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HIS GUIDING STAR

Tommy Nesbitt was a very little boy for his nine years. He was a lonely little boy, too, although he lived in a great big house, had servants to wait on him, and a mother and father who looked out for his welfare. His mother was so handsome and charming that he never dared rumple her up with damp caresses, as he had seen some little boys love their mamma, and his father was so tall and elegant that Tommy always associated him with the bronze statue of the Duke of Wellington which stood in one corner of the large, stately hall.

Neither was to be trifled with, he had found out to his cost, for once when he had climbed up to stuff a piece of paper in the duke's mouth to see if he could not make him look less forbidding. Hawkins, the butler, had severely reprimanded him, and once when he had dared to make funny with his father the chilly disapproval with which he was dismissed from the room made him more timid and shrinking.

So Tommy shrank more and more into himself. His reflections on people and things were those of a very pronounced little cynic, and he would have become hopelessly morbid had he not loved Mary, the Irish housemaid, who mothered him surreptitiously; Miss Herrick, his Sunday school teacher, and Patsy, a little vagrant cur whom he had rescued once from a brutal policeman. Patsy was his sure refuge. He kept him in the barn, and when he grew very lonely and his little heart ached to burr-sting he would go out to Patsy and talk out all the love of his starved little heart and find great solace in kissing Patsy's nose, for Patsy liked to be loved and kissed, and it was a never ending mystery to Tommy why mothers and fathers were so different from maids and dogs.

The Sunday before Christmas Tommy went to Sunday school as usual, dressed very smartly in his blue velvet suit, with a real lace collar, seated in a handsome sleigh, driven by the dignified family coachman, who considered it a sin to smile save in the privacy of the servants' quarters, when he sometimes condescended to relax a little.

Miss Herrick was a very earnest teacher, and this Sunday morning she grew unusually eloquent on the meaning of Christmas.

"Children, I want you to remember that Christmas is the time of good cheer, when those who have plenty give to those who are needy."

"Who remembers what the wise men did Christmas eve?"

Several little voices piped up, Tommy's a little louder than the rest.

"Well, let's hear Tommy."

"A bright star shone out and brought the wise men, who had gifts, to the stable where the infant Jesus lay."

"To a stable, dear child! What a strange place to bring their gifts!"

"Yes," here Tommy grew excited. "Don't you remember Jesus was just a poor little baby who was born in the manger? His papa and mamma were poor, too, and I guess they needed things."

"Who showed the wise men the way to this poor family?" asked Miss Herrick.

A dozen little voices piped out, "The bright star."

"How many of my little children are going to be bright stars and find out the poor and miserable?"

Every little voice rang out jubilantly, "I am!" except Tommy, who was thinking deeply.

After the lesson Tommy went up to Miss Herrick and asked shyly, "Who are the poor and miserable? Do you know any?"

Miss Herrick pinched his cheek playfully and said, "Why, people who are blind, who are poor, who have lost their homes; little crippled children. Oh, Tommy, the world is full of them. They are all around us."

The next few days Tommy was so full of subdued excitement, his eyes shone so, and he acted so queerly that the family physician was called in to prescribe, which he did after so much deliberate scrutiny that Tommy was afraid his little secret would be discovered on his tongue or his face and swallowed the bitter pills without a murmur.

Mary, the housemaid, was his staunch ally in these days. She went

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out with him constantly, and both of them after Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt had gone out for the evening would creep down to the library, where Tommy would carefully and painfully write little cards which Mary promised faithfully to deliver.

"These were happy days for Tommy. He had found 'the poor and miserable' he was looking for. There were a little book-back, who had no home; two little girls, who were crippled; a poor woman, Mary's friend, who was about to lose her home because she could not meet the payments; one of Mr. Nesbitt's own men, who had been discharged; an old woman, who needed help; a young mother and babe, who were penniless; and a score of others whom Tommy thought answered to Miss Herrick's definition of 'the poor and miserable'—all had been sent little cards that Tommy Nesbitt had something to give them, which they were to call for at 8 o'clock Christmas morning at his home. Mary had promised to watch the front door and let them in, escorting them to the library, where Tommy's Christmas tree would be and where he would distribute his gifts.

Tommy did not sleep much that night.

Eight o'clock Christmas morning he went into his parents' room to go down with them to the library, where the gifts were displayed, as had been the custom ever since he could remember. He could hardly restrain himself, he was so excited.

As the library door was opened Mrs. Nesbitt nearly collapsed. There, seated on her elegant furniture, were blind girls, crippled girls, dirty little mowboys, kicking their heels contentedly; miserable looking women, decrepit old men, and the only familiar face that of Norton, the discharged employe.

Mr. Nesbitt advanced threateningly, saying in a voice of thunder, "Who brought these people here?"

"The star brought them," said Tommy confidently.

"What do you mean?"

Tommy stood up straight, looked his father in the eye and said:

"Why, don't you remember, papa, the star brought the wise man to the poor little boy and his mamma and papa in the stable, and the wise man left gifts? I'm the star, and you are the wise man."

"This is nonsense."

But Tommy had now turned to his mother, and there was a very appealing look in his little eager face that went straight through the laces and ribbons down to Mrs. Nesbitt's heart. His bravery was nearly gone, but he managed to say tearfully:

"Well, Miss Herrick said we were all to be 'bright stars.' I knew you and papa were too busy to find the

poor and miserable, so I thought I would be the star and bring them to you. Please, dear mamma, let's give our gifts and have for once a real Christmas like they had in Bethlehem so many years ago."

After Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt had held a whispered conversation a few moments Mrs. Nesbitt said:

"Well, Tommy, what is it you want us to do?"

Tommy fairly danced as he explained:

"Why, let's give them all a nice warm breakfast first, and then we'll give them what they need most. There is Mr. Norton, who is so sorry he got drunk. He will never do it again. Let's take him back, papa, for his Christmas present."

Mr. Nesbitt actually found himself dealing with one of his own men—something he had never before condescended to do—and Norton left happy.

The rest of the day Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt were kept busy investigating the conditions of Tommy's "poor and miserable," and for days after they were consulting doctors, signing checks, finding homes for children, furnishing houses and dealing out kindness right and left until all Tommy's "poor and miserable" were happy.

When Miss Herrick heard about Tommy's Christmas she laughed and then cried so hard her pretty blue eyes were all red when she dressed for her Christmas party.

It was a very weary little boy that went in that evening to say good night to mamma as she sat before the fire.

And when mamma said, "Why, Tommy, you haven't seen your Christmas gifts yet, we have been so busy with your poor people; let us go down now and find them," Tommy stood before her hesitatingly, his very soul shining out of his eyes in adoration of his beautiful young mother; then he said softly:

"All I want, mamma, is to hug you tight like this," and he jumped into her lap, winding his arms round her neck, and to kiss you like I kiss Patsy." And he proceeded to demonstrate what kissing Patsy was like.

Oh, the blessed miracle! Mamma kissed him back rapturously, and, snuggling his curly head to her dear heart, he sank into happy dreams.

A few moments later Tommy's papa opened the door softly and, coming in, kissed the sleeping boy and the beautiful mother as they sat enthroned in the rosy glow of the gleaming fire. The star of Bethlehem had brought them to Tommy.

—Mrs. Fred Le Roy in Streator (N.B.) Independent-Times.

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"Just about sundown one day my dogs opened up in a wild, almost impenetrable part of the section I was in, and from the way they barked I thought they had a bear at bay. I got to them as soon as possible. The cane and undergrowth were so thick that I was within a few yards of the dogs before I could see them. I could see that they were a bit timid about the attack, a thing I had never observed before when they had a bear at bay, and this roused my suspicion a bit, though I was not quite prepared for the thing that happened a few seconds later. Before I could realize my peril a wild boar, one of the largest I had ever seen, dashed out of a clump of cane and made straight for me. Fortunately there was a low limbed, inclining tree a few feet from where I stood. I leaped up the tree just in time to save my hide. The hog missed me by a mere scratch. The dogs were quick to take advantage of the situation and made a fierce attack. They fastened on to the hog's ears almost in a jiffy. His fight to free himself was awful and bloody. It was a frightful mix up, and my dogs were suffering fearfully. For a time I could not help them. I could not shoot without shooting one of my dogs. They were being cut all to pieces by the boar's tusks. But once in the fight not one of them would quit. The loss of blood made them desperate. Directly, during a lull in the scramble, I got a chance to use my rifle and plugged the boar between the eyes. The fight was over then, but my dogs were in bad shape. The wild boar is about the most desperate thing I have ever encountered."

—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Pat's Lesson In Golf.

Pat had been helping the greens keeper construct several tees at the new golf links and during the noon hour had been given a few lessons in driving. A day or two later he was telling his friend Casey about it.

"Faith, Casey," he said, "this game they call golf do be a funny game. Yez have a little white ball an' a long stick wid a knob on the ind av it, an' yez put the white ball on a little hape av sand. Thin the game is to haul aff an' knock the ball so far yez never find it again."

"An' did yez hit the ball wid yez tried?" asked Casey.

"Did Oi?" said Pat. "That's the funny thing about gollef. Shure, the first toime Oi hit ut Oi never touched ut!"

Two Points of View.

"Papa, you know you gave me a sovereign and a sixpence the other day. Well, I made a mistake, and—"

"I knew you would, you blundering idiot! You paid out the gold piece for a shilling!"

"No, I didn't, but I passed sixpence on somebody's sovereign, and I bought a couple of things with the m' still got the gold."

"Oh, well, I would it. We're all likely takes sometimes."

—LART, Bits.

Spoiled the Romance.

"We are looking for the comet explained the young man on porch as the father of the young man came out to see what was containing her.

"Why, bless you," said the kind old gentleman, "the comet is in an entirely different part of the sky."

And he took him round to the other side of the house, showed him the position of the comet and talked to him for about half an hour about it.

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"The Mystery of Graslou"—a Russian serial of high merit will begin in these columns next week.

DISTRICT COURT.

District court adjourned for term Saturday evening. No other business other than already reported was done except the hearing of a motion for a new trial in the cause of Anderson vs. Hand, which was over ruled.

The grand jury also put in Saturday but no further returns in the way of indictments were made.

Work has commenced on the new brick building. Brick material are being laid on the grounds and our attention will be pushed. The building finally decided upon is of the old building, 20 feet from it and extending east toward the business part of the city.

The grass is coming up and the wheat is still said to be alive although no rain has fallen for months—what a wonderful country!

A home-seekers Santa Fe train passed down the road. Wednesday and among the few who got off here was Sam Long who came down to visit his family.

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Hersin fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness, J. H. Garrison, Clerk of the District court of Randall county. Given under my hand, and the seal of said court, at office in Canyon, this the 10 day of March A. D. 1904.
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By C. N. Harrison, Deputy.

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Our correspondents at Hoffman school house and Lakeview have not shown up as promised and the News is somewhat concerned—perhaps, they failed to winter well.

Tree planting has been general all over town the past week.

RANDALL CO. REPUBLICANS.

Pursuant to call of the County chairman the Republicans of Randall county met in convention at the Court House in Canyon at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, March 12, 1904. The convention was called to order by chairman, Earl Cobb, and the object of the meeting stated.

Upon motion of J. R. Harter, Earl Cobb and Oscar Hunt were unanimously re-elected respectively permanent County chairman and Sec'y. & Treas.

Messrs. C. M. Houser and Theodore Cochell were elected delegates to the Congressional Convention to be held at Clarendon, March 19, and were instructed to support Hon. H. H. Cooper of Amarillo, and Hon. J. E. Lutz of Vernon, for delegates to the National convention, provided these, if elected will support Hon. Cecil A. Lyon for National committeeman. The same were elected delegates to the State convention to meet at Dallas, March 22nd and instructed to support Hon. Cecil A. Lyon for delegate at large to the National Convention.

On motion of J. D. Gamble, the chair appointed the following a committee on resolutions: J. D. Gamble, C. M. Houser and J. G. Cruikshank, who reported as follows:

"Whereas peace and prosperity now prevail throughout our land and whereas these conditions have been brought about by the many years of wise administration of the Republican Party; Now therefore we reaffirm our allegiance to the Republican party and to the upbuilding of our Nation, that we endorse the administration of Theodore Roosevelt and that we deem it wise and to the best interest of the people that he be elected President of these United States.

Be it further resolved that we highly appreciate and endorse the course of our State chairman, Cecil A. Lyon, and recommend him for National Committeeman from this state."

On motion of J. R. Dean, the resolutions were accepted, and the Sec'y. instructed to furnish the Canyon City News with a copy of the minutes of the meeting for publication.

On motion the convention ad-

journal sine die.
EARL COBB, Chm.
OSCAR HUNT, Sec'y.

A writer in one of the northern papers says that "the Japanese girl is never kissed, either before or after marriage. Kissing is looked upon as an absurd, if not highly offensive, custom, one of the curious eccentricities of the foreigners." If the little Jap maid's complexion was of a lighter shade and were she to come over and let a Plains lad kiss her just once, she would not think so slightly of it any more. When the infinitesimal tintinabulations of concentrated quintessence of double-gear'd supernal bliss began to permeate her anatomy, all such eccentric notions of propriety would immediately vanish.


Don't Fool With a Cold.
From the New York Sun.

We must repeat our warning against pneumonia, the most dangerous disease that prevails in this city, and which is extraordinarily prevalent at this time. Be on the guard at all times against taking cold. Look out for it if you take it. Gladstone used to go to bed and send for a doctor whenever he had a cold, and consequently he got well in a very short time.—The "Sun" is right and their warning should be heeded. For colds there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It prevents any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. It always cures and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

G. R. Stratton places his name in our announcement column this week for the office of Inspector. "Bob" has resided in this county for the past five years, coming here from Clay county. He is an old-time cow hand, is well versed in all matters pertaining to the stock business, essential requisites to the successful discharge of duties incumbent to this particular office. He cordially invites the voters to take into consideration his qualifications and says that if elected he will repay the public for the trust imposed in him by a strict discharge of duty.

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Lovers of high class stories will find much to interest them in our new Russian serial to begin in these columns next week.
The News is trying to make arrangements for a weekly letter from Amarillo, Tulla and Plainview.

Local.

H. W. Bates and wife have a new boy at their home.

Don't miss our new serial, "The Mystery of Graslov." It will begin next week.

More than a thousand acres of cotton is promised for Randall county this year.

Ollie Dunbar returned last week from Denton county where he has been working for several months.

Bee Hitchcock, the delivery man, has abandoned the delivery business and left Wednesday evening for Chillicothe.

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Mrs. T. F. Reid went up to Amarillo Friday evening to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Rees.

Those desiring to take lessons in Short-hand writing and Type-writing will please notify Miss Dora Wallace, or leave word at the News office.

Col. Blagg, of Denton county, has been here several days dickering with our real estate men. He says he wants a section or two of Panhandle land.

It is not the profit we are after in the Paint, Glass and Brush line—it is the BUSINESS.

CANYON LBR. CO.

T. P. Service finally sold his place, six miles west of town, to Charley Long for \$950.

Redfeare & Co. has added a nice large ware-room to their business quarters, just in the rear of their store.

Wanted—All the turkeys, chickens and eggs in the county in exchange for cash—Lee Shifflett, at Campbell's Grain store, Feb 11-14

Mr. J. W. Thomas, of Dalhart, well known to many Canyon City citizens, was down last week visiting his two sons, Como and Charlie. He returned to his home Friday evening last.

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CANYON LBR. CO.

The Panhandle Teachers' Association will meet in Memphis, the 15th of next month. Prof. B. F. Hodges, one of the teachers at this place, has been assigned a subject on the program: "Benefits of a Normal School Education."

A. H. Thompson is having erected this week a handsome windmill and equipment. He will add other conveniences to his home in the very near future.

J. I. Campbell, one of the incorporators of the Canyon City Hardware & Grain Co., has sold his shares in the company to Dr. J. L. Howell, another of the original share holders in the company.

Will Foster and O. C. Davis have both put up windmills at their homes this week. Evidently the good ladies of the town have organized and struck on drawing water for their husbands any longer as an unusual activity has attended the local windmill market the last few days.

C. R. Burrow, the local manager of the Canyon Lumber Co., informs the News reporter that he is enjoying a better patronage in the Paint business than at any time previous in the Company's business here. He not only handles one of the best paints in the world—the Lincoln—but he advertises the fact in most all the Plains papers.

C. P. Money has just recently had the News print him a beautiful circular using in it a cut reproduced from a photo of his horse—Ranger R. Mr. Money has a good horse and when he has a good thing he never hesitates about dividing with his friends.



A Shipment From The Mayfield



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The First National Bank people evidently believe that trees improve the looks of a town. They show their faith by their works—having put in several trees around their handsome brick building this week.

The News enlarges this week from a 5 column to a 6-column folio. Thanks to our advertisers, we were thus permitted to increase in size thus leaving space for more reading matter.

A. J. White, of Pilot Point, brother-in-law to M. A. Chamlee, has purchased the J. P. Crawford barber shop and will take possession the first of next month. Mr. Chamlee has moved his jewelry repair shop into the building in which the barber shop is located and will repair watches and clocks while his brother-in-law does the tonsorial art.

We handle the celebrated Lincoln Paint, the palest paint on the market—covers more surface, looks better, lasts longer and costs you less money than any other ready-mixed paint—because in buying by the car we got a very low rate of freight. You will miss an opportunity of a lifetime if you do not figure with us before placing your order.

CANYON LBR. CO.

The Ashley Rush Co., supporting Caroline Kiohr in "The Girl from Chicago," played here Monday night in the K. P. Hall to a fairly good audience. Most of us Canyon Cityites will congregate in large numbers to most anything—from a "badger pull" to a cheap vaudeville show.

Next Week.

In our next issue we will begin the publication of a new serial story by one of the world's greatest writers of fiction. The title of the story is "The Mystery of Graslov." It is decidedly interesting at this time for it is what might be termed Russian, having its characters and scenes along the Siberian railroad. It is interesting from start to finish.

J. R. Dendinger shipped from here last Saturday night to Ft. Worth market, a car of horses. He picked up quite a number here in town, paying fairly good prices. About the best horses, probably, that he purchased here, were the two large gray horses that have been used as delivery wagon horses for Campbell & Cooper, and later by the Canyon City Grain & Hdw. Co. The horses belonged to Jack Campbell.

Next Monday night the entire effects of the Young Men's Social Club will be sold at public auction. The furnishings consists of tables, chairs, hanging lamps, various kinds of games, gymnasium apparatus, etc. This will be a good time to get such articles at about half cost price. J. H. Garrison will auction the goods off to the highest bidder at the club rooms on the above date.

Commissioners' Court will meet in special session on Saturday, the 20th day of April, 1904, to receive and destroy the unused poll tax receipts, in compliance with the Terrell Election Law.

R. B. Redfeare announces in this issue for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, a place which he has filled for two successive terms. He knows the work, understands how to formulate the legal papers necessary in the discharge of duties incident to the office, and has been a faithful official. He will appreciate your support and your vote in the primary election, or whatever method the democracy may determine upon for the selecting of candidates for office in this county.

Special Program

Program B. Y. P. U. at Baptist Church Sunday night, Mar. 27, 1904.

General Topic—"Faithfulness."

1. Song by Choir.
2. Introductory remarks by the Pres.—W. R. Brandon.
3. Scripture reading and prayer, conducted by leader, A. H. Thompson.
4. Song by Choir.
5. Recitation—Mary Wansley.
6. Solo—Pauline Dunbar.
7. Paper, "Faithful to Opportunities," Cummie Redfeare.
8. Duett—Flora and Fannie Stratton.
9. Address, "Faithful to Duty," M. S. Lusby.
10. Paper, "Faithful to the Lost," Mrs. W. R. Brandon.
11. Duett—Sisters Campbell and Laster.
12. Paper, "Faithful as Stewards," Mrs. A. H. Thompson.
13. Quartette—A. H. Thompson, Lon Gentry, Mae Lair, and Jessie Long.
14. Address, "Faithful to God's last Command"—J. W. St. Clair.
15. Song by choir.

Benediction.

Harry Wesley, of Ceta, is dangerously ill with appendicitis. The school board has employed Joe Service to supervise the work on the college building at a salary of three dollars per day.

RANDOM THOUGHTS.

"O, that men should put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains! that we should with joy, revel, pleasure and applause transform ourselves into beasts."

So speaks Shakespeare, and he deals with conditions that had a beginning even before the time when our ancestor Noah got top heavy from the proceeds of his first crop after leaving the ark. These conditions, deplorable as they are, abide with us today and are reasonably sure to remain with us so long as man inhabits the earth. As "strong drink" cannot be gotten rid of entirely the question of how to deal with it has now become one of the gravest problems of the day. The fight that has been made and is now going on against "the open saloon" under the local option laws of this state is one way to deal with the matter. Under the battle cry, "against the open saloon" the pros have been gaining ground rapidly but there are very serious doubts about their being able to hold even the territory already covered by them should the Hepburn-Deliver bill, now before Congress, become a law. The passage of this last named act, would, where the local option law was in force, almost place liquor beyond the lawful reach of any citizen. Then again both pros and antis are getting weary of holding so many elections; in some portions of the state, amounting to one about every six months. That the liquor business should be fixed in some way all good citizens admit and this question of how should now direct our thoughts.

According to Blackstone one should never find fault with a system without at the same time suggesting a remedy for the alleged defect. In this instance the author of these lines would suggest as the most practical solution of this question for Texas, the adoption of the South Carolina plan. With this law in force the State would, on the application of a certain number of citizens within a given territory, establish dispensatories where unadulterated liquors would be sold in unbroken packages at reasonable prices, the profits if any, going to the government. As in South Carolina, these places would be

open say from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. no liquor could be used on the premises and no habitual hard drinker could purchase it at any price. This course has solved the liquor question effectually for South Carolina and why should it not do it here?

The author of this article is fully aware of the fact that this proposition would meet with violent opposition from extreme partisans—both pro and anti, but to the conservatives on both sides it should appeal with some force at least enough to compel a thoughtful consideration.

Russia is trying to excite sympathy by referring to what the "yellow peril" is likely to do should Japan be successful in the present conflict. But looking back to the will of Peter the Great, on the lines of which Russia has been since moving, the nations now sought to be scared by Russia may conclude that it is far better to face this "yellow peril" alone than it would be to have the Russian Bear first secure it and then as the great Peter advised in his secret will, push this same "peril" over them. The "yellow peril" as Russia paints it would indeed be bad but hell itself might well be a welcome refuge were it and Russia linked together.

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FACTS VS. FICTION.

A prominent citizen of our town was seen one day last week going from the postoffice to his home with a copy of the Canyon City News and a large illustrated catalogue of Sears, Roebuck & Co., tastily enclosed in the paper. The paper was small and the wind was blowing and we saw, perhaps, that which said citizen was most interested in keeping from view, viz: the catalogue. Not wishing to question the loyalty of our esteemed citizen too hastily in the matter, the editor devised a novel method of putting him to the test. We were paid for our investigation with the happy knowledge that he was only taking the catalogue home that his wife might compare its prices with those of our home merchant in the medium of the Canyon City News. "Of course," he said, "I don't expect to see prices in the paper quite as cheap as those of the catalogue, and I'm not going to desert the men who have stood both in adversity and prosperity, but wife and myself going to make out a list of what we had to have and I wanted to figure up how I would be after the catalogue by sending away, that complete line of this citizen was not sent in the local Moral: Use the means at hand, today, to defeat the influence of the mail order who are sapping the very blood of the local retailers. local newspaper who is kicking for the good of the town and for the people in it 365 days in every year is a mighty good place to sow the seeds of disgust in your customer's mind for the snaring bait to send away after their merchandise and whose custom rightfully belongs to the business houses that make the town.

Lewis & Molesworth, of don, and Wallace Good, have leased the 21 section "Block" pasture adjacent to the stock pens. They propose to stock this field here for this season at two cents per head.

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NONA

Some years ago I passed several weeks at a fishing village on the coast of Brittany. What a hole it was! But how picturesque! Finding myself in the vein for work, I lingered in this out of the way corner until the end of the month of September, which by a rare chance in rainy Finistere was that year exceptionally mild and clear.

My most frequent promenade was along the beach, having on my right the bleak and rocky cliffs and on my left the uncovered stretches of sand—an immense desert of sand left bare by the outgoing tide. Two or three times I had exchanged civilities with some custom house officer going his rounds, his gun slung over his shoulder. I was so regular and peaceful a promenade that the sea swallows were no longer afraid of me and hopped in front of me, leaving the print of their star shaped feet in the wet sand. I walked six or eight kilometers a day and returned home with my pockets filled with those dainty shells which are found by burying the hand deep down in the damp pebbles.

This was my favorite excursion. However, on the days when a strong breeze was blowing and the tide was very high I abandoned the seashore, and, climbing the village street, I strolled along the sandy moor, or else I settled myself with a book on a bench in a corner of the cemetery, which was sheltered by the church tower from the west end.

It was a lovely spot, conducive to sadness and reverie. The church tower stood out against the autumn sky, over which dark clouds were scurrying. Rows, whose nests were in the steeples, flew out with their hoarse cawing, and the shadow of their large wings glided over the scattered tombstones, almost hidden in the grass.

In the evening more than at any other time, the last rays of the setting sun bathing the sea as though with blood, the ragged branches of the skeleton of an old apple tree silhouetted against the crimson sky and the deep intense stillness of the wild home of the dead flooded my soul with melancholy.

It was on such an evening as I have just described that, wandering among the tombs, many of which bore under the sailor's mane this mournful legend, "Died at sea" I read on a new cross the following words, which astonished and puzzled me: "Here reposes Nona Le Maguet. Died at sea Oct. 26, 1878, at the age of nineteen."

Died at sea! A young girl! Women hardly ever go out in the fishing boats. How did this happen?

"Well, monsieur," said a gruff voice behind me suddenly, "you are looking at poor Nona's tomb."

I turned around and recognized an old sailor with a wooden leg whose good graces I had acquired by the aid of a few glasses of brandy. I had given him in the afternoon.

"But I thought G. R. had never permitted you to drink with me. I have never seen you since they brought you back."

"The Mystery of the Russian serial-killer will begin in 1919."

"Besides, Nona went into a boat. Would you now how the poor little one will tell you."

"Ennet told you that father was a topman, and an old comrade. At the term of an Admiral La Ronciere he carried the golden helmet on the golden sash, and we hung our hats on his shoulder, on the embowered houses, we marched elbow to elbow, Pierre and I, and it was he who received me in his arms when those cursed Prussians put a ball in my thigh. That same evening in the ambulance at the fort Pierre held my hand to give me courage while the surgeon amputated my limb, and he was there at my bedside when the admiral brought me my medal. But those rascally Prussians got the best of us, and I went home. I with my practically helpless, who was uninjured, hired a fishing smack. Very soon his wife died from a bitter fever, leaving him a little Nona, who was ten years of age."

"Naturally while the widower was at sea it was I, his comrade, I, the old bachelor, who cared for the little one. She was a good and pretty child, monsieur; courageous and sweet tempered. We very often went to the rocks at low tide to gather turtles, shrimps, prawns, and sometimes we were fortunate enough to find a lobster. Ah, but we were good friends!"

"This went on for about two years. Nona had made her first communion, grown and shot up like a thistle in the sand. But one day the Amola, La Maguet's boat was wrecked on a storm and wrecked."

"The skipper did not haul in his sail soon enough, and the boat struck on that reef you can see over there—just a little more to the starboard. There were four men in the crew—the skipper, two sailors and my poor Pierre. But the sea only gave up three of the drowned men and retained my comrade. Nona became an orphan. It goes without saying that I did my best to replace her father, but the child, even after the first sorrow passed away, did not seem to console herself. And do you know why, monsieur? Because of an idea all the women around here have. They believe that a soul must remain in pain until the judgment day unless it reposes in consecrated ground. We men do not believe in all this nonsense when we know what happens when there is a death on board ship. But Nona could not be forced to believe other than the women had taught her and continued to burn candles at all the pardons in the neighboring towns for the repose of her father's soul."

"However, in spite of everything, time is a famous merchant of forgetfulness, and Nona after a few years appeared to me to become somewhat reconciled. Besides, her grief had not prevented her from growing handsomer and taking a pride in herself, and it is not because I loved her like a father, but, upon my honor, she was the freshest and prettiest young girl in the parish. We lived so happily together. We were not rich, to be sure, but we lived, and we enjoyed ourselves all the same. I had my pension and my medal, and then we used to go together to hunt for lobsters in the rocks. The trade is a paying one, and there is only one danger—that of being overtaken by the tide. Ah, unfortunately that was how she met her death, poor little one!"

"One day when my rheumatism confined me to the house she went fishing alone. It was just such a day as today, the sky clear, the wind high. When the rock searchers gathered together with full baskets they perceived that Nona failed to respond to their calls. There was no possible doubt. Great God, she had been delayed and surrounded by the rising tide! She had been drowned! Ah, what a night I passed, monsieur! At my age, yes, a hard-hearted man like me, I sobbed like a woman. And the remembrance came to me of the poor child's belief that to go to heaven she must be interred in consecrated ground. Therefore as soon as the tide went down I went to the shore and with the others, searched for the body."

Just A Word About Hardware !!

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Notice of Trustee Sale.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF RANDALL.
Whereas, on the 1st day of September 1903, W. E. Bates and wife Sarah S. Bates, did execute and deliver to A. S. Rollins Trustee for the benefit of J. I. Campbell and W. B. Campbell a certain Deed of Trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note for \$3351.50 dated Sept. the 1st, 1903, and due six months after date with ten per cent interest per annum from maturity and whereas it was provided in said Deed of Trust that if default be made in the payment of said note when it shall be due, and payable then the said Trustee shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered when requested so to do by the legal holders of said note after such default to sell the said property at public auction for cash at the door of the county court house in Randall county, Texas, after having given notice of the time and place of such sale as prescribed by the statutes of the state of Texas in making sales of real estate under execution, and after such sale to make the purchaser thereof a good and sufficient deed to the property sold with usual warrants and covenants, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said note, and the same is now due and unpaid, and I have been requested in writing by J. I. Campbell and W. B. Campbell the legal holders of said note, to sell the below described property in satisfaction of said note and deed of trust. Therefore I know all men by these presents, that I, A. S. Rollins, will as such Trustee proceed to sell the below described property at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door of Randall county, Texas, on the 1st Tuesday in April, A. D. 1904, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. The same being the 5th day of April 1904, the proceeds of said sale to be applied as provided in said deed of trust. Said property is described as follows:
First Tract, being all of survey No. 29, in Block B5, Cert. No. 15-3554 issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Houston and Great Northern Ry. Co. and patented to the Texas Land Company, on the 29th day of December 1880, by patent No. 292 Vol. No. 51 and containing 640 acres of land.
Second Tract, being 120 acres to be taken off of the West side of the West half, of survey No. 30 in Block B5, located by virtue of Cert. No. 15-3554 issued to the Houston and Great Northern Ry. Co. Said west half purchased from the State at \$1.00 per acre on 40 years time and 3 per cent interest on which all interest to Nov. 1st 1902 has been paid, together with 1/4 of the principal. Said 120 acres to extend North and south one mile, and extend East a sufficient distance to contain 120 acres. Each of said tracts in Randall county, Texas.
A. S. ROLLINS,
Trustee.

E. W. O'Rear and family this week moved to Chillicothe, in Hardeman county. Mr. O'Rear is a good enough citizen for any country and we hope that he will find his new home entirely to his liking.

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