of cattle at the local market last week were not heavy, the supply was fully ample for the demand, and although the market generally ruled uneven during the week, the close Saturday showed a steady market with the exception of best steers which have lost 10 to 15 cents since the previous week's close.

A feature of last week's market was the lack of speculative and outside buying which as a rule, has characterized this market all through the fall run. Not nearly so many butchers as usual were found among the traders and most of the outside buying was done by feeders who were after good heavy feeding steers.

The best butcher steers sold on Tuesday's market at \$3.75 and averaged 1,243 pounds with the bulk of sales landing at prices ranging between \$2.50 and \$3.50. Several bunches of good feeders weighing around 1,000 pounds sold at \$3.00@3.15 with good sized strings of lighter stuff bringing \$2.50@3.00.

The best load of cows sold during the week brought \$2.35, with the bulk of sales on the range at \$2.10@2.25. Medium butchers at \$1.60@1.80 and the light thin common stuff at \$1.25@1.50. As the heavy run of grass cows is fast growing to a close commission men are predicting a steady active market for this week and think that with well divided receipts the cow market should advance during the week at least 10 cents.

Calves are selling stronger and the choice light kinds have found a good demand at fully 25 cents higher than last Monday's opening. On the market Friday a string of choice Southern Texas veal calves averaging 176 pounds brought \$4.25, but the bulk during the week generally sold at prices ranging between \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Fat bulls are selling at \$2.10@2.25, good feeder bulls at \$1.75@1.90, and the common light kinds at \$1.25@1.65.

The first two days of last week the hog market lost 10 to 15 cents, but with a strong close Tuesday the market opened Wednesday 5 to 10 cents higher and during the remainder of the week advanced 5 cents each day, closing Saturday fully 20 cents higher than Monday's opening. A local commission man said yesterday: "There is an unprecedented shortage of hogs in Texas and will be for awhile and so long as this state of affairs exist this will naturally be the best hog market. The conditions on the northern markets are exactly the reverse from the situation here. About four days of each week they stock up on hogs until they have to hold over more hogs in one day than we receive here in a week. Another condition here which helps the seller out is the strong outside competition, offered some days when the light receipts do not justify the packers remaining out of the buying, forcing them to come into line with outside butchers' prices."

The estimated receipts for Monday are 1,600 head with the prospects for a steady market.

NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 12.—Following Friday's course, the cattle market opened steady and the light stuff ran sold firm at Friday's quotations. The total receipts barely reached 800 head, almost all of which were cows, no car lots of steers being among the arrivals.

Good grass cows, averaging 890 pounds, shipped in by Oscar Cain of San Angelo, brought \$2.30, with the bulk of sales on the range kinds at \$2.10@2.20, and a range in prices on medium butcher stuff from \$1.40@1.70.

The calf trade was supplied with one straight load of fair stuff, which did not find a ready sale and was forwarded out. The market, however, on choice light calves is quoted steady with the demand good.

There was little or no trading in the feeder division of the yards, as the receipts did not justify a showing.

Only a small supply of hogs arrived, there being less than 200 head on sale, and as the market opened with an extra good demand from all sources sellers were able to force buyers into paying another small advance, which amounted to about 5c over Friday's prices.

Jeff Taylor of Choctaw marketed one straight load of good quality packers, averaging 218 pounds at \$4.92 1/2, with other sales of mixed stuff at \$4.52 1/2@4.85.

Since the first of the week the market has been gradually advancing and today's close shows a gain of 15c to 20c with the probabilities of a like advance for next week. This is due largely to the scarcity of best grades of marketable hogs and the rush of inferior stuff to market during the past three weeks.

Choice sorted hogs for Monday are quoted at \$4.85@4.95; mixed packers at \$4.75@4.85, and pigs and lights at \$4.50@4.75.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

CATTLE—Cows represented almost the entire run in the cattle yards today, and following Friday's market the supply sold early at steady prices. One load of choice range cows, averaging 890 pounds, sold at \$2.30, with the bulk at \$2.10@2.20; medium butchers selling at \$1.60@1.70, with an occasional sale of canners at \$1.25@1.50. The sales:

Table with columns for No., Ave. Price, and Cows. Lists various sales of cattle and their prices.

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Table with columns for No., Ave. Price, and Cows. Lists market data for various types of cattle.

HOGS—The light Saturday supply of hogs sold strong at a 5c advance over Friday's bulk. Choice packers, averaging 218 pounds, brought \$4.92 1/2, with a few sales of mixed stuff at prices ranging from \$4.57 1/2@4.85. The market closes for the week, showing a gain of 15c to 20c, with the prospects for a still better market next week. The sales:

Table with columns for No., Ave. Price, and Cows. Lists market data for various types of hogs.

COTTON QUOTATIONS

Furnished by F. G. McPeak & Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The cotton market opened steady, 4 points lower to 2 points higher and following the call continued rather quiet but irregular and generally steady to firm around last night's prices. Cables were a little below expectations, due, it was reported, to selling by American exporters and a local trade authority published rather a bearish crop report but the port receipts for the day promised to be moderate and the weather in the south was rather unfavorable to the movement. It was also argued that a large short interest has recently accumulated that might be forced to cover in case of continued bull aggression and between one thing and another sentiment was very unsettled, with the average operator showing a tendency to wait further developments before trading in other than a scalping fashion. Spot closed quiet; middling ups, 12.40c; good fair, 12.70c.

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS

Table comparing receipts of cotton at the leading accumulative centers, compared with the receipts of the same day last year.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Table showing estimated receipts of cotton for tomorrow and last year at various locations.

LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—The market for spot cotton was firm in tone. Middlings, 6.76d. Receipts, 37,000 bales, American, 23,000 bales. Sales, 4,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—The market for spot cotton was steady in tone. Middlings, 12 1/2c. Sales, 1,200 bales.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The market for spot cotton was quiet in tone. Middlings, 12 1/2c. There were no sales.

GRAIN—PROVISIONS

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The grain and provisions markets ranged as follows today:

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, and other grain types, listing prices and market status.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The stock market today again reflected profit taking. It was conducted, however, in an orderly fashion and produced comparatively little effect on prices as a rule. The bank statement proved to be unexpectedly favorable, but appeared to be utilized for selling purposes. Pennsylvania Railroad was under pressure from the opening and suffered a maximum loss of 1/4 per cent. The only other issues to show weakness in the railway list were Illinois Central, Reading, L. & N., Atchafalaya and Baltimore & Ohio. Most of the rest changes were fractional and unimportant. United States Steel preferred was steadily little effect on prices as a rule. Feverish and irregular, but prices received some support from covering of short. A. C. P. advanced 1 per cent, but later declined 1/2 per cent. Liquidation in Peo-

ple's Gas carried the price down over 1 per cent. Sugar Refining was heavy. The market closed heavy and inclining downward. Government bonds were unchanged. Railroad bonds suffered general reactions. (Furnished by Hoffman & Weaver.)

Table listing various commodities such as Atchafalaya, Amal. Copper, Baltimore and Ohio, etc., with their respective prices.

BANK STATEMENT

Reserve, increase \$1,722,675. Less U. S. increase 1,774,575. Loans, decrease 1,108,550. Specie, increase 1,639,500. Deposits, decrease 44,700. Circulation, increase 59,200. Very favorable.

NEW YORK MONEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Money—Close: Money on call nominal; time loans steady; 60 and 90 days, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent; sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.83.50@4.83.49 for demand and at \$4.79.90@4.80 for 60 day bills; posted rates, \$4.80 1/2@4.81 and \$4.84@4.84 1/2; commercial bills, \$4.79 1/2@4.79 1/2.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Sugar, raw nominal; centrifugal, 95; molasses sugar, 25; refined, 100; crushed, 5.65; powdered, 4.85; granulated, 4.45; molasses firm; New Orleans, 31@32.

WHISKY UNCHANGED

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 12.—(Special)—Whisky market unchanged; sales, 1,000 barrels.

BOSTON COPPER

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The usual Saturday quietness prevailed in the copper market today. A little business was done in Utah around 29 1/2, but that was the extent of trading outside of Amalgamated and Copper Range, which were sold only moderately. Only fractional changes in prices were recorded.

COFFEE STEADY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Coffee steady: December, 6.30-6.35; January, 6.40-6.50; February, 6.55-6.60; March, 6.70-6.75; April, 6.85-6.90; May, 7.00-7.05; June, 7.05-7.10; July, 7.20-7.25; August, 7.25-7.30; September, 7.35-7.40; October, 7.40-7.45; November, 7.45-7.50. Total sales, 116,250 bags.

PRECIOUS METALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Bar silver in London firm and 3/4 higher at 25 1/2 per ounce. Today's New York price for commercial bars 1/4 higher at 55 1/2@56 1/4. Government assay bars 1 cent higher at 55 1/2@56 1/4. Mexican dollars 1/2 higher at 4 1/2@4 3/4.

ST. LOUIS PROVISIONS

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Flour steady; patent, \$4.25@4.75; fancy, \$3.90@4.65. Rye flour steady, \$3.35. Corn meal steady, \$2.30. Buckwheat flour, 6c; bulk bran, 7c@7.4. Bacon, boxed, breakfast, 11 1/2@12; hams, 11 1/2@12. Short ribs, 7 1/2@7 3/4; bellies, 8@10; fat backs, 6 1/2; standard lards, 7 1/4.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 12

(Special)—Cattle: Receipts, 200; estimated, 25,000; steady and unchanged. Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; estimated, 46,000; closed weak and 5 cents lower; light, \$4.25@4.60; rough, \$4.25@4.45; mixed, \$4.25@4.70; heavy, \$4.25@4.65; pigs, \$3.90@4.40. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; estimated for Monday, 26,000; steady and unchanged.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12

(Special)—Receipts 500, including 100 Texas; market unchanged; native steers, \$4.00@4.60; southern steers, \$2.50@3.30; southern cows, \$2.00@2.40; native cows and heifers, \$2.00@3.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@3.80; bulls, \$2.25@3.25; calves, \$2.50@3.00; western steers, \$3.50@3.85; western cows, \$2.00@2.45. Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; market weak to 5 cents lower; bulk of sales, \$4.50@4.70; heavy, \$4.60@4.70; packers, \$4.50@4.65. Pigs and light, \$4.50@4.70. Sheep—Receipts, 500; market unchanged; muttons, \$3.50@4.10; lambs, \$4.25@4.75; range wethers, \$3.40@4.00; ewes, \$2.75@3.20.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 12

(Special)—Cattle—Receipts 900, including 600 Texas; market steady; beef steers, \$3.70@3.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@3.00; cows and heifers, \$2.25@4.25; Texas steers, \$3.20@4.00; cows and heifers, \$2.00@2.75. Hogs—Receipts, 300; market steady; pigs and light, \$4.20@4.25; packers, \$4.40@4.60; butchers and best heavy, \$4.50@4.70. Sheep—Receipts, 1,200; market steady; natives, \$3.25@3.75; lambs, \$4.00@5.15.

The Baltimore and Ohio railway earnings this year are \$63,449,633.37, or \$23,829,769.78 more than operating expenses.

WORST OF ALL EXPERIENCE

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Dacatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles, Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 60c. It's guaranteed by W. J. Fisher, druggist, and Reeves' Pharmacy.

An Old Man's Story

(Original.)

My grandfather, aged ninety, has often told me this story:

"When I was a young man there were two ways of carrying money—one in a knut purse with rings, the other in a money belt. One autumn I was traveling in the west for the purpose of buying grain, and had with me a lot of gold. You see, in those days the currency wasn't worth much. If you went into a store to buy anything and plunked down a ten dollar bill the first thing the shopkeeper did was to pick up a magnifying glass to see if it wasn't counterfeit. The next thing was to take out a Bank Note Reporter and turn over the leaves to get at the standing of the bank issuing the bill. Then, like as not, he would hand your bill back to you, telling you that he hadn't any change. That's the reason I traveled with gold.

"Well, one day I was riding along a road when a man overtook me and got into conversation. He asked me if I could give him change for a two dollar bill, and I took my purse from my pocket, slipped one of the rings aside, drew out four Mexican quarters, a five franc piece, worth 95 cents, and a half dime. The Mexican and French coins were common in those days, and what I gave him was equivalent to \$2. "You carry your money in a purse," said he. "Why don't you use a money belt? They're safer."

"They're so safe that every thief goes for them the first thing he does. We may as well use the purse. It's handier, and if a robber wants your money he'll get it anyway. "I prefer the money belt," he added, then began to talk of something else. "At nightfall we stopped at a tavern. It was a dilapidated place, half the shutters gone and the porch rotted away. I didn't like the looks of the place, and the landlord was as rascally looking a man as ever I set eyes on. The room he put me in was in keeping with the rest. The plaster was half down from the ceiling and the lock on the door was broken. I hung up my trousers, with the purse in one of the pockets, on the bed post, then pulled the cotton 'comfort'—that's what we used to call those things, though how they got the name I don't know—up over me and went to sleep.

"In the middle of the night I awoke with the idea that there was some one in the room. At first I thought it might be imaginary and had come from a dream of the man who had taken an interest in where I kept my money. For I had gone to sleep thinking of him, but I heard a board in the floor creak and made up my mind that some one was really moving about. However, I valued my life more than my money and lay perfectly still. There in the gloom I saw something white come toward the bed till it stood within a yard of me. I showed no sign of being awake, and presently an arm was thrust out, a hand fumbled for the pocket of my trousers, was withdrawn, and I knew my purse had gone with it. I listened till I heard a faint sound which I knew was the closing of the door, then, turning over, I went to sleep.

"My grandfather, as I have said, told me this story a great many times, though he didn't remember ever having told it all, and I knew that at this point he expected me to express surprise that he could take the loss of his purse so coolly. "Grandfather," I said, "how could you go to sleep so easily?" "Well, my boy, I had escaped with my life, and that made me feel very comfortable."

"Go on, grandfather." "The next morning I rose early, made some inquiries about my comrade of the day before, but when the landlord told me he had gone at daylight I didn't manifest any surprise or disappointment. I feared he might be in league with the man and make some excuse to detain me. Fortunately I had the ten dollar bill the thief had given me with which to pay him for my keeping, and he took it so readily, without examining it, that I knew he was glad to get rid of me, thinking that I had not discovered my loss in his house. He gave me in change the five franc piece and two of the quarters I had given the thief, and I rode off, feeling glad to get away from such a villainous place.

"Instead of traveling straight along the road to the then village of Chicago, as would be expected, I turned northward at the first road I came to and that night reached a point where St. Joseph, Mich., now stands. A sloop went to Chicago twice a week, and in a couple of days I crossed the lake and reached port without accident. There I bought my grain."

"My grandfather paused, and I knew that he had arrived at another point for a question. "But, grandfather, where did you get money to buy grain with? I thought the thief had taken your purse."

"So he did, boy; so he did, but he didn't get any money. You see, having to travel that way, every fall I was used to filling my purse with shot covered with a few dollars in silver and kept my gold in a money bag strapped across one shoulder and under the other. That's the reason why I was so free in drawing my purse before the stranger."

Advertisement for MONNIG'S X-MAS NEWS featuring a cartoon of a man with a money belt and a sign that says 'THINGS THAT MONNIG HAS'.

YOUR CHRISTMAS WANTS CAN BE BEST FILLED AND FOR THE LEAST MONEY AT MONNIG'S

You will find many decidedly new and useful presents.

"TOYLAND" Presents everything to gladden the hearts of the little ones. Our Toys are sold upon a small margin of profit.

"DOLLVILLE" Is inhabited by many beautiful specimens. You'll be surprised how cheap you can buy good Dolls. Impress these prices upon your mind before buying—

- 9-inch China Doll, cloth body, special, each 5c
13-inch China Doll, cloth body, special, .10c
14-inch kid body Doll, bisque head, jointed knees, shoes and hose .19c
12-inch kid body Doll, jointed, movable head, curly hair .19c
16-inch cloth body Doll, bisque head, hair stuffed .20c
16-inch kid body Doll, bisque head, sleeper, shoes and hose .25c
17-inch kid body Doll, bisque head, sleeper, shoes and hose .48c
21-inch kid body Doll, bisque head, sleeper, shoes and hose, fine hair .75c
22-inch kid body Doll, bisque head, sleeper, jointed, shoes and hose .98c
NEGRO DOLLS, each 10c and .15c
Imported dressed Rubber Dolls, each 25c, 30c and .50c
DRESSED DOLLS—Special values in this line—
10-inch dressed Doll, with hat .20c
15-inch dressed Doll, with hat .25c
19-inch dressed Doll, colored satin dress, with hat .69c

Many others in attractive costumes. In Toyland you will find special values in Toys at 5c, 10c, . . . . . 15c At 5c we have Birds, Animals, Horse and Wagon, Tops, Horns, OO Balls, Rattles, Tom-Tom Drums, Happy Hooligan Boxes, Call Bells, Picture Frames, tree decoration Cards and many other items at, each . . . . . 5c

POPULAR TOYS

Tin Stoves, Iron Ranges, Musical Tops, Ticking Watches, Racing Sulkeys, Sheep, Rabbits, Donkeys, Plush Horses, Horns, all kinds; Tool Chests, Doll Trunks, Pianos, Crazy Ball with marbles, Safety Guns, Baby Buggies, Money Banks, Whips, Building and Spelling Books, Happy Hooligan, Cannon and Fort, Snakes, Xilophone, Harmonicas, Doll Swings, Crochet Rattles, Musical Dolls, Magic Lanterns.

MECHANICAL TOYS

Locomotives, Automobiles, Steam Trains with tracks and switch boards, Sailboats, Man-of-War Vessel, Turtles, Alligators, Walking Man with wheelbarrow, and other new items.

CHOICE GIFTS

We display an elegant line in Toilet Cases, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Jewel Boxes, Collar Boxes, Choice Albums, from 50c upward; Musical Albums, etc.

HANDSOME SILVERWARE

Rich designs in Tea Pots, Sugar Bowls, Cracker Jars, Spoon Holders, Cake Stands, Butter Dishes, etc., at a saving of fully 30 per cent to you in price.

GLASSWARE

Berry Bowl and Saucers, Water Sets, Vases, Sugar Bowl, Cream Pitcher and Spoon Holder Sets.

CHINAWARE

This line is very extensive with novelties in its various lines—Cups and Saucers, Fancy Plates, Pin Trays, Tea Pots, Pitchers, Egg Stands. Among this lot will be found a very choice line of Japanese ware. These goods all sold much under value.

Our lines of Children's Tea Sets are decidedly choice and sell from 20c to \$3.00 a set. Individual China Sets in boxes, are a good gift, and very pretty, at set . . . . . \$1.25 Beautiful Souvenirs in many items, among our China display. Our prices are the lowest.

CHRISTMAS FURS

A big showing, many beautiful Furs received this week. These goods must be sold by Christmas, hence a big saving to you in their prices, \$15.00 to, each . . . . . 98c

COATS AND JACKETS

Ladies' Jackets, new ideas in the very latest military effects, \$6.50 to . . . . . \$18.00 Handsome showing in Ladies' Silk Coats, 33 per cent cut on them.

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS

This line will present you a great opportunity for a bargain—Call and post yourselves on the prices. Children's and Misses' Fur Sets, \$1.00 to \$8.50 Ladies' Changeable Taffeta Underskirts, \$1.00 to . . . . . \$5.00 We show the handsomest and largest variety of Ladies' Walking and Dress Skirts in the market. We guarantee our prices. Examine our values shown Monday at . . . . . \$5.00 A special value in a \$2.50 mixed Skirt, Monday, each . . . . . \$1.69

CHRISTMAS KID GLOVES

There is not a more acceptable gift than a Kid Glove. We sell a good wearing Kid Glove, a pair . . . . . 75c A real French Kid Glove, a pair . . . . . \$1.50 Ladies' Golf Gloves, all wool, solid and fancy, a pair, 25c to . . . . . 50c

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

We are showing from the daintiest to the cheapest Handkerchiefs. A good line of Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c to . . . . . 98c A large white Silk Muffler, each . . . . . 98c

LEATHER GOODS

This department is complete with its Christmas items—Auto Bags, fine grain leather bags fitted with mirror, smelling bottle and change purse, 69c to . . . . . \$2.98 Good Walrus leather bags, etc. A large line of Ladies' Brooches, Belts and New Puff Combs, Stock and Ribbon Pins.

LADIES' HOSIERY—Fine line of Fancy Hosiery in open-work or novelty striped or figured, \$1.50 to, pair . . . . . 25c

SHOE DEPARTMENT

Men's Velvet or Alligator house slippers, black or tan, pair . . . . . 49c Men's Undressed Kid house slippers, gray, per pair . . . . . \$2.00 Ladies' Felt Slippers, blue and black, fur top, per pair . . . . . \$1.25 Ladies' Fur Top Juliets, green and blue, per pair . . . . . \$1.35 Infant's Christmas Shoes and Moccasins, 50c to . . . . . 98c Monnig's Duchess, the best \$3.00 Ladies' Shoe. Big bargains in our Silk and Dress Goods from now until Christmas.

**GLENWOOD**  
 A Thriving Suburb of Fort Worth Where People Have Homes  
 DELIGHTFUL PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE

A Private Concern Provides Good Artesian Water for Residents

BETTER CAR SERVICE NOW BEING PROVIDED

Budget of Interesting News of Happenings During Past Week—Social Events Are Numerous

Glenwood is a suburb of Fort Worth adjoining the Union Depot addition on the east. There are no gaps to go through or fields to cross, as it is built up closely and few, except residents of the suburb, know just where the dividing line is found. It is a village of homes and is filled with comfortable cottages that give shelter to 1,500 or more people. It is outside the corporate limits of the city of Fort Worth, and is "in the country," so far as having municipal or village government is concerned. The matter of incorporating as a district city was agitated several months ago, but did not meet with favor, the proposition being defeated at the polls. One reason for this was the strong sentiment which was developed towards entering Fort Worth as part of the city when municipal utilities and privileges should be desired, instead of trying to carry a municipal organization alone. This plan will be carried out some day in the future.

The town shows constant growth and improvement. New houses are to be seen in various directions, while others are in course of construction. Two residences have just been completed on Fairview Heights by John Groves and Jeff Eddleman, while Alma Corbett has one nearing completion. Mr. Sanderson is building another house, the third he has built recently for rental purposes. E. C. Clark, with the Ellison Furniture Company, has material on the ground for his new home on Dunklin street.

The streets are in good condition for the most part, and betterments are occasionally made, such as putting in curbs and dressing up rough places. Just now considerable filling is being done in low places with dirt from the International and Great Northern railway cuts.

**GOOD BUSINESS THERE**  
 A number of small stores are scattered through the town and are thriving. They say that Christmas trade is now very brisk and even claim that in proportion to stocks carried business surpasses that done in some of the city stores. New stores are also being opened from time to time. About the only representative of manufacturing interests within her borders is a broom factory, which turns out a good article and is said to be prospering.

**SCHOOLS**  
 There is a good school building, containing four rooms, and the attendance is good. There are three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopalian. Not being incorporated the town has no public utilities (or in but very limited degree) such as water works, fire protection, street lights, gas, sanitary sewers, etc. The Polytechnic line of the Northern Texas Traction Company's system passes through the town with a 30-minute schedule.

**GOOD CAR SERVICE**  
 The Traction Company has put in a long switch which turns the corner at South Box and Henrietta streets with a view of avoiding long waits and of putting on a faster schedule. The improved accommodation for the public will be inaugurated this week. During the hours of heaviest travel, in the morning and in the afternoon, an additional car will be

**JUST FROM TEXAS**  
 A fresh shipment of  
**WALKER'S RED HOT CHILE CON CARNE**  
 Has been received by the leading grocers. It is all ready to serve and is sold at 10c only for large one-pound size cans.

placed in service, which with the new switch will greatly facilitate travel. Glenwoodites appreciate what the Traction Company is doing for them in the way of improved service, and many expressions of approval were heard yesterday by a Telegram man on his rounds.

**THE WATER SYSTEM**  
 The general health of the people is good, one contributing cause being the fine artesian water that is everywhere used. While there are no public water works, or a system at all adequate to the needs of the town there is a private system that furnishes a large portion of the population with clear water for household purposes.

D. C. Trantham began hauling water in a wagon ten years ago and seven years ago began laying mains and putting in hydrants. In this manner he now serves 230 customers. He lays the mains and house connections are made at the expense of the consumer. His two wells are about 300 feet deep, reaching to the Trinity sands, one of the strata from which Fort Worth draws her supply. A fifteen horse power boiler furnishes power for the pumps which lift the water. A head is secured by means of two tanks, one above the other, which, when filled, afford about half a day's supply.

A number of private artesian wells with windmills are to be found scattered throughout the town also. J. M. Stewart has just completed one and has a windmill installed.

Trantham's water works should be enlarged, even for meeting household demands. He knows it and is casting about for some means of raising the necessary capital.

**VERY FEW FIRES**  
 Although the town is absolutely without appliances for fighting fires, they are of exceedingly rare occurrence. Past history does not give immunity for the future, however, and at any time serious losses may occur. The only assistance the city could render in an emergency would be to send over a chemical engine and a hook and ladder truck. This condition can be easily remedied when she becomes an integral part of Fort Worth, for then water mains can be extended, sewers laid, etc.

There are no electric lights on the streets, nor any other kind—they use lanterns. An effort has been made to have the Traction Company put in a light in front of the Glenwood drug store, a point at which five streets converge. The company has signified its willingness to do so, and this will relieve the situation very materially.

As stated at the beginning of this article, Glenwood is a city of homes, and its people are part of the bone and sinew of Fort Worth—they are people who do. The other side of Fort Worth will awake to a realization of its worth some fine morning. In the meantime—well, there will be a merry Christmas in Glenwood and its homes.

**A RECEPTION THURSDAY**  
 A reception was given Thursday from 2 to 5 by Eva Louise Harris which was a very enjoyable affair. Many of the details of preparation were elaborate. The color scheme was white and pink. The table was beautifully decorated, over which long festoons of popcorn and cranberries were caught at the ceiling and fastened at each corner of the table with large bows of pink crepe paper. The centerpiece was composed of asparagus, spriggaru and pink crepe paper. The following were among those present: Mary L. Sheppard, Simon Ehrenstein, Ruth and Seth Shahan, Roy Fox, Raymond Little, Harold Tanner, Jack Martin, Beula May Clark, Martha Clark, Mary Beasley, Louise Stebinger, Irene Hardesty, Eva Harris, Mrs. J. D. Young, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. John Tanner, Mrs. Henry Martin, Mrs. Hardesty, Miss Edith Skaggs.

**AT POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE**  
 The following program was carried out last night in the college chapel by students of the Polytechnic college:  
 Ladies' voices, "Ava Maria" (Mendelssohn), chorus with violins accompaniment, Miss Pearl Woods, incidental soloist; violin, "Melodie" (Eichorn), Miss Sam Montgomery; piano, "Under the Linden" (Lichner), Misses Vernon and Florence

McCarver; violin, "Spanish Dance" (Rehfeld), Miss Nadine Spoons; violin, "Chloris" (Thome), "Carnival of Venice" (Lavanic); concert, for two violins, "Narvarra" (Sarasate), Misses Spoons and Menefee; piano, "Melodie" (Thome), Miss Ora Archer; unison for violins, "Intermezzo" (Mascagni), Misses Montgomery, Spoons, Menefee and Davidson; violin, "Aben leid" (Schuman), "Hungarian Dance" (Brahms), Miss Edna Menefee; chorus, "When Life is Brightest" (Pisauti), chorus and strings.

**DOING CHURCH WORK**  
 The church ladies are preparing to go into Christmas business. On December 21 the ladies of the Baptist church, and on December 23 the ladies of the Methodist church will take charge of Mrs. F. Ehrenstein's notion store and expect to make some record-breaking sales. Boys will be provided to deliver packages for the customers.

**GLENWOOD PERSONAL**  
 Mrs. Elmer Lyerty, on Vickery street, has gone to her mother's to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Way of Cleburne is visiting the family of Mr. Jeff Boyd.

Mrs. McAneer's mother is visiting her from Cleburne.

Mr. H. L. Martin left Friday night for Houston on receipt of news that his brother had sustained serious injuries in an accident.

The college choir will sing tonight at the Methodist church service.

Mrs. Carder gave a W. C. T. U. contest at Marine on Friday night, at which two Glenwood girls, Misses Ethel Billingsley and Jessie Weatherford, won first and second prizes, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodson of McKinney are visiting C. B. Ambrose of the Glenwood drug store.

There will be Christmas trees at both the Methodist and Baptist churches on Christmas eve.

Rev. J. D. Young, pastor of the Methodist church, was subjected to an odd-fashioned "pounding" last Tuesday night at the hands of his congregation. There was a big crowd out and all enjoyed the occasion hugely.

Frank Stewart suffered a double dose of accidents a day or two ago. A horse kicked him to stop limping, a heavy wagon ran over his foot, breaking two toes.

Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw are new residents in Glenwood, having arrived a few days ago from Bridgeport, their former home.

Mrs. Gassoway, who has been seriously ill for two months past, is now greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Kester Grant are entertaining a new eight pound boy at their home on Lillie street.

Mrs. J. E. Keeton missed the step as she was leaving her house one evening recently, and the fall resulted in a broken wrist. She is now getting along nicely.

**A PROGRESSIVE STORE.**  
 Among the many up-to-date stores at Glenwood one of the most progressive is the Glenwood Dry Goods and Notion store, of which the people of Glenwood are justly proud, as the store has always been considered an up-to-date place to buy good goods at reasonable prices. Mr. Ehrenstein, who manages the store, opened it May 1, 1901, and the store under her management shows a record of which many larger stores would feel proud.

**SILVERWARE STOLEN—**  
 We did not steal ours but our competitors are wondering how we can make the prices we do on knives, forks and spoons. Better investigate.

**NASH HARDWARE CO.**  
**FAVOR RETRENCHMENT**

Chicago and Omaha Adopt Amendments Proposed by National Exchange.

The first exchanges to vote on the retrenchment amendments proposed by the National Live Stock exchange were Chicago and South Omaha. If the sentiment at these two markets expressed in their votes is to be taken as a criterion, the retrenchment proposition will be embodied as a part of the policy of the commission men at the leading markets. The vote at Chicago was almost unanimous for the discontinuance of the employment of solicitors, for the discontinuance of the sending of free telegrams, except when reporting bona fide sales, and for the abolishment of the system of giving free meal tickets. The Omaha exchange, which was the first to vote, incorporated an amendment to go into effect the first of the year which provides that no meals shall be bought for customers except the meal served at or near the noon hour. The solicitor amendment provides that no member or stockholder or employee shall be allowed to solicit either as a resident or traveling solicitor for his firm or corporation. The amendment providing for the payment of messages states that no member shall pay the cost of any telephone or telegraphic message either sent or received except that quoting a bona fide sale made the same day the message is sent for the person addressed, and also telephone and telegraph messages pertaining to inquiries instituted by and for the personal information of members.

**WEEK'S STOCK MARKET**  
 Last Week's Advance Was Nearly a Recovery

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Developments this week on the stock exchange have all tended to confirm the view that what the market witnessed last week and the week before was merely a recovery and not a fresh advance. By the middle of the week it was clear to all conservative persons that the upturn had been altogether too rapid, and that whether or not the advance would be resumed later on, a substantial reaction was the logical thing to happen immediately. The dealings of the last few days have fulfilled this anticipation also. While the great inspiration for an advance which lay within the market of two and three years ago is lacking now, it is equally true that the first nine months of 1903 no longer exists. The supreme feature in this year's downward move was the loss of confidence of the lenders of credit, who finally extended the doubt to all financial centers. The convalescence now has certainly proceeded far enough to insure a proper differentiation between the good and the bad in the market's collateral. Another period of indiscriminate liquidation like that of last summer is hardly conceivable. Whether the tactics which have been used so profitably on

**SANTA CLAUS HAS HEADQUARTERS AT THE**

**GLENWOOD DRY GOODS STORE**



He has Toys and Presents that are useful for the little ones as well as the older ones. Call and see what we have and price our goods before buying elsewhere. We have a nice stock of Jewelry, which is marked in plain figures so every one can read them. Monday the 14th, we will give every customer 50c on the dollar off of the regular prices on Jewelry, which means

A \$5.00 pair of Cuff Buttons for .....	\$2.50	A \$5.00 Watch Chain for .....	\$2.50
A \$2.00 Brooch for .....	\$1.00	A \$10.00 Ring for .....	\$5.00
An \$8.00 Ring for .....	\$4.00	A \$3.00 set of Studs or Shirt Waist Set for.....	\$1.50

**AND SO ON THROUGH THE STOCK**

**NEW CANNED GOODS**

We received Friday our first installment of new crop Canned Goods. We were told it was the largest shipment ever received by a Fort Worth retail grocer. The quantity bought, and the sharp advance in these goods since our purchase, enable us to sell them to you at jobbers' prices. We bought only the best grades of each variety, and guarantee them to be such. These prices will save you 25 per cent.

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Salmon, Honor brand, 1-lb. cans.....	15c	\$1.50	Fancy Dry Salt Bellies, lb.....	10c
Salmon, White Swan brand, 1-lb. cans.....	20c	\$2.25	Fancy Smoked Bellies, lb.....	11c
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Century Building

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# THE LOVE OF LULU AND LEANDER—Leander Helps with the Christmas Decorations.

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1. LEANDER: "Why, good evening. Hanging Christmas wreaths, eh? Let me help you."  
 LULU: "No, no, Leander. We will do it ourselves. Something always happens when you try to do anything."  
 LEANDER: "Bosh! Don't be superstitious. Wait, I'll get the ladder."



2. LEANDER: "Oh, excuse me, Mrs. Peachtree. It was the ladder's fault. I didn't balance it properly."  
 POPPER: "Have a care there, young man."  
 MOMMER: "He is trying to kill me."  
 LULU: "I told you, Leander."



3. LEANDER: "I assure you, Mrs. Peachtree, I didn't"—  
 POPPER: "Help! Murder!"  
 LULU: "Leander, Leander! Look! You've knocked the wind out of Popper."  
 MOMMER: "He is trying to kill us all. I know!"



4. LEANDER: "Now I will show you how this thing should be done in an artistic manner."  
 POPPER: "I'll not be able to breathe for a week."  
 MOMMER: "He wants no mother-in-law. He did it on purpose."  
 LULU: "Oh, do be careful, Leander. You will fall and break all our Christmas presents."



5. LEANDER: "W-E-O-W!"  
 POPPER: "There he goes! I knew he would do it."  
 MOMMER: "Police! Fire! Police!"  
 LULU: "O-o-o-o-o-h! I told you, Leander; I told you."



6. POPPER: "I've got a good notion to take it out of his hide."  
 MOMMER: "Oh, my beautiful clock! That expensive vase! That costly lamp! All our Christmas presents broken to a thousand pieces! You idiot! You brute!"  
 LULU: "And I told him, I told him, I told him!"  
 LEANDER (between his teeth): "The first man who says 'Merry Christmas' to me I'll soak him."

# Why of Course Happy Hooligan Would Dance with the Poor Little Kid.

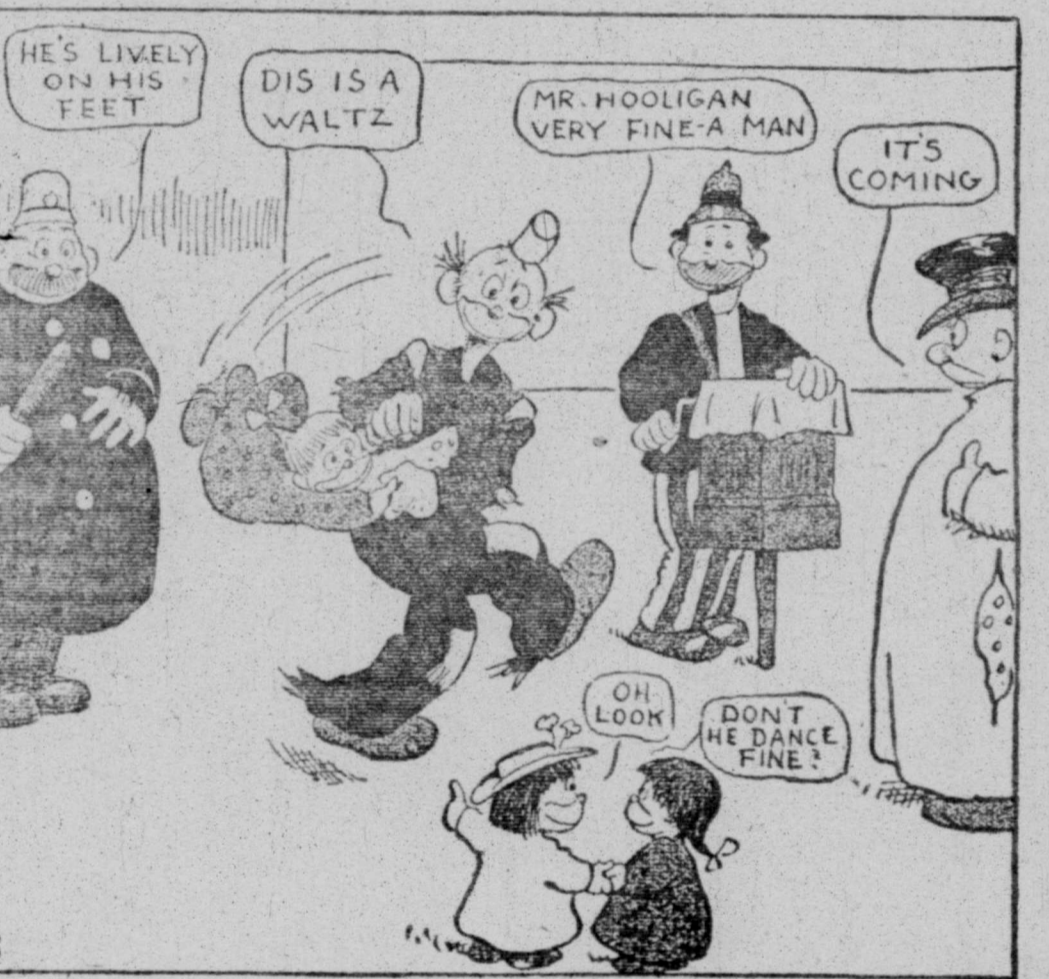
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1. MR. HOOLIGAN VERY KIND-A MAN  
 I'LL DANCE WID HER  
 AW, KEEP QUIET  
 I AINT GOT NOBODY TO DANCE WIT ME



2. HOOLIGAN AINT A BAD FELLER  
 MR. HOOLIGAN VERY GOOD-A MAN  
 DIS IS DE TWO-STEP  
 HE'S COOKING UP TROUBLE



3. HE'S LIVELY ON HIS FEET  
 DIS IS A WALTZ  
 MR. HOOLIGAN VERY FINE-A MAN  
 IT'S COMING  
 OH LOOK  
 DONT HE DANCE FINE!



4. MR. HOOLIGAN HITTA DE COP  
 AND TO THINK THAT HE'S MY BROTHER



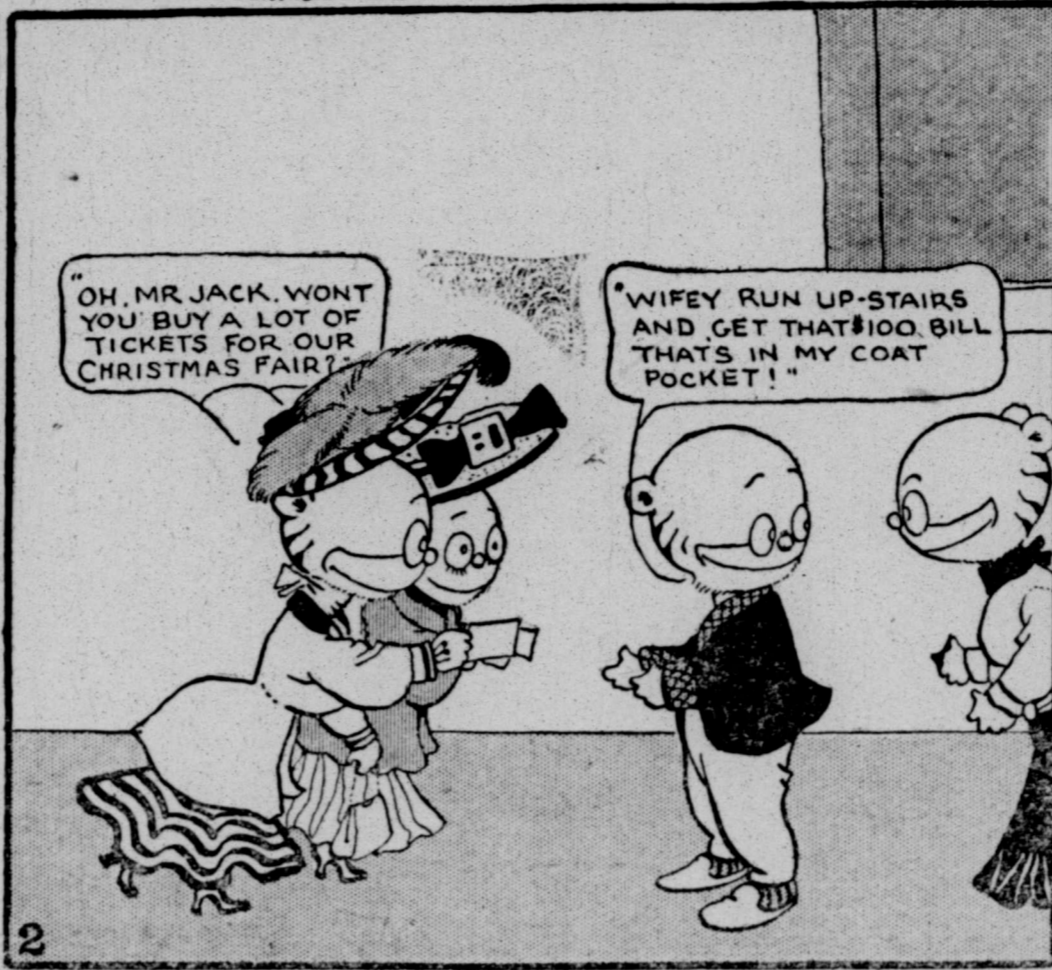
5. MR. HOOLIGAN HAVE-A DE HARDA LUCK  
 IT WAS A DEEP-LAID PLOT  
 I WARNED HIM



6. IT WILL GO HARD WITH YOU FOR THIS  
 POOR-A MR. HOOLIGAN  
 GUESS ILL GO AND LOOK FOR SOME LUNCH  
 I AINT GOT NOBODY TO DANCE WIT ME  
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# MR. JACK AND THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

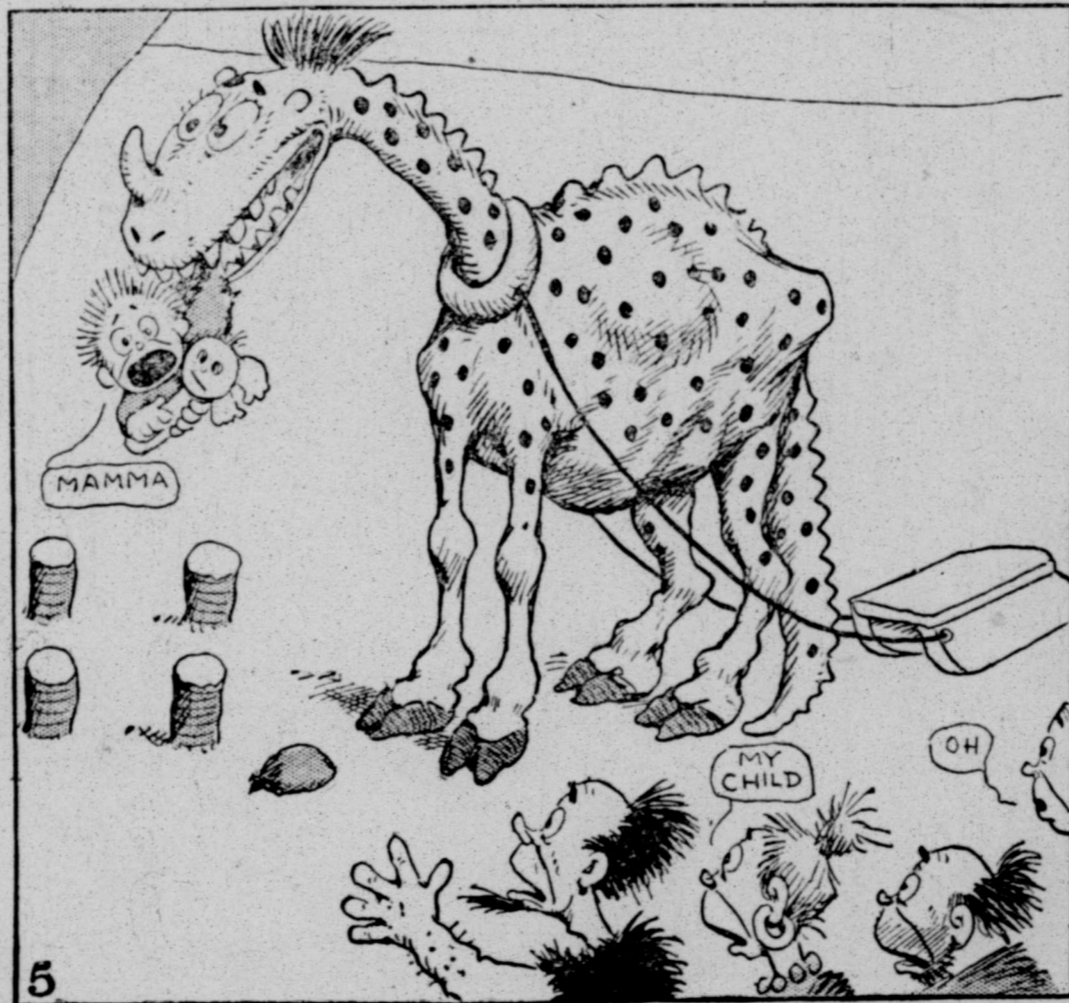
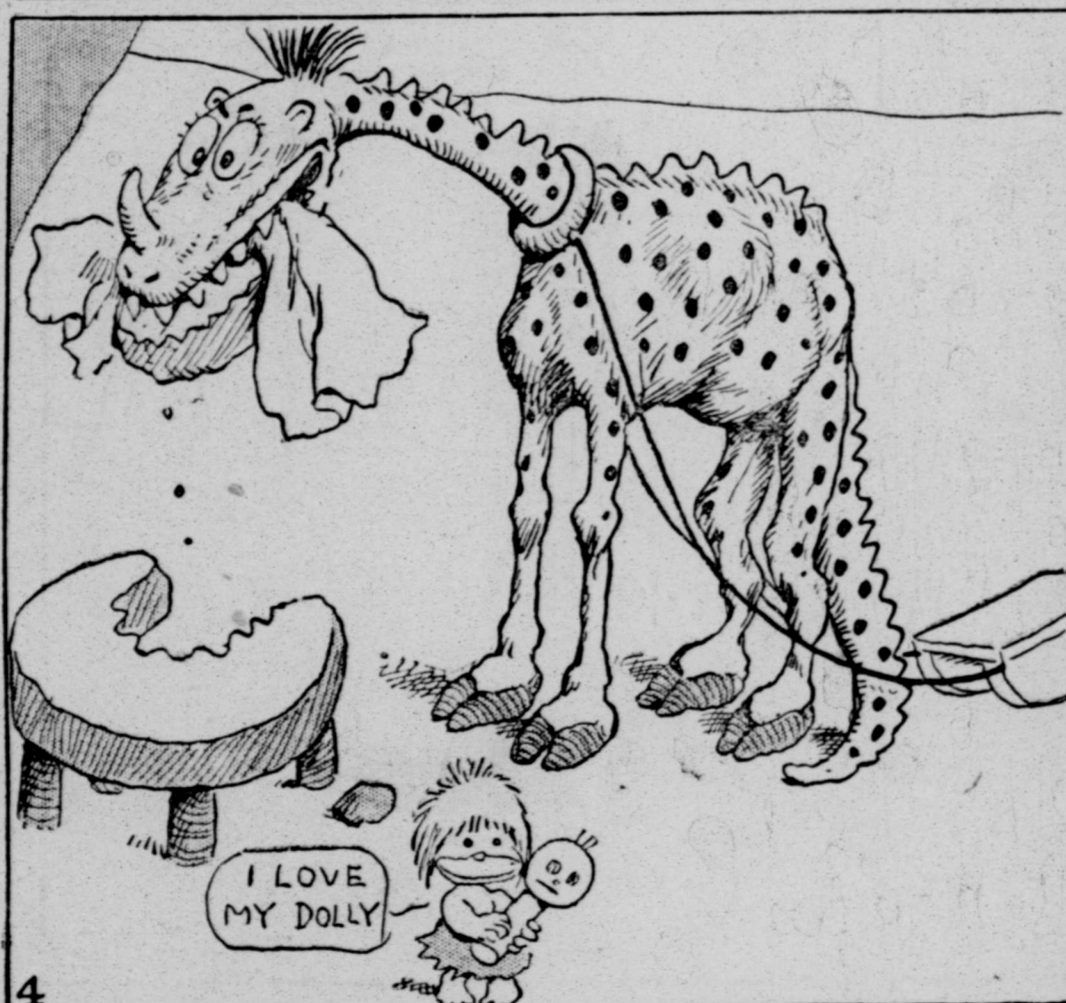
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# Our Antediluvian Ancestors—Mr. and Mrs. Stonehatchet Give a Christmas Dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Skinclothes.

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# A Page of Interest to All

## When Is It Good Taste To Wear Jewels?



**WHAT IS CORRECT AT THE OPERA, DINNERS AND RECEPTIONS AND IN EVERYDAY LIFE, SOME WONDERFUL PARURES**

"I do not wear my things at the opera, I feel that I am very perfectly dressed," remarked a society woman who has her box at the Metropolitan and enjoys the London season as well as the musical fests at the Coliseum.

This speech reflects exactly the attitude of all American women on the question of displaying jewels and jewelry. There was a time when a diamond collar or chain was worn simply as an accessory to the toilet, but now a number of ornaments have become one of its most essential parts. Each and every feminine occupant of the grand tier makes forth her most splendid jewels with the same care as though it held a gathering of royalty. The effect is magnificent and dazzling, and with all its luxuries there is seldom an individual case of over-dressing.

These same women of wealth and good taste are falling into the ways of their English cousins and are making a point of having their gowns reset season after season and are buying new stones to go with what they have, so that some day these sets of rubies, emeralds or diamonds, as the case may be, will be looked upon as heirlooms, equal to the bride's gift of an engagement diamond.

Collecting jewels is certainly a fad, yet it is too expensive for any but the very wealthiest to enjoy. Each woman of fashion has her cut or cabochon emeralds, her rubies, pearls or diamonds, which form the nucleus of her collection, and the way she adds to it each year makes one feel quite positive that the reign of the jewel will be long indeed.

"There are quantities of novelties in the line of jewelry," said the lady of the box, "and one of the very prettiest I brought over with me this fall is a pearl collar."

"It has eight strings, each formed of alternating pearls and diamonds. There are no jeweled bars or ornaments to mar the beauty and simple daintiness of the collar. It offers a pleasing change from both the all diamond and the small-diamonds-and-just-enough brilliancy to relieve without overshadowing the lustre of the pearls."

"More coronets and tiaras will be seen at the opera this winter than ever before," continued this authority on the subject of fashion's jewels, "and the reigning king's crown set on top of the head, silver perfectly straight or tilted a little to one side, will be much in evidence. Over in Paris they are making coronets of this style entirely of jet, and the evidence upon which it is worn is a tiny knot drawn up through the open part of the crown."

"I brought over one ornament for the hair that has not been seen here so far. It has two clusters of flowers, to be worn on either side of the high coiffure, and they are caught together with two small chains of diamonds, which fall across the back of the head. The flowers are solidly incrustated with the same brilliant stones, so that the whole is quite as effective as a tiara, and, besides, it has the advantage of resting upon one's level array, for few ornaments are designed so that they decorate the back of the costume."

"Some of these novel head pieces represent stars or sunbursts flanked by the same delicate chain of sparkling gems. In most of everything but coronets there is a decided favorableness to absolutely new effects and designs, but I noticed one novel and beautiful revival. It was a stomacher in a flower design, and each petal was solidly incrustated with tiny pearls, the design being exactly like those of the smaller ornaments our ancestors loved to wear."

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A CORONET AND A STRING OF PEARLS WORTH MANY THOUSANDS

MISS LILLIAN RUSSELL IN THE JEWELS SHE LOVES TO WEAR



Miss Lillian Russell Wears Few Jewels.

### AN EYE TO BUSINESS.

In tender lines the maid I woo,  
I sang her praises night and day,  
I can't help writing verses to  
A lass so sweet in every way.  
Although she heeds me not—aye, worse,  
Although her wrath I seem to stir,  
I have at least a book of verse  
All ready for some publisher.  
NATHAN M. LEVY.

hand. Mr. Heaton is a profound student, makes all his experiments intelligently, watches the results with the eye of a scientist and records them methodically for future reference. He has spent his life in accumulating such technical data, and also studies from nature and records of work in every school of art. He has thousands of drawings made in churches and museums throughout Europe, and other thousands of studies of trees, plants, flowers, rocks and mountains. And these, all carefully classified, constitute a treasure and an equipment of priceless value.

### Guild in Neuchatel, Switzerland, Revives Mediaeval Ideals in Art.

The traveler in Switzerland, impressed by the splendor of the scenery, might justly expect to find among the Swiss a highly developed sense of the beautiful, an artistic eye and an art to glory in jewels as the population are so proud.

Art Association, of which also he is an associate member. His father was a well-known decorator and designer of stained glass in England, and the son has inherited the talent of the father. He has opened up new lines of work, while maintaining the original stock of experience.

My most valued possession of this kind is a string of pearls which never leaves my neck," said Miss de Wolf, "but I think it is charming to see women flashing with diamonds and precious stones. From the commonest their heads to their jeweled fingers."

"There is one other feature worthy of mention, and that is the grandmother's gold beads, only these dear old ladies would never recognize the smallest little strings that were in the strands of huge golden spheres which encircle the throat of the girl of today. The beads are at least the size of large cherries, thick with most of them are in a smooth, golden satin dush an occasional string of fully chased beads is seen."

"Blugs appear in greater varieties and quantities than ever, and sometimes it seems almost a shame that women of good taste have to content themselves with the third and fourth fingers. Over in Paris girls are worn on every finger, and sometimes a well-to-do actress appears with diamonds on her thumbs, which is, of course, a rather queer feat."

"There is another thing that women are very careful to observe, and that is the combination of jewels. It is never in good taste to wear any gem with one of another color, unless it be diamonds. It may seem rather unnecessary to mention this, but it is one of the first essentials of jewel etiquette."

"If thumb rings are considered blarney, almost as this same light, though it is immensely popular with society women. That is the wearing of mismatched pearl earrings, say a black one in one ear and a white one in the other. As one man said, it gives a 'port and starboard' effect."

"Every woman now wears this herbaric ornament (the earring), though not all go in for this particularly odd combination."

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"Princess Brancaccio, who is an American, wears a magnificent set, one eighth of an ounce, consisting of a pair of pearls, which are shaped pinks, set with diamonds, she wears a collar and broad necklace of the same the gems. Then she has a necklace of pearls and all manner of costly and exquisite ornaments to match, which she fastens around the delicate neck of a gown.



A Barbaric Way of Fastening Jewels on Belle

### A Western Sunset.

As rosy and big as any wagon wheel,  
As a blood orange red, the sun rolls down  
Out of the cloudless sky into yonder field,  
Of tasseled corn, a mile beyond the town.

The Day has shut her eyes, set everlastingly  
The world is bright in purple hue and  
As if the sun were still a shining there—  
So lingers in the heart a lover's look.

To orange change the crimson skies where  
A silver dome as any candle light:  
Full soon, the Sun's pale ghost, the moon  
To haunt the wight-swept starlit House of  
Night.

LEE FAIRCHILD.

### Tea Punch.

Make a strong infusion of tea, pouring a  
quart of boiling water over a tablespoonful  
of Ceylon or English breakfast tea and let  
it stand until cold. Strain and add to the  
following mixture: The juice of three lemons  
and the juice of three lemons; the pulp  
and juice of a shredded pineapple and one  
cup of sugar. When the sugar is entirely  
dissolved add one quart apple juice and one  
box fresh strawberries or raspberries, and  
whisk. Pour over a block of ice in the punch  
bowl. A cupful of claret and a tablespoonful  
of curacao may be added if desired.



Cloisonne Vase.

# The Blazed Trail

By STEWART EDWARD WHITE

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## CHAPTER I.

**I**N the network of streams draining the eastern portion of Michigan and known as the Saginaw waters the great firm of Morrison & Daly had for many years carried on extensive logging operations in the wilderness.

Now at last, in the early eighties, they reached the end of their holdings. Another winter would finish the cut.

At this juncture Mr. Daly called to him John Radway, a man whom he knew to possess extensive experience, a little capital and a desire for more of both.

"Radway," said he when the two found themselves alone in the mill office, "we expect to cut this year some 50,000,000, which will finish our pine holdings in the Saginaw waters. Most of this timber lies over in the Crooked Lake district, and that we expect to put in ourselves. We own, however, 5,000,000 on the Cass branch which we would like to log on contract. Would you care to take the job?"

"How much a thousand do you give?" asked Radway.

"Four dollars," replied the lumberman.

"I'll look at it," replied the jobber.

So Radway got the "descriptions" and a little map divided into townships, sections and quarter sections and went out to look at it. He searched until he found a "blaze" on a tree, the marking on which indicated it as the corner of a section. From this corner the boundary lines were blazed at right angles in either direction. Radway followed the blazed lines. Thus he was able accurately to locate isolated "forties" (forty acres), "eighties," quarter sections and sections in a primal wilderness. The feat, however, required considerable woodcraft, an exact sense of direction and a pocket compass.

These resources were still further drawn upon for the next task. Radway tramped the woods, hills and valleys to determine the most practical route over which to build a logging road from the standing timber to the shores of Cass branch. He found it to be an affair of some puzzlement. The pines stood on a country rolling with hills, deep with pot holes. It became necessary to dodge in and out, here and there, between the knolls, around and through the swamps, still keeping, however, in the same general direction and preserving always the requisite level or down grade. Radway had no vantage point from which to survey the country. A city man would promptly have lost himself in the tangle, but the woodsman emerged at last on the banks of a stream, leaving behind him a meandering trail of clipped trees.

"I'll take it," said he to Daly.

Daly now proceeded to drive a sharp bargain with him.

Customarily a jobber is paid a certain proportion of the agreed price as each stage of the work is completed. Daly objected to this method of procedure.

"You see, Radway," he explained, "it's our last season in the country. When this lot is in we want to pull up stakes, so we can't take any chances on not getting that timber in. If you don't finish your job, it keeps us here another season. There can be no doubt, therefore, that you finish your job. In other words, we can't take any chances. If you start the thing, you've got to carry it 'way through."

"I think I can, Mr. Daly," the jobber assured him.

"For that reason," went on Daly, "we object to paying you as the work progresses. We've got to have a guarantee that you don't quit on us and that those logs will be driven down the branch as far as the river in time to catch our drive. Therefore I'm going to make you a good price per thousand, but payable only when the logs are delivered to our river men."

Radway, with his usual mental attitude of one anxious to justify the other man, ended by seeing only his employer's argument. He did not perceive that the latter's proposition introduced into the transaction a gambling element. It became possible for Morrison & Daly to get a certain amount of work short of absolute completion done for nothing.

All this was in August. Radway, who was a good, practical woodsman, set about the job immediately. He gathered a crew, established a camp and began at once to cut roads through the country he had already blazed on his former trip.

Radway's task was not merely to level out and ballast the six feet of a roadbed already constructed, but to cut a way for five miles through the unbroken wilderness. The way had, moreover, to be not less than twenty-five feet wide, needed to be absolutely level and free from any kind of obstructions and required in the swamps liberal ballasting with poles, called corduroys. Not only must the growth be removed, but the roots must be cut out and the inequalities of the ground leveled or filled up. Reflect further that Radway had but a brief time at his disposal, but a few months at most, and you will then be in a position to gauge the first difficulties of those the

American pioneer expects to encounter as a matter of course.

The jobber of course pushed his roads as rapidly as possible, but was greatly handicapped by lack of men. Winter set in early and surprised him with several of the smaller branches yet to finish. The main line, however, was done.

At intervals squares were cut out alongside. In them two long timbers or skids were laid and ironed for the reception of the piles of logs which would be dragged from the fallen trees. They were called skidways. Then finally the season's cut began.

The men who were to fell the trees Radway distributed along one boundary of a "forty." They were instructed to move forward across the forty in a straight line, felling every pine tree over eight inches in diameter. While the saw gangs, three in number, prepared to fell the first trees, other men called swampers were busy cutting and clearing of roots narrow little trails down through the forest from the pine to the skidway at the edge of the logging road. The trails were perhaps three feet wide and marvels of smoothness, although no attempt was made to level mere inequalities of the ground. They were called travoy roads (French travois). Down them the logs would be dragged and hauled either by means of heavy steel tongs or a short sledge on which one end of the timber would be chained.

Meantime the sawyers were busy. Each pair of men selected a tree, the first they encountered over the blazed line of their forty. After determining in which direction it was to fall they set to work to chop a deep gash in that side of the trunk.

Tom Broadhead and Henry Paul picked out a tremendous pine, which they determined to throw across a little open space in proximity to the travoy road. One stood to right, the other left, and alternately their axes bit deep. Tom glanced up as a sailor looks aloft.

"She'll do, Hank," he said.

The two then with a dozen half clips of the ax removed the inequalities of the bark from the saw's path. The long flexible ribbon of steel began to sing, bending so adaptably to the hands and motions of the men manipulating that it did not seem possible so mobile an instrument could cut the rough pine. In a moment the song changed timbre. Without a word the men straightened their backs. Tom flinched along the blade a thin stream of kerosene oil from a bottle in his hip pocket, and the sawyers again bent to their work, swaying back and forth rhythmically, their muscles rippling under the texture of their wooleus like those of a panther under its skin. The outer edge of the saw blade disappeared.

"Better wedge her, Tom," advised Hank.

They paused while, with a heavy sledge, Tom drove a triangle of steel into the crack made by the sawing. This prevented the weight of the tree from pinching the saw. Then the rhythmic z-z-z, z-z-z, again took up its song.

When the trunk was nearly severed Tom drove another and thicker wedge. "Timber!" hailed Hank in a long drawn melodious call that melted through the woods into the distance. The swampers ceased work and withdrew to safety.

"Crack!" called the tree.

Hank coolly unhooked his saw handle, and Tom drew the blade through and out the other side.

The tree shivered, then leaned ever so slightly from the perpendicular, then fell, at first gently, afterward with a crescendo rush, tearing through the branches of other trees, bending the small timber, breaking the smallest, and at last hitting with a tremendous crash and bang which filled the air with a fog of small twigs, needles and the powder of snow.

Then the swampers, who have by now finished the travoy road, trimmed the prostrate trunk clear of all protruberances. It required fairly skillful ax work. The branches had to be shaved close and clear, and at the same time the trunk must not be gashed. And often a man was forced to wield his instrument from a constrained position.

The chopped branches and limbs had now to be dragged clear and piled. While this was being finished Tom and Hank marked off and sawed the log lengths, paying due attention to the necessity of avoiding knots, forks and rotten places. Thus some of the logs were eighteen, some sixteen or fourteen and some only twelve feet in length.

Next appeared the teamsters with their little wooden sledges, their steel chains and their tongs. They had been helping the skidders to place the parallel and level beams, or skids, on which the logs were to be piled by the side of the road. The tree which Tom and Hank had just felled lay up a gentle slope from the new travoy road, so little Fabian Laveque, the teamster, clamped the bite of his tongs to the end of the largest or butt log.

"Allez, Molly!" he cried.

A horse, huge, elephantine, her head down, nose close to her chest, intelli-

gently spying her steps, moved. The log half rolled over, slid three feet and menaced a stump.

"Gee!" cried Laveque.

Molly stepped twice directly sideways, planted her forefoot on a root she had seen and pulled sharply. The end of the log slid around the stump.

"Allez!" commanded Laveque.

And Molly started gluggerly down the hill. She pulled the timber, heavy as an iron safe, here and there through the brush, missing no steps, making no false moves, backing and finally getting out of the way of an unexpected roll with the ease and intelligence of Laveque himself. In five minutes the burden lay by the travoy road. In two minutes more one end of it had been rolled on the little flat wooden sledge and, the other end dragging, it was winding majestically down through the ancient forest.

When Molly and Fabian had travoyed the log to the skidway they drew it with a bump across the two parallel skids and left it there to be rolled to the top of the pile.

Then Mike McGovern and Bob Stratton and Jim Gladys took charge of it. Mike and Bob were running the cant hooks, while Jim stood on top of the great pile of logs already decked. A slender, pliable steel chain like a gray snake ran over the top of the pile and disappeared through a pulley to an invisible horse—Jenny, the mate of Molly. Jim threw the end of this chain down. Bob passed it over and under the log and returned it to Jim, who reached down after it with the hook of his implement. Thus the stock of timber rested in a long loop, one end of which led to the invisible horse, and the other Jim made fast to the top of the pile. He did so by jamming into another log the steel swamp hook with which the chain was armed. When all was made fast the horse started.

"She's a bumper," said Bob. "Look out, Mike!"

The log slid to the foot of the two parallel poles laid slanting up the face of the pile. Then it trembled on the ascent. But one end stuck for an instant, and at once the log took on a dangerous slant. Quick as light Bob and Mike sprang forward, gripped the hooks of the cant hooks like great thumbs and forefingers, and, while one held with all his power, the other gave a sharp twist upward. The log straightened. It was a master feat of power and the knack of applying strength justly.

At the top of the little incline the timber hovered for a second.

"One more!" sang out Jim to the driver. He poised, stepped lightly up and over and avoided by the safe hairbreadth being crushed when the log rolled. But it did not lie quite straight or even. So Mike cut a short, thick block and all three stirred the heavy timber sufficiently to admit of the billet's insertion.

Then the chain was thrown down for another.

Jenny, harnessed only to a short, straight bar with a hook in it, leaped to her collar and dug her hoofs at the word of command. The driver, close to her tail, held fast the slender steel chain of an ingenious hitch about the ever useful swamp hook. When Jim shouted "Whoa!" from the top of the skidway the driver did not trouble to stop the horse; he merely let go the hook. So the power was shut off suddenly, as is meet and proper in such ticklish business. He turned and walked back, and Jenny, like a dog, without the necessity of command, followed him in slow patience.

Now came Dyer, a sceler, rapidly down the logging road, a small, slender man with a little, turned up mustache. The men disliked him because of his affectation of a city smartness and because he never ate with them, even when there was plenty of room. The sceler's duty at present was to measure the diameter of the logs in each skid.

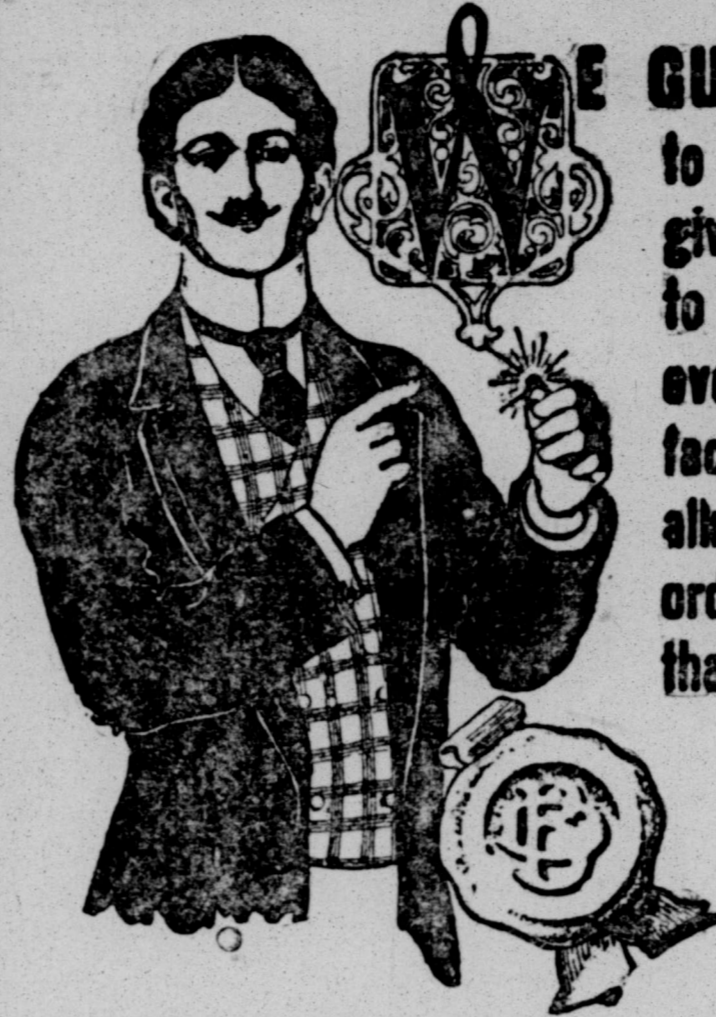


"Allez!" commanded Laveque.

way and so compute the number of board feet. At the office he tended van, kept the books and looked after supplies.

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SYNOPSIS.

The story, which deals with the mystery of the old Moore house in Washington, is told by a detective sergeant, who was drawn into the case by a call from "Uncle David" Moore.

The detective accompanies Mr. Moore to the old house, where three mysterious murders had been committed. On the way he tells the detective of the murders and of the determination of Miss Veronica Moore to have her wedding ceremony performed in the abandoned house and of the tragic death of a strange man, who was found on the hearth of the mysterious room on the day of the wedding.

Uncle David and the detective see a light in the old house, and on entering the detective finds the dead body of Mrs. Jeffrey, formerly Veronica Moore, on the hearth where the stranger had been found dead. The case looked like suicide. He noticed on the wall of the room a faded picture, which fascinated him, and while he believed in the suicide theory, he determined to discover the secret if possible.

Leaving the others in the house, the detective crosses the street to pay a visit to the uncle of the dead woman, "Uncle David" Moore.

He learned from the files of the Washington papers that the stranger found dead was W. Pfeiffer, a well known Denver citizen, but no explanation could be found as to his reason for being at the wedding.

He finds that Miss Tuttle, Miss Veronica Moore's half sister, had once been in love with Mr. Jeffrey.

From his investigation the detective is led to believe that "Uncle David," who would inherit the family fortune by the suspicions against Mr. Jeffrey.

The coroner's investigation into the cause of the death of Mrs. Jeffrey only added to the belief that her husband and her beautiful half-sister were responsible for the death.

The mystery deepens by the later developments of the coroner's investigation which clearly established the innocence of Miss Tuttle and Mr. Jeffrey, but indicated that they had knowledge of the cause of the death of Mrs. Jeffrey. From a society friend of Mrs. Jeffrey the detective gets a new line on the case.

(Continued from Sunday.)

But this moment was as yet far distant. The coroner was a man of method, and his plan was now to prove, as had been apparent to most of us from the first, that the assumption of suicide on the part of Mrs. Jeffrey was open to doubt. The communication suggesting such an end to her troubles was the strongest proof Mr. Jeffrey could bring forward that her death had been the result of her own act. Consequently it was now the coroner's business to show that this communication was either a forgery, or a substitution, and that if she left some word in the book to which she had in so peculiar a manner directed her attention, it was not necessarily the one bewailing her absence

of love for him and her consequent intention of seeking relief from her disappointment in death.

Some hint of what the coroner contemplated had already escaped him in the persistent and seemingly inconsequent questions to which he had subjected this witness in reference to these very matters. But the time had now come for a more direct attack, and the interest rose correspondingly high, when the coroner, lifting again to sight the scrap of paper containing the few piteous lines so often quoted, asked of the now anxious and agitated witness, if he had ever noticed any similarity between the handwriting of his wife and that of Miss Tuttle.

An indignant "No!" was about to pass his lips, when he suddenly checked himself and said more mildly: "There may have been a similarity; I hardly know, I have seen too little of Miss Tuttle's hand to judge."

This occasioned a diversion. Specimens of Miss Tuttle's handwriting were produced, which, after having been duly proved, were passed down to the jury along with the communication professedly signed by Mrs. Jeffrey. The grunts of astonishment which ensued as the knowing heads drew near over these several papers caused Mr. Jeffrey to flush and finally cry out with startling emphasis:

"I know that those words were written by my wife."

But when the coroner asked him for his reasons for this conviction, he could, or would not state them.

"I have said," he stolidly repeated, and that was all.

The coroner made no comment, but when, after some further inquiry, which added little to the general knowledge, he dismissed Mr. Jeffrey and recalled Loretta, there was that in his tone which warned us that the really serious portion of the day's examination was about to begin.

XIII CHIEFLY THRUST

The appearance of this witness had undergone a change since she last stood before us. She was shame-faced still, but her manner showed a resolve and a feverish determination to face the situation which could but awaken in the breasts of those who had Mr. Jeffrey's honor and personal welfare at heart a nameless dread; as if they already foresaw the dark shadow which minute by minute was slowly sinking over a household which, up to a week ago, had been the envy and admiration of all Washington society.

The first answer she made revealed both the cause of her shame and the reason of her firmness. It was in response to the question whether she, Loretta, had seen Miss Tuttle before she went out on the walk she was said to have taken immediately after Mrs. Jeffrey's final departure from the house.

Her words were these: "I did, sir. I do not think Miss Tut-

tle knows it, but I saw her in Mrs. Jeffrey's room."

The emphatic tone, offering such a contrast to her former manner of speech, might have drawn all eyes to the speaker had not the person she mentioned offered a still more interesting subject to the general curiosity. As it was, all glances flew to that silent and seemingly impassive figure upon which all open suggestions and covert innuendoes had hitherto fallen without creating more than a pressure of her interlaced fingers.

This direct attack, possibly the most threatening she had received, appeared to produce no more effect upon her than the others; less, perhaps, for no stir was visible in her now, and to some eyes she hardly seemed to breathe.

Curiosity, thus baffled, led the gaze on to Mr. Jeffrey, and even to Uncle David; but the former had dropped his head again upon his hand, and the other—well, there was little to observe in Mr. Moore at any time, save the immense satisfaction he seemed to take in himself; so attention returned to the witness, who, by this time, had entered upon a consecutive tale.

As near as I can remember, these are the words with which she prefaced it:

"I am not especially proud of what I did that night, but I was led into it by degrees, and I am sure I beg the lady's pardon." And then she went on to relate how, after she had seen Mrs. Jeffrey leave the house, she went into her room with the intention of putting it to rights. As this was no more than her duty, no fault could be found with her; but she owned that when she had finished this task and removed all evidence of Mrs. Jeffrey's frenzied condition, she had no business to linger at the table turning over the letters she found lying there.

Here the coroner stopped her and made some inquiries in regard to these letters, but as they seemed to be ordinary epistles from friends and quite foreign to the investigation, he allowed her to proceed.

Her cheeks were burning now, for she had found herself obliged to admit that she had read enough of these letters to be sure that they had no reference to the quarrel then pending between her mistress and Mr. Jeffrey.

Her eyes fell and she looked seriously distressed as she went on to say that she was as conscious then as now of having no business with those papers; so conscious, indeed that when she heard Miss Tuttle's step at the door, her one idea was to hide herself.

That she could stand and face that lady never so much as occurred to her. Her own guilty consciousness made her cheeks too hot for her to wish to meet an eye which had never rested on her any too kindly; so noticing how straight the curtains fell over one of the windows on the opposite side of the room, she dashed toward it and slipped in out of sight just as Miss Tuttle came in. This window was one seldom used, owing to the fact that it overlooked an adjoining wall, so she had no fear of Miss Tuttle's approaching it. Consequently, she could stand there quite at her ease, and, as the curtains in falling behind her had not come quite together, she really could not help seeing just what that lady did.

The witness paused with every appearance of looking for some token of disapprobation from the crowd. But she encountered nothing there but eager anxiety for her to proceed, so without waiting for the coroner's question, she added in so many words: "She went first to the book-shelves."

"We had expected it; but yet a general movement took place, and a few suppressed exclamations could be heard.

"And what did she do there?" "Took down a book, after looking carefully up and down the shelves."

"What color of book?" "A green one with red figures on it. I could see the cover plainly as she took it down."

"Like this one?" "Exactly like that one."

"And what did she do with this book?" "Opened it, but not to read it. She was too quick in closing it for that."

"Did she take the book away?" "No; she put it back on the shelf."

"After opening and closing it?" "Yes, sir."

"Did you see whether she put anything into the book?" "I cannot swear that she did; but her back was to me, and I could not have seen it if she had."

The implied suggestion caused some excitement, but the coroner, frowning on this, pressed the girl to continue, asking if Miss Tuttle left the room immediately after turning from the book-shelves. Loretta replied no; that on the contrary, she stood for some minutes near them, gazing, in what seemed like a great distress of mind, straight upon the floor; after which she moved in an agitated way and with more than one anxious look behind her into the adjoining room where she paused before a large bureau. As this bureau was devoted entirely to Mr. Jeffrey's use, Loretta, experienced some surprise at seeing his wife's sister approach it in so stealthily a manner. Consequently she was watching all her might, when this young lady opened the upper drawer and, with very evident emotion, thrust her hand into it.

What she took out, or whether she took out anything, this spy upon her movements could not say, for when Loretta held the drawer being pushed back into place she drew the curtains close, perceiving that Miss Tuttle would have to face this window in-

coming back. However, she ventured upon one other peep through them just as that lady was leaving the room, and remembered as if it were yesterday how clay-white her face looked, and how she held her left hand pressed close against the folds of her dress. It was but a few minutes after this that Miss Tuttle left the house.

As we all knew what was kept in that drawer, the conclusion was obvious. Whatever excuse Miss Tuttle might give for going into her sister's room at this time, but one thought, one fear, or possibly one hope, could have taken her to Mr. Jeffrey's private drawer. She wished to see if his pistol was still there, or if it had been taken away by her sister—a revelation of the extreme point to which her thoughts had flown at this crisis, and one which effectually contradicted her former statement that she had been conscious of no alarm in behalf of her sister and had seen her leave the house without dread or suspicion of evil.

The temerity which had made it possible to associate the name of such a man as Francis Jeffrey with an outrageous crime having been thus in a measure explained, the coroner looked that gentleman and again thoroughly surprised the gaping public.

Had the witness accompanied his wife to the Moore house?" "No."

Had he met her there by any appointment he had made with her or which had been made for them both by some third person?" "No."

Had he been at the Moore house on the night of the 11th at any time previous to the hour when he was brought there by the officials?" "No."

Would he glance at this impression of certain finger-tips which had been left in the dust of the southwest chamber mantel?" "He had already noted them."

Now would he place his left hand on the paper and see— "It is not necessary," he burst forth, in great heat. "I own to those marks. This is, I have no doubt they were made by my hand. Here, unconsciously, his eyes flew to the member thus referred to, as if conscious that in some way it had proved a traitor to him; after which his gaze traveled slowly my way, with an indescribable question in it which roused my conscience and made the trick by which I had got the impression of his hand seem less of a triumph than I had heretofore considered it. The next minute he was answering the coroner under oath, very much as he had answered him in the unofficial interview at which I had been present.

"I acknowledge having been in the Moore house and even having been in its southwest chamber, but not at the time supposed. It was on the previous night." He went on to relate how, being in a nervous condition and having the key to this old dwelling in his pocket, he had amused himself by going through its dilapidated interior. All of this he said with a doubtful impression which was greatly emphasized when, in reply to the inquiry as to where he got the light to see by, he admitted that he had come upon a candle in an upstairs room and made use of that; though he could not remember what he had done with this candle afterward, and looked dazed and quite at sea, till the coroner suggested that he might have carried it into the closet of the room where his fingers had left their impression in the dust of the mantel-shelf. This he broke down like a man from whom some grog had suddenly been snatched and looked around for a seat. This was given him, while a silence, the most dreadful I ever experienced, held every one there in check. But he speedily rallied, and with the remark that he was a little confused in regard to the incidents of that night, waited with a wild look in his averted eye for the coroner's next question.

Unhappily for him it was in continuation of the same subject. Had he bought candles or not at the grocer's around the corner? Yes, he had. Before visiting the house? Yes. Had he also bought matches? Yes. What kind? Common safety matches. Had he noticed when he got home that the box he had just bought was half empty? No. Nevertheless he had used many matches in going through this old house, had he not? Possibly. To light his way upstairs, perhaps? It might be. Had he not so used them? Yes. Why had he done so, if he had candles in his pocket, which were so much easier to hold and so much more lasting than a lighted match? Ah, he could not say; he did not know; his mind was confused. He was awake when he should have been asleep. It was all a dream to him.

The coroner became still more persistent. "Did you enter the library on your solitary visit to this old house?" "I believe so."

"What did you do there?" "Pattered around. I don't remember."

"What light did you use?" "A candle, I think."

"You must know."

"Well, I had a candle; it was in a candelabrum."

"What candle and what candelabrum?" "The same I used upstairs, of course."

"And you cannot remember where you left this candle and candelabrum when you finally quitted the house?" "No. I wasn't thinking of such details."

"What were you thinking about?"

"The rupture with my wife and the bad name of the house I was in."

"Oh! and this was on Tuesday night?" "Yes, sir."

"How can you prove this to us?" "I cannot."

"But you swear—"

"I swear that it was Tuesday night, the night immediately preceding the one—when my wife's death robbed me of all earthly happiness."

It was feelingly uttered, and several faces lightened; but the coroner repeating: "Is there no way you can prove this to our satisfaction?" the shadow settled again, and on no head more perceptibly than on that of the unfortunate witness.

It was now late in the day and the atmosphere of the room had become stifling; but no one seemed to be conscious of any discomfort, and a general gasp of excitement passed through the room when the coroner, taking out a box from under a pile of papers, disclosed to the general gaze the famous white ribbon with its dainty bow, lying on top of the fatal pistol.

That this special feature, the most interesting one of all connected with this tragedy, should have been kept so long in reserve and brought out just at this time, struck many of Mr. Jeffrey's closest friends as unnecessarily dramatic; but when the coroner, lifting the ribbon, remarked tentatively, "You know this ribbon?" we were more struck by the involuntary cry of surprise which rose from some one in the crowd about the door, than by the look with which Mr. Jeffrey eyed it and made the necessary reply. That cry had something more than nervous excitement in it. Identifying the person who had uttered it as a certain busy little woman well known in town, I sent an officer to watch her; then recalled my attention to the point the coroner was attempting to make. He had forced Mr. Jeffrey to recognize the ribbon as the one which had fastened the pistol to his wife's arm; now he asked whether, in his opinion, a woman could tie such a bow to her own wrist, and when, in common justice Mr. Jeffrey was obliged to say no, waited a third time before he put the general suspicion again into these words:

"Can you not, by some means or some witness, prove to us that it was on Tuesday night and not on Wednesday you spent the hours you speak of on this scene of your marriage and your wife's death?"

The helplessness which more than once had marked Mr. Jeffrey's features since the beginning of this inquiry, reappeared with renewed force as this suggestive question fell again upon his ears; and he was about to repeat his plea of forgetfulness when the coroner's attention was diverted by a request made in his ear by one of the detectives. In another moment Mr. Jeffrey had been waived aside and a new witness sworn in.

You can imagine every one's surprise, mine most of all, when this witness proved to be Uncle David.

"TALLMAN! LET US HAVE TALLMAN!"

I do not know why the coroner had so long delayed to call this witness. In the ordinary course of events his testimony should have preceded mine, but the ordinary course of events had not been followed, and it was only at the request of Mr. Moore himself that he was now allowed the privilege of appearing before this coroner and jury.

I speak of it as a privilege because he himself evidently regarded it as such. Indeed, his whole attitude and bearing as he addressed himself to the coroner showed that he was there to be looked at and that he secretly thought he was very well worth this attention. Possibly some remembrance of the old days, in which he had gone in and out before these people in a garb suggestive of penury, made the moment when he could appear before them in a guise more befitting his station one of incalculable importance to him.

At all events, he confronted us all with an aspect which openly challenged admiration. When, in answer to the coroner's inquiries, it became his duty to speak, he did so with a composure which would have called up smiles if the occasion had been one of less seriousness, and his connection with it as unimportant as he would have it appear.

What he said was in the way of confirming the last witness's testimony as to his having been at the Moore house on Tuesday evening. Mr. Moore, who was very particular as to dates and days, admitted that the light which he had seen in a certain window of his ancestral home on the evening when he summoned the police was but the repetition of one he had detected there the evening before. It was this repetition which alarmed him and caused him to break through all his usual habits and leave his home at night to notify the police.

"The old sneak!" thought I. "Why didn't he tell us this before?" And I allowed myself a fresh doubt of his candor which had always seemed to me somewhat open to question. It is possible that the coroner shared my opinion, or that he felt it incumbent upon him to get what evidence he could from the sole person living within view of the house in which such ghastly events had taken place. For, without betraying the least suspicion, and yet with the quiet persistence for which men in his responsible position are noted, he subjected this suave old man to such a rigid examination as to what he had

seen, or had not seen, from his windows, that no possibility seemed to remain of his concealing a single fact which could help to the elucidation of this or any other mystery connected with the old mansion.

He asked him if he had seen Mr. Jeffrey go in on the night in question; if he had ever seen any one go in there since the wedding; or even if he had seen any one loitering about the steps, or sneaking into the rear yard. But the answer was always no; these same noes growing more and more emphatic, and the gentleman more and more impenetrable and dignified as the examination went on. In fact, he was as unassailable a witness as I have ever heard testify before any jury. Beyond the fact already mentioned of his having observed a light in the opposite house on the two evenings in question, he admitted nothing. His life in the little cottage was so engrossing—he had his organ—his dog—why should he look out of the window? Had it not been for his usual habit of letting his dog run the pavements for a quarter of an hour before finally locking up for the night, he would not have seen as much as he did.

"Have you any stated hour for doing this?" the coroner now asked. "Yes; half past nine."

"And was this the hour when you saw that light?" "Yes, both times."

As he had appeared at the station-house at a few minutes before ten he was probably correct in this statement. But, notwithstanding this, I did not feel implicit confidence in him. He was too insistent in his regret at not being able to give greater assistance in the disentanglement of a mystery so affecting the honor of the family of which he was now the recognized head. His voice, nicely attuned to the occasion, was admirable; so was his manner; but I mentally wrote him down as one I should enjoy outwitting if the opportunity ever came my way.

He wound up with such a distinct repetition of his former emphatic assertion as to the presence of light in the old house on Tuesday as well as Wednesday evening that Mr. Jeffrey's testimony in this regard received a decided confirmation. I looked to see some open recognition of this, when suddenly, and with a persistence understood only by the police, the coroner recalled Mr. Jeffrey and asked him what proof he had to offer that his visit of Tuesday had not been repeated the next night and that he was not in the building when the fatal tragedy was pulled.

At this leading question, a lawyer sitting near me, edged himself forward as if he hoped for some sign from Mr. Jeffrey which would warrant him in interfering. But Mr. Jeffrey gave no such sign. I doubt if he even noticed this man's proximity, though he knew him well and had often employed him as his legal adviser in times gone by. He was evidently exerting himself to recall the name which so persistently eluded his memory, putting his hand to his head and showing the utmost confusion.

"I cannot give you one," he finally stammered. "There is a man who could tell—if only I could remember his name." Suddenly, with a loud cry which escaped him involuntarily, he gave a curdling laugh and we heard the name "Tallman!" leap from his lips.

The witness had at last remembered whom he had met at the cemetery gate at the hour, or near the hour, his wife lay dying in the lower part of the city.

The effect was electrical. One of the spectators—some country boor, no doubt—so far forgot himself as to cry out loud enough for all to hear: "Tallman! Let us have Tallman!"

Of course he met with an instant rebuke, but I did not wait to hear it, or to see order restored, for a glance from the coroner had already sent me to the door in search of this new witness.

My destination was the Cosmos club, for Phil Tallman and his habits and haunts were as well known in Washington as the figure of Liberty on the summit of the capitol dome. When I saw him I did not wonder. Never have I seen a more amiable looking man, or one with a more absent-minded expression. To my query as to whether he had ever met Mr. Jeffrey at or near the entrance of Rock Creek cemetery, he replied with an amazed look and the quick response:

"Of course I did. It was the very night that his wife— But what's up? You look excited for a detective."

"Come to the morgue and see. This testimony of yours will prove invaluable to Mr. Jeffrey."

I shall never forget the murmur of suppressed excitement which greeted us as I reappeared before coroner and jury accompanied by the gentleman who had been called for in such peremptory tones a short time before.

Mr. Jeffrey, who had attempted to rise at our entrance, but seemed to lack the ability, gave a faint smile as Tallman's good-natured face appeared; and the coroner, feeling, perhaps, that some cords are liable to break if stretched too strongly, administered the oath and made the necessary inquiries with as little delay as was compatible with the solemnity of the occasion.

The result was an absolute proof that Mr. Jeffrey had been near Soldiers' Home as late as seven, which was barely fifteen minutes previous to the hour Mrs. Jeffrey's watch was stopped by her fall in the old house on Waverly avenue. As the distance between the two places could not be compassed in that time, Mr. Jeffrey's

alibi could be regarded as established. When he were all rising, glad of an adjournment which restored free movement and an open interchange of speech, a sudden check in the general rush called our attention back to Mr. Jeffrey. He was standing facing Miss Tuttle. He was still sitting in a strangely immovable attitude in her old place. He had just touched her on the arm, and now, with a look of alarm, he threw up the veil which had kept her face hidden from all beholders.

A vision of loveliness greeted us, but that was not all. It was an unconscious loveliness. Miss Tuttle had fainted away, sitting upright in her chair.

XV. WHITE BOW AND PINK

Mr. Jeffrey's examination and its triumphant conclusion created a great furor in town. Topics which had hitherto absorbed all minds were forgotten in the discussion of the daring attempt which had been made by the police to fix the crime upon one of Washington's most esteemed citizens, and the check which they had rightly suffered for this outrage. What might be expected next? Something equally bold and reprehensible, of course, but what? It was a question which at the next sitting completely filled the inquest room.

To my great surprise, Mr. Jeffrey was recalled to the stand. He had changed since the night before. He looked older, and while still handsome, for nothing could rob him of his regularity of feature and extreme elegance of proportion, showed little of the spirit which, in spite of the previous day's depression, had upheld him through its most trying ordeal and kept his eye bright, if only from excitement. This was fact number one, and one which I stored away in my already well-furnished memory.

Miss Tuttle sat in a less conspicuous position than on the previous day, and Mr. Moore, her uncle, was not there at all.

The testimony called for revived an old point which, seemingly, had not been settled to the coroner's satisfaction.

Had Mr. Jeffrey placed the small stand holding the candelabrum on the spot where it had been found? No. Had he carried into the house, at the time of his acknowledged visit, the candles which had been afterward discovered there? No. He had had time to think since his hesitating and unsatisfactory replies of the day before, and he was now in a position to say that while he distinctly remembered buying candles on his way to the Moore house, he had not found them in his pocket on getting there and had been obliged to make use of the matches he always carried on his person in order to find his way to the upstairs room where he felt positive he would find a candle.

This gave the coroner an opportunity to ask: "And why did you expect to find a candle there?"

The answer astonished me and, I have no doubt, many others. "It was the room in which my wife had dressed for the ceremony. It had not been disturbed since that time. My wife had little ways of her own; one was to complete her toilet by using a curling iron on a little lock which she wore over her temple. When she heated this curling iron in the gas jet, but there being no gas in the Moore house, I naturally concluded that she had made use of a candle, as the curl had been noticeable under her veil."

Oh, the weariness of his tone! I could scarcely interpret it. Was he talking by rote, or was he utterly done with life and all its interests? No one besides myself seemed to note this strange passivity. To the masses he was no longer a suffering man, but an individual from whom information was to be got. The next question was a vital one.

"He had accounted for one candle in the house; could he account for the one found in the tumbler or for the one lying crushed and battered on the closet floor?"

He could not.

And now we all observed a change in the direction of the inquiry. Witnesses were summoned to corroborate Mr. Jeffrey's statements, statements which it seemed to be the coroner's present wish to establish. First came the grocer who had sold Mr. Jeffrey the candles. He acknowledged, much to Jinny's discomfort, that an hour after Mr. Jeffrey had left the store, he had found on the counter the package which that gentleman had forgotten to take. Poor Jinny had not stayed long enough to hear his story out. The grocer finished his testimony by saying that immediately upon his discovery he had sent the candles to Mr. Jeffrey's house.

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DESCRIBED "What sort of a woman is she?" "Well, every time I see her I feel like congratulating the man whose proposal of marriage is rejected."

COUGHING SPELL CAUSED DEATH "Harry Duckwile, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home. In the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwile died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cured him. 25c. Sold by Waverly Avenue. As the distance between the two places could not be compassed in that time, Mr. Jeffrey's

The General invariably brought some L. Toro de la Selva Cigars home with him from Porto Rico and distributed them among his most favored friends, who delighted in their mild quality and fragrant aroma. In those days, these cigars retailed at fifteen cents, but now that the duty has been removed, you get the genuine L. Toro de la Selva Porto Rican Brevas at only five cents each. When the duty was removed from the L. Toro de la Selva cigar, the demand overtaxed the capacity of the factory, leaving room for a flood of inferior, so-called Porto Rican cigars. Be sure you get the genuine L. Toro de la Selva Porto Rican Brevas. WAPLES-PLATTER CIGAR CO. IMPORTERS DALLAS, TEXAS.

# Christmas Eve Prayer



## After Forty Years

A Christmas Story by Elizabeth E. Stow

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**S**OMEHOW she looked out of place among the gay throng of Christmas travelers that enlivened the dull waiting room. Whenever the station master's stentorian voice rang through the room she started tensely, only to settle back stiff and alert, as before.

She was small and slightly bent. Her decent black dress, though far from the latest cut, had a nattiness of its own. She had probably passed two-score and ten, yet there was a youthfulness about her that had defied hard work and trouble and sorrow. I felt sure that she had experienced all three. At last she glanced shyly in my direction.

"It's tiresome waiting, is it not?" I ventured.

"Oh, no! It's all so new and strange to me, and then I've only an hour to wait." Her voice, like herself, had a pleasant alertness.

"Perhaps you're unaccustomed to traveling," I suggested tentatively.

"This morning is the second time since I was ten years old that I've been on a train of cars," she answered, with suggestive accuracy. "I didn't used to mind staying at home, but the longing to go somewhere has seemed to grow on me. Why, one time I even thought of setting in the milk train that makes up at our station. It backs up and switches round for 'bout an hour, so I could imagine I'd started for nobody knows where. I even got so far as hoping a cinder 'd blow in my eye, like when I was a little girl and went to the city with father. It's a mercy I never told my idea. Folks would have thought I was getting fit my dotage. I ain't trying you, be I?" she asked anxiously. "I don't know when I've talked so much about myself."

I hastened to reassure her, remarking that home cares had doubtless prevented her getting away.

"How did you know?" she said, with a birdlike turn of the head. "Why, I was only eleven when I began making bread and pies. I was the only child, you see, and mother began to be lame then. She kept right on growing worse and worse till finally her joints all stiffened up, just like the bones between. She suffered dreadful till the last fifteen years or so, when the soreness kind of left."

"How long did you say it was since you rode on the cars?" I asked.

"Just forty years ago this morning. It was on my eighteenth birthday. I was born the day before Christmas. I'm fifty-eight today."

"I wouldn't have thought it."

"That's what folks all tell me. I should think I'd look as old as Methuselah, though somehow I don't feel it. I remember that day, forty years ago, just as well. 'Twas just such a morning as this, the snow all a-sparkle and crisp underfoot. Goodloe said 'twas like fairyland. It was Goodloe 'ferton—a faint flush came on her faded cheek—who took me on the Christmas excursion to Buffalo. We was going to the falls, but something

prevented. It was the next spring he asked me to marry him. Dear me! You wouldn't think to hear me running on that you're the first person I've ever told it to. I wouldn't let Goodloe tell it neither. I was that afraid mother might hear. She was growing worse fast, and it would have worried her to think I couldn't leave home and marry like other girls. Goodloe felt quite worked up for a spell, but finally he married Sally Skinner. She's raised him a big family and been a good wife."

I fancied a sigh escaped her, but after a moment she went on in her cheery way: "Well, as I was saying, the last time I rode on the cars was on my eighteenth birthday. By pushing a chair in front of her, mother could walk a little yet, but I got Susan Ann Ruggles to look in on her once in awhile, for father couldn't be depended on if he got after a new patent idea. You see, he was always going after patents. Were they a success? Oh, my, no! He spent pretty much all mother had. Her folks was pretty well off, you know. The only one of his ideas that was ever any good was a machine for lifting mother. I don't know what we'd have ever done without it. It turned with a crank, like a windlass, so I could lift her alone, just as easy.



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to see Niagara falls. It's a sight once seen stays by, they say. When our money was more plenty I laid out to go a number of times, but something or other always turned up to prevent. The first time father was took with a crick in his back. The next time the daughter of the woman who was coming to take care of mother had her leg broke in a runaway. Once everything seemed moving favorably. Charissy Stringham had come to take care of mother. I had my ticket there and back, and even my lunch was put up, for I was to start at 3 in the morning. That night there came up the worst thunderstorm you ever see and washed out the track on our branch, so the trains couldn't run for two days.

"Yes, mother died a little more than a year ago, just a year and three months after father. I was so thankful she went before me. You see, she had been sick so long, and then she was naturally pretty high spirited (she said I'd just let folks run right over me), so she used to speak out pretty sharp, and sometimes 'twas awful hard to please her, but I never minded, for I knew she meant all right. Oh, you don't know how lost I was after she was gone. Why, there hasn't been a night since I don't wake up 'bout the hour she used to ask me to pull her a little to one side or lower the cushion under her knees or do something to make her easier. Sometimes I find myself setting right up in bed, thinking certain she's calling me."

She was unable to go on for a moment, and though I'm called easy in conversation I could think of no comforting word.

"And I'm so thankful," she continued, regaining her self control, "the money held out till she was gone. I've had to let the place go. Last week after everything was settled up I had just \$25 left. Through it all everybody's been just as good to me as they could be. I often wonder why, for I've never had time to do anything for them. Well, I had plans all laid to go to work for Mrs. Jennings at a dollar a week when one evening—it was just a week ago—I was setting alone feeling pretty blue and thinking 'twasn't likely now I'd ever see the falls, and I stepped Dr. Brown. 'Well, he says in his offhand way, 'Miss Fannie, can you bear good news?'"

"Why, I don't know, doctor," says I. "I've never had much experience at it. You see I was feeling blue yet."

"Well, he says, with a twinkle in his eye, 'I guess you're going to have a chance now. I've just heard from the young doctor who wanted to get a patent on your mother's lifting apparatus.'"

"He gave me a letter which had a check in it and which said I'm to have \$10 a week my lifetime. It's half the royalty he gets for his patent on mother's machine. Well, when I realized it wasn't a story out of a book I never waited to have a dress made nor nothing, for fear something 'd happen. And so here I am on my way to Niagara falls. The falls are pretty badly froze up, of course, but I ain't going to take any chances on not seeing 'em. Besides—"

"Train going west!" came in stentorian tones.

A warm hand clasp, and the last I saw of my little friend was a cheery, expectant face lost in the hurrying crowd of Christmas travelers.

## BIG GUN HUNTING

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"It was in 1880 that I reached St. Paul de Loando, on the African coast," said a sailor to me the other day, "and when I had been there for a couple of weeks a British survey steamer came in to fill up her crew. She had been surveying up the Congo and was bound south to the Great Fish river. The steamer carried forty men all told and was outfitted with two 9-pounders and plenty of small arms. She had lost five men up the Congo by fever, and when I offered myself I was at once taken."

"We were a week working up to the forks of the Great Orange river, and then the fun began. The Great Fish, for 'bout 100 miles above the forks, is about as wide as the Hudson, with a depth of from four to seven fathoms. There never was an hour in the day that we couldn't see elephants, lions or rhinoceroses along the shores.

"We had been steaming slowly up stream for about ten days before the river narrowed to about half its former width, and then we began to have trouble with the natives. They had no firearms, but they could hurl lances or shoot arrows from the banks to the steamer, and we had to be on the dodge all the time. Our 9-pounders were kept loaded, and now and then when the black fellows got too daring we sent a shell whizzing among the thickets and scared them half to death.

"One day, when the fringe of forest along the right bank suddenly ended and gave place to a long stretch of grassy plain, we came to anchor, and three of the survey men landed to stir up a big rhinoceros who could be seen standing under a tree half a mile back from the water. They were young fellows and full of daring, and I heard the captain caution them when they left the steamer.

"We could see all that subsequently took place. The old rhino had never seen a steamer before, but he wasn't a bit curious. If he had ever seen hunters before he had no fear of them. He just stood there in the shade, bows on to us, and didn't trouble to figure out what might happen. The three men separated on landing to get in the rear of the big beast and cut off his escape, but he wasn't thinking of running away. He let two of the men creep up till within range, and it seemed to us as if we heard the thud of their bullets when they struck against his thick hide. They were once bullet, driven by big charges of powder, but they might as well have been fired against a stone wall. The rhino gave a start as they struck him, and then down went his head and up went his tail, and he charged at the man who was creeping behind him.

"The surveyors had made a mess of the thing, and there was bound to be a calamity. They had taken the rhino for a noodle head, whereas he knew his business to a dot. The man at whom he charged had no cover except here and there a bush. I don't know whether he should have run to the right or left or stood still, but what he did do was to fling down his gun and make back for the river. He had pretty near half a mile to go, and he was a good sprinter, but that rhino had a full head of sail on him.

"He came on like a ship running before a hurricane, and about ten rods from the bank he overtook the fleeing man and tossed him ten feet into the air. As the body came down he caught it and tossed it again and then flung it about in a way that could have left no life in it after a few minutes.

"The other chaps pluckily ran down and fired two bullets apiece into the beast, but when he charged them they made a left for and climbed the tree under which he had been standing at first. When he found them beyond his reach the rhino began running about in a circle, and it was then that we cheered away one of the 9-pounders and opened fire on him. As he was on the move the first two shells didn't even throw dirt on him, but the third struck him fair amidships and exploded.

"Another boat was sent ashore, and I was one of those who landed from it. We found the surveyor dead and with every bone broken, and as for the rhino he was a sight to see.

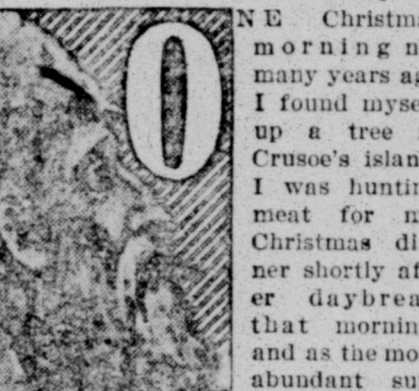
"Two nights after that and twenty miles above we anchored in midstream for the night. It was a bright moonlight night, and up to midnight things passed off very quietly. Then a troop of elephants came down to the shore to drink. It was in my watch, and I counted fourteen big fellows and two kids. They were just opposite us and not over forty rods away, but were not at all alarmed by our presence.

"After drinking and splashing around for awhile, two big bulls got into a row. I couldn't make out the cause of it, but they hadn't been scrapping over two minutes when the rest of the herd joined in, and there was a row to beat the band. Some of the officers brought their rifles on deck and opened fire, and the captain ordered us to raise a shout, but the elephants had got their mad up and couldn't be frightened off by popguns. Then we were ordered to slew a 9-pounder around to bear on the mob. It was loaded with a percussion shell, and the target was too big to be missed at that short distance. That shell went through one elephant from port to starboard without bursting, but it struck a big bone in the next and exploded and killed two others and wounded three. The dead ones lay right there in the water next morning, while the wounded ones had dragged themselves up the bank and were lying down. We landed to look them over and, finding them bad, but, they were put out of their misery with bullets from the rifles."

M. Q. HAD.

# Christmas On Crusoe's Isle

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ROBINSON CRUSOE.

while me done cut up an' skin dese laws—one, two, three, fo', five. Golly, massa, we done got 'nuff meat fo' de Christmas dinnah, ah' we? Not to menshun dis yere bag wiv two dozen fine fat crapauds in um, sah."

Pappy Ned set to work dressing (or, to be exact, undressing) the peccaries, being careful not to taint the flesh with the contents of the peculiar musk gland which the species carries on its back, and while he is thus engaged seems a good opportunity for me to make my explanation as to the exact location of Crusoe's island.

It is not, as ninety-nine persons in a hundred think, the island of Juan Fernandez, on the southwest coast of South America, but it is a good many miles nearer the coast of our own United States. In the southeastern part of the Caribbean sea. I will not waste any time, either the reader's or my own, in argument, but respectfully request the earnest inquirer to old Crusoe himself. Robinson Crusoe, Esq., mariner, of Bristol, England, whose adventures were first written out and published by Daniel De Foe in 1719, was somewhere in latitude 11 degrees north of the equator when he was wrecked—that is, of course, assuming there ever

was an entity called "Crusoe" in the flesh. But, whether he ever existed or not, that is where De Foe placed his hero when he had him wrecked on the coast of his island. To quote the words of Crusoe himself, just before it happened, "The master made an observation as well as he could and found that he was in about 14 degrees of north latitude, so that we were gotten beyond the coast of Guiana and beyond the river Amazonas, toward the Orinoco, commonly called the Great River."

Now, that would be evidence sufficient for any sailor, but let Crusoe further explain, as he does well along in his narrative, when he first circumnavigates his island kingdom: "The land which I perceived to the west and southwest was the great island of Trinidad, on the north point of the mouth of the river Orinoco."

Trinidad, as everybody knows, is off the north coast of South America and

with me back to our hut. Hangin' three of the pigs up in a palm tree to await his return Pappy Ned shouldered the other two and the sack of crapauds and toted the load to camp, which was distant but a mile or so, and I followed after with my gun. As Tobago is a tropical island the meat would not keep a great while, and we really had much more than we could eat, but Pappy Ned said he knew of some black people over on the other side of the forest who would devour what there was left provided he could get word to them in time.

There never was a more beautiful situation for a hut than the site of mine on a hilltop above the forest line, with views of tropical woods and shining shore, and, as the weather that Christmas day was simply perfect, I ordered my man to make our "spread" in the open, beneath the cocoa palms, sheltered from the blazing sun by the golden rooftrees only. So he set the table out of doors and lost no time in getting at the cooking, which was done over an open fire. Pappy Ned was as adept at preparing exquisite dishes from next to nothing as any Parisian chef that ever lived. We had a garden filled with such plants as the manioc, tania, sweet potato, arrowroot, yam, etc., not to mention corn and mountain rice. From a wild grove of coffee trees I obtained the fragrant berry for my morning beverage; also cacao, or chocolate, from another copse on the border of the forest, while the cocoa palms above and around my hut held a delicious cod drink in their urripe nuts. Pappy Ned dried and grated the cassava tubers, making "farine," from which he cooked great cakes more than a foot across. The juice of the cassava is poisonous in its crude state, but it is converted into a palatable substance by heat and forms the basis of the noted "cassareep," or pepper pot. We always had a pepper pot on hand as a standby, into which we threw the odd pieces of meat left over after ordinary repasts, and a goodly amount of the peccary flesh was thus disposed of, the cassareep acting as a preservative as well as condiment. But pepper pot was a poor man's makeshift, Pappy Ned always declared, and the day before he had walked the beach for sea turtle eggs, several score of which he had brought back to camp, together with a fine fish he had caught on the shore.

After working three or four hours

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A PECCARY.

was an entity called "Crusoe" in the flesh. But, whether he ever existed or not, that is where De Foe placed his hero when he had him wrecked on the coast of his island. To quote the words of Crusoe himself, just before it happened, "The master made an observation as well as he could and found that he was in about 14 degrees of north latitude, so that we were gotten beyond the coast of Guiana and beyond the river Amazonas, toward the Orinoco, commonly called the Great River."

Now, that would be evidence sufficient for any sailor, but let Crusoe further explain, as he does well along in his narrative, when he first circumnavigates his island kingdom: "The land which I perceived to the west and southwest was the great island of Trinidad, on the north point of the mouth of the river Orinoco."

Trinidad, as everybody knows, is off the north coast of South America and



THE SURVIVORS BEGAN HUNTING ME.

only other in that forest save myself, my sable servant, Pappy Ned. He had been out all night hunting crapauds, or forest frogs, and was on his way back to our camp with a backload of batrachians, the legs of which were to be served up in a style which only Pappy Ned knew to perfection.

"Goramighty, massa!" he exclaimed in astonishment. "Was dat yo' gun goin' off pum! pum! lak yo' shootin' a reg'munt ob sogers? Ki, but it's lucky ole Pappy Ned come 'long, hey? Dem haws done know Pappy Ned an' jes' 'clar out when dey hear ud a-comin' along wiv dis yer dawg. Dey don' lak niggers, an' dey don' lak dawgs nuther, but dey's death on de buckra man."

"Well, pappy, the buckra man, as you call me, has brought death to the peccaries this time, and they've good reason for not liking me, I fancy. But you came along just in the nick of time, old friend, and I owe you another reward for saving my life a second time." He had nursed me through a fever a few months before.

"Oh, me massa, dat ain' nuffin'. Me only too glad to sarve me good massa, fo' shuah. Yo' jes set down an' rest,

is one of the finest British possessions in the West Indies. The only other island which fully answers the description given by Crusoe in relation of location to Trinidad is that of Tobago, from which Sir Walter Raleigh probably derived the name of the "weed" we call tobacco.

I long held the theory that this was Crusoe's island, and in order to prove it went down there on a hunting and exploring expedition, afterward writing a book about my adventures which gives all the evidence, even if it does not sufficiently establish the facts. At any rate, I "played Crusoe" for months in Tobago, the island of the ancient mariner's adventures, built a hut of palm leaves in the forest and for a time lived as good old Robinson lived, with the exception that I did not have any goats; neither did I tempt an attack of rheumatism by residing in a cave. I even had my poll parrot, my hammock under the palms and my "Man Friday," only the latter was not a Carib, like Crusoe's factotum, but a black man, honest and faithful old Pappy Ned, who soon finished skinning those peccaries and was ready to go

over the open fire Pappy Ned came to announce, "Dinnah done ready, sah," at the same time handing me a "cassew cocktail" made from the juice of an aromatic fruit brewed with rum and stirred to effervescence with a "swizzle stick."

The grand repast of the day opened with gumbo soup, followed by fish, frogs' legs and turtles' eggs, while in the center of the table was peccary roast, flanked by a nicely browned guinea bird and a native wild turkey, with a vast assortment of vegetables from my garden. There were no drinks artificially cooled, ice being an unobtainable luxury in Crusoe's island, but there were tropical fruits in abundance—pines, guavas, mangoes, oranges and custard apples—all of which had been plucked within a stone's throw of my hut.

One thing only was lacking—a goodly company—to enjoy that Christmas feast in Crusoe's island. But we were content, for, as Pappy Ned observed, "De good Goramighty done gib us all we want, mo' dan we need and a heap sight mo' dan we deserve."

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# A KINSMAN of THE HEART

A Christmas Story

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The touch of a hand, the glance of an eye or a word exchanged with a passerby; the glimpse of a face in a crowded street, and afterward life is incomplete.

—W. K. Herford.

**D**O you think she is a bride?" The duchess dropped the sugar into her tea without removing her glance from the young woman in question. It was Christmas day at Shepherd's, in Cairo. The subject of her inquiry was interesting enough to seem a grateful present to the guests.

"Could any one doubt it?" replied Baldwin. "It is as evident as that the smart, disagreeable male is the husband."

"Disagreeable!"

The surprise, almost protest, in the duchess' tone had warrant. The young gentleman was tall, of elegant carriage and with the hall mark of breeding. His clothes were quite de rigueur. Her grace would have pronounced him distinguished without feeling constrained to qualify his moral or intellectual traits. After another quick appraising look at the man she said bluntly: "You think she is so very charming?"

"Your grace must see that she is charming," returned the young man calmly. "It was the man, not the girl, who betrayed his disagreeableness. Look at that!"

The girl had drawn closer to her companion and said something. He compressed his thin lips and gave a short nod of his head in acceptance of her remark without turning toward her. He was impatiently pushing on after the porter, the girl pressing after with a gliding briskness which kept her close at his heels.

The duchess smiled again.

"Of course he might have turned," she said indulgently. "But there's the luggage."

"Of course they should have turned. There's the bride," returned Baldwin dogmatically.

"Granting you the merit of your discovery," the duchess resumed with playful sarcasm, "there are other obvious points. For instance, they are Americans. That is as palpable as usual."

"Accept an American's thanks," murmured Baldwin, "not for the truth, but for your forgiving tone. Yet, do you know, the note of the thoroughbred American is to be facetiously cosmopolitan—solivitur cosmopolitandoo."

"So few of that kind come abroad," replied the duchess absently. "But how very rude of me! My dear fellow, I never realize you as an American. You always seem to me a charming alien interloper at the United States embassy in London. Do American women know Latin, by the way?"

"Your grace knows everything." The young attaché assumed the air of being driven into a commonplace as he added, "Ignorance with you seems a conspicuous affection."

"You have seen me put three lumps of sugar in my tea," replied the duchess archly, "and know that I like sweet things. Don't imagine that I shall protest because you pay extravagantly pretty compliments."

She smiled brightly, then settled back comfortably in her chair, raised her lorgnette in a businesslike manner and went on: "Let us pursue our analysis of your interesting countrymen. Set me right if I go wrong. She is—eighteen? And from—New York? Not acquainted as yet, aux fondy, with Mr. Husband? He is very rich." Then, dropping the rising infection, she added, with an assurance that excluded doubt: "She has a Raudnitz traveling gown on. She will wear a smart Worth gown at dinner."

"I need not tell you that you are right about the gowns. I can only know that such an exquisite figure deserves to be clothed as acceptably as possible. As to her age, you are possibly right; almost certainly so as regards the disagreeable husband's means. Girls of her type marry money. As to her habit, I hardly think it is New York. The New York girl is quick and too proudly knowing to hesitate in thought or movement. But she does not hurry. That is New Englandly or western. Yet her soft, gliding grace unmistakably shows the southern girl."

By this time the couple under discussion had disappeared within the hotel. They had evidently just arrived on the afternoon train from Alexandria. Shepherd's was crowded that year. The little tables on the terrace in front of the hotel were nearly all occupied by people, chattering and laughing as they basked that delightful hour of the Cairo day with afternoon tea. New arrivals are lawful prey for lodgers' comments, and to have come two days before is to hold a resident's vantage ground, which warrants a critical inspection. Young married people, moreover, newly arrived or not, are ever and wherefore targets for tongue shafts. Two youthful beings mated and blessed for happiness surely suggest the fullness of life. The human doubt as to whether they have it makes conjecture interesting.

The young attaché consulted the register later and learned that they were Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Bonvale, whereupon he recalled what friends had told him of their marriage at the American Consulate in Paris in the beginning of December. The groom was from Bordéaux and, as the duchess had surmised,

rich. He not only belonged by birth to the class which is not obliged "to do anything for a living," but electively pertained to that unhappy portion of it which assumes the ennuil of an existence stimulated by no fixed ambition, lightened by no definite endeavor. Such vital hardship has been known to drive a man to drink.

The bride was one of two sisters celebrated in European centers for esprit and beauty. They were of the New England stock, both parents descending from families of high repute for political and literary achievement. Baldwin was forced to admit that for once a glowing report had not paved the way to a disappointing reality. He had not supposed the girl was so young; still less had he imagined the compulsion of her charms.

Clarice Bonvale was so radiantly beautiful that the most blasé observer could not but surrender to some thrall. Her face was aristocratically oval. Her clear olive skin, smooth as a rose leaf, was suffused with the most delicate pink, as if Cupid were breathing on her cheeks; a well modeled nose, a mouth with clean cut, subtle curves and sensitive to a degree, which revealed perfect teeth when the lips parted and lent a lurking mobility, almost childlike, to her lower face. But her eyes and hair were the girl's crowning glory—such round, lustrous eyes, so brilliantly soft and, despite a keen alertness in their glance, inconspicuously beseeching. The long, silky lashes, with their upward curve, failed to lend even a suspicion of languor to their brightness. The delicately arched eyebrows were an added note of wistfulness. In the wavy masses of hair there was a subdued glint as of burnished copper. On her hands, which were very temperamental, two or three unique gems flashed with dignified splendor.

"A transplanted Helen," thought Baldwin after a critical survey of the beautiful young creature. She was a type, and he relished a new type of the "eternal feminine" more than he would a bottle of Johannesberger from Prince Metternich's own cave. During his dinner he watched her from his table with keen but well cloaked vigilance.

The duchess was right again. The girlish bride wore a Worth dinner gown elaborately wrought out in the highest elegance of the prevailing mode. Her neck was so round and plastic that Baldwin felt it a delight to see the shapely head pivot on it, while the tempered modesty with which her corsage screened her exquisite bosom showed a mastery knowledge of the value of modified exposure.

The groom? Why, he was the groom, a side light on the bride. Baldwin regarded him solely as a correlated being, an accompaniment to his wife, a worthy one so far as externals went. He was not above noting that Mrs. Bonvale partook moderately of the champagne which Mr. Bonvale ordered. He consumed most of it and with something more than the relish with which a gentleman drinks wine at dinner.

"They are married, and it is the honeymoon," Baldwin remarked airily to the duchess as he passed her table.

During the evening in his role of benevolent spectator and student of his kind Baldwin did not neglect to observe that the young husband left his wife alone two or three times, though as yet she had apparently discovered no acquaintances at Shepherd's. These withdrawals were to repair the fatigue of travel by supplanting the wine at dinner with more potent if smaller drafts. Besides his absence of desire to supply his wife with any other companionship than his own, the perfunctory character of Mr. Bonvale's attentions attested no tender solicitude to make himself as agreeable as possible. He seemed to guard rather than protect his wife.

Later on Baldwin felt the young wife's artlessly roving gaze veering in his direction. He considerably abstracted his own. When he let his glance drift her way again, thinking she would have passed him by, he was momentarily flattered to find her eyes fixed on him dreamily. Almost at the moment her husband turned and, with what Baldwin thought a tactless quickness, let his own eyes follow the direction of his wife's to ascertain the object of her regard. With still less tact he brought his thin lips tightly together, and his white forehead puckered like a peevish child's. He must have intimated to the lady his desire to withdraw, for he brusquely rose and looked about with the repellent air with which some people insinuate their exclusiveness. She got up at once and followed him from the room with graceful deference.

"He seems to like to stalk ahead and let his woman trail after him a la the aboriginal lords of creation," reflected Baldwin with a somewhat contemptuous smile. "The honeymoon is dwindling to a crescent. I fancy, and I should not wonder if there were a Bonvale impaled on its horns before long. But which?"

The Bonvales spent six weeks in Egypt. Mrs. Bonvale had that oriental sojourn in her memory ever after with something of the feeling with which the children of Israel may have reverted to their bondage in that land. She had little expected in a region saturated with antiquity to make acquaintance

with anything so modern as a jealous husband. Hers was dawning on her in that light. She could not flatter herself that the suspicious vigilance of her matrimonial lord was the distorted expression of a too engrossed affection. She realized it as the selfish greed for absolute domination which is compatible with the narrowest of natures. Compared to this degrading jealousy, which she quickly came to rate as malignant, her husband's tendency to stimulants, which also cropped out during this stay in Cairo, seemed almost forgivable. Yet drink produced in Lucien Bonvale that dry, insolent irritability which is one of its unpleasant effects.

As Clarice Bonvale's eager young soul rebelled under the scourge of this double revelation a dull mist seemed to obscure the effulgent radiance of the orient, and an iron thorn pricked through its sensuous indulgence. She was a soft, innocent, ignorant young thing, capable of heaven only knew what possibilities. Until now roses leaves had strewn her way through life, and homage to her wonderful beauty had been a stimulating incense to her brain if not to her heart. She had always had her mother hitherto. Now she had only her husband. That she should so phrase it to herself filled her with a childlike shrinking and despair. Never before had her soul known this helpless loneliness. It is a desolating thing for a proud, ardent young wife to learn that she has married a stranger who, as her husband, is rapidly becoming a bereaving acquaintance.

There was a dumb cry in her heart for some touch of human sympathy, for the soothing support which affection exhales. This poignant isolation was enhanced by her surroundings. The gaiety of the hotel people; the superficial splendor, almost nakedness, of the orient's color; the melancholy of the tombs, mournful memorials of a human kind associated with so remote a past as to be merged in the mythical; the stolid insensibility of the sitting figures in the many shops of the great bazaar, from which drifted perfumes

of the intense glitter and warm brown clearness of the upper world they plunged into the stuffy gloom of straitened inclosures underground. Descending a few steps they found themselves in a long corridor, out of which opened several small rooms some 18 by 15 feet in dimensions—throne rooms, so to speak, of the defunct and sublimated bulls. In the center of the room stood the sarcophagus, hewn from a single block of granite or sandstone, the massive shell infolding the remains of the regal bovine which so many centuries ago had housed the masquerading Osiris.

More than a thousand years before the last of them had passed out of the life of Egypt, and not her own short lifetime back, a Frenchman of Boulogne, Mariette Pasha, had unearthed their tombs, long lost to the irreverent encroaching sand. Yet the solemnity of it all, if any there was, did not check the scornful quiver of her lip as Clarice reflected that her heart asked not for Osiris, but for one friendly touch to save it from an aridity like that of the surrounding desert. Alas, cowed by her oppressed feelings, intolerant resentful of Lucien Bonvale's degrading jealousy, scarce daring to call her soul her own, she appealed silently to the whole world for sympathy, and there was none to heed her and bring peace to her soul.

With a quick sigh and a passing tremor of her sensitive lips she averted her dark, brilliant eyes from the sarcophagus standing grimly forth in the flare of the torches and without thought or intention turned them full upon those of an attendant.

He was a young, handsome, pure type Arab, with clear, pale skin, clean cut features, tall, sinewy, silent, gentle, mysterious, suggesting an intensity of repressed passion. In that flickering light, down in the gaunt chamber of death, his soul looked straight through the glowing eyes which gleamed beneath his straight black brows and grasped that of the girl with sense of its desolation and hunger. It was a river of cool refreshment to her parched being. Life thrilled through her. The shackles, whose tightening constrictions numbed her by their viselike grip, fell off. She breathed with the joy of a released prisoner.

Her soul in that first impulsive moment spoke back with all the eloquence which can be uttered by the eye. It was heart answering heart. Time is measured by intensity, not mere duration. The whole length of that encounter—perception, bestowal, acceptance and grateful relief—could not have been a full minute. But it was a milestone from which life was to be measured. When Clarice Bonvale left the tombs of the Apis bulls and returned to Cairo she was not an alien woman alone in Egypt. A friend was with her, a kinsman of her heart—her proud, hungry young heart. The memory of him in the long wanderings up the Nile was a tiny, bubbling spring in her being from which welled solace and strength. The rancor of loneliness had departed, the wasting touch of aridity was gone, the eager stretching forth for something on which to lean felt a prop and support. The image of that Arab youth, the strong gentleness of the passionate grasp he had laid upon her, haunted her with a soothing sweetness.

She seemed to feel it especially at Philæ. The soft charm of the little island and the graceful peace that brooded over it—she felt her new kinsman more in them. With a smile it occurred to her that here was where Osiris, the Beneficent, was laid to his rest; that to the old Egyptian there was no mightier oath than that sworn "by him who sleeps at Philæ." It was at the solemn tomb that guarded the stately bull which he had possessed to be again with his adorers that she had met the one who had led her out of Egypt, the dark land of her heart longings that could find no rest. Whom would she see him next? Would she ever see him again? And, if she did, could he say more than he had said in that first, quick, close, magnetic fusion of their souls? Well, Osiris the Beneficent, the struggler against evil, had been good to her. It was enough.

They were returning after their long leagues up the Nile. At last their feet were set homeward. There was not so much charm in that as that they were leaving Egypt, the place where she had for the first time realized Lucien Bonvale.

One night at Luxor she stood on the wharf, waiting to embark on the little steamer which puffed with impudent impudence to be gone. Bonvale had left her for a few moments on one of his fussy, suddenly thought of quests. Around her was a motley crowd, with sprinklings of many nations in its moving mass. In the noise and confusion and small babel of jarring elements strong fingers suddenly slipped smoothly, possessively, into the hand which hung listlessly at her side. A flutter ran through her. Her own fingers, with an instinct of sympathy, closed upon those which had been so gently pushed into her warm palm. She looked up with a soft welcoming of childlike eagerness.

There in the flooding light of the moon stood her heart's kinsman, the strong young Arab of the Serapeum. Impassive, powerful, with a repose that the fewest knows little of, his dark eyes under the strong brows burned with a fire which told of his intense feeling.

His eyes bent on her unwaveringly. He murmured softly: "I have brought you my heart and something to remember me by when you are gone so far away to your country. Do not forget me in the long years to come or that I love you."

The crowd pressed. He was gone. He had melted into it and was lost. Clarice raised her hand and with a tremulous smile looked to see what artless souvenir he had left with her for remembrance of him—two tiny im-

ages of Osiris and Isis, such as are found in the tombs; Osiris the Beneficent!

"By him who sleeps at Philæ," she said to her heart.

"Come, are you ready?" asked Bonvale, reappearing.

"Yes," she answered quietly, slipping the figures into her pocket.

Ten years later, on Christmas day again, a beautiful woman in black stood in the drawing room of her home in Philadelphia before a small cabinet. Her eyes were fixed upon something in it. Her air was pensive, resigned, pathetically sweet, as she stood there lost in memories. Her lustrous eyes seemed to soften as she gazed.

At that moment a woman who had come through the rooms without being heard on the rugs bustled up to her and exclaimed vivaciously: "I knew you would see me, Clarice. I am glad I came in unannounced so as to catch you in that pose. I wish you could have your picture taken as you looked just now. You were perfectly lovely. I never saw you with that expression before. You seemed lost in thought, yet it was happy, peaceful thought. What were you thinking about, dear?"

The lady's eyes reverted to the cabinet as if to discover the source of such soothing memories.

"Egypt," replied Mrs. Bonvale very quietly, with a faint, peculiar smile.

"Oh, I see," murmured the other, with a conventional drop in her hearty voice. "You passed your honeymoon there, didn't you? Those two little Lucien recalled it, I suppose. Poor Lucien! Did he give them to you? Who are they, and what do they mean?"

"Isis and Osiris," said the widow of Lucien Bonvale. "What do they mean? A great deal, but I really can't tell you just what."

"Well, don't try, Clarice," said her caller sympathetically. "It's the association probably. I understand."

She put forth her hand and patted the lightly clasped ones of the woman in black.

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The demand exceeded the yachtman's greatest expectations, for the whole lot was snapped up in short order. So profitable was the first venture that in the next Christmas season fully 50,000 firs were sent from the shores of Penobscot bay to Boston, where they were all sold at good prices, and in the following year the trade was extended to New York, where the firs were as eagerly taken. In 1896 the shipments of firs from Maine to the large cities had increased to about 750,000, and in 1899 over 1,500,000 were sold.

In some sections, where the fir is especially prolific, the cutting and preparing of Christmas trees is made the occasion of festive gatherings, corresponding to the huskings in fall time, whole families going into the woods and taking their dinners along. A man cuts the trees close to the roots and a boy or a strong girl cuts with a sharp hatchet the few dead limbs from the base. Women and boys tie the trees into bundles of a dozen, and then the harvest is piled into hayracks and carried to the nearest railroad station. The smaller children gather the trailing creepers of the ground pine, pluck branches of glossy wintergreen and gather the red fruit of the wild raisin shrub, all of which are packed in boxes and sent to the cities for the making of wreaths and garlands for the decoration of church and home.

The evergreen harvests are generally bought by men who make a business of supplying the Christmas markets of the cities, though many farmers and others send their crops direct to market. For trees five to six feet in height the buyers in Maine pay 5 cents each, and for trees six to ten feet in height the price paid is 10 to 15 cents. The five cent tree sells in the city market for 25 cents, while the fifteen cent tree often brings \$1 or more. The total revenue to Maine people this year from the Christmas greens crop will probably amount to \$150,000.—New York Tribune.

### Gifts For Children.

Children enjoy things with which they can do something. They are happiest when both brains and hands are employed. An ingenious boy will get more pleasure out of the material with which to make a kite than he will out of a finished kite. Thus a box of carpenter's tools makes a fine present for a boy, particularly if it is accompanied by a few light boards and some nails.

A game that requires the looking up of names or characters is a present that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

A box of gay colored beads and a spool of wire will be appreciated by a quiet little girl.

# A PHILOPENA

[Original.]

There is an adage, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." It is not to be supposed that this epigrammatic statement is true in every case or in many cases. It is intended to cover isolated cases—that is, where a woman will deliberately set to work to injure a man who has flitted her. There are women thus treated who have sinned in secret and still loved. There are cases where they have sacrificed for the man who has turned them off. But the woman who will stab and the woman who will sacrifice are rare.

One evening at a dinner party Henry Wolcott was sitting beside Hester Rowe, to whom he was engaged to be married. A tall girl with a flashing black eye and a pair of full, sensuous lips came in on the arm of her dinner companion and took a seat directly opposite the betrothed couple. Wolcott turned pale. The lady who was seating herself was Kate Drummond, and Wolcott had deliberately left her after an affair of the heart to engage himself to Hester Rowe. Miss Drummond had fascinated him in one way, Miss Rowe in another. The former had worked on all that was sensual in him, the latter on all that was spiritual. Wolcott, whose nature was impossible in either way, finally yielded to the good influence of Miss Rowe.

As soon as the lady entered, Wolcott turned to his companion and talked rapidly about—well, he did not know what he talked. When he turned and faced Miss Drummond he received a cordial bow. The lady indicated that she wished to be friendly. Wolcott was surprised. He fancied that she would cut him. During the dinner she seemed to be in quite an exhilarated mood. She congratulated Wolcott on his engagement and smiled affably on the lady of his choice. Before leaving the table she exacted a promise from both that they would dine with her at a given date. Wolcott, who was greatly relieved at her friendliness when he had expected the reverse, thought it prudent to accept the invitation, and persuaded Hester to join with him.

When the dinner came off Kate Drummond was seated at one end of the table, with Wolcott and his fiancée on either hand. Wolcott in the presence of his old flame felt, though he did not reveal it, something of her former influence. Kate brought her snapping black eyes to bear on him, and her tongue threw off a shower of words all intended to impress him. Hester sat very quietly eating her dinner in a matter of fact way, and her betrothed could not but compare her unfavorably with the more brilliant Kate.

"A philopena with you!" said Kate to Wolcott and handed him one of those double kernels of the almond known by that name.

"With all my heart,"

"Henry," said his fiancée, suddenly springing from indifference to an intense interest in what was going on before her, "I do not care to have you eat a philopena with any one except me. Give it to me."

Wolcott cast a quick, troubled glance from one of the girls to the other. Kate was deathly pale. Hester's face was anxious.

"You are forgetting, Hester," he said, "that we are in the presence of a 'ostess.'"

"Give me the philopena," said Hester. Kate looked on without a word, but with an eye darting between the two. Hester commanded with her voice, but pleaded with her eyes.

Wolcott tossed the philopena before her. She snatched it and held it tightly. Her eye fixed on his betrothed. It was the eye of a serpent meditating a stroke at one by whom it was about to be killed. But the stroke did not fall. The scene passed as quickly as it came, and apparently the social sky was serene. At least that is how it appeared to Wolcott.

The betrothed couple did not remain long after dinner. Hester told the hostess that she was suffering from a headache and begged to be excused. When Wolcott took Kate's hand before departing he noticed that it trembled. He looked into her eye, and he fancied that he saw despair.

Wolcott and his betrothed rode home side by side without speaking. Something was wrong, but he did not know what it was. He was inclined to blame Hester for her action, though only on the ground that it was impolitic. He concluded to wait for an explanation till they got home.

"Henry," said Hester before entering the house, "you know about acids and tests for all sorts of things. I know about your course in analytical chemistry while in college. Go to the nearest drug store and get some acids to make a test with."

Wolcott was by this time so mystified that he obeyed the order like a lamb, wondering what would come next. Returning with several vials and strips of litmus paper, he found Hester examining the philopena by a bright light.

"Test it for poison," she said.

Wolcott started, looked at her as though he thought her bereft of her senses, then did her bidding. After applying several tests he tried one that produced an effect.

"Great heavens, it is poison!"

To Henry Wolcott ever afterward the meetings of Kate and Hester were matters of marvel. There were affable words, expressions of interest, sometimes, it would seem to an observer, even that they loved each other. Wolcott, who looked from behind the scenes, saw in Hester one who held a knife that she could drop at the slightest rebellion, in Kate a slave who cringed before her mistress.

ISABEL BEUTNER.



IT WAS HEART ANSWERING HEART.

# ON INSTALLMENTS

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## In The Theater

**THE WEEK'S EXPECTATIONS.**  
 Tuesday matinee and night—"Peck's Bad Boy."  
 Wednesday matinee and night—"In Old Kentucky."  
 Thursday matinee and night—"Thelma."  
 Friday night—"The Convict's Daughter."  
 Saturday matinee and night—"The Smart Set."

The remarkable thing about the offerings at Greenwall's for the coming week is that an opera company composed of colored people is one of the attractions. It comes Saturday matinee and night and promises fifty people. It is a musical comedy, and claims recognition because it has gone into the colored race to get the best artists to be had. The production was given at New Orleans and other places, and the newspapers had much to say about allowing colored people in the theaters. Precedents have already been established in the South. The "Georgia Minstrels" have been showing in this state for years, and the Black Patti Troubadors were well received. "Peck's Bad Boy," "In Old Kentucky," "Thelma," and "The Convict's Daughter" are the offerings for the week. There will be four matinees.

The past week has been an enjoyable one in the theatrical world.

### "Peck's Bad Boy."

"Peck's Bad Boy," which will be given at Greenwall's opera house Tuesday matinee at 3:30 and night December 15, will prove to a large number of people that it has lost none of its original life and fun during the several years that it has been before the theater goers of the country.

The cast which is giving the play this season is one of the best that has ever been on the road, and in addition to "Bad Boy" proper, they introduce a number of splendid vaudeville features that bring long and loud applause, necessitating frequent encores. These features are so well worked in between the acts that there are no waits, the audience being kept busy from the rise of the curtain to the last act in holding their sides, so continuous is the laughter.

**"In Old Kentucky."**  
 "In Old Kentucky," with its countless novel features and its stirring incidents of life in the Blue Grass state, will be seen again at Greenwall's opera house Wednesday matinee and night, December 16. It comes this time with an entirely new and sumptuous scenic equipment, made especially for this season's tour at an outlay of \$20,000, and with a stronger cast than ever before in its history. A number of new and talented picaninies have been added and the performance will be on a more pretentious scale than ever before. This will make the eleventh season for this phenomenal success and crowds of people still clamor to see this great American play.

**"Thelma."**  
 Among the many books that have been dramatized in recent years, no one has met with more approval from a discriminating public than this one, which is now in its third successive year, and for which a cast has been secured that is by far the best yet seen in the play. The company as now constituted, is headed by Miss Ruth Eldredge, recognized as among the best of younger leading ladies, who will be seen in the title role of this charming play, which is a romantic drama taken from Marie Corelli's story. The scenic features are out of the ordinary, and the play follows the book closely enough to satisfy the readers of the Corelli story.

Thelma is announced for Thursday matinee and night, December 17, at Greenwall's opera house.

**"The Convict's Daughter."**  
 "The Convict's Daughter" comes to Greenwall's opera house Friday night, December 18.

**"The Smart Set."**  
 A novel and picturesque entertainment is that offered by "The Smart Set," which is the announced attraction Saturday matinee and night, December 19, at Greenwall's opera house. This organization of colored people is the best of its kind in the world, and includes nearly all of the theatrical stars of the colored race. The scenery is a special feature, while the costumes are entirely new and up-to-date. Rag time, folk song and all the latest

popular melodies will be heard in "The Smart Set," and the dancing will be enjoyed by everyone. Included in the company of fifty performers are Tom McIntosh, Billy McClain, Tom Brown, Billy Young, Harry Reed, Lawrence Chenault, Mile, Cordelia and Hattie Hopkins.

### Plays Coming Soon.

**MISS GRANTLY'S GENUINE HIT.**  
 The accomplished young American actress, Miss Helen Grantly, is making a genuine hit as Dona Maria Dolores Mendoza in Lorimer Stoddard's romantic play, "In the Palace of the King."



THE APPEARANCE OF THE VALKYRIE "THELMA"

Elsie Harvey, the pocket edition of Anna Held, will be seen here shortly with Joe Kelly, "The Pipe Dreamer," and twenty-five others in the big musical cut-up, "The Head Waiters."

Paul Gilmore, supported by one of the strongest companies with which he has ever been surrounded, will visit this city very soon in the big New York and London success, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." Mr. Gilmore was here in "The Tyranny of Tears" last season.

**LONG LIFE OF "ROSEMARY."**  
 Obviously, the plays which have lived longest, retaining their popularity year after year, have graduated many prominent stars from their casts. Like "School for Scandal," "Rip Van Winkle," "The Old Homestead" and others, "Rosemary" has demonstrated its longevity as a play of wholesome material in which John Drew and Maude Adams scored probably the most substantial success of their careers. Howard Kyle in "Rosemary," the Empire theater success of several years

ago, must revive interest in the pretty play.

Success of the largest and most gratifying kind continues to attend the brilliant performances of the Jefferson De Angelis Opera company in Sam S. Shubert and Nixon & Zimmerman's great production of "The Toreador." "The Toreador" is said to be a most gorgeous scenic and costume production. The dozens of pretty girls as bridesmaids, pleaders, matadors and dancing girls, in many changes of radiant costumes, present most animated pictures.

### PROCTOR'S GREATEST SPEECH

Senator Proctor, it is said, considers the best speech he ever made one which consisted of but five words.

They were in retort to Senator Hoar's little sarcastic thrust in a speech directed at the Green Mountain senator (Proctor). Senator Hoar said: "No man in Vermont is allowed to vote unless he has made \$5000 trading with Massachusetts people." Whereat Proctor at once replied: "Yes, and we all vote."

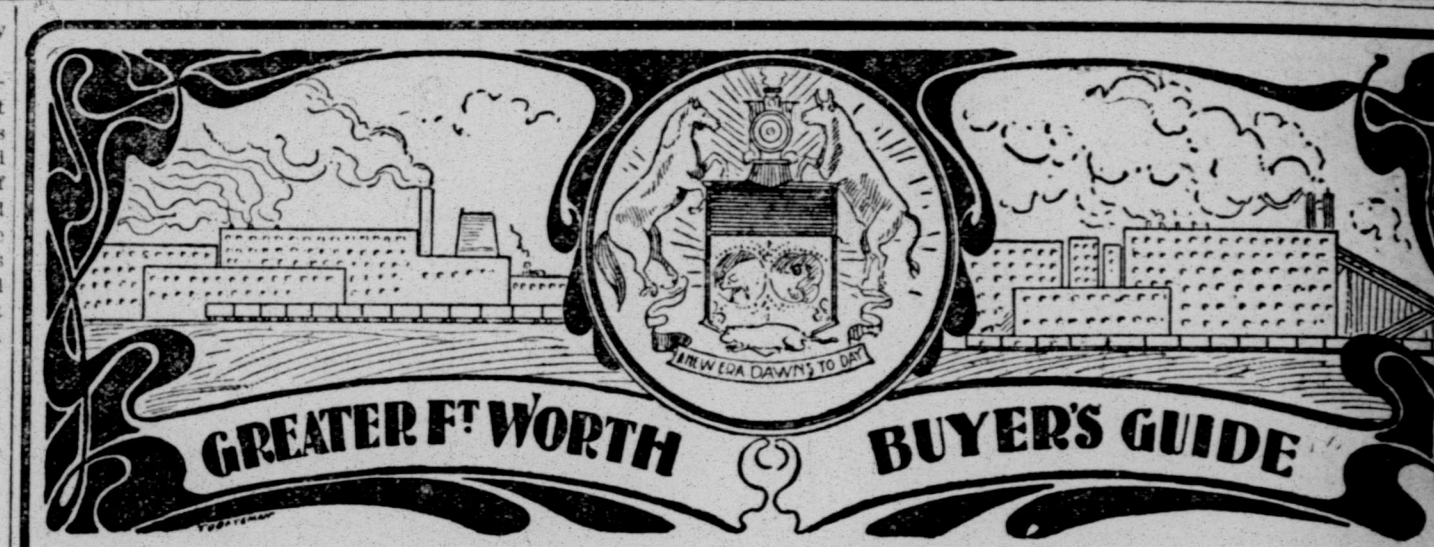
## FORT WORTH BOY IN FAR OFF JAPAN

Wilson Large of Glenwood, on Board the Battleship Kentucky, Writes an Interesting Letter About the Service

Mrs. W. H. Large of 907 Stella street, Glenwood, is in receipt of the following interesting letter from her son, Wilson, who is on board the United States battleship Kentucky, Robley D. Evans' flagship:

On board the Kentucky, Kobe, Japan, Nov. 3, 1903.  
 Dear Mother:  
 Here we are in Kobe, Japan, again. We left Nagasaki about two weeks ago for here. It only takes two days to run up here from Nagasaki. We came through the inland sea of Japan. That makes four times I have been through there. The scenery along the route is beautiful. Yesterday was the Emperor of Japan's birthday and all the ships in harbor "dressed ship" and at night all the men-of-war illuminated ships and it certainly was a grand sight. On our forward bridge we have large letters made of electric light that spell "Kentucky" and there are lights all around the sides of the ship—the stacks, up the masts and out on the yard arms, and at the top of the forward mast we had "Old Glory" and at the top of the aft mast the Japanese flag, and then there was a large search light played on each of them at the same time.

Kobe is quite a large city. It lies on the side of the mountains and is quite an important shipping port. Kobe is at the northern end of the inland sea and Shimoda is at the southern end. We left



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Nagasaki before we expected to an account of the admiral's health. I received your last letters and papers and was certainly glad to get them as I was about out of reading matter.  
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boys enjoy a little nonsense with all the other good things. I expect the Kentucky will go back to the states next March, but I hardly think I will get to go, for I have too much time to do. When she goes she will only take men that have from two to eight months to do. Well, it is getting late, so I will have to close. Lights will soon be turned out, and I will have to turn in. We go to bed, or to our hammocks at 9 p. m. and get up at 5 in the morning.  
 With kind regards to all inquiring friends, and love to all the home folks, I remain your loving sailor boy,  
 WILSON.

**WAS HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE**  
 One of Bromley's weavers, an Englishman, went to get married last week, and when asked by the clergyman the usual question, "Do you take this woman to be your lawful, wedded wife?" looked up in astonishment and exclaimed:  
 "Why, I came a purpose."  
**THE LAST ROLL**  
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**IN CONVICT'S DRESS**

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It was a dark, rainy evening in November, and I sat in my room in East Norwich reading a book when I suddenly fancied that there was a man under the bed in the alcove. It was only a fancy and one I could not account for, but I glanced in that direction, and next minute my heart was in my mouth.

It was a massive, old-fashioned bedstead, with a valance or curtain falling to the floor around the front and the foot. Just peeping out from under this curtain was the toe of a shoe—a coarse, heavy shoe with hobnails in the sole. It was not the shoe worn by mechanics or day laborers, but I spotted it in an instant as a prison shoe.

I hadn't the slightest doubt that there was an escaped convict under the bed. It was sixteen miles to Penfield, and I had heard nothing of an escape, but the man under the bed was no doubt in prison uniform and from the institution named.

I had pretty good nerve in those days, and yet as I sat there trying to solve the problem I found my mouth as dry as cotton and my whole body trembling. You will perhaps say that I should have got up and walked out of the room and downstairs. To be honest with you, my knees were so weak that I feared they would not serve me, and I also feared that the convict would suspect my design and roll out and attack me.

While I admit that I was unnerved, I still had no thought of running away. By and by, as I continued to grope for a solution, I grew cooler, and presently I did the best thing under the circumstances. Doing my best to steady my voice and speaking as if to one beside me, I said:

"You might as well come out from under the bed, my man. I have known of your presence there for this half hour, and you must be tired by this time."

The toe suddenly disappeared.

"I think you had better come out," I continued. "You are here on an errand, and the sooner you accomplish it the sooner you can go. The men from Penfield will be on your heels before daylight."

Then the man suddenly rolled into view and sprang to his feet with a muttered curse. He was in convict's uniform, but he was not an evil-looking man. On the contrary, he looked to be more of a sufferer than a criminal. There was more pride in his face than might have been looked for, and he had my sympathy at once.

"Well?" I queried as he stood staring at me.

"I shall never go back to prison—never!" he exclaimed as he looked around the room. "I'll die right here. I've been in a living hell for ten long years, and the other hell can't be worse. I went to prison thinking to do my best, but as I held up my head they said I was too airy and must be broken down. I was punished again and again because I would not become a fawning sycophant, a creeping, crawling thing at the feet of a brutal keeper. They starved me, loaded me with chains, lashed me till they did not dare to add another blow. I was told that the governor rubbed his hands and laughed over it, and I swore I would live to escape and escape to drive a knife into his heart. I never knowingly broke a rule of the prison. It was because I would not lick the shoes of the keepers that they wanted to break me."

I asked the man to take a chair, and I gave him a glass of wine and a cigar. He was nonplused at my action and didn't know whether to receive it as kindness or as a scheme to entrap him. For a long hour he told me of his life in the famous English prison, of the beatings and starvings, of the cruelty and the curses heaped upon him every hour in the day to drive him to rebellion, and when he had finished there was but one thing for me to do.

I had a hundred pounds in my wallet. I made an even divide with him. I had a rough and ready suit for fishing. I took this from my trunk and told the convict to exchange suits. When a pair of shoes had been added and he stood fully dressed his identity as a prisoner was gone. With a pair of scissors I clipped and trimmed his shaggy eyebrows, and a strip of plaster was placed on his cheeks as if to hide a scratch. I cannot say that he looked like a gentleman when his disguise was complete, but no policeman in England would have taken him for anything else but a mechanic of the better class.

I did not ask where he was going, what he intended to do or anything about his future. I felt that he would take care of all that. When he was ready to go we tiptoed downstairs, and I let him out of the front. There he turned and took my hand and held it for a long minute. He wanted to speak, to tell me of his gratitude, but he simply couldn't get a word out. On my part I was silent.

So he passed out into the night and was gone, and an hour later the town was aroused by the advent of a dozen policemen and prison guards looking for convict No. 4220. He had escaped from Penfield by a bold stratagem and had so managed that pursuit was made in a false direction and much time lost. A larger reward was offered for him than for any prisoner who ever escaped, but he got safely out of England and, as far as I know, has never been heard of since.

His crime was highway robbery with assault, and they said he was a desperate man, but I have never regretted that I aided his escape. It was justice to send him to prison as a punishment, but it was not justice to beat and starve him and make him curse the God who created him. M. QUAD.

**Santa Claus' Big Toy Store**

**A LETTER TO THE CHILDREN:**

Where Does Santa Claus Live? Santa Claus used to have no home, but carried his stock of Christmas goods in a sack on his back, so he could not bring everybody presents, and as he grew older he was unable to walk and carry his great load. He got a team of reindeers and a sleigh, so he could gladden the hearts of a greater number of children in the old way. But Santa is now too old to ride in all kinds of weather, so has brought all his Christmas gifts and makes his headquarters at "THE FAIR," and has presents now for old and young. Below he gives you just a hint of his enormous stock.

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- Ladies' linen embroidered, \$1.00 to ..... **\$1.45**
- Ladies' linen, colored border, 13c to ..... **25c**
- Ladies' open work, hem embroidered and embroidered edge, 48c and ..... **50c**
- Ladies' plain white linen French finish ..... **25c**
- Ladies' hem embroidered and embroidered edge, 10c ..... **10c**
- Gents' plain all linen, 35c; 3 for ..... **\$1.00**
- Gents' Initial Handkerchief, linen ..... **25c**
- Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs, initial and plain, 25c to ..... **58c**
- Gents' plain linen, 1-8, 1-4, 1-2, 1-inch hem, from 10c to ..... **75c**
- Gents' Silk and Satin Mufflers, in cream, black and red, from \$1.10 to ..... **\$2.69**
- Children's plain white linen ..... **4c**
- Children's colored border, 3c; 2 for ..... **5c**
- Children's plain white, in boxes, 3 in box, per box ..... **15c**
- Children's colored border, in boxes, 3 in box, per box ..... **15c**

**Sterling Silver Novelties**

A thousand and one inexpensive little articles in silver that make appropriate gifts: Grip Tags, Memo, Tablets, Thimbles, Scarf Holders, Garter Buckles, Name-plates, Key Rings, Knives, Glove Buttoners, Nail Files, Shoe Horns, Tooth Brushes, Seals, Match Boxes, Cigarette Cases, Scissors, Silver-top Ink Stands and Cold Cream Boxes, Silver Back Mirrors, Brushes, Combs—range in price from 25c to ..... **\$7.95**

Silver Manicure Sets, from **\$1.50** to ..... **\$10.50**

Sterling Silver Toilet Sets, comb, brush, mirror, etc., from **\$3.50**, to the best for ..... **\$27.50**

**Solid Silver Tableware**

Our stock is now complete in every detail, and we assure you that you will effect a saving if you buy Knives, Forks, Spoons, etc., etc., at this store. Complete line of the famous Rogers' 1847 ware.

**Cut Glass**

The way to any housekeeper's heart is easily found through Cut Glass. There is nothing you could give any woman that she would appreciate more than a piece of rich cut glass as an ornament for the table or home. Our assortment is large and complete.

- Cut Glass Bowls, large, \$8.50 to ..... **\$10.95**
- Cut Glass Pitchers, large, \$10.50 to ..... **\$15.95**
- Cut Glass Vases, large, \$3.98 to ..... **\$8.95**
- Cut Glass Olive Dishes, \$1.25 to ..... **\$3.25**
- Cut Glass Mustard Pots ..... **\$3.98**
- Cut Glass Spoons ..... **\$4.69**
- Cut Glass Nest Salts ..... **\$2.25**
- Cut Glass Trays, large \$6.95 to ..... **\$23.50**
- Cut Glass Tumblers, set ..... **\$7.48**
- Cut Glass Sugar and Creams ..... **\$7.48**

**Leather Novelties**

Many new things are here in Leather. All the latest shapes in Pocket Books, Card Cases, Carriage and Automobile Bags, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Burnt Leather Sofa Pillows and Music Rolls; Cigar Cases, Lap Desks, Picture Frames, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes; Necktie Boxes, Banners, Table Mats, etc. The list is almost endless, for there are countless novelties, both in burnt and plain leather. Prices range liberally from 10c to ..... **\$7.50**

**Christmas Gloves**

Splendid holiday stock of Gloves for ladies and children. Gloves to give; gloves for your immediate personal needs. Our glove store is especially stocked for this holiday season. To illustrate—Kid Gloves, in castor, tan, gray, black white, red and oxblood, 75c, \$1.00 and ..... **\$1.25**

The famous "Eskay" Tailor Made Real Kid Glove, in all leading shades, including the popular shades of green and blue ..... **\$1.50**

The popular Automobile Glove, with golf Gauntlet, all shades ..... **\$1.50**

"Sorosia" Kid Gloves for children, in brown and red ..... **\$1.00**

**Lamps, China and Art Ware**

A great assortment of the daintiest and handomest China, full dinner sets of the justly famous Haviland, Austrian and Limoges China; complete assortments of open stock patterns in either of these makes. Beautiful hand-painted Plates as low as **\$1.45** and up ..... **\$6.95**

Japanese Ware Novelties, in Vases, Jewel Cases, "Candelabra," Sugar and Creams, 35c up.

Art Ware—Handsome Busts and Vases, in new materials and designs, all sizes and any price.

Souvenir China, with pictures of our public buildings, the packing houses, etc.—just the gift for a distant friend, **35c** up.

**Holiday Novelties**

French Gray Enamel Ware, over a quadruple silver plate—never change color or tarnish, beautiful in design: Trays, Jewel Cases, Pin-Boxes, Candelabra, Clocks, etc., 50c to ..... **\$4.50**

Celluloid Boxes, Trays, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Trinket Boxes, etc., etc., from 25c up.

Burnt Wood Novelties, in Match Boxes, Picture Frames, Book Racks, Steins, etc., etc., 25c to ..... **\$8.95**

Ink Stands, Pipes, Canoe Paddles, Burnt Leather Cigar Cases, Shaving Paper Cases, Card Holders, Whisk Broom Holders, etc., etc., 25c to ..... **\$1.25**

Onyx Paper Weights, mounted with jockeys, stags, thermometers, etc., etc., 25c, 39c and ..... **50c**

Statuettes of "Happy Hooligan," "Gloomy Gus," etc. .... **65c**

Gibson Head Box Stationery, fancy Xmas Boxes, also for children, 25c to ..... **50c**

FANCY PIN CUSHIONS—Made of silk, lace and ribbons; dainty and useful presents, all colors, all shapes and all sizes, 25c to ..... **\$2.69**

DAINTY FANS—Made of lace and silk, trimmed with silver spangles, inlaid ivory sticks; some very elaborate and handsome designs, 98c to ..... **\$4.25**

REAL "TORTOISE" COMBS—Beautiful back combs of real tortoise, set with pearls and rhinestones, in silver and gold plate; each comb in box, prices, \$2.69 to ..... **\$4.98**

FANCY BASKETS—All sorts of baskets, work baskets, beautifully finished and lined with silk; spaces for thimbles, needles, etc; work baskets with stands, large and convenient; almost any sort of basket you could want, at all prices.

**Xmas Perfume**

What would be more welcome to milady than a dainty package of fragrant perfume? At the Toilet Goods Counter you will find the best.

- Colgate's Perfumes, all odors, oz. .... **25c**
- Hudnut's Perfumes, all odors, oz. .... **50c**
- Hudnut's "Yanky" Perfumes, oz. .... **79c**
- Hudnut's Perfumes in Xmas packages, 50c, \$1.00 ..... **\$1.85**
- Hudnut's Sachets: Violet, Orris and Heliotrope ..... **25c**
- Colgate's Perfumes in Xmas packages.

**Umbrellas for Xmas Gifts**

What can you give as a gift for Christmas that would be more acceptable than a handsome umbrella? Our showing of holiday umbrellas was never more varied than it is this season, and the prices were never so low.

Fine Silk Umbrellas for men and women, novelty gun metal handles, long ivory and pearl handles, heavily trimmed with gold and silver, \$1.65 up to ..... **\$10.50**

**Pictures for Xmas**

Nothing gives more lasting pleasure than a picture—it is always in plain sight and a constant reminder of the giver. We have provided generously this year for your wants in this line.

Pretty Medallions and Water Color reproductions as low as 25c and up ..... **\$3.50**

Christy Pictures, new and popular subjects, either framed or mounted as posters, 75c to ..... **\$2.98**

Other subjects, including Hat Rack Pictures, Coaching Pictures, Fencing Girls, Dogs' Heads, etc., etc., at any price up to ..... **\$10.00**



# The Fair

## Xmas Gifts Continued

### Practical Presents

On the opposite page, we have told you of Beautiful and Ornamental Gifts, as well as many Holiday Novelties. In this column we offer suggestions as to more practical gifts—Things to wear. Never before have we been so well equipped to supply your wants in any article of Ladies' or Children's Apparel, and the prices are, as always, attractively low. What could you give that would be more appreciated than a Ladies' Tailor-made Suit, Coat or Skirt, Silk Petticoat, Sweater, Lounging Robe, or Silk Waist, and for the little ones there are Coats and Blazers, Sweaters, too. Some details follow—

### Two Coat Bargains

Nobby Short Coats of zibeline, in blues, browns, blacks; collarless; fancy button trimmed, band of the material, piped in silk around the neck, with frog fastening; double-breasted; full gathered sleeve and turn-back cuff, silk piped. This is a six ninety-five value; special at ..... **\$5.00**

Handsome Coat of kersey cloth, in red, black and tan, straight back, deep cape over shoulders, trimmed with straps and buttons, with stitched band of the material around the neck and down each side of front, trimmed in back with stitched bands of the material; coat sleeve with stitched turn-back cuff, lined throughout with satin—a splendid value at the regular price of \$16.50; special ..... **\$15.00** tomorrow

### Suits at Saving Prices

Only ten of these—Ladies' Tailored Suits in grays and mixtures, Norfolk Jackets, Blouses and mannish Coats are the styles, new and up-to-date as to style and make, worth regularly \$24.50 to \$29.50; choice ..... **\$15.00**

We have just received eighteen New Suits, in brown and blue chevrons only; long skirted jacket, collarless, with a stitched band of velvet around the neck, trimmed in silk braid, two capes over shoulders, finished stole effect in front and back, two rows of buttons down the front, full fancy sleeve, with a turn-back cuff of stitched braid; trimmed velvet jacket, lined throughout with silk; skirt seven-gored flare. These are our regular \$32.50 values, bought late in the season—so the price ..... **\$26.50** will be tomorrow

### Furs for Xmas

There is no more sensible Xmas present for mother, sister, wife or sweetheart than a pretty Fur. We offer you a special Xmas line of Furs in boas, stoles and scarfs, made of choice full skin, trimmed with tails and silk cord fastenings and ornaments, at a liberal range of ..... **\$65.00** price, from \$3.95 to

### Sweaters and Lounging Robes

Either a Sweater or Lounging Robe would make a present much appreciated by the fair recipient. We are showing Sweaters in all colors and white and black, at \$1.50 ..... **\$5.50** to ..... **\$16.00** Lounging Robes—Long and warm, just the thing for comfort these winter evenings; prettily made and some handsomely embroidered, with heavy silk cord sash; ..... **\$16.00** to \$4.95

# THE SOCIAL SEASON



**A Tale With a Moral.**  
'Twas a gloomy glade 'mid the lowering shade  
Of a forest dank and dark;  
And every decent creature slept.  
For the gray of dawn had scarcely crept  
O'er the morning sky. But hark!  
Amid the silence there may be heard  
The drowsy chirp of the Early Bird.

To the ground he flits, where he lightly sits,  
Then hops with a movement gay—  
"Cheep-cheep, te-whit!" and he flaps his wings—  
"Oh, I am the Early Bird," he sings—  
And also "Tu-lu-ra-lay!"  
But, though he carols it through and through,  
His joyful warble does not ring true.

Lo! a twig that lies beneath his eyes  
Of a sudden appears to quiver.  
And there comes from under his very feet  
A faint, fine sound that I can't repeat—  
The voice of the Early Worm!  
And the glade is stiller than still can be  
At thought of the coming tragedy.

—Harper's Magazine.

lamities give serious color to inevitable conditions, or else ribald jest and unspeakable and loathsome habits of thought dominate the viewpoint of the most tragic phases of life. In "Ghosts" Ibsen has dramatized the solemn warnings of the wisest physicians. The scientific applications of that well known commandment, "The sins of the father shall be visited upon the children even unto the third and fourth generation." The other parts of the play are but the gradual preparations for the supreme climax. In them, however, he has entered with delicate suggestion into the domain of the pulpit and gives the protests of the hearts that have lived and suffered, as hearts do live and suffer, as against the doctrines and dogmas of religion as interpreted by the voice of religious authority, those who have neither lived nor suffered. "Law and duty," says Mrs. Alving to Pastor Manders, "are the bonds that bind to misery and eternal unhappiness," or words to that effect. Law and duty had been the continual preaching of Pastor Manders directed especially to Mrs. Alving at the time of her revolt against a husband whose life was given over to drunkenness and licentiousness, a revolt that took the unpardonable form in the clergyman's eyes of flight from husband and escape from the bonds of wedlock. "You owe him duty and obedience, no matter what he is. What right have you, a more woman, and his wife, to judge of him? You have vowed in the sight of God and man to honor and obey him. He is your husband, therefore return to him and ask his forgiveness for your disobedience. What if he does indulge in drunken carousals every night, what if he is untrue to his marriage vows, that does not release you from yours. Your duty is first as a wife."

Have not the women of civilization heard this thundering from the pulpit for ages? Have they not suffered all the torments of a living hell rather than brave the displeasure of church and society that has no measure of duty save for the wife. Mrs. Alving's husband from whom she fled after a few months of married life and to whom she returned by advice and sermon of Pastor Manders, continued his life unchanged, retained his dissolute habits until death. The wife never again rebelled against her fate. The son born to them was sent to Paris to school. Pastor Manders upbraided Mrs. Alving, telling her she sought to evade the laws of motherhood, placing upon others her maternal duties. This she answers by telling the preacher the true story. The boy was sent away because he was beginning to ask questions, and to see too much of the hideous vice under his father's roof. In Paris he could hear only noble things of his father. The ideal of fatherhood could be best upheld at a distance.

The son himself just coming home to live gives speedy evidence of the law of heredity. Mrs. Alving's serving maid, Regina, is the opportunity. In her story to Pastor Manders, she tells the history of Regina—the illegitimate child of a former maid and her husband, an unfortunate waltz, taken and reared with care, even affection. The son just from Paris follows in the footsteps of his father without delay. The horror of the situation falls as a blow upon the mother.

"Don't, Mr. Alving, let me be!" The voice of Regina in the adjoining room where she is with young Alving is heard by Mrs. Alving. The words are an unspeakable shock, and the audience laughed. Then the climax. The idealized son in whom the hopes and aspirations of life were to be realized has brought with him into the world as his birth wrong the results of the violations of the laws of health and morality practiced by his father. The slow poison of weakened virility seeps away the foundations of thought, and leaves the son a maulin imbecile.

The great scientific treatment of his ailment, recognized by the highest medical authorities of the world, was given in the words of the hapless boy in speaking of Regina. The audience again roars with laughter as at the sallies of the lowest vaudeville entertainment in the submerged district. The mother agrees to the marriage, but the final act in this heart-rending situation is the return of the attack of epilepsy, and the mother's paroxysms of despair.

The audience did not laugh then. It sat in wondering silence until the curtain fell. Then a few generous souls paused long enough to applaud one of the most powerful and realistic scenes ever presented before a local audience. Miss Gallatin was found in her dressing room after the play. "We will not try Ibsen again in Texas. There has been no money in it, of course, but I have taken a great pride in the part of Mrs. Alving. I do not mind the small house. I knew it would not be a paying venture, but the awful laughs at the crucial moments of the play! I would rather they would have struck me! Can you imagine a man or woman finding cause for mirth

in these heart-breaking scenes? I suppose Ibsen is not for children—and so many grown folks are nothing but children after all so far as conceptions of life are concerned. It is all a question of imagination. I suppose, only our imaginations do not work along the same lines." "In the gallery was a fringe of pickaninies hanging their ivories and feet over the gallery rail. They did not find Ibsen to their liking and made outcry that they did not see any 'Ghosts.'" "In the 'circle' was a charming young woman with her mouth full of gum, chewing resolutely and nobly, and most outspoken in her disapproval of the play. "This is getting too tough for me," she announced to a friend nearby, as the curtain fell after the first act. "Who was best fitted to judge of the quality of Ibsen, the pickaninies in the gallery who came to see a ghost show, or the young woman who thought the story of the great moral tragedy 'tough.'" "Undoubtedly, Ibsen should be prohibited from children, no matter what their age or sex."

The sidewalk between Seventh and Eighth streets presented a strange sight Friday during the high wind. It was free of paper, dust and trash. The south wind is an invaluable aid to the street cleaning department, yet some folks are unkind enough to say it is the department's only aid.

Most people at some time or another make mistakes. Their enormity depends upon whether they are viewed by friends or enemies. There will be a meeting of the ladies who are members of the association of wives and daughters of Elks in the club rooms Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. A full attendance is urged, as matters of importance will be discussed.

The Daughters of the American Revolution met Thursday afternoon in business session. Those present were Mrs. W. T. Scott, the regent, Childress, Ralney, Harrison, Hyman, Galbraith, Misses Wingfield, Frost and Bostick. Mrs. Will Cobb was a visitor. The resignation of Miss Wingfield as treasurer was received and accepted with regret. A resolution of appreciation of Miss Wingfield's faithful services were unanimously adopted. Action on the presentation of framed copies of the Declaration of Independence to the different public schools was postponed. A letter was read from the national secretary regarding representation in the annual congress, also letters from North Carolina and Texas citizens. The request of a Fort Worth citizen who is eligible for membership in the Sons of the Revolution to affiliate with the local chapter of the S. A. R. was presented, but the chapter did not see its way clear to granting his request.

The Imperials have selected December 23 for their Christmas dance, for which they will issue only verbal invitations. The final arrangements for it will be made at their regular meeting Monday evening.

The Commercial club had in informal dance Thursday evening and though the attendance was not so large as usual there was much pleasure and enjoyment in abundance.

The Imperials were discovered dancing merrily in their rooms Thursday evening. They found time between dances to chat in their cozy parlors and to make their friends who were visitors and onlookers most welcome. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Misses Martin, Saunders, Pendleton, Chalk, Hollingsworth, Shouart, Daniels, Stripling, Anderson, McLean, Boland, Fry, Pakes, Horstman, Dr. Joyce, Messrs. Stark, Burson of Virginia, Knight, Pitner, Whiffey, Griffith of Dallas, Belmers, Martin, Nevers, Keith, Wynne, Hicks, Scheuber, Malone, Soudley, Clements.

Mr. John Winter entertained the Mar- (Continued on Page 17).

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# AT COST!

We have decided to close out all of our Dry Goods and Shoes, and for the next thirty days will sell you at actual cost. Great bargains in Shoes, Ladies' Tailor-made Skirts, Oxford Shirt Waists, Ladies' Black Underskirts. Full line of Hosiery, and something especially good for school children. Just received, a lot of Men's and Boys' Hats—will go in this sale—snap—do not miss it. Let us talk Shoes: We have about \$3,000 tied up in Shoes, bought from the best shoe factories in the East—all fresh, clean, new goods. Men's Shoes from \$1.00 up to \$3.00—this includes all of our \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes. Every pair sold under a guarantee, solid as a rock; no cheap, trashy stuff to offer you, only the very best makes. We keep a pair or two cut up to show you how they are made. Come early and get pick before numbers are broken. We have no old shelf-worn goods to offer you—all clean, new, fresh goods, and most of them bought within the last sixty days. Come in and see us—we will save you money.

We have a few specials to offer you in something good to eat—	Van Camp's English Peas, 2 for 25c	2-pound package Oats, 3 for ...25c
Greely potatoes, peck .....30c	Van Camp's Pork and Beans ...10c	18 pounds Granulated Sugar ...\$1.00
Pumpkin Yam potatoes, peck .25c	Van Camp's Vegetable Soup ...10c	Pure Leaf Lard .....10c
Wapeo 3-pound can Tomatoes, 2 for .....25c	Van Camp's Tomato Soup .....10c	Wesson Cooking Oil, gallon .80c
Wapeo 2-pound can Tomatoes, 3 for .....25c	Van Camp's Hominy .....10c	(Try it once and you will never use anything else. Pure and wholesome).
Wapeo 3-pound can Pie Apples 10c	(Like Mother used to make.)	California Hams .....10c
Wapeo 3-pound can Kraut.....10c	Van Camp's 3-pound can Pump-kin .....10c	Best Winchester Hams .....14 1/2c
3-pound can Pie Apples .....10c	Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour, 2 for .....25c	Best Creamery Butter .....30c
5-pound High Noon Coffee .....\$1.00	Ralston Breakfast Food .....15c	Best Patent Flour, 1/2s .....\$1.10
2 pounds Sphinx Coffee, best on earth .....75c	Vigor, nature's food, 3 for .....25c	Best Patent Flour, 1/4s .....55c
	Vim, nature's food, 3 for .....25c	New Crop Louisiana Molasses .65c
	5-pound package Oats .....25c	

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Paris is mourning the loss of its oldest tree, an elm planted by order of Sully in 1600, in the Rue St. Jacques. It is leafless this year.

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Whether you seek some "trifling remembrance" for distant relative or casual friend or something superbly handsome for those nearest and dearest, you will find at this big store amplest scope for choice, and greatest values for the money to be expended. The community has learned that our ads. are not mere words to catch the eye—but facts of the greatest magnitude, and at this period, when every one's purse is taxed to the utmost, the savings assured by our low prices reach the highest importance.

**IMPORTANT**—The local custom of charging "extra" profits on holiday merchandise is not recognized under the "Burton-Peel system," hence an unusually pronounced difference is noticeable between our prices and the prices at other stores for identical goods



## Gift Kid and Fabric Gloves

If in doubt, buy gloves, and come here for them. We handle dependable, durable makes, carry all grades, and a big assortment of colors.

Kid Gloves in all the shades, modes tans, brown, pearl, black, white, in two clasps, all sizes, price \$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and ..... **\$1.00**

Women's and children's woolen Gloves and Mittens, black, white and colors, ladies' \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c. Children's, 50c, 35c, 25c, 15c and ..... **10c**

## Gift Dress Goods and Silks

Fine Dress Goods and Silks make most acceptable and highly appropriate gifts. The special sale we've arranged for this week provides opportunities most rare. A very little money will do a very great deal of work.

56-inch mannish Dress Goods for coat suits, regular \$1.50 worth for ..... **98c**

54-inch Broadcloth, can't match quality under \$1.25; special, all colors, yard ..... **89c**

46-inch all wool Granite and Etamine, regular \$1.00 value, all shades and flecked ..... **75c**

50 Dress Goods Lengths, 6 to 8 yds., the fine imported Zibeline and Knickerbocker, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00 per yard; choice, ..... **\$1.50**

36-inch Black Taffeta Silk, the regular \$1.00 quality for ..... **65c**

36-inch Black guaranteed Taffeta, regular \$1.50 grade, sale yard ..... **\$1.19**

27-inch Black Taffeta Silk, a good 85c quality, sale yard ..... **59c**

250 ends of Silks, plain taffeta, fancy silks, satins, etc., lengths from 1 to 10 yards. Values from 75c to \$1.50, all at one price, choice, yard ..... **50c**

## EVERY WOMAN WOULD APPRECIATE A SUIT A SKIRT, A COAT, A WAIST OR PETTICOAT

We have arranged to sell the very fine imported Costumes and Cloaks for much less than usual price. The Crepe de Chine and Net Dresses are reduced in price; the Fine Cloaks, the Evening or Theater Wraps cut in prices. Also special values on Fine Skirts, Silk Petticoats. Cut prices now on Children's Wraps. See our line of Furs before you buy—we will save you money on Fine Furs. Note the extras.



**\$3.75** Black Silk Petticoats, made with full ruffle—the regular \$5.90 grade; Xmas sale, \$3.75.

**\$6.85** Black and Colored Taffeta Silk Petticoats—regular \$19.00 grade, made full with deep ruffles; special Xmas price, \$6.85.

**\$2.75** One lot of Fur Collarettes—values up to \$8.50, mink and marten fur. If you want a collarette, see this lot; choice, \$2.75.

**\$4.98** Ladies' Walking Skirts, also Dress Skirts—special lot bought under value, but styles correct, worth \$6.50 and \$7.50.

**\$7.50** Ladies' Swell Skirts—big line to select from; all the late style fabrics and cut—actual worth \$10.00; Dress and Walking Skirts.

**\$9.98** Dress Skirts and elegant Walking Skirts, in black and leading colors; make and finish—actual worth \$15.00.

**\$2.75** Children's Long Coats, for school and dress wear, made with large collars, trimmed with braid and bands—\$4.00 coats for \$2.75.

**\$6.49** Louis XIV Coats, well made of fine melton—you could not touch the value under \$15.00; special sale but \$6.49.

**\$10.00** Ladies' Norfolk Blouse and Short Coat Suits, made of the new late fabrics, all wanted colors, \$15.00 to \$20.00 suits; special Xmas sale, \$10.00.

**\$2.50** Ladies' Silk Waists, in black, white and colored—a line slightly mussed, new styles, \$5.00 values; choice, \$2.50.

**\$3.50** Ladies' Flannel and Oxford Waists, high grade, new styles—worth \$5.00 and \$6.50; Xmas sale, choice, \$3.50.

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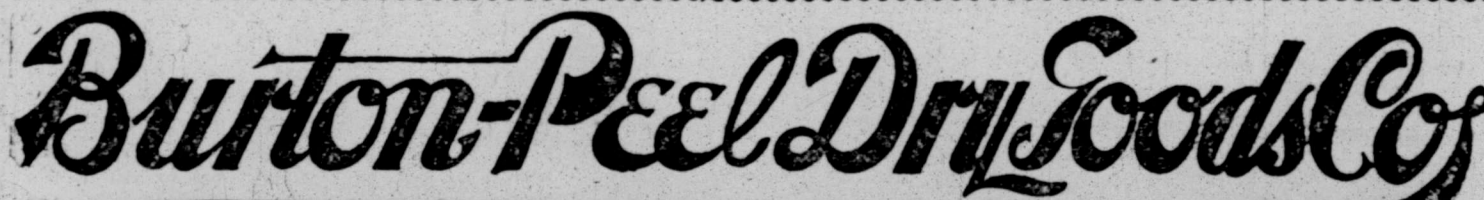
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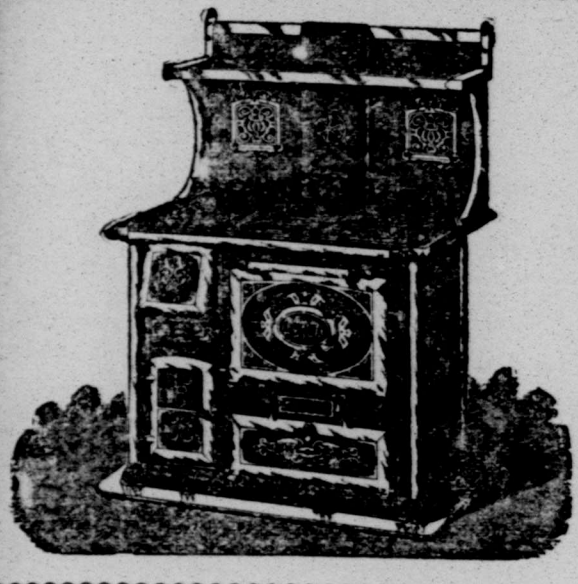
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Within the month there will be a joint installation of officers of the Ladies' auxiliary to the O. R. C., Tygard division 196, and Evergreen division 155 of the O. R. C. These exercises are always impressive and interest grows with each succeeding year.

The Calanthe club met with Mrs. John Bond Wednesday afternoon, flinch being the game favored. The prize, a picture, went to Mrs. H. Gernsbacher in a cut with several excellent players. Mrs. Walter Hart won the souvenir, a green leather glove box. The afternoon was one of the pleasantest yet spent by the club, and the adieus were said with sincere expressions of appreciation of the hospitality of the afternoon. Refreshments of salad, coffee, ambrosia and whipped cream and cake was served by two little maidens, Sarah Carb and Lorene Bond, and Master Edward Bond.

Those present were Mesdames George Johnson, Walter Hart, Tom Coppage, W. L. Evans, T. T. McDonald, Charles Carb, E. B. Sawyer, J. V. Douglas, W. V. Quince, S. N. Lloyd, H. Gernsbacher, J. B. Colton and C. Ware. There will be no more meeting this year, but on Wednesday afternoon, January 6, 1904, the club will meet with Mrs. Charles Carb for election of officers. Every member is asked to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Conroy celebrated their crystal wedding at the country club last night, several hundred of their friends attending to join in congratulations and felicitations. For weeks this event has been a leading topic of conversation, and its realization last night was one of the most brilliant events ever witnessed in Fort Worth society. The country club was in festive array, the guests gowned most becomingly, and the universally popular host and hostess the center of loving and loyal friends, who expressed eloquently their hopes that the future would be but a continuation of past happiness and success.

The Marguerites have completed their plans for their Christmas party, which will be at the Hotel Worth on New Year's night. It is whispered that it is to be a leap year dance, but just how they will manage it has not been made public.

The Better Halves were entertained last week by Mrs. Park, the afternoon being spent in the usual needle work, closing with a delightful luncheon. The meeting this week is to be with Mrs. Rozelle.

Mme. Johnston-Bishop will appear to a Fort Worth audience tomorrow night, being the soloist engaged by the Arions for their first concert. Among all the expectant crowd that assembled to hear the distinguished singer last Friday evening not one will fail to feel sympathy for the sudden affliction that made her appearance then impossible. The absence forming in the ear came without warning and just as she was preparing her toilette for the concert. She is more regretful of the broken engagement than anyone concerned. The surgeon that performed the operation on the ear assures her that with care during the intervening time she will be in a condition to keep her engagement Monday night.

Mme. Johnston-Bishop is a charming talker, even when in pain, and speaks with musicianly pride of the program she will present. There are no hackneyed, commonplace numbers, and even the ones from the better known composers are those that few singers are courageous enough to attempt. The great aria from Carmen is her special pride and she promises to do her best with it. Musicians who have heard Mme. Johnston-Bishop inatorio work think that she is greater than Nordic, so when she does her best it will be undoubtedly a musical treat.

Mme. Johnston-Bishop is anxious for the public to know that it was not her voice that failed her and that she is in fine singing condition.

CLUBS

The '93 club met Monday and listened to a discussion of the telegraph, led by Miss Roe, and a paper on "Gladstone, the Man," by Miss Garrett. The reports of Mrs. Hudson, delegate, and Mrs. Klein, alternate, were heard and accepted. Short talks on impressions of the federation were given by each member of the club.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Taylor Street Cumberland Presbyterian church will hold their last literary meeting for the year on Tuesday, December 15, at 3 p. m. in the Sunday school room of the church. Members of all other missionary societies in the city are cordially invited to attend and take part in the round table discussion on "Systematic Study of Missions," as it is a subject of general interest. Mrs. W. W. Purinton is director for the interesting program, which will be as follows: Scripture lesson, Rom. 12:1-21.

Mrs. Purinton. Topic—"Helpful Missionary Agencies," (Agencies used at home): (a) "Prayer," Mrs. W. R. Francis. (b) "Public Meetings," Mrs. C. C. Cummings. (c) "The Secular Press," Mrs. Davis. (d) "Missionary Periodicals and Leaflets," Mrs. Richard White. (e) "The Systematic Study of Missions," Round Table talk, led by Mrs. N. A. Cunningham. Piano duet—Mesdames Bedford. PART II. (Agencies used abroad): (a) "Evangelistic Work," Mrs. Humphreys. (b) "Medical Work," Mrs. Berney. (c) "Educational Work," Mrs. Sawyer. (d) "The Printed Word and Christian

Literature," Mrs. G. F. Spear. (e) "Woman's Work," Mrs. N. Hardin. Vocal solo—"Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown," Miss Maude Sawyers. Topics for prayer, our church and its various boards, and our missionary candidates.

The Harmony club met Wednesday, December 9, at the residence of Mrs. Ray on Adams street. There was a good attendance and two new members. Guy Richardson directed the theory lesson, giving an interesting reading on classification of vibrations and orchestral instruments. Incidents from the life of Schubert were given at roll call, and musical numbers were as follows: Scherzo in A minor.....Schubert Mrs. R. B. West. Vocal duet, selected—The Misses Ray. Vocal solo, selected—Miss Downing.

Reading of a beautiful poem by Mrs. Crane, entitled, "Don't Let the Song Go Out of Your Life." The club will meet December 30 with Mrs. Lydick, 411 South Lake street, at which time Mendelssohn will be the composer discussed.

The Trio club at its meeting Monday afternoon practicing numbers by Hoffman and Hall King, preparing with much enthusiasm for their concert to be given in a few weeks. The resignation of Mrs. Baily was read, and two new members were elected, Mrs. Modlin and Miss McDaniel.

Attention of the members of the Euterpeans is called to the new amendment passed some time ago providing that members shall act as hostesses in alphabetical order and in case of failure to entertain by the hostess whose turn it is, it shall be her duty to provide a place of meeting and notify the corresponding secretary. Compliance with this rule is requested.

Mrs. William Orr was the director of the Monday Book Club last week. The program including papers by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Henderson. Mrs. Henderson's subject was "Diana" and her paper was of special interest.

At the meeting of the art department of the Woman's Club Thursday the responses from roll call were unusually interesting, with current events in art. The lesson for the day was "Egyptian Art," by Mrs. Felix Gaither, and was splendidly conducted.

Cwing to one of our days falling on the 25th, we will have two this week, so we can complete our Christmas china and studies. One will be Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 and the other Thursday morning from 9 to 12.

On December 31 we will celebrate our first birthday.

At a meeting last week of the All Saints' Hospital association it was decided to accept the services of the Rev. Mr. Cross to solicit funds with which to complete the hospital building. Mr. Cross will make appeals for this grand charity among Texas church people. From Texas he will go to Chicago and other large cities and ask from these centers of church activities contributions toward this fund.

The association needs \$2,500. With this sum they can make the hospital building ready for occupancy. The citizens of Fort Worth have been helpful but more money is needed.

The hospital association requests that publicity be given to the uses to which the hospital will be put. The wards will be absolutely free to all sick and needy poor. No one will be denied because of creed, religion, or lack of religion. The report that hospital services will be denied any save communicants of the Episcopal church is emphatically denied. The hospital will be under the management of the Episcopal church. Its members are leading in the efforts to raise the money, but once the building is used, its comfort, its physicians and its nurses will be given to the indigent and sick without inquiry as to faith or church affiliations.

Mr. Cross goes upon his mission with the best wishes of a public that honors every charity that is as big as the needs of humanity.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. John F. Moore is entertaining her sisters, Mrs. Ira Dixon of Louisiana, and Mrs. Charles B. Maxey of Siloam Springs, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Edwards, former residents of Fort Worth, but more recently of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. John F. Swayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arnold have returned from their bridal trip and are at Mrs. Edgington's, who has been visiting in Little Rock, will return home Tuesday.

Miss Gibson of Dallas, who has been visiting the Misses Hollingsworth, has returned home.

Miss Hortense Martin left yesterday for Palm Beach, Florida, where she will be the guest of friends for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cole of Dallas are visiting Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Mullins.

Mrs. J. Friedlander of Houston is visiting Mrs. Weltman.

Miss Simon of Tyler, who is visiting Mrs. D. Brown will remain until after the holidays.

Stanley Hardwick, who is attending the school of technology at Atlanta, Ga., will spend his holidays at home.

W. C. Bishop leaves Tuesday for an extended trip to Northern and Eastern states.

R. L. Carlock is confined to his home with a serious attack of malarial fever.

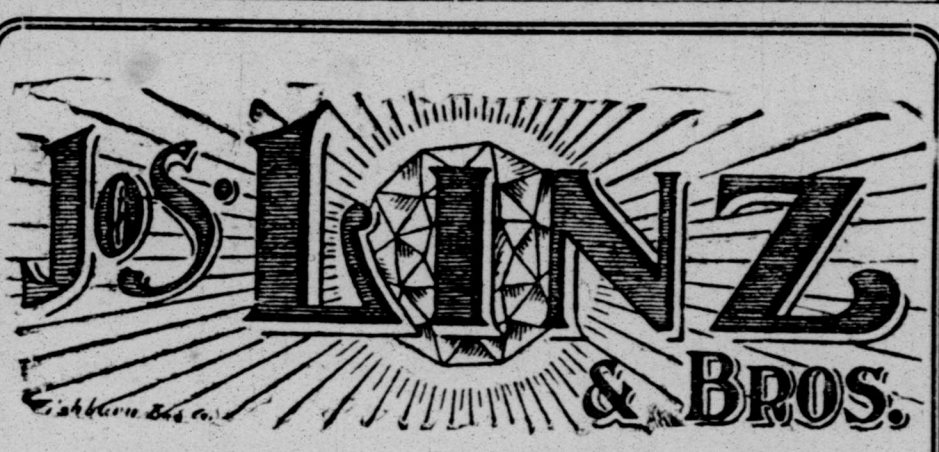
Mrs. Sam Darnell of Dallas visited Mrs. J. R. Darnell last week.

Mrs. Reed of Texarkana is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Burche.

Miss Laura Hogsett has returned from Cleburne, where she was maid of honor at the Cameron-Stanford wedding.

The latest report from Harry Hendricks of Amarillo, who was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis, is to the effect that he is improving.

Mrs. E. W. Sellers will be glad to receive her friends and patrons at 424 Clara street Friday and Saturday, the 18th and 19th, where she will have on sale a display of art embroidery and hand painted china suitable for Christmas gifts.



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THE SOCIAL SEASON

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guerites Thursday afternoon and cards filled the time pleasantly. Miss Crittenden won the club prize, a popular book, and Mrs. Hunt the guests' prize, a framed water color. Those present were Misses Lucille and Bessie White, Crittenden, Spencer, Buggett, Larimer and McCarthy; Mesdames Steffins of Abilene, Van Zandt, Elliott of Dallas, Price, Craft, Donovan, Walton, Hunt and Gallaway. There will be no social meeting until after Christmas, but the club will meet with Mrs. Rozelle next Thursday afternoon for business discussions.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Mullins entertained with a dinner party last Wednesday evening in honor of the fourteenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cole of Dallas. There were beautiful decorations of cut flowers, cut glass and silver and several courses into which were blended the spirit of congratulation. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McBride, Mrs. Sarah Mullins, and Master William Cole Mullins.

On last Thursday evening sundry folk might have been seen making their way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. De Toll on Wheeler street, each laden with a suspicious looking package. These packages they did not leave in the dressing room with their wraps, but held to them and by the time all had arrived there were busy times doing. The packages contained articles which were to be exchanged and much zeal and more discretion were displayed in getting a package which would contain something of a little more value than the one disposed of. The trading went on merrily until the time came for opening the packages. The display was side splitting. A box of popcorn turned up its nose at limburger cheese, a souvenir spoon stuck to a box of gum drops, while wienersurst and a package of rice agreed to form a partnership. Refreshments closed this hilarity.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Want, Mr. and Mrs. John Homan, Mrs. Homan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Reyer, Mr. and Mrs. Modlin, Rev. and Mrs. Luther Little, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robinson, Miss Buchanan and Miss Campbell.

The Nashville American has the following to say about the marriage of a popular Fort Worth young man: A marriage was solemnized at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal church at Shelbyville which was of unusual social interest here:

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It was that of Miss Anna Ransom and Mr. Gladstone Wardlaw, formerly of Shelbyville, but now of Fort Worth, Texas. Several guests from Nashville attended the wedding, including Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ransom, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Ransom and little Miss Margaret Ransom. Others from a distance were Mrs. James Sparks, Mr. Charles Perkins of Murfreesboro.

The church was decorated with an artistic arrangement of palms, holly and mistletoe, and the wedding music was played by Miss Christine Cooper, with violin accompaniment by Miss Albyn Smith. The bride, who entered with the groom, wore a handsome tailored gown of blue zibeline, with a Persian waist and a hat in harmonizing tints. She carried a sheaf of American beauties. The only attendants were the ushers: Messrs. C. V. Houston, H. H. Evans, G. C. Sandusky, Thomas Little, Marvin Ransom and McEwen Ransom of Nashville.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw left for Fort Worth, Texas, stopping in New Orleans en route.

Music lovers that attended the production of Gallia last Tuesday evening at the Broadway Presbyterian church are enthusiastic in their praise. The work of the chorus has been specially commended and compliments have been generously bestowed upon the efficient directorship of Rollin M. Pense and Guy Richardson Fitter. Miss Downing, who carried the solo work of Gallia, won anew the warmest admiration of a critical audience.

Preceding Gallia there was a program of individual numbers by the best talent of the city, which by its excellence prepared the way for the excellent rendition of Gallia. Mrs. Baum entertained the Progress Whist last Thursday afternoon, having in a number of guests to enjoy the play with the club. The club prize, a cut glass plate, went to Mrs. Weltman, and the guest prize a picture, to Mrs. Foster. The club will play this Thursday with Mrs. I Carb.

The Social Twelve were entertained by Mrs. Darnell last week, the high score being made by Mrs. Cante. This club gives no prizes, but at the close of the season there will be a souvenir awarded to the maker of the highest score. Mrs. Farnell's guests were Mesdames Dunklin, Thompson, Nelson, Williams, Grammer, E. H. Goetz, Lord, Crittenden, Darnell of Dallas, Miss King and Miss Horsley.

The club will not meet again until after Christmas, when Mrs. Dunklin will be the hostess. During the holidays the husbands of the members will be guests at an evening party at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Grammer.

The Maids and Matrons met with Miss Orlick last week, Miss Montgomery winning the prize, a souvenir spoon. Mrs. guests and members present were Misses Hogsett, Laura Hogsett, Crittenden, Bradley, Horsley, Hornby, Anderson, Swayne, Evans of Sherman, Bartels, Montgomery, Mesdames McLean, Collins, Henderson, Cook and Cole.

Mrs. Collins will be the next hostess. The Bowling Club elected two new members at its meeting Friday afternoon, Mrs. Grassie and Mrs. Modlin. The play at this meeting developed some high scores and practice with the spheres is producing marked improvement. Those present were Mesdames Godwin, Capps, Littlefair, Childress, Claude Van Zandt, Davis, Kaufman, Cante, Burche, Rod of Texarkana, Grammer, Carlock, Rozelle, Warwick and McLeod.

The R. E. Lee Camp Confederate veterans, are preparing entertainments for next week to take place at the city hall on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday. The programs will be musical, consisting of numbers contributed by local musicians, and an old fiddlers' contest. The old fiddlers have been heard here before and crowded houses have applauded the favorites of our fathers and grandfathers. The old men who will participate are well on into the eighties and their efforts are unique and enjoyable. The money secured by these two entertainments will be devoted to giving food and clothing and medicine to indigent Confederate soldiers and their families. Every ticket bought will be a contribution to a worthy cause.

The Rev. J. S. Meyers will act as master of ceremonies for the following program: Wednesday evening, December 16—Violin solo, Mr. Miller; vocal solo, selected, Mrs. Gordon; violin solo, Mr. Roberts; vocal solo, Mrs. Harley; violin solo, Mr. Adams; vocal solo, Miss Yeates; violin solo, Mr. Taylor; vocal solo, Mrs. Ducker; violin solo, Miss Nadine Spoons; reading, Miss Edith Ellis; violin solo, Mr. Furlough; vocal duet, Mrs. Ducker and Miss Redeker; violin solo, Mr. Bonner; vocal solo, Miss Lanchi; violin sextet, Messrs. Miller, Roberts, Taylor, Adams, Furlough and Bonner.

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The Lyndhurst german is now the topic of general conversation among society folk. The invitations will be issued on December 16 and will be sent to out-of-town friends as well as those at home. The german will be danced at the Hotel Worth on New Year's eve, with A. M. Luckett as leader. The decoration committee will be composed of Mesdames Jere Ellic, J. D. Collett, O. R. Nefefee, Morris Berney, F. O. Barron and R. L. Van Zandt. The decorations will be most elaborate, and the souvenirs and favors will be exceptionally elegant.

The members of the Jewish Woman's council will give a ball tomorrow evening in the Imperial club rooms. This will be aid in carrying out philanthropic plans made by the council some time ago.

The members of the Emanuel Hebrew association will meet with Mrs. Gordon, 604 Calhoun street, Tuesday afternoon. A full attendance is requested by the president, as business of importance is to be disposed of.

Mrs. Conisk, grand vice president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. C., has returned from visits to the divisions of the order in Denison and Cleburne. This week she goes to Shawnee to organize a division there. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Fred Wood of Cleburne, grand inspector for the Southwest. They will be met in Shawnee by Past Grand Sister Hudson of Parsons, Kas. The Shawnee organization will be known as Division 181. Later in this month Mrs. Conisk will be the guest of Texarkana division. The growth of the auxiliary has been phenomenal and the enthusiasm of the members is increasing.

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The worn-out stomach of the over-fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of the evils attendant on the possession of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the total population. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been the favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c.

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# THE DAYLIGHT STORE IS PUTTING ON ITS GALA ATTIRE

Making ready to Gladden the Hearts of the little ones. Our holiday goods are about all in. We have endeavored to eclipse past efforts in this direction, securing a large collection of pretty gifts for the little folks, at the same time, not forgetting the older ones. Come Monday. The Daylight Store extends a hearty welcome

BLACK SILKS	DRESS GOODS	HANDKERCHIEFS	GLOVES
No better gift from a son to mother, or husband to wife than a handsome Black Dress. Something that never goes out of style. We will make a special price on dependable Black Silks for the holiday trade. 20-inch Black Peau de Soie, bought direct from the mills, quite a saving if you stop to think. Pure dye, wear warranted for six months—Special holiday price ... <b>\$1.25</b> 20-inch Black Peau de Cygne, a lighter cloth, best adapted for Waists, finish unsurpassed—Holiday price ... <b>\$1.00</b> 20-inch Black, extra heavy, Peau de Soie, the kind for Coats, worth \$1.75—Holiday price ... <b>\$1.25</b>	We will offer for Monday's selling a line of heavy and medium weight cloths, the kind used in Skirt and Coat making, at prices that will not cover cost of manufacture. If you need stuff for a Walking Skirt, a Jacket, for yourself or daughter, by all means come out Monday and partake of this veritable feast of bargains—Goods marked one-half of former prices. Just received by express a beautiful line of shadings in that very popular weave, CREPE AEOLIEN. No-better material for a Reception Gown or Dinner Dress. Also some street shadings, 45 inches, in all the good shades—Monday ... <b>\$1.35</b>	A present always well received—Our showing of the serviceable kind as well as the dainty ones of lace, is very complete— Real Lace Handkerchiefs, new and dainty patterns—\$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$8.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$18.75 and ... <b>\$19.00</b> Lace Handkerchiefs, very good styles—\$1.00, \$1.48, \$2.00, \$2.75 and ... <b>\$5.00</b> Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, reduced from 75c and 65c to ... <b>50c</b> Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs—5c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 19c, 25c and ... <b>35c</b> Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs—25c and ... <b>50c</b>	Our Glove Department is brim full of the latest things in Gloves—All the new shadings in Ladies' Gloves—mode, castor, beaver, champagne, oxblood, black—75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and ... <b>\$2.00</b> Men's Driving Gloves, Dress and Golf Gloves, from 25c to ... <b>\$2.50</b> Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, initial—50c and ... <b>75c</b> Men's Plain Handkerchiefs, hemstitched—10c, 15c, 25c, 50c and ... <b>60c</b>

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The \$30.00 Axminster Art Squares, 9x12, to close at ... <b>\$25.00</b>	The \$15.00 Reversible Pro-Brussell Art Squares, 9x12, to close at ... <b>\$12.50</b>	All Wool Smyrna and Velvet Rugs, \$1.50, \$2.00 and ... <b>\$2.75</b>	The regular \$3.00 grade at, per pair ... <b>\$1.90</b>
The \$25.00 Axminster Art Squares, 8 feet 3 inches by 10 feet six inches, to close at ... <b>\$23.00</b>	The \$12.50 Reversible Pro-Brussell Art Squares 9x12, to close at ... <b>\$10.00</b>	LACE CURTAINS—We offer a line specially for Christmas— Extra fine Madras Net Curtains in parlor effects— The regular \$5.00 grade at, per pair ... <b>\$3.50</b>	The regular \$2.50 grade at, per pair ... <b>\$1.65</b>
The \$18.00 Brussell Art Squares, 9x12, to close at ... <b>\$14.00</b>	Small sizes in proportion.		The regular \$2.00 grade at, per pair ... <b>\$1.25</b>

# G. Y. SMITH EIGHTH AND HOUSTON G. Y. SMITH

### WHEAT

**Hurt in Tender Spot by Heavy Delivery of December Contracts**

**FEELS THE EFFECT OF BENEFICIAL SNOW**

**Corn Weak and Oats Dull Until Last Half Hour of Trading—Provisions Are Firm and Close at Advance**

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Wheat was hurt in a tender spot yesterday afternoon by the heavy deliveries on December contracts. The blow was not intended for May, but the latter could not help being affected, and while December closed 3/4 lower, May lost 3/8 1/2. Corn was similarly affected, and from a like cause. December left off at 1 cent decline, May 1/4 lower. Oats were strong, gaining 3/4 for December and 1-15 for May. Provisions were active and strong. Shorts bought freely. Ribs and pork made substantial gains, but lard only bet-

tered its price 2 1/2. Wheat market felt effect of the beneficial snow that has fallen since the close of yesterday's session. It was quite general throughout the winter wheat country and the plant was in need of its moisture and protection. The delivery of 1,600,000 bushels on December yesterday was also an element in the making up of the starting weakness. Bull information was plentiful and did much to discount December from May. Weather still wet in Argentine. The Commercial West of Minneapolis, as a result of inquiries of its own, figured only about 18,000,000 bushels remaining in the hands of Kansas farmers. It also estimated only 20,000,000 bushels spring wheat is left to come forward to Minneapolis and Duluth. At the start May wheat shared in weakness in the December option, but recovered and became quite strong under the advance of the bullish import here mentioned. The market was inclined to recover from its loss, May 8 1/8 1/4 for May. Corn was weak for December on account of yesterday's deliveries and May was influenced also, but did not lose more than 3/8 1/4 cent, while December corn declined 1 cent. Closing: 4 1/4 for December and 4 3/4 for May. Total west-

**BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP**  
Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes, May 29, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at H. T. Pangburn & Co.'s.

ern receipts was 517,000 bushels, against 506,000 bushels last year. Seaboard clearances amounted to 68,000 bushels, against 256,000 a year ago.  
Oats in the last half hour lived up some, with Pringle and Bartlett-Frazier buyers. Some thought Patten behind part of the buying at least. December opened at 3 1/4 bid and later sold 3 1/4, closing there. May opened with sales from 3 3/4 to 3 5/8, and later sold at 3 5/8. Held mostly around 3 5/8 1/2. It closed at 3 5/8 1/2, after selling to 3 7/8 1/2.  
Rye was entirely neglected. December 5 1/4 bid and May 5 1/4 bid. Cash: No. 2 quotable at 54 1/2 and No. 3 at 54 1/2.  
Barley was traded in scarcely because it was too dark to judge samples.  
Malting quoted at 49 1/2, screenings 30 1/2.  
Provisions were firm from opening to close and left off at the following advances for the day: Pork, 15, lard, 2 1/2, and ribs, 7 1/2 cents.  
Timothy seed was inactive.  
Clover seed steady. Contract grade, \$11 per hundred pounds.

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Flax seed was quiet and about unchanged. May sold at 27. Cash No. 1 northwestern, 29 bid. No. 1 quoted at 29. Cash sales: Wheat—No. 2 red, 87, No. 2 hard, 89, No. 1 northern spring, 76, No. 2 northern, 82 1/2. Corn—No. 2, 42 1/2 1/4, No. 2 white, 42 1/2 1/4, No. 2 yellow, 45. Oats—No. 2, 35 1/2 1/4; No. 2 white, 25 1/2 1/4.

### A RISING YOUNG MAN

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Clarence Linz, is a native Texan, which fact is cherished by him as a proud heritage. He was born in 1883 at Sherman, Texas, where he was reared to boyhood. He removed to Dallas, in the public schools of which city he received his early education. He became a student of military schools in Illinois and Missouri, having



CLARENCE LINZ

been graduated from Brees' Military Academy. He completed his education in a three years' course at Ithaca, N. Y. He entered the employment of Lutz Bros., wholesale and retail jewelers, Dallas, Texas, in the capacity of packing clerk, without the special privileges which his relationship to the proprietors might ordinarily imply.

It has been said that it is an easy matter for young men to attain to positions of importance when in the employ of their own kith and kin. It frequently happens, however, that the gentleman becomes a severe taskmaster, requiring equal energy, ability and faithfulness.

### STARTLING EVIDENCE

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by W. J. Fisher, druggist, and Reeves' Pharmacy. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.

ness to trust as the merit of promotion. And such was the status of young Linz when he entered the employment of the firm, in which his father is proprietor. So that his promotion has been well deserved. His first promotion was to the position of shipping clerk, and later to the head of the mail order department, so that now, at the age of 20, he is occupying the head of one of the most important departments of—if not the largest—the finest wholesale and retail jewelry establishment in the world. His management of the affairs of the department has been characterized by energy, push and ability, which would do credit to a man of mature years. Mr. Linz possesses the happy faculty of writing a good business letter, noted for purity of diction, terseness and perspicuity to which, in a measure, might be attributed his unusual success, as that branch of the business is conducted largely by correspondence. We bespeak for Mr. Linz a bright and prosperous future. Such a career and such a success are well worthy of emulation by our ambitious youth.

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### NAT GOODWIN INJURED

Distinguished Comedian Has a Narrow Escape From Death  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—N. C. Goodwin, the comedian, has narrowly escaped death in an automobile accident on the Brooklyn bridge. He was thrown from the machine, struck against the iron railing and fell back into the roadway. An artery in his temple was severed and only his presence of mind in throwing one arm out saved him from probable death in the East river.

Mr. Goodwin was on his way to a Brooklyn theater for the evening performance in an automobile brought from his home and driven by the chauffeur when it began to wobble. He heard something crack, and suddenly the machine crashed into the side of the roadway and the actor was sent flying upward and out of the open door.

His head struck the iron railing at the side of the bridge and, although almost stunned, he saved himself from going over. The chauffeur was knocked from his seat and lay still in the road, while many people jumped from passing trolley cars and ran to the scene. The wounded actor was taken to the Brooklyn end of the bridge, blood streaming from the wounds in his head. An ambulance surgeon, hurriedly summoned, staunched the flow and sewed up the cut over the temple. Mr. Goodwin was able to proceed to the theater and proceed with the second act of his play. It was found later that a break in the running gear had caused the trouble with the automobile. The chauffeur was cut seriously in the hand.

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Mrs. L. M. Maxy, Third street, Fort Worth, says: "I have been taking treatment from New York Doctors three weeks for catarrh and nose trouble. They are rapidly curing me. In fact, they have done me more good in a few days than other doctors have done in as many months. I see their offices constantly crowded and recommend these doctors to all sufferers."

Mrs. J. B. McAfee, Fort Worth, says: "I placed my little daughter, Bessie, under treatment of New York Doctors about a month ago. She has been rapidly improving since the start, and I am satisfied she will soon be cured. You will find the New York Doctors gentlemen of ability and skill, and I heartily recommend them to chronic sufferers."

Mrs. E. R. Teague, South Rusk St., says: "I have been taking treatment but a few days for nose and throat trouble (goitre), and am improving every day. I am satisfied with my treatment, and believe the New York Doctors reliable and know they are doing me good and a great work here. I advise any who may be suffering as I am to take treatment from them. I believe they do just what they say they can or will."

Mr. J. T. Summers, one of the most prominent real estate dealers of Fort Worth, says:

"After visiting the offices of the New York Doctors with my wife, their statement was so accurate and proposition so broad, that I decided to put my wife under treatment, and I am glad to say that she has gained and I am satisfied with results. Will say I have given her better results than any other doctors we have tried."

Mr. B. H. Green, a prominent railroad man and an old resident of Fort Worth, says: "I have been taking treatment from the New York Doctors and am glad to state they have done me more good and given me more satisfaction than all the doctors I have had here, and I have taken treatment from some of the most prominent doctors in this city. I say to everybody, if you are sick call and consult these doctors. You will find them gentlemen of ability, courteous and reliable."

Mr. Charles Kuhlie, 117 Main street, says: "New York Doctors have cured my chronic sore leg and varicose veins. I suffered excruciating pains, and was scarcely able to do my work. I began to get better from the very first, and cannot say too much for these doctors. I recommend them to all suffering people."

Mr. John Sarfield says: "I have been under treatment for cancer at the New York Doctors only a few days, and I am glad to say that it is fast getting well. I cannot say too much for these doctors. They are doing a great work here, and from time to time I see many patients who seem to be well pleased at their offices. I recommend them to all sufferers."

Mrs. Anna Wells, Fort Worth, says: "I have been taking treatment from the New York Doctors and am glad to say I am getting well. I advise all who suffer from catarrhal troubles as well as kidney and other chronic diseases to consult the New York Doctors. They will cure you. I consider them the best doctors in the state."

Mr. A. T. Fincher, a prominent young business man of Fort Worth, says: "I have placed myself under treatment of the New York Doctors for catarrhal and other troubles and pleased to state they are curing me. I have been to their offices often, and always and them crowded with patients who

invariably say they are entirely satisfied. I am glad to say that I believe these doctors are the finest specialists in Texas.

Mr. J. R. Dorsey, an old citizen of Fort Worth says: "I have been under local doctors and specialists in Dallas and other places but the New York Doctors have done more for me in a few days than all others have for months and I will say to all sufferers to consult and take treatment from them. You will find they will tell you frankly what can be done for you and will proceed to do it. I regard them the best doctors in Texas."

Mr. Walter Gray, an employe of Uncle Sam, and a gentleman of standing in Fort Worth, says: "I had rheumatism and other troubles. Placed myself under the treatment of N. Y. Doctors some time since and am glad to say that they gave me almost instant relief and I am progressing so well that I am satisfied that I will soon be my former self and would say to all chronic sufferers that you will find these doctors reliable and if you are sick consult them. They will cure you if they tell you so."

### What Others Say:

Judge L. B. Gibson, county judge, Pueblo, Colo., one of the best known attorneys in the state, says: "New York Doctors have treated me in a most successful manner, and I am glad to recommend them, for I feel sure they are specialists of unquestioned ability and their success in Pueblo has been phenomenal."

Mr. S. S. Dillonbeck, president Citizens' State bank, Perry, Iowa, says: "New York Doctors I consider specialists of great ability. They treated my CATARRH and ASTHMA while in Colorado Springs last summer and cured me. Even after my return to Iowa I have had no return. I have been afflicted for years, had traveled in many states and tried many doctors, and the result of the New York Doctors' treatment convinces me of their superior skill, and I cannot praise them too highly."

Mr. Dillonbeck is one of the best known business men and bankers of Iowa, and says you can write him if you wish.

Fred Norman, 1400 Van Buren street, Pueblo, Colo., says: "After treating for several months with New York Doctors for catarrh and deafness of both ears, I can hear about as well as ever, and am going to school."

Mrs. T. T. Everett, 225 Richmond avenue, Pueblo, Colo., says: "I was under treatment with New York Doctors for a period of about three months for a complete cure. I was treated with the utmost kindness, carefully and skillfully. I can recommend suffering women to."

"NEW YORK DOCTORS," J. A. Blackwelder, Pueblo, Colo., says: "Have suffered for several years from severe case of hemorrhoids or piles. Am being treated by New York Doctors and being rapidly cured without an operation."

Asa Thomas, 617 East Second street, Pueblo, Colo., says: "Commenced treatment the 24th of August with New York Doctors for lung trouble; pronounced tuberculosis or consumption by my doctors after an examination of my sputum; was poor in flesh, could not eat and had a bad cough. At once commencing treatment with New York Doctors, condition changed, commenced to eat and grow fat, cough stopped. Have been working steadily now for three weeks and am as well as I ever was. I say go to New York Doctors if you want to get well. Other doctors failed to cure me."

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## TEST Of German, American, English and French Locomotives to Be Made ON MILITARY ROAD NEAR MARIENFELDE

Russia Waiting to Place Contract With Makers of the Type Which Shows Highest Speed in Trials

(Special Cable. Copyright, 1903, by W. R. Hearst.) BERLIN, Dec. 12.—It is intended to begin a series of experiments with steam locomotives on the military railroad from Marienfelde to Zossen, on which the electric trials recently were run at a speed of almost three miles a minute.

The experiments with locomotives will begin next week, and are looked forward to with great expectation, as the tests will prove whether German, English, French or American locomotives are superior in speed, and it is known that German manufacturers have used all their ingenuity to construct a type of locomotive which will set a new world's record.

While the impossibility of attaining as high speed as with electric motors is admitted, it is claimed that a certain locomotive of German make is able to run at a rate of more than 115 miles an hour. Should German locomotives prove their superiority it will mean considerable to the manufacturers, as it is understood that the Russian government will place an order for several hundred locomotives with the winner of the races.

When it comes to Germanizing the Polish provinces of Prussia, no means are below the dignity of the Prussian government. For many years, in fact for almost two centuries, there has been in existence in Posen a sharpshooters' association ("schuetzenverein") consisting exclusively of Poles of prominent lineage.

To exclude the hated Germans, the majority of whom are not very wealthy, the admission fee had been made very high, but in spite of this no less than 200 Germans have become members within the last few months, and more than that number are applying for membership.

This threatens to Germanize the association, and the aristocratic Polish members are now trying to devise means to exclude future German applicants, especially since it has been discovered that the fees of all the new German members have been paid by the government.

While all the world knows about the Trans-Siberian railroad, which is open to the general public, comparatively few are aware that the czar has secretly constructed another railroad built exclusively for military purposes, which enables Russian troops to reach Peking in much shorter time than by using the open road.

Five Danish engineers, known to Czar Nicholas personally from his visits to his grandfather, King Christian, under the guise of missionaries reported to the Russian government on the best alignment, and more than two years ago the actual construction started and a Chinese company was incorporated to take nominal charge of the southern end, which runs through Chinese territory.

The embankments and cuttings are unimportant and the rails cross the numerous rivers and mountain streams on trestles. As no foreigner has ever been allowed to enter the country, it is not definitely known how far advanced the construction is, but as it is known that a very large force has been continually working on it day and night since the start, it is safe to say that the road must be nearly completed.

The Crown Prince of Saxony, who, in spite of all, continues to love his wayward wife so much that were it not for King George he would take her back, is said to have asked for the arrest and punishment of the Kaiser.

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ment of Varox von Plauwitz, the author of "The Confessions of Princess Louise." The baron, who belongs to an old noble family, members of which have occupied high positions under the government, is an eccentric individual, whose foible is the writing of works dealing with the secrets of royal houses.

He lives high-up under the roof of a plebeian tenement house in an unfashionable quarter of Berlin. There is an air of dark mystery about his apartment, which is stacked with books of his own making, and is guarded by sinister looking servants, for the baron fears chastisement at the hands of personages who may resent his works.

His books, which are sold at 50 cents each by his servants, treat of scandals in connection with nearly all the ruling houses of Europe. He was the first to publish the version of the Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria's death which is generally considered authentic.

The same cannot be said of everything he has written. The ex-Crown Princess of Saxony has, it need hardly be recalled, repudiated his statements regarding herself, declaring that she had never given him information of any sort. While every one will consider this sufficient refutation of the baron's allegations, he reiterates that the conversations given in his book as taking place with the princess are authentic.

He says he intends to publish a reply to the princess' repudiation shortly. MALCOLM CLARK.

## ILLNESS Of the Kaiser Has Not Prevented His Mind From Being Active

MANY WISE MEASURES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

With the Result That German People Will Receive the Benefit—Czar Shows Generosity to Ignorant Peasants

(Special Cable. Copyright, 1903, by W. R. Hearst.) BERLIN, Dec. 12.—With Christmas hardly two weeks away it has become evident how close is the tie between Berlin and the Kaiser.

Two weeks before Christmas this city is ordinarily like an immense beehive—there is not a street where the Christmas bustle is not felt; but this year a cloud of anxiety is darkening the atmosphere. The illness of the Kaiser has depressed all, everything pales into insignificance; only one thing is important; only one question is asked—will the Kaiser recover?

Every bit of news which leaks out from the gray walls of the palace is eagerly snatched up by the press and discussed by the public. And all the news tends to show that the Kaiser cares little for himself, that his whole heart is taken up with his love for his family and his love for the German nation.

Always an excellent husband and father, he is just as much a father for his people. During the long hours which he has spent in enforced silence he has attended to many details connected with the government of the empire, and the results of his activity are being clearly felt.

He has spent considerable time in studying plans for model homes for workmen. He has had plans of such houses sent to him from England and Denmark, and has suggested many improvements before sending these plans to the new department of labor.

A new law providing for loans by the state to workmen for the purpose of building houses may be expected by next spring. Next to the labor question, the elevation of the army, the abolishing of many abuses in military life, has occupied the chief place in the mind of the Kaiser.

He sent a strong letter of approval to the officers of the infantry regiment, Count Kirsch No. 46, for immediately following Lieutenant Colonel Ross to land in his resignation when he had made himself guilty of maltreating a sergeant whom he disliked.

The sergeant happened to enter the officers' casino with an official dispatch for Colonel von Thiesenhausen, when Lieutenant Colonel Ross, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, without any reason knocked him down. A court of honor was immediately set and in half an hour Ross was unanimously sentenced to leave the regiment.

In commenting upon this action of the regimental officers, the Kaiser said that he was proud to know that there were officers in his army who did not hesitate to act according to the laws of military justice and honor. The resignation of the lieutenant-colonel was immediately accepted.

Another incident shows that officers who have sinned against the laws of honor must expect no leniency from the Kaiser. A young lieutenant belonging to a very prominent family, Fritz von Cronheim, had by a court-martial been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the army for a love affair with the wife of a merchant of Muedsberg.

The outraged husband first gave the lieutenant a sound thrashing and then reported him to the colonel of his regiment. A court of honor was called, but the lieutenant had escaped to Switzerland, from where he, however, returned, upon the advice of a friend. The influential family of the young officer appealed to the Kaiser, who refused to interfere, remarking that Lieutenant von Cronheim was lucky to get off so easy instead of being punished as a deserter.



## "Holoma" A Story that Thrills

If you believe, or are interested, in the transition of the soul of a human being at death into another body whether man or beast, just read this story. It is the most startling tale of its kind that has ever appeared. In the

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that Czar Nicholas personally has sent 2,000 rubles to a poor family of peasants who had travelled more than 3,000 miles on foot, dragging some gold-bearing quartz in a sleigh to the imperial mine at St. Petersburg.

The family, which consisted of a young man, two women, a child and an old man, had spent six and a half months on the journey, their object being to get the mint authorities to extract the gold from the rock they carried.

All were miserably clad in rags, and had evidently suffered terrible privations from cold and hunger on the road, but their spirits were buoyed up by the thoughts of the riches they were to receive at their journey's end.

When the officials at the mint had ground the rock to powder, and had tested it for silver and gold, the net value of the precious metal revealed was found to be only ten dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Representative Sheppard of Texas might be dubbed the champion "bill introducer" of congress. He may not have introduced as many as some of his colleagues, but he can introduce them on more widely varying subjects than any other ten men in congress. The seed distribution has always worried him, and not long ago he introduced a bill providing for the abolishment of this law. He wants a new one made, though, which will make necessary a new and very elaborate and costly scheme of collection and distribution.

He wants "fancy" seeds collected and distributed to farmers for experimental purposes. The largest congressional seed distribution made by the government is being made now. Before spring planting over 1,000 tons of seeds of various kinds will have been sent broadcast throughout the United States. There will be 45,000,000 packages and the cost of placing these in the hands of the recipients of Uncle Sam's favor will be \$170,000.

With a view to handling the seeds better the country has been divided in to six districts, and seeds and plants particularly adapted to that section will be sent there much earlier than ever before. There has been much complaint in the past that there was no discrimination used in placing seeds, and that Minnesota was as likely to receive seeds and plants that would grow only in the latitude of Florida as any other way.

The vegetable seeds will be put up, five packets in a large package and each member of congress will receive 12,500 of these packages. Each member of congress will also receive 500 packages of flower seed. Those congressmen who have a city constituency can change their packages on application to the agriculture department and seeds adapted for culture in flower boxes and city gardens will be given instead.

Cotton and tobacco seed of the very best varieties will be distributed among the southern members who have constituted raising these crops. In many instances, however, the separate allotments to the representatives and senators of large states of the order of Texas will hardly receive enough packages for the constituencies of one county. The longest canal in the world is that which extends from the frontier of China to St. Petersburg, 4,472 miles. In India there are 14,000 miles of canal, irrigating 8,000,000 acres of land. It is reported that there has been a deficiency of 75,000,000 gallons of illuminating oil in the production of the last nine months. The output of the Standard Oil Company fell from 817,000,000 gallons in 1901 to 756,000,000 gallons in 1902. Wars of the last 3,000 years are supposed to have cost \$500,000,000,000. They say that each man who falls on the battlefield costs \$2,740 to kill and that the countries of Europe today are paying to maintain an "armed neutrality" the small sum of \$50 per second.

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A CHRISTMAS DINNER: Christmas came but once a year. And when it comes it brings good cheer. Roast beef, plum pudding and mince pie. Nobody likes them better than I.

So runs an old English nursery rhyme. It has been carried through generation after generation in that country, and came to America with King George's red coats. It has been said in every nursery in this country, and the saying is repeated by the older ones when there are those who would stop some of the feasting and festivity of Christmas tide.

There are those in this country, however, who do not find this good cheer, most beef, plum pudding and mince pie. They are among the poor of the city, whom we have with us always. They shiver in scanty garments while you wrap yourself warmly in coats and furs. They stand hungrily by with sad, empty eyes of longing while you buy gifts for your loved ones. They go to their barren, desolated homes, you to your cheery firesides. They sit down to a crust of bread, you to a steaming dinner of tempting dainties.

In the hearts of these needy ones there is always an ache, always a longing when Christmas draws near. The mothers and fathers are sad, for they cannot bring to their loved children even a gleam of Christmas cheer from out the vast shining storehouse of holiday happiness claimed by the fortunate and the rich.

"We give to our friends—our brothers and sisters," you say.

Are not these needy ones your brothers and sisters?

Can you sit down to a bounteous Christmas feast this year knowing that they—your unfortunate brothers and sisters—are suffering for the want of a Christmas dinner?

If you knew that your own brother, your own sister—by blood, I mean—was standing outside your door on Christmas day, hungry for lack of bread, you couldn't eat, you couldn't take one mouthful of that feast, could you?

You would not rest until you rescued your dear ones and gave them the same bounty that you yourself were enjoying.

Why not give to these needy brothers and sisters of yours this year?

This can be accomplished if the plan proposed by The Telegram and the Salvation Army here is successful. The Fort Worth commander of the army barracks proposes to give a Christmas dinner to all the needy of this city, and The Telegram has agreed to help in the work. It is a noble work, a work which should be helped by every person who has at his hand the means to do so. If but a spare half dollar or a dollar, it will help make up the aggregate. The army will find these poor, it will invite them to share in the basket dinner, it will investigate those who apply, and it will see that impostors do not come in to share the charity of the good people who have helped.

The Telegram would like to see this Christmas dinner a success all the way through. Every one can help a little. Contributions may be sent to The Telegram or they may be sent to the Salvation Army barracks.

THE POLL TAX: There is some opposition to the constitutional requirement that before a voter exercises his right of suffrage, he must have paid a poll tax, and there are protests heard from all sections of the state. These protests do not accomplish anything, because the provision is now in the organic law of the state, and there it will remain until a constitutional convention is held to pass upon this as well as several other questions which are annually discussed by the people. It is no longer a question whether the poll tax is right or is just. It is a tax imposed and since it is paid, there will be no vote allowed the citizen. Therefore it is incumbent upon the citizen to pay so that he may have the opportunity to exercise his right of suffrage. The inalienable right of the citizen to vote is a valuable heritage which every individual prizes highly. Therefore he should not let the question of a few dollars persuade him from his duty. It is a duty to participate in the election. It is a duty to select the best men for the offices, and every voter is needed at the polls on election day.

A great deal of opposition to the poll

tax comes from politicians who find that they cannot herd the voters since this safeguard has been placed on the ballot box. It is right and proper that the ballot be guarded in every way possible, and this is having a tendency to do so. It will be a benefit only when the people pay the amount. Business men and property owners should strive to get the tax paid before the day of the city election, and prior to the last day of January, so they can participate in all elections next year. If the business man neglects this duty, he must not protest when the rabble selects the officers.

THE TIMES-HERALD CORRECTED: The Fort Worth Telegram, replying to the Times-Herald's statement that Lew Dockstader got his wires crossed in attributing to San Antonio the desire to "Washer" way the Masonic Temple, the credit belonging to Fort Worth, says: "For the benefit of the Waco paper, The Telegram desires to say that Mr. Washer who made the motion in the grand lodge which is complained of, is a resident of San Antonio, where he is at the head of one of the largest business houses in the city." Turning to the official proceedings of the sixty-seventh grand annual communication, held in the city of Houston in December, 1902, we find N. M. Washer entered as a past master of Fort Worth lodge, No. 148, and we do not find that name reported by Alamo (San Antonio) lodge, No. 44. The Times-Herald is governed by the official record.—Waco Times-Herald.

Will the Times-Herald allow Mr. Washer to change his residence if he desires? In 1901 when Mr. Washer, as grand master of the Masons of Texas, laid the corner stone of Waco's new court house, he was a resident of San Antonio. He was a San Antonio man for some time prior to that time. If we go on the same reasoning as that adopted by the Times-Herald we would refer to an old copy of the Belton Journal and locate Editor Robinson as a citizen of Bell county. Get your dates correct, George, and do not ascribe motive to Fort Worth without first ascertaining the Fort Worth position. We will say, however, that we believe the Masonic grand lodge would better spend the money they have for a temple, in addition to that grand institution which will last as long as there is a square and compass on a Mason's breast. The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' home is located at Fort Worth.

Representative George B. Griggs of Houston is a song writer. He has recently composed a patriotic song, "Peace Reigns Over All," which is being published. Its reference to peace, however, does not include the leaders in the republican party of the nation, who are at war because of the spoils they hope to control.

The effort of Aldermen Waggoner and Moreland to have some action taken looking to the paving of the cross streets should meet with a hearty indorsement from the people. They have talked with contractors and believe they can accomplish much good in this line. Let them be encouraged to the good work. The entire business section of the city should be paved.

Since a stitch in times saves nine, the Parker-Washington Company is repairing the asphalt paving as fast as the holes appear. City Engineer Hawley would do well to look closely at this paving to the end that the people will get what they pay for, in the matter of a first class surface.

With every water consumer on a meter, the city of Fort Worth is being paid for all the water supplies, and the citizen is getting just what he pays for. No man is wasting that which belongs to his neighbor, and no good paying customer is deprived because some other has taken all.

The poll tax proposition is a serious one—that it, it deprives you of a vote if you do not pay it.

NO USE FOR EXCHANGE DESK: "Well, Bobbie," said a West Philadelphia man to a little friend of his, aged 5, "what's new up to your house?" "Nothin' much, except I've got a new baby brother." "You don't mean it! Well, I suppose you're very fond of him?" "Nope—he's no good; yells all the time." "Why don't you send him back?" "Can't; we've used him four days already."

FIRE DEPARTMENT BALL: HILLSBORO, Texas, Dec. 11.—The Hillsboro fire department held its eleventh annual ball last night. It was held in the district court room which had been elaborately decorated for the occasion. The attendance was very large and it was declared to be a grand success.

MINISTER TO PANAMA: WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The president has selected W. I. Buchanan of Ohio to be the first United States minister to Panama.

The seacoast defenses of the United States are now more than half completed. Twenty-five harbors now have a sufficient number of heavy guns and mortars. The total cost of the engineering work is estimated at \$50,000,000.

Not more than 250 square miles of territory is under cultivation in benequin or sisal hemp, yet on this small area is produced the fiber that literally binds the wheat harvests of the world. It is used in Minnesota and Argentina, in Siberia and Egypt.

The population of Ireland is 4,432,274, and the decrease for the past year has been 16,002.

SEGREGATION FOR THE DELAWARES

157,600 acres of Lands, Much of It Valuable, Will Go to 240 Indians

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Dawes commission has finally decided upon a final and complete segregation of the Delaware claim of 157,600 acres of land in the Cherokee nation, and the commissioner in charge of the Cherokee land office has been ordered to proceed with the segregation.

According to the treaty of 1867 there were 250 Delaware Indians who became a part of the Cherokee nation, with the right to participate in all tribal benefits and, because of certain concessions made, were entitled to the 157,600 acres of land mentioned. Since the treaty the Delawares settled in a group in the northeastern part of the Cherokee nation and a great deal of the land on which they live has been improved. Because of their long residence and participation in the benefits and franchise of the Cherokee nation, the Delawares claimed that the Delawares had lost their identity as a tribe and in the allotment of lands by the Dawes commission were entitled only to the same amount of land as the Cherokees, eighty acres per capita. The Delawares claimed that they were entitled to their 150 acres per capita, and also to the rights of Cherokees, meaning eighty acres of land for each Indian. The case has been fought to the supreme courts by the attorneys for the two nations and the decision is that the Delawares are entitled to their full claim.

A segregation of this land has been made once, but it was not approved by the secretary of the interior, because it was claimed that certain Delaware improvements, meaning some of the oil wells in the Bartlesville district, were not included in the segregation. This has caused the order for a new segregation. Of the 250 original Delawares there are now but 210 living. There is a roll of the 950, but it will be a difficult task to locate and allot the proportionate share to the heirs of the deceased. It is believed that the order to segregate will cause the immediate opening of the Cherokee land office, which has been closed two months, pending some decision on the Delaware case.

CAN'T DISCHARGE EMPLOYEES: NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Following an agreement made with the local electrotypers' and stereotypers' unions by the United States Printing Company, an Ohio corporation doing business in Brooklyn, that after January 1, it will retain only union men in its employ, Justice Marean, in the supreme court has granted a temporary injunction restraining the company from discharging its non-union men. An order was issued against the company and the electrotypers and stereotypers, directing them to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. The complainants allege conspiracy to make the shop a union concern.

Justice Marean's decision is sweeping in its provisions, and restrains the unions from organizing a strike against the company, picketing, boycotting or in any other way interfering with its business.

DO NOT WEAR A LONG FACE

It is a Great Handicap in All Business and Social Relations

The man who looks as if he had lost his last friend is in no danger of being crushed by the jam of new ones unless he "cheers up." People are not going out of their way nowadays to associate with the man of mournful and melancholy appearance. They are afraid they will tell them his troubles and they steer clear of him as they all have plenty of their own.

The most universal cause of the forlorn and hopeless appearance today is dyspepsia. It unfits a man for every duty of life and causes him to become despondent and gloomy and necessarily his looks do not belie his feelings. He appears cast down and dejected and becomes a burden to himself and humanity in general.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the dyspeptic's certain relief. They do the work that his stomach is unable to do and by relieving that organ of its burdens, permit it to regain its health and strength and again become active and useful in its functions. They contain all the essential ingredients that enter into the digestive fluids and secretions of the stomach and they actually take up the work and do it just as a healthy, sound stomach would.

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The Mayor of Des Moines. Hon. J. M. Brenton, Mayor of Iowa's capital and a prominent factor in the political and social life of the corn state, is a man who has the courage to speak his mind, and to his fearlessness is largely due his political success. His statement regarding the merit of

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will be received with confidence by all who know him. Read Mayor Brenton's Frank Letter. I have used Dr. W. B. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and consider it among the most valuable remedies on the market to-day. Luckily, I have been in very good health all my life and it is only very rarely that I ever take any kind of medicine. Occasionally it becomes necessary for any man to take some kind of a laxative and stomach remedy and Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the best I have ever used. I like to have a bottle of Syrup Pepsin handy at the house to take after I have been attending a banquet. I just take about a spoonful of the remedy and they lie down to peaceful slumber, confident that I will feel all right in the morning. If I had been seriously ill and cured, my testimonial might do you more good, but I can say that it helps me along in the small way I need help occasionally; and if I had worse troubles I have faith enough in the remedy that I would try it for them. Very respectfully, J. M. BRENTON, Mayor of Des Moines, Ia. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a family remedy for Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache and Stomach Troubles. All Druggists Sell It, 50c and \$1.00 Bottles

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In all parts of the country men and women, doctors and surgeons, clergymen and educators, are wondering at the remarkable cures made by Professor Thos. F. Adkin, discoverer of the Adkin Vitaeogenic treatment.

Prof. Adkin heals not by drugs, nor by Christian Science, nor by Osteopathy, nor by Hypnotism, nor by a subtle psychic force of nature in combination with certain vital magnetic remedies which contain the very elements of life and health. A reporter recently talked with Prof. Adkin, and was asked to write all readers of this paper who are sick, or who are worried by the ills of those dear to them, to write to him for assistance. "Some people have declared," said Prof. Adkin, "that my powers are superhuman, they call me a man of mysterious powers. This is not so. I cure because I understand nature, because I use the subtle force of nature to build up the system and restore health. But at the same time I believe that it would not have been given me to make the discoveries I have made or the ability to develop them, if it had not been intended that I should use them for the good of the world. I therefore feel that it is my duty to give the benefit of the science I practice to all who are suffering. I want you to tell your readers that they can write to me in the strictest confidence if they are troubled with any kind of disease, and I will thoroughly diagnose their cases and prescribe a simple home treatment which I positively guarantee to effect a complete cure, absolutely free of charge. I care not how serious their cases, nor how hopeless they may seem. I want them to write to me and let me make them well. I feel that this is my life work."

So great is the attention wrought in the medical world by the wonderful cures performed by Prof. Adkin, that several professional gentlemen were asked to investigate the cures. Among these gentlemen were Dr. L. B. Hawley and Mr. L. G. Deane, both famous physicians and

surgeons. After a thorough and painstaking investigation, these eminent physicians were so astounded at the far-reaching powers of Prof. Adkin, and the wonderful efficacy of Vitaopathy, that they volunteered to forsake all other ties in life and all other kinds of treatment and devote themselves to assisting Prof. Adkin in his great work for humanity. With the discovery of the Adkin Vitaopathy treatment, eminent physicians are generally agreed that the treatment of disease has at last been reduced to an exact science.

In all some 3,000 men and women have been cured by the powers of Prof. Adkin. Some were blind, some were lame, some were deaf, some were paralytics, scarcely able to move, some were afflicted with diphtheria, others were afflicted with Bright's disease, heart disease, consumption, and other so-called incurable diseases. Some were sufferers from kidney trouble, dyspepsia, nervous debility, insomnia, neuralgia, constipation, rheumatism, and other similar ills. Some were men and women addicted to drunkenness, morphine, and other evil habits. In all cases Prof. Adkin treats he guarantees a cure. Even those on the brink of the grave, with all hope of recovery gone and despaired of by doctors and friends alike, have been restored to perfect health by the force of Vitaopathy, and Prof. Adkin's marvelous skill. And remarkable as it may seem, distance has made no difference. Those living far away have been cured in the privacy of their own homes, as well as those who have been treated in person. Prof. Adkin asserts that he can cure any one at any distance as well as though he stood before them.

Read a few short extracts from those who have taken his home treatment at a distance and decide for yourself whether his claims are well founded. Mrs. J. E. Hough, Omaha, Neb., writes this kindly expression: "I was ailing for fifteen years, and spent a small fortune doctoring, but did not get well. I have had seven doctors treat me (the best in the State) but they failed to understand my trouble. Then I had two operations which left me in a worse state than ever. I read your advertisement, wrote to you for advice, took your treatment which was very pleasant to take, and now I am well and happy, free from pain, happy and grateful for the great benefits I have received."

Not long ago John Adams of Blakesburg, Ia., who had been lame for twenty years, was permanently cured by Professor Adkin without an operation of any kind. About the same time the city of Rochester, N. Y., was startled by the cure of one of its oldest residents, Mr. P. A. Wright, who had been partially blind for a long period. John E. Neff of Millersburg, Pa., who had suffered for years from a cataract over his left eye, was speedily restored to perfect sight without an operation. From Logansport, Ind., comes the news of the recovery of Mrs. Mary Eicher, who had been practically deaf for a year, while in Warren, Pa., Mr. C. W. Savage, a noted photographer and artist, who was not only partially blind and deaf, but at death's door from a complication of diseases, was restored to perfect health and strength by Professor Adkin.

W. H. Mitchell of Fenton, Ont., Canada, writes—To all whom this may concern: I, W. H. Mitchell, do hereby state that having been treated by Thos. F. Adkin for a complication of diseases and having been cured in three weeks' time when all other remedies failed, I desire to acknowledge this by my own handwriting, and if anyone wishes to correspond with me relative to my case I will gladly do so, believing that in helping others to take the treatment, they will never regret it as long as they live. "Vitaopathy cures not one disease alone, but it cures all diseases when used in combination with the proper remedies. If you are sick, no matter what your disease nor who says you cannot be cured, write to Professor Adkin today; tell him the principal symptoms of your complaint, how long you have been suffering, and he will at once diagnose your case, tell you the exact disease from which you are suffering, and prescribe the treatment that will positively cure you. This costs you absolutely nothing. Professor Adkin will also send you a copy of his marvelous new book entitled, "How to Be Cured and How to Cure Others." This book tells you exactly how Professor Adkin will cure you. It fully and completely describes the nature of his wonderful treatment. It also explains to you how you yourself may possess this great healing power and cure the sick around you. Professor Adkin does not ask one cent for his services in this connection. They will be given to you absolutely free. He has made a wonderful discovery, and he wishes to place it in the hands of every sick person in this country, that he may be restored to perfect health and strength. Mark your letter personal when you write, and no one but Professor Adkin will see it. Address: Professor Thos. F. Adkin, Office 1115, Rochester, N. Y., U. S. A.

financing theatrical ventures, in which he was not successful. Prince Solytkoff came of one of the most famous and ancient noble families of Russia, one of his ancestors having been the wife of the Czar Ivan the Terrible, while others of the family have also married into the Russian royal house.

**SIR JOHN MAPLE**  
The name of Sir John Blundell Maple stands, first, for "furniture," and second, for "race horses." He owned the greatest furniture business in the world, and one of the greatest racing stables in the world. Born in 1845, he was trained from an early age by his father to follow the calling of a furniture dealer, and proved himself to have a strong developed business instinct.

It was so strong that even after he had become a baronet he was often seen doing business like a salesman at the huge emporium in Tottenham court road.

The firm of Maple & Co. trades on a grand scale, exports its goods to all parts of the world, and often undertakes the entire furnishing of palaces and great hotels. The premises in Tottenham court road are one of the sights of London.

Sir John was bright-eyed, portly and genial—a type of the successful business man and sportsman. His racing establishment was at Childwickbury, his seat in Hertfordshire, and at first he raced under the name of "Mr. Childwick."

His philanthropy was one of his best traits. Learning that the University College Hospital, which adjoins his business premises, needed rebuilding and more space, he pulled down some of his warehouses and presented the site to the hospital, with a check for the cost of rebuilding. Sir John had represented Durham, a South London constituency, in parliament since 1887. He was knighted in 1891 and became a baronet six years later. He leaves a widow and an only child, who is married to Baron von Eckhardtstein of the German embassy.

**A BABY'S MANY RELATIVES**  
The birth of a daughter to Lady Bertha Egerton puts the dowager duchess of Abercorn in the unique position, for a duchess of a great-great-grandmother. "Debrett" is silent, as usual, with regard to the venerable lady's age, but as she was married to the first Duke in 1823, one may guess at it. Lady Bertha Egerton is the eldest daughter of the Earl of Lichfield, himself a son of the dowager countess of Lichfield, and in her turn, the eldest daughter of the aforesaid duchess. The newly arrived baby has eight grandparents, including the earl of Leicester, the earl of Ellesmere and the present earl and countess of Lichfield.

PAUL LAMBETH

# MINISTRY

## Of France Is Decidedly Unpopular With the Common People

### ANDRE'S SNUB TO COLONEL MARCHAND

#### Lost Him Popular Respect.

#### The Prime Minister's War Against Catholics Has Also Made Him Far From Liked

(Special cable. Copyright, 1903, by W. R. Hearst.)

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Though President Loubet personally is as beloved as ever by the French people, there is every indication that in the present ministry, Combes will not remain in power very long.

By his harsh measures against the Catholic church and especially against the Sisters of Mercy, whose splendid services during the Franco-Prussian war the French people can never forget, the prime minister has made himself extremely unpopular with the majority of the nation, which remains faithful to the church.

General Andre, the minister of war, has never been popular in the least, and by insulting Colonel Marchand, the hero of Fashoda and the military idol of France, he has lost the last vestige of respect with the nation.

In his petty jealousy of the popular hero the minister of war excluded Marchand's regiment from all participation in the recent French maneuvers, and when Marchand wrote to General Andre and asked for an explanation he was sentenced to thirty days' arrest.

Marchand immediately sent in his resignation, thinking that the services which he had rendered his country deserved a better reward.

Too late the minister of war recognized his mistake in offending the most popular soldier of France and though he succeeded in persuading Marchand to remain in the army, the storm of public criticism almost forced him to flee from Paris.

Unable to forget that Marchand had made him big for mercy, he revenged himself by sending him on a most dangerous expedition into Upper Congo, where there is every prospect that he will succumb to fever.

Should this happen General Andre might as well make up his mind to leave France before he is ostracized by the nation.

### EMANUEL'S DIARY

During his visit to Paris, King Victor Emmanuel showed his personal diary, in which he inscribes his thoughts, to President Loubet.

The president has told one of his friends that this diary is exceedingly interesting, and in time will render valuable aid to historians.

The idea of confiding his most thoughts to the paper the king of Italy has inherited from his mother, Queen Margherita.

Whenever he finds that words are not sufficient to express his ideas the king makes use of his talent for drawing and the diary is full of characteristic sketches of persons, landscapes, battlefields and innumerable cartoons, many of which are masterpieces in their line.

### CZAR'S POOR HEALTH

A letter from St. Petersburg announces that the czar has returned from Siemencow in very poor health.

The attempt of poisoning him which cost the little Princess Elizabeth of Hesse her life, has tended to make him more melancholy than ever.

His frail body is living way and the effects of continued mental strain and worry are plainly observed by every one who has seen him close by.

It is no longer a secret to him that Russia is in a state bordering on revolution, and this state of active unrest reaches even to the most remote provinces of the vast empire.

In Russian Armenia no other word than "armed rebellion" can convey an adequate idea of the state of things.

The following towns are in a state of constant ferment: Etchmiadzin, Erivan, Elisabethopol, Tiflis, Alexandropol, Kars and Nachichevan.

In Ekaterinoslaw a sanguinary fight was fought between mounted troops and the workers of the town, the latter offering resistance.

In Tiflis and other villages there was a peasant rising. Soldiers had to quell the movement, and fifteen ringleaders will be tried for high treason.

Bomb outrages have occurred in Bjacon, and the arrests that followed were so numerous that some of the prisoners had to be taken to other towns.

Revolutionary proclamations have been distributed among the soldiers in all the garrison towns asking them to bind themselves by oath to refuse to fire on the people in case of disturbances.

Though the soldiers were hidden under heavy penalties to hand over these papers to their superiors, not more than about a third of the proclamations could be obtained.

A number of towns, including Baku, in the east, and Vietisk, in the west, are under martial law.

The Jews throughout the Pale are being constantly intimidated by the police, with threats of massacre.

quantity of Mauser rifles, Maxims, pom-poms and Hotchkiss guns, as well as many tons of ammunition.

All these were sent to Africa via London.

M. Lebaudy has agents busy recruiting an army in Switzerland and other parts of the continent.

A force of 500 old soldiers is being raised to serve under the "emperor's" flag and to instruct the native tribes in the use of modern weapons.

The army is to be under command of a British ex-colonel.

Several financiers here who know M. Lebaudy well describe him as a keen business man.

They say there is a good deal of method in his madness, as the "empire" which he claims to have founded contains a great fertile country very rich in minerals behind the sandy part.

PAUL VILLIERS.

### FAILED TO FOOL DEATH

#### Freak Whom Doctors Could Not Understand Dies in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Harry Bono, a well known museum freak, who has exhibited himself at Coney Island, at the Columbian Exposition and at street fairs all over the country, has succumbed at last to the effects of his diet of poisons and to the effect of driving bradwails deep into his skull. Paralysis was the direct cause of his death in the City Hospital, in Kansas City, the last bradawl having been a trifle too long, entering his brain. His constitution, weakened as it was by doses of strychnine and other poisons strong enough to kill a dozen ordinary men, was too weak to enable him to recover. Ever since his birth, in Pensacola, Fla., 23 years ago, he had been remarkable in his seemingly complete immunity from physical pain, and because of the absence of several of the senses which are ordinarily found. Paris green, he said, tasted the same to him as sugar, and he could distinguish them only by their color. Beefsteak and eggs were the same to him, so far as taste was concerned, and he frequently surprised physicians by dining off various poisons and smoking a cigar for dessert, without any ill effects resulting. Another feat he performed was that of being buried alive. Four years ago he spent nine days in a coffin in Chicago, without food or drink, and was apparently uninjured by the ordeal.

No torture to that of a rheumatic. Prescription No. 2851, by Eimer & Amend, quickest relief of all. E. F. SCHMIDT, Houston, Texas, Sole Agent.

# NO OPPOSITION BY REPUBLICANS

## Delegate McGuire Says He Looks for Favorable Treatment of His Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Delegate McGuire of Oklahoma does not anticipate any Republican opposition to his school bill showing itself in Washington.

His contention is that the provision regarding school lands has been thoroughly endorsed by the Republican party in Oklahoma. The delegation which is due to arrive in January is expected to make this fact clear to members of congress.

"The clause in the present Oklahoma school bill giving preference right to purchase school land, if ever sold, to the lessee," said Mr. McGuire tonight, "is a verbatim copy of the preference right provision in the Flynn bill, which was up for consideration in the last congress.

While it is true that there is some difference between the old Flynn bill and the new bill, yet the changes made do not affect the material provisions in the former bill. Before making any changes in the school bill, I consulted with the leading Republicans of the territory. I discussed the matter, I think, with every member of the Republican territorial committee, as well as others, and the men, without exception, advised the changes.

"The measure provides that the legislature of the future state of Oklahoma shall determine whether or not its school lands ever shall be sold. Under the provisions of the bill, not an acre of that school land can be disposed of without the sanction of the state legislative body. The bill does provide that in case the Oklahoma legislature authorizes the sale of

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### SECOND POTATO CROP

#### Wonderful Productiveness of Territory Soil is Shown

TULSA, I. T., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The farmers about Tulsa are now harvesting the second crop of potatoes this season. They report the yield much larger than that of the second crop last season.

Several members of the local bar attended court at Sapulpa on Monday the 7th; also a few Tulsa citizens who were summoned as grand and petit jurors.

At a meeting of the council on Monday evening of this week several ordinances were passed which should in time bring about an improvement in the appearance of the streets and alleys of Tulsa. They provide penalties for failure to keep signs, goods and other forms of advertisement from obstructing the sidewalks, and for failure to remove garbage from the alleys.

Many traveling salesmen have been in town this week. They report a good business. The merchants of Tulsa are stock-

### ARE MOVING TO PUTNAM

#### Farms Being Sold Almost Daily to New Settlers

PUTNAM, Texas, Dec. 11.—The wind blew a perfect gale here today. Rain is badly needed.

R. E. Bell of Ector, Fannin county, Texas, arrived in Putnam last night with his family and a car of household goods. He says he will buy land and locate.

J. H. Surles sold to F. A. Blandley of Ellis county a little farm in this county. Mr. Blandley has already moved here.

### OUT OF THE QUESTION

Dolly—Are you just flirting with me, or do you mean business?

De Garry—Be reasonable, my dear. This is my vacation, and I came up here to get away from business.

## Letter from South Africa.

No. 2 CROMWELL ROAD, TRAFALGAR ROAD, ESTERHUYEN, SOUTH AFRICA, APRIL 26, 1903.

Wine of Cardui has done my wife good and has given her strength. I had been away from home for some months and I am quite surprised to come home and find her so jolly. When I went away her face was quite like this.

She had been in the care of a doctor for some years with pain in the pit of her stomach. The only relief she got was by using hot salt bags but her sister gave her one of your Wine of Cardui bottles and she told me she had not known before what a lot of pain she could have missed. She says she will take no more of that kind of thing.

My wife has distributed your books to her friends and they find great benefit by taking Wine of Cardui and Thasford's Knead-Drainage.

If this is of any use to you, you may publish it so that other women need not suffer longer. Here is the address of a bottle, but my wife says if it were 1000 lbs. a bottle she would never be without it.

My wife has never met her friends, think I should write this letter.

Mrs. S. Jamieson

# WINE OF CARDUI

A few years ago Wine of Cardui was a medicine that was known in Southern homes exclusively. It gradually gained favor in the North, East and West.

Orders for Wine of Cardui came from Europe, Asia and then South Africa from whence many cures have been reported. Wine of Cardui is a popular medicine in Honolulu and in fact its fame has gone around the world.

Mr. Jamieson's letter is only one of many grateful messages we have received telling what Wine of Cardui is doing for suffering women on the other side of the world. Large exports of Wine of Cardui are sent to South Africa and it finds a ready sale there.

The reason Wine of Cardui has become known all over the world is that it is not a medicine of ordinary merit. Wine of Cardui is a success because it does not simply allay pain without bringing lasting and permanent results but it is a medicine that restores perfect health to suffering women. It has merit enough to induce Mr. Jamieson to voluntarily write from South Africa a grateful husband's thanks. Wine of Cardui can be secured from all druggists at \$1.00 a bottle.

# TWO SPORTSMEN ARE MOURNED

## Prince Solytkoff and Sir John Maple Were Immensely Popular

(Special cable. Copyright, 1903, by W. R. Hearst.)

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The English turf has sustained a severe loss by the deaths, within two days, of Prince Solytkoff and Sir John Blundell Maple, who were two of its most powerful and enthusiastic supporters. Both were so eminent in the racing world that the ultra-exclusive Jockey Club broke two of its strict rules in their favor—the regulations excluding foreigners and tradesmen from membership. Prince Solytkoff even attained the important office of steward of the club, which he held for some years, but Sir Blundell Maple's membership only dated from the beginning of this year.

The prince was a distinguished looking man of 35, with a long gray mustache. The story of how his connection with the English turf began is remarkable. After serving with distinction through the Crimean war (against the English, of course), he came to England for a holiday, intending to stay three months. But the fascination of English sporting life proved too strong, and the prince never returned to Russia at all.

He established himself at the headquarters of English racing, Newmarket, in a magnificent house, which he named the Kremlin. He got together a famous stud, with which he was most successful, and founded the Solytkoff stakes, run for every year at Newmarket.

What money he did not spend on the "sport of kings" he found a use for in

**HE FOUND A CURE**  
R. H. Foster, 218 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herting. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too." 50c at H. T. Pangburn & Co.'s.



Home, Sweet Home, for Christmas AND NEW YEAR'S

We will sell tickets December 19, 20, 21 and 26 to points in the Southeast, also to ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND COLORADO POINTS at the unusually low rate of ONE FARE PLUS TWO DOLLARS Good Thirty Days for Return.

Our Katy-Chocaw route is best and quickest to Memphis and beyond... To the North we commend you to our Through Sleepers and Chair Cars to Kansas City and Chicago... Let us quote you the rate and figure the best route for you to travel.

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One fare plus \$2.00 to the Southeast; also to Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, etc., December 19, 20, 21 and 26. Final limit, thirty days from date of sale.

THE TIME TO VISIT "THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME" A ticket via the Midland Route will carry you home in the very best style and in the quickest possible time.

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WANTED—Bookkeepers, stenographers, clerks, salesmen, cooks, waiters, yardmen, chambermaids, farm and ranch help. Southwestern Emp. Office, 1604 Main st.

WANTED—An energetic man with small capital to manage branch house for manufacturing company; good salary and expenses to right party. Address, Manager, 107 North Fourth street, Quincy, Ill.

LIBERAL PROPOSITION to a resident agent in every town to sell fences, bank and office fixtures and other goods that we manufacture. Write for particulars. Texas Anchor Fence Company, Fort Worth, Dept. G.

WANTED—Teams for gravel hauling and grading Houston street; steady work. Telephone 1610. The Parkers-Washington Company.

MAN with references for commercial salesman; well known house; salary \$24 weekly; expenses advanced. The National, Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

WANTED—A first-class grocery salesman to solicit and deliver his own orders to the north side trade. None but good man need apply. Good salary. Address C. C., care Telegram.

WANTED—Twenty-five boys to join new amateur brass band; experience unnecessary. For particulars call Professor Wells, 311 Rusk street, city.

FINE OPPORTUNITY for a man or smart boy to learn a good trade and start in business. Call in afternoon at 702 Houston street.

CIGAR SALESMAN WANTED—Cigar salesman in your locality for city and country trade; experience unnecessary; \$50 per month and expenses; include stamp for particulars. Pioneer Cigar Co., Dept. 120, Toledo, O.

AGENTS WANTED—Millions of Allen Button Fasteners free for asking. Fastens any button. Write today. Allen Mfg. Co., dept. 25, St. Louis.

WE PAY \$33 a week and expenses to men with rigs to introduce Poultry Compound. International Mfg. Co., Parsons, Kan.

MAKE MONEY quick and easy by working in any part of city all or part of time. Fine chance for young men, smart boys or girls. Call Monday afternoon at 702 Houston st.

WANTED—A young man, 18 to 20 years, to assist in circulation. Address McC. care Telegram.

THIS FOR THAT; trade anything you have for anything you want; get our gigantic paper that prints thousands of exchange ads; six months' trial subscription 10c; agents wanted. This for That Pub. Co., 1905 Star Bldg., Chicago.

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WANTED AT ONCE—A position by sober, steady butcher and grocery man; no objections to wagon work; can furnish references. Address, 1501 1/2 Main street.

WANTED—Situation by young married man; fifteen years' experience in office work of all kinds; well educated; ten years' residence in Fort Worth; best of references. Address, C. S. P., care Telegram.

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WANTED—Two demonstrators and office girls. Call at office in afternoon. 702 Houston street.

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JOE T. BURGER & CO. Real Estate Loans and Fire Insurance. 702 1/2 Main st. Phone 1027. 4 nice lots near Fort Worth university for \$275 each, also 2 close in, St. Louis ave., \$300 each. Can give terms.

Four-room house, near T. & P. depot, in good shape with barn and water connections. Price, \$1150. Terms. New 3-room frame cottage, Missouri ave., east front, lot 50x125. Price, \$975. \$300 cash, balance \$15 per month.

Four-room new frame cottage on May street. Price, \$1250. \$150 cash, balance \$20 per month.

Five-room frame cottage, Alston ave., at a bargain for \$1500. \$250 cash, balance \$25 per month.

Some nice lots in Rosen Heights, well located, cheap.

Want six or seven-room house either on west or south side. Will trade 3 lots in Rosen Heights, balance pay in cash.

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A FEW SECOND HAND PIANOS, cheap, at Ross-Armstrong Company, 711 Houston street.

FOR SALE—Old papers; 10 cents per 100. At The Telegram.

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ONE OF THE FINEST ranches in the state for sale by W. H. Graham, Cuero, Texas.

FOR SALE—Nice 5-room house, new with bathroom, bath, screened back porch, south front, on South West Side; \$1,750, small cash payment and balance monthly payments. Possession at once. Good opportunity to buy a home almost for the rent. Geo. W. Peckham & Co.

FOR SALE—Finest of grass land, farms, truck gardens, city and suburb property, for exchange farms, ranches, houses, lots, merchandise, vendors' lien paper. E. T. Odum & Co., real estate and merchandise brokers, 310 Houston street. Phone 711-2 rings.

WE HAVE several homes to sell for less than improvements cost. Will sell homes on small monthly payments. Farms to exchange for city property. J. E. Eggleston & Bro., 613 1/2 Main. Telephone 1528-2 r.

FOR SALE—One stick seat, steel tire, runabout; cheap. See J. A. Clary at Nobby Harness Co.

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FOR SALE—A good gentle horse; also a good 1 1/2-inch Ludlow wagon, on easy terms. Address "T," Telegram.

FOR SALE—Two story house, Arlington Heights, a bargain; part cash or vacant lot in any part of city all or part of time. Fine chance for young men, smart boys or girls. Call Monday afternoon at 702 Houston st.

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FOR SALE—Pair pony mules; or will trade for good young work horse, to weigh not less than 1,000 pounds. S. A. Puckett, T. and P. barbers shop.

FOR SALE—Four lots, 200 feet front and 125 feet deep, to sixteen-foot alley; three room house and cellar underneath, 14x28 feet; good picket fence, all boys' d'are post; good garden; good barn; nice shade trees; hydrant in yard; good artesian water. For information telephone 2819. K. S. Floyd, 119 Liddle street, Glenwood addition.

FOR SALE—Restaurant. Good location. Will sell cheap. Apply 1501 Main.

ROUGH coated Scotch collie pups. Have nice little front red cross Gypsy by Royalty. Two pure white ones. They would make acceptable Christmas presents. For prices phone 2925, or call at 1205 East Belknap and see them.

FRUIT CAKE—The best in the city. We are sure it is not gritty. Thirty cents per pound to everybody in town. Ask E. C. Reich, the maker, Fort Worth's oldest baker. Also led cakes or plain, at corner First and Main.

FOR SALE—Heater stove wood, full cord, \$5.00, delivered. Phone 1232.

EDUCATIONAL W. W. HEATCOTE, M. A., elocution, oratory, dramatic art. 463 Houston.

DRACHTON'S Practical Business College, Board of Trade building, corner Seventh and Houston streets, Phone 2067. J. T. Brantley, manager. This college is one of a chain of ten colleges incorporated for \$300,000.00 capital stock. Call or send for catalogue.

HOTELS DENTON HOTEL—One block from depot and same from square. Nice cool rooms. Rates \$1 and \$1.25. F. M. Allen, proprietor.

HOTEL MONTFORT of Weatherford, Texas. All modern conveniences at \$2 per day. Major J. F. Montfort, proprietor.

EUROPEAN HOTEL, Henrietta, Texas; rates \$1 per day. C. A. Stratton, prop.

LIANO HOTEL, Midland, Texas—Miss Thomas, manager. The new managed hotel of West Texas. Rates \$2 per day. Commercial trade solicited.

STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS—Mothershead Cottage. Rates \$2; new additional rooms for large airy rooms; sample rooms; close in. Mrs. H. A. Mothershead, proprietress.

ORIENTAL HOTEL—Headquarters for commercial men; rates \$2 per day. J. D. Sloan, proprietor, Sweetwater, Texas.

ELMHURST HOTEL, Amarillo, Texas—Headquarters for commercial trade; rates \$2 per day and up. Horace Humphrey, proprietor.

MOHAWK HOTEL—Fifteenth and Calhoun streets; sixty outside rooms; hot and cold baths; \$4 per week and up. Lodging \$1 and up.

LOST AND FOUND LOST—Setter, white and liver color. Head half white and half brown. Answers to the name of "Roy." Liberal reward for return to H. Frerichs, 505 Henderson street.

LOST—A dagger with pearl handle, in leather shield, on Ninth street between Main and Calhoun. Return to Telegram office for reward.

LOST—Fox terrier, white, with black spot covering right eye, small black spot over left eye, round black spot on back; collar plate with name, "Tony." Phone 929-3 rings. A. T. Byers, 709 Main street. Liberal reward for return of same.

FOUND—At 702 Houston st., the finest views of Fort Worth to send your friends for the holidays. The O. K. Studio, C. L. Swartz, manager.

SPECIAL NOTICES

FRISCO TAILORING COMPANY, 121 1/2 Main street. Why send to Chicago or other northern points when we will do your work for less money? Special rates on pants. Cleaning, dyeing and repairing neatly done, at any old price. All work guaranteed.

FOR ONE DOLLAR A MONTH THE FORT WORTH PANORAMA presses four suits and shins your shoes every day.

Steam cleaning and dyeing. Ladies' work a specialty. Clothes called for and delivered. Phone 1588. 111 W. Sixth street. B. D. KEITH, Manager.

NIX Furniture and Storage Co. (Incorporated), a little more than one year in business; from a small beginning to one of the largest new and second hand furniture houses in Fort Worth, if not in Texas. The originators of \$1.00 per week furnishes your room complete, carrying the most complete stock to select from with prices admitted by all to be the lowest. Where shall I go to buy, sell or exchange my furniture? Always to Nix Furniture Store, 302-4 Houston st.

THERE ARE OTHERS, but only one Nix's Furniture Store, 302-4 Houston street, where you save money to go.

IT JUST COMES NATURAL when the people want new or second-hand furniture, stoves, etc., and knowing they will be treated right and get the lowest prices, to go to Standlee's Furniture Store, corner Third and Houston.

W. H. WILLE—Fire, tornado and plate glass insurance. 601 Main street, Fort Worth, Texas. Telephone 1800.

IF YOU CAN'T FIND what you want any where else, go to Cunningham's. House furnishings, from a spoon to a casket.

THE BOAZ GRAIN AND FEED CO.—Hay, grain and rice bran, cotton seed products. Fort Worth, Texas.

THOMAS MANNING, 113 Front street, buys and sells ladies' second hand clothing. Bargains.

M. VOLINO, bridge carpenter, can secure a certain note and book, by describing same and paying for this notice. A. B. Collins, at King's Chile Parlor.

W. A. DARTER, land agent—City property, farms and ranches. 711 Main street.

HOUSE FURNISHERS—We rent goods. We furnish your home complete, on easy payments. A few bargains this week; Chiffoniers, \$10 to \$35; sideboards, \$12 to \$50; folding beds, \$15 to \$75; cook stoves, \$10 to \$25; steel ranges, \$30 to \$50. Ten per cent cash and balance on small payment—a little at a time is all we ask. Ladd Furniture and Carpet Company, 704-6 Houston street. Phone 562.

\$1 PER WEEK furnishes your room complete, at Nix's Furniture Store, 302-4 Houston street.

FOLLOW THE CROWD; they will lead you always to Nix, the furniture man, 302-4 Houston street.

TOOLS' wood yards, corner 14th and Throckmorton and 19th and Elm. For prompt service in anything in wood line. Cord, chunks, range and stove. Phone 525.

WE PAY more for 2d hand furniture and stoves than any house in town. Banner Furniture Co. Phone 1876-1 ring. 211 Main st.

FREE to Xmas buyers, one doll at R. W. Jenkins', the cheap store for cash. We have fine line of Christmas goods, second hand furniture and stoves. The best bargains in town. Corner Houston and Belknap sts.

CURRAN'S Hand Laundry, 618 Burnett street; 16 years' laundry experience in Chicago. Phone 1741-4.

LOOK at Dillin Bros.' toys before buying elsewhere. Corner Jennings and Daggett.

FANTHER CITY Dye Works, S. Nathan, Prop. Corner 14th and Main, Fort Worth, Texas. Ladies' and gents' clothes cleaned, pressed and repaired.

OUR SPECIALS—Best Solid'arc posts, 12 1/2; best cyprus shingles, \$3.40; best Star flooring, \$18.00 per hundred. And all building materials in proportion. Come quickly. Bowden Tims, on viaduct.

ACCORDION PLAYING by Mrs. Kate Wolfe. Skirts replaited at 200 S. Rusk.

PHONE 1930, O. K. wood yard, Page & Co., 1407 Houston st., for coal and all kinds of wood, cord, stove and chunks.

CONCERTS—BALLS. A hall is being especially prepared for concerts, theatricals and dances. Corner 4th and Main streets. For holiday rates call or write Prof. Sowder.

FOR chapped hands and rough skin Freckleator clears the complexion winter and summer, at the drug stores.

MISCELLANEOUS BEST DENTISTRY—Dr. Crenshaw, Seventh and Houston streets, Dundee building.

STEAM RENOVATING WORKS—Carpets, Rugs, Feathers and Mattresses renovated. Scott's Renovating Works, Phone 147-1 ring.

FOR ALL kinds of seavenger work, phone 918. Lee Taylor.

HARNESSES washed, oiled and repaired. Nobby Harness Co., J. A. Clary, mgr., 600 Houston street. Phone 56 2 rings.

FURNITURE, new and old, bought and sold. For terms and prices C. Nix, the furniture man, 302-4 Houston street.

TO LET—A horse and buggy for the winter to responsible party for board and feed. Apply, W. M., care Telegram office.

FOR TRADE—One nice lot on Rosen Heights, for good team. Phone 1982. First and Harding streets.

TOYS at half price. Dillin Bros. Corner Jennings and Daggett.

MINERAL WATERS FOR FRESH mineral waters, "Crazy" and "Gibson," delivered promptly phone 2167, J. S. Lee, agt., 1002 Houston st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidates for Municipal Offices Announced Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primaries, January 12, 1904.

FIRST WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce W. H. Ward as a candidate for re-election as alderman of the First ward, city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

SECOND WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce E. L. Waggoner as a candidate for re-election as alderman of the Second ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries January 12, 1904.

THIRD WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce Carl Schlicher as a candidate for alderman from the Third ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

THIRD WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce T. F. Murray as a candidate for re-election as alderman of the Third ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries to be held January 12, 1904.

FOURTH WARD Thinking the voters of the Fourth ward of the city of Fort Worth for past courteous, and appreciating election in the past, I hereby announce myself a candidate for renomination as alderman from that ward, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904. Respectfully, J. F. LEHANE.

SEVENTH WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce J. F. Henderson as a candidate for re-election as Alderman of the Seventh ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

EIGHTH WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce J. F. Zurn as a candidate for alderman from the Eighth ward of the city of Fort Worth, subject to the action of the democratic primaries, January 12, 1904.

NINTH WARD The Telegram is authorized to announce Clarence Wallace as a candidate for alderman in the Ninth ward, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

PERSONAL LADIES should know we do dry and steam cleaning suits and hats, silk starches for silks. Union Dye Works, 209 Main. Phone 985-3 r.

I AM EXTENDING my business and must have second-hand goods to meet the demand of my installment and rental customers. I also exchange new goods for old and, therefore, will pay more for second-hand furniture and stoves than any other dealer in the city. IXL Second-Hand Store, corner First and Houston streets. Phone 1322.

DR. TAYLOR (Colored)—Specialist in gento-urinary diseases. 112 W. 11th st.

DR. J. R. SINGLETON, Dentist—Crowns and bridge work, \$4; work guaranteed. Office, 702 1/2 Main street.

DR. GARRISON, Dentist. Corner Fourth and Main streets. Phone 729-4 rings.

CHARACTER marks for masquerades; all characters. 805 Houston street. Mrs. Wallace.

MRS. DR. G. W. SMEED, scientific and magnetic healer, is permanently located at 202 E. First street. Terms reasonable. Consultation free.

PALMISTRY PALMISTRY—Madam Ozona, the Great Egyptian Queen. Remember Madam Ozona is endorsed by the leading men and women of the world. Hundreds who are successful in business and happy in their homes or are attaining success, thank Ozona for the blessings they enjoy. No man or woman in Europe or America has ever been consulted in more notable affairs. She has advised thousands in various walks of life and always to their advantage. Are you in trouble? Does uncertainty block your path? Are you desirous of making a change in lawsuits, bad health, family difficulty or questioning what is before you? There is but one thing to do. Consult this wonderful lady and know the truth. You will leave her camp wiser and happier than when you entered it. She will give readings daily at camp, corner Houston and Belknap streets, Court House square.

SISTERS in despair. Speedy relief. Abnormal suppression any cause. Write for remedy. Safe, sure. Dr. Martha Walker Co., 163 State, Chicago.

SEE Dillin Bros.' Xmas dolls; \$1.00 dolls, 50c; 60c dolls, 25c; 25c dolls, 15c. Corner Jennings and Daggett.

FISHBURN'S Steam Dye House, W. B. Fishburn, proprietor. Steam and dry cleaning process, cleaning and pressing, dyeing and repairing. Kid gloves neatly cleaned. Phone 698-3 rings, 118 East 4th street, under Mansion hotel, Fort Worth. All out of town work will receive prompt attention.

VERY LOW HOLIDAY RATES TO TENNESSEE AND SOUTHEAST via Memphis and N. C. & St. L. Ry. On December 19, 20, 21 and 26, round trip tickets will be sold to Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Southeast, via Memphis and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry., at half rates plus two dollars (\$2.00) limit thirty days. For information write to R. C. Cowardin, Pass. Agent, Dallas, Texas.

Read Telegram Want "Ads."

WANTED BOARDERS

WANTED—Boarders at 310 Taylor st. Rates reasonable. Phone 709-3-r.

WANT SCHOOL BOYS as boarders, will board them cheap. Address, Mrs. J. care Telegram.

FOR first class room and board, phone 2011.

WANTED—Four good boarders at 714 E. Weatherford st.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS WANTED TO BUY—A fresh milk cow; must give four gallons milk a day. Phone 850-1 ring.

WANTED—Every family in Fort Worth to telephone us their orders for oil and gasoline. The best costs no more. Southern Oil and Paint Co. Phone 681.

LAND WANTED—Twenty-five to fifty acres in or adjoining city; convenient to street cars; give complete particulars, including lowest cash price. F. W. Moore, general delivery.

WANTED—To buy good gentle family horse; must be good looking and cheap for cash. Address room 37, "The Specr."

ROOMS FOR RENT FOR RENT—Two nice, unfurnished rooms; on car line; water furnished; \$7 per month. Also horse and buggy for sale. 214 Bessie street.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, hot air, new house, new furniture, hot and cold baths; modern conveniences; references required. 716 Cherry street.

FOR RENT—Three upstairs rooms, furnished or unfurnished. 912 South Rusk street. Phone 2828.

FURNISHED rooms for light housekeeping, on South Side; references exchanged. Address B., care Fort Worth Telegram.

FOR RENT—Two store rooms and two nice rooms up stairs, unfurnished. 1314 Houston st.

FOR RENT—Two large front rooms, furnished for light housekeeping. Phone 1622.

FOR RENT—Furnished room for 2 gentlemen. 1411 South Rusk. Phone 2134.

FOR RENT—Elegantly furnished room; close in, near Texas and Pacific station, on city belt; electric lights, phone and bath. Phone 811-5 rings.

FOR RENT—Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished. Call at 1209 Granger or phone 1657.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Call at 121 S. Main.

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping or roomers. 800 West 1st.

FOR RENT—H. C. Jewell Sr. H. Veal Jewell. H. C. JEWELL & SON, The rental agents of the city, 1000 Houston street.

FOR RENT—Furnished house or part of same. Best neighborhood in city, on belt street car line. Modern conveniences. References exchanged. Address Home, care Telegram.

Extra Wrapping Counters and Cashiers

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Complete Preparations for Quick Service

## Prices Which Will Enable Everyone to Play Santa Claus

Now for Christmas—Every department fairly overflowing with richness and grandeur. Never were stocks so complete. Never were assortments so attractive. Never were prices so satisfactory. Never were values so alluring and never were we in better position to take care of your wants. We have made every arrangement for your convenience and quick service. We have doubled and trebled our sales force in nearly all departments. We have extra cashiers and wrapping desks all over the house. We have ample delivery wagons and messenger boys and goods will be delivered on any day or hour desired. Purchases made tomorrow or this week will be carefully packed and stored away at our risk and delivered when and where you want them. Premium Stamps, the old reliable Co-Operative Premium Stamps, are given with every purchase made here, and we stand ready to meet any and every proposition made by other concerns. This statement applies not only to premium stamps, but to everything connected with this business.

We Fill Mail Orders Same Day Received

It Will Pay You to Come Here to Shop

### Holiday Neckwear

New Stocks of mousseline, Battenberg and Arabian lace, also drawn work styles, all new ideas and very charming—two lots, at 25c and ..... **35c**  
Embroidered Linen Stocks with stole, embroidery of black, blue and gun metal effects, in appearance they look very fine, indeed, but the price at this store for this sale is only ..... **50c**  
Just in—these are very beautiful—made of embroidered taffeta and mousseline and fine laces with tabs and stoles, in white, black and white and white and black, cheap at \$1.25, choice at ..... **75c**  
New Stocks in Persian effects, made of fine white taffeta, heavily embroidered—stole has three points—our special price for this sale only ..... **65c**  
Fancy Taffeta Stocks with fagotted tops, extra piece around neck and forming stole, trimmed with fancy silk braids and cheap at ..... **\$1.00**  
Beautiful Tailor-Made Stocks, made of crepe de chine and taffeta, herringbone and French knots, white and black, swell styles, on sale this week at the special prices of \$1.75 and ..... **\$2.00**  
Nobly new Stocks and Four-in-Hands, in white and black with embroidered rings and medallions and hemstitching, one in a box, each ..... **\$2.25**  
Rich Venetian Lace Stocks, new wide pendant, fagotted and button trimmed, each one put up in separate box for holiday use, at ..... **\$2.50**

### Sale of Petticoats

A lot of \$8.50 Silk Skirts made of the best quality of taffeta silk, wide accordion plaited ruffle with fancy ruching on bottom—this Skirt is cut full and well made—they came in all light colors and changeable—on sale this week at the special low price, only ..... **\$6.90**  
Made of best oil boiled taffeta silk—has 12-inch accordion plaited ruffle with fancy cord and tucks on bottom—they come in all shades and black—cut very wide and well made, regular \$12.50 value, on sale now for only ..... **\$8.45**  
Special offerings in Sateen Petticoats—One lot of Petticoats made of best quality guaranteed fast black mercerized sateen with 14-inch ruffle—has under dust ruffle, every seam bound—another style made of black moreen, our regular \$2.00 Skirt, on sale now special at ..... **\$1.39**  
Black Sateen Petticoats with three ruffles on bottom, guaranteed fast black, our regular \$1.25 garments, now only **98c**  
Nice Fancy Aprons—White Swiss Aprons, daintily trimmed in fine Val. lace, ribbon and beading, specially priced this week, 50c, 65c, 75c and ..... **85c**  
Wool Zephyr Fascinators—All of dainty colors and white and black, in two different shapes, special at ..... **25c**  
Hand Crochet Scarfs—Of zephyr, iced wool and Persian silk, white, pink, blue and fancy Roman stripe, special prices \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, up to ..... **\$6.00**

### Furs As Christmas Presents

Every woman loves a fine piece of Fur, be it a long Pelerine or a small neck piece—they value their furs as they do their jewels, and no one can make a mistake by giving furs to mother, wife or sisters. See our grand line.  
About one hundred nice Fur Neck Scarfs in fine black cony with large bushy tails—imitation stone marten, water mink; choice of any in the lot ..... **\$2.50**  
Real Mink Scarfs with six real tails—regular \$8.50 quality; for this week on sale at only ..... **\$6.50**  
We will place on sale Monday seventeen Fur Boas, extra long, made of fine bear skin—a regular \$10.00 fur; on sale Monday for ..... **\$4.85**  
Sable Fox Scarfs, with large bushy tails—regular \$15.00 quality; on sale Monday for ..... **\$12.50**  
Real Brown and Black Marten, in the flat stole effect, lined with real squirrel, for ..... **\$21.50**  
One lot of real Sable Fox Neck Scarfs—former price \$22.50; on sale now at only ..... **\$18.50**  
**FINE EXCLUSIVE FURS**—Only one of each kind, in Russian sable, real mink, stone marten, skunk, squirrel, black lynx and real ermine; prices, \$25.00, \$30.00 and up to ..... **\$75.00**

### Dressing Sacques

One lot of Dressing Sacques in black, pink, blue and red, trimmed in medallions to match with fancy cord, regular 75c value, special at only ..... **69c**  
One lot of all wool Eiderdown Sacques, about ten nobby and tastily trimmed styles to select from—all colors—regular prices \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50—special for this week at ..... **\$1.70**  
Another lot made in different styles and of a fine, soft eiderdown, in all the light shades, regular price \$3.50, special for this sale at ..... **\$2.69**  
\$4.50 and \$5.00 Dressing Sacques, many different styles and colors—during this week we offer choice for ..... **\$3.25**  
Women's Knit Petticoats, all wool, ribbed, knee length, colors, red, gray, pink, blue, white and black—regular \$1.00 value, on sale at ..... **85c**

### Christmas Hand'k'fs

No other retail house in the state sells more Handkerchiefs than we, consequently none buy more—every style and kind, 5c each up to ..... **\$15.00**  
Children's all white hemstitched Handkerchiefs with initials, three in a pretty decorated box—our special holiday price, per box ..... **25c**  
Children's colored border hemstitched Handkerchiefs, six in a pretty, fancy box—as a special in time for Christmas gifts, per box, only ..... **35c**  
Ladies' Swiss Handkerchiefs—we have a fine assortment of hemstitched and scalloped embroidered effects, prices range 18c, 15c, 12 1/2c and ..... **10c**  
Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, scalloped and hemstitched, big lines at various prices—as high as 50c, others at 35c and ..... **25c**  
Beautiful Linen Handkerchiefs for Ladies, in attractive boxes—handsome hand embroidered styles, six in a box, per box, \$5.00, \$3.00 and ..... **\$1.75**  
Grand sheer linen convent hand embroidered Handkerchiefs, at almost any wanted price—as low as \$1.00 each, ranging from that upward to ..... **\$10.00**  
Real Lace Handkerchiefs, Rose Point and Duchess, at all prices from the cheapest at \$3.50, at every price from that upward to ..... **\$15.00**



### Kimonos

A beautiful line of Silk Kimonos, long and short styles, all the standard light colors, some with self facing, others with fine brocades and Persian silks, a vast assortment—any price one cares to pay from

## The Busiest Suit Department in Texas... Big Specials always to be had here

### Bric-a-Brac

Cloisonne on Copper, 50c to ..... \$12.50  
Cloisonne on Silver, from \$5.00 to ..... \$10.00  
Ivory from 25c to ..... \$1.00  
Imitation Ivory, 35c to \$3.50  
Marble busts, \$12.50 to \$18.50  
Walrus Tusks, \$1.00 to \$3.50  
Royal Vienna Vases, from \$1.25 to ..... \$15.00  
Royal Bismarck, 75c to \$5.00  
Real Peplitz, \$3.00 to \$3.50  
Majolica, \$1.25 to ..... \$15.00  
French Bisque Figures from 25c to ..... \$2.50  
Candlesticks, gold plated and silver, each \$1.25 to ..... \$8.00  
China Comb and Brush Trays from 25c to ..... \$1.50  
Clay Figures, 65c to ..... \$6.00  
**Sterling Silver Novelties**  
Rattlers, 65c to ..... \$1.50  
Vases, 65c to ..... \$1.50  
Cigar Cutters, 50c to ..... \$1.25  
Shaving Brushes, \$1 to \$1.25  
Combs, 35c to ..... \$2.50  
Flasks, \$5.75 to ..... \$10.00  
Ink Wells, 50c to ..... \$3.50  
Blotters, 25c to ..... \$4.00  
Vanity Mirrors, \$1.50 to \$2.25  
Paper Knives, 25c to ..... \$2.25  
Tea Bells, 35c to ..... \$1.00

### Ladies' Suits and Shirt Waists

Some startling reductions in Ladies' Tailor-made Suits and Shirt Waist Suits.  
Twenty-seven Women's Shirt Waist Suits, made of all wool zibeline, French camel's-hair, voiles and etamines, only one of a kind; some are trimmed, others plain tailor-made—they were formerly marked from \$22.50 to \$30.00—a remarkable bargain at ..... **\$9.75**  
We have selected about thirty-five Suits from our \$20.00 and \$22.50 lines of Fancy Mixtures, Plain Chevots, Broadcloth and Venetian Cloth Suits, all made in the new Louis XIV style—no two alike—colors black, blue, brown and many striking mixed weaves; on sale now at choice for only ..... **\$18.50**  
Suits that formerly sold at from \$35.00 to \$45.00. This is an opportunity to get one of our handsomest Suits at a big saving this week. They are all new and the most desirable models we have shown this season—in broadcloth, fine chevots, fancy mixed weaves and many others, in various styles and materials—all sizes and colors; choice for only ..... **\$29.00**

### Four Big Coat Specials

New Coats of good wool kersey, made in the new military effect, half fitted back, cape over shoulder, trimmed with large and small gilt bullet buttons, new sleeves with fancy stitched cuffs, lined throughout; colors black and castor. This Coat has the same effect as our \$15.00 quality—only a limited quantity of them left; on sale at ..... **\$6.50**  
All our \$15.00 Coats have been marked to \$12.50. In this lot you will find some very fine garments, made of all wool kersey and rich, lustrous zibelines; some fitted back, others in the loose swaggar models; some are trimmed with gilt braids and buttons; colors black, tan, castor, blue and red; choice at ..... **\$12.50**  
Choice of any Coat you have seen in our store formerly marked \$17.50 and \$18.50, for Monday at \$15.00. In this lot you will find many very elegant garments; some fitted backs, some three-quarter lengths, others in the very striking military effects—all are lined with the best quality of satin; colors black, tan, castor, blue and brown; choice at ..... **\$15.00**



### Ladies' Skirts Nearly Half

Walking Skirts of fine all wool meltons and kerseys—new seven-gore model with fancy tailor strappings on hips; colors light and dark gray and many fancy mixtures—regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 Skirts, at choice for ..... **\$3.75**  
We have just forty fine Peau de Soie Skirts that formerly sold for \$7.50. They are ruffled and trimmed around bottom—sponglash drop skirt; the price we ask is less than actual cost of material; special only ..... **\$4.95**  
About seventy-five Skirts—former prices \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10.00, made of fine quality chevots and voiles—all are trimmed with bands of taffeta and peau de soie; colors, black and blue; special price only ..... **\$4.85**

### Ladies' Waists Less Than Half

We have about 250 new Waists that we will place on sale at \$2.48—former prices \$3.50, \$4.50 and up to \$6.50; some are slightly soiled and when laundered will be worth double what you pay. They come in pure linen with Mexican drawn-work, fine French oxfords, madras, solid color linens with fancy embroidery, all wool brilliants and many others too numerous to mention—all will be on one table at ..... **\$2.48**  
We will place on sale our entire line of fine Waists, such as pure linen, with heavy embroidery on front, fine imported vestings, French oxford cloth, mummy cloth, figure satin damask, small figured oxfords, fancy stripe madras—in fact, there are about fifty different styles. These Waists were made by the very best manufacturers and are perfect in fit and workmanship; former prices \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00; all on one table at ..... **\$3.85**  
Our entire stock of the celebrated John Forsythe Waists to be closed out at one-half price, including all French Flannels with embroidered fronts, all wool Waists in French oxford, fine imported madras, plain linens—the merit of this Waist is too well known to the ladies for further comment—  
\$3.75 kinds offered this week at ..... **\$1.87**  
\$4.50 kinds offered this week at ..... **\$2.25**  
\$6.50 kinds offered this week at ..... **\$3.25**  
\$7.50 kinds offered this week at ..... **\$3.75**

### Brushes, Combs and Mirrors

Toilet Sets, stag mountings, from 25c to ..... \$5.00  
Royal Copper Sets ..... \$9.50  
Royal Copper Hair Brushes ..... \$2.75  
Royal Copper Military Brushes ..... \$3.50  
Royal Copper Cloth Brushes from \$1.25 to ..... \$2.50  
Royal Copper Combs 50c to ..... \$1.50  
Royal Copper Hat Brushes from 75c to ..... \$1.25  
Royal Copper Files, Shoe Hooks and Horns, Nail Brushes, etc for ..... 50c  
Royal Copper Mirrors ..... \$4.25  
Ebony, Antiqued, Ivory and Rosewood Sets, with sterling mountings, Combs, Brush and Mirror, \$2.50 to ..... \$10.00  
Comb, Brush, Mirror and Manicure Sets, complete in fine boxes, from \$2.50 to \$15.50  
Clothes Brushes, real ebony, from \$1.00 to ..... \$5.00  
Hat Brushes, real ebony, from 50c to ..... \$2.00  
Military Brushes, real ebony, from \$1.50 to ..... \$1.50  
Mirrors, real ebony, \$1.50 to ..... \$1.50

### Fancy Goods

Hat Pins, 25c, 50c, and .75c  
Scarf Pins, 25c, 50c and 75c  
Brooches, 25c, 50c to ..... \$1.75  
Cuff Buttons, 25c, 50c to \$1.50  
Belt Pins, 25c, 50c, to ..... \$2.50  
Jet Chains, 25c to ..... \$1.00  
Lockets, \$1.25 to ..... \$3.50  
Pearl Fan Chains, 50c to \$1.50  
Pearl Neck Chains 25c to \$3.00  
Belt Buckles, 25c to ..... \$3.50  
Rhinstone Bar Pins 25c to ..... \$1.50  
Belts of all kinds 25c to \$6.50  
Gold Shell Rings for children, men and women, plain and jeweled, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to ..... \$1.50

### Cut Glass

Goblets, each \$1.75 to \$3.00  
Tumblers, each 45c to \$1.75  
Olive, Jelly, Bonbon and Sliced Almond Dishes, \$1.75 to \$6.50  
Puff Boxes, 85c to ..... \$6.50  
Vinegar and Oil Cruets from 85c to ..... \$5.50  
Syrup Jugs, \$2.25 to ..... \$5.00  
American Beauty Vases from \$4.50 to ..... \$25.00  
Berry Dishes, \$6.50 to \$12.50  
Berry Bowls, \$2.50 to ..... \$15.00  
Decanters \$4.00 to ..... \$10.00  
Celery Trays, \$4.00 to ..... \$9.00  
Fruit Nappies, \$3.00 to \$8.50  
Champagne Glasses, each from \$1.75 to ..... \$2.75  
Claret Glasses, each 50c to \$1

### Special Dress Goods Value

Zibeline Cheviot, extra quality, wears better than zibeline, in brown, castor, myrtle and cardinal 54 inches wide, regular \$1.85 value; special at ..... **\$1.45**  
Priestley's Waterproof Cravenette, the best quality and only standard rainproof cloth, in tans and grays, 56 inches wide; special at ..... **\$1.89**  
Armure Granites of medium weight, very appropriate for coat suits—excellent selection of colors, 45 inches wide, \$1.25 value; special at ..... **79c**  
Panama Canvas, recommended for children's dresses, in all colors, 40 inches wide—our regular 58c quality; special this week at ..... **45c**  
Crepe de Paris—something entirely new and an extraordinary bargain—in all evening and street shades; special for Monday, per yard ..... **39c**

### RIBBONS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

New lines ordered for the occasion—the new ombre effects, rich warp prints, handsome brocades and embroidered styles, polka dot, coin spots, etc. We have every width, from the narrow to sash widths, and can fill every want. Come in and see our big line. We have the handsomest, lowest-priced good Ribbons to be found anywhere.

### Silks for Christmas Presents

27-inch all silk Satin Liberty in fifteen popular shades, street and pastel, and cream, white and black—regular price 58c, worth 65c, at ..... **47c**  
20-inch Shirt Waist Suit Silks for Christmas presents, in needed and checked designs—all the newest weaves—\$1.00 and \$1.19 values; this week at ..... **72c**  
27-inch and 24-inch Jap. Silks for pillow covers and general use for Christmas fancy work, linings, etc.—all desirable shades, at 29c and ..... **43c**  
New 20-inch Wrapper and Kimono Silks just received—floral and antique designs—a fine selection; special this week only at ..... **50c**

### Holiday Umbrellas

**Very Special**—A sample line of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, oxidized, pearl, horn, ebony and natural handles—actual value \$1.75; special at ..... **\$1.25**  
**Very Special**—a lot of fine Umbrellas for ladies and gents, with sterling silver, gilt, pearl and natural handles—black and colors, guaranteed silk—were \$2.85 and \$3.00; choice for ..... **\$1.95**  
Children's 24-inch Umbrellas, natural wood and fancy handles—nice assortment; prices range 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and upward to ..... **\$2.25**  
Ladies' Umbrellas, fancy and natural wood handles, made of good quality serge—unusual value at ..... **\$1.00**  
Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas, natural wood, sterling silver and fine pearl, horn and gold and gun metal handles, all the late ideas—a very beautiful assortment; can suit all tastes from \$2.00 upward in easy stages to ..... **\$15.00**  
**RENAISSANCE AND BATTENBURG PIECES**  
Also hand-drawn Linens, positively the finest lot ever seen in this part of the country. See our windows, which give a good idea as to styles.  
Drawn Linens—We have every size from the tiny Dolly to the large size Table Cloths.  
Renaissance—Rich designs in all sizes, round, square, oblong—from the smallest to the largest size, all at prices to please.

### For the Little Tots

**Silk and Zephyr Booties**—In colors of white, pink and blue; also combinations. We now have in stock a big line of these little necessities, ranging in price from \$1.50 down to ..... **25c**  
**Infants' Silk Caps and Bonnets**—In white and dainty colors. Cold weather is coming and you will need them; a very beautiful assortment here, at from \$1.00 down to ..... **50c**  
**French Hand-made Bibs**—Exquisite, dainty things, of Persian lawn and French Val. laces, entirely new ideas; prices from \$1.00 to **\$2.00**  
**Infants' Hand-made Slips**—Made of fine nainsook, trimmed with hand embroidery and Val. laces, imported from France, where they are made in convents; price ..... **\$1.50**  
**Infants' Kimonos**—Cute little Kimonos, made of eiderdown and French flannels, dainty colors, styles to be admired; 50c to **\$2.50**  
**French Sacques**—Made of fine flannels with hand embroidery in colors, very dainty things; special prices, \$1.50 to ..... **\$3.00**  
**Infants' Short Cloaks**—Made of silk, in black, white and colors—white and cream wool Bedford Cords and zibelines—all kinds of trimmings; prices, \$1.75 to ..... **\$15.00**

### Girls' Dresses at 25 % Off

A beautiful line of Girls' Party Dresses and Street Suits, new models not shown in previous years—Dresses made like mamma wears. They are models of voile, sharkskin, serge, granites, in cream and colors; pretty trimmings of laces, faggotting and silk shirred yokes; new sleeve and shoulder effects, new ties, etc. Also full line of Children's Fine Dresses of serge, zibeline and chevots, in green, reds, blues, etc., Peter Thompson's and Russian styles and new, dressy effects.  
**FINE LINE OF GIRLS' COATS**  
Peter Thompson styles, of good cloths, with sleeves and collar emblems, brass buttons, etc.; a fine special value at ..... **\$3.50**  
Girls' Military Coats of heavy zibeline, deep cape, piped with red, brass buttons, etc.; also tan Kersey Coats with triple capes, piped with brown velvet—both regular \$6.50 styles; on sale Monday for ..... **\$5.00**  
A big line of Misses' School Coats, made of good, warm cloths, in all colors and the new cape, stole and other effects—a big assortment from which to select; prices from \$1.95 to ..... **\$6.50**