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A LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Editor Messenger: If you think a fellow in the Philippines is out of reach of the bill collector, you are wrong. He is here, and worst of all, he seems to be multiplying as rapidly as the Filipinos. A few days ago, a handsome black-robed priest came along and told me that he was out collecting for the Lord and that I must dig up. The thought of letting the coin slide struck me in a tender spot; but as I am always willing to do the decent thing, especially when it comes to balancing books with a gentleman, I handed over all I could spare. The jovial friar slipped the scads under his girdle and went away rejoicing. The very next day, a missionary came along and told me that he was a licensed collector and was getting together the belongings of the Lord. I ask him if it was customary for the Lord's collectors to travel in pairs, at the same time explaining that his partner had just "called". He asked me to describe the so-called collector. When I had done so he was horrified. He assured me that the black robe was the emblem of Satan and that I had given money to an agent of the devil. You can only imagine my chagrin upon learning of my blunder. However, the good missionary assured me that it would be all right if I would hand over to him, the true collector, a substantial "offering". I was more than glad to atone for my blunder in that way, although I had to shake the purses of all my neighbors in order to raise the required amount.

A favorite midnight pastime in this country is a kind of hoodlum serenade. A gang of "taos" will get together half a dozen wretched old musical instruments and set out to make the rounds of the town. They levy a tax on every house they visit. If you have a little loose cash and are amind to get up and buy them off, they will go away and let you alone. Otherwise, they are sure to pack off something. Their favorite booty is a chicken. It so happened that last Saturday we bought an extra large rooster and put him in a box under the floor, meaning to feast off him Sunday. At the dead hours of the night, we were attacked by this gang of marauders. We lay perfectly still, with the idea that we could bluff them into believing that we were asleep, and hoping that they would move on. About that time, the rooster made it known that they had found him. I jumped up determined to ease a few brick-bats over on the heads of the intruders. Just then I recalled a foolish prank of bygonedays. When I was a youngster, a gang of us yearling boys were accustomed

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to gather up tin-pans, plows, soap-gourds, bells, blowing horns, drums, shot guns and everything else that was noted for its noise and go out serenading on the night before Christmas. I remember well that when we were out on one of these expeditions we found ourselves approaching the house of Bill Spencer, who was a local preacher, a mill-wright and an inventor. Spencer had knowledge so far beyond anything we were able to comprehend that we often wondered whether he was only a very wise man or whether he was a kind of wizard who had something to do with the "black arts." We held a consultation to determine whether we would serenade him. We were on the point of backing down when one fellow shouted, "Christmas comes but once a year and every dog must have his share." That was all the philosophy we needed. We shouldered our implements of bombardment and advanced to the attack. For five long minutes we poured out one continuous peal of thunder.

When the noise subsided, we expected the people to get up and invite us in; but there was no evidence of life within. After quietly loading our guns and resting our muscles, we poured forth another volley as great as the first, inwardly rejoicing because there was no one at home but outwardly boasting about how we would have aroused them if they had been there. Just then we heard footsteps within and waited breathlessly until Bill appeared in the doorway, looking as white as a ghost. There was only one short sentence spoken. In his most solemn and awful voice, Spencer said, "What does this mean, boys?" If every fellow had kept his tracks, I believe we would have been all right; but the very fellow who had a little while before declared that "every dog must have his share," was the first to decide that for his part it didn't mean anything and that he was ready to go. There was a wild rush for the yard fence, which we all cleared in safety. I doubt whether any of us was ever happier than when he was conscious that we were rapidly putting distance between us and Spencer. So when I recalled the fact that I was once a foolish serenade, I dropped back on my pallet; and as the squalls of my rooster died away on the midnight, I sank into dreams.

I am not the only fellow who has his troubles. A few days ago a surveyor was ordered across to another island to survey some land. Before leaving, the government advanced him some money with which to pay his men. On the way over, a squall struck and upset his frail craft. With his life the poor fellow paid for the unkindness of the elements; and with his estate he repaid the money. The incident reminds me of a story which my friend Dick Stubblefield used to tell. The story was something like this: An old time Houston County Justice of the Peace

found a dead man with a six-shooter and fifty dollars on his person. He promptly fined the fellow fifty dollars for carrying a six-shooter. That sentence was very just and reasonable. There was the man and the six-shooter guilt was certain. And there was the money to pay the fine. But in this case the unfortunate surveyor was soon turned into fish bait while the coin lay at some unknown spot on the bottom of the sea. It looks like giving the poor fellow a last hard knock to "pinch" his estate for the lost money.

I notice from the newspapers that the ladies back at home are rapidly coming to the front. Sister Ella Flagg Young was recently elected superintendent of the Chicago public schools at an annual salary of ten thousand dollars. This is the most important educational position ever held by a woman, and likewise the highest salary ever paid a woman for educational work. If she gets tired of the job it is possible that some one else can be found to take it at the same price. I notice also that a Mrs. Philipps of Atlanta was recently fined \$25 because she shot at her mother-in-law and missed her. Served her right. She ought to have been sent to prison. In fact, it would make no difference if people who have such a wretched poor aim as that when shooting at a mother-in-law were deprived altogether of the privilege of handling firearms. A. W. Cain.

List of Nominees.

The Contest is looming up. Some of the girls have gone right to work and will make a good showing when the first count is made. Misses Addie Eaves of Grapeland and Mary Hudson of Kennard request us to drop their names this week, giving as their reason not having time to devote to it. Two young ladies from Elkhart enter this week.

Miss Mollie Vinson, Crockett
" Yola Kennedy, "
" Myrtle Gossett, "
" Bettie Kelley, "
" May Fitchett, Percilla.
" Mae Gregg, Weches.
" Willie Belle Neel, Elkhart
" Pauline Langham, "
" Lucy Stubblefield, "
" Linnie Ford, Latexo
" Bula Bolton, Augusta
" Sadie Story, "
" Ciny Wall, "
" Mary Bell Holcomb "
" Adelle Davis, Grapeland
" Luna Taylor, "
" Mada Murchison "
" Loraine Hanson "
" Lovie Spence "
" Sallie Mae Kent, Grapeland, RFD No 4
Miss Jewel Luce, Crockett, RFD No 1
Miss May Trammel, Ratcliff

Mr. Carnes of Houston, brother of Rev. A. L. Carnes, was in Grapeland Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Carnes is looking around for a location to establish a racket store, and was looking over the situation at Grapeland. We would be glad to have him come among us, and believe a racket store would do a paying business.

VALUABLE PRIZES.

The Prizes Offered are Worth Working For.

Many of the young ladies who have called on the Messenger since our contest was first announced have given assurance of their intention to make the race from this time until the close of the contest. They realize the prizes are worth the effort to win them.

Votes are easy to get. During the past week several young ladies have secured subscriptions at odd times, which shows the result of effort. There is not a family in Houston county but what would subscribe for the Messenger to help their favorite contestant. Now is the best time to secure subscriptions for two reasons, viz: 1st, people are now making up their list of papers for the coming year. 2nd, the longer the contest runs the harder votes will be to get, and if you are first to approach them now you are almost sure to meet with success.

Letter from Albert Tyer.

Joliet, Ill. Dec. 1.—Editor Messenger: Joliet, Ill., is a town of about thirty-five thousand population. It is forty-one miles south of Chicago. At Joliet is one of the State prisons, and in the prison here they have lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers, farmers, musicians, electricians and people of every calling one can think of. There is one particular judge here who had sentenced many men to prison, and in the due course of time he was sentenced to a term of years himself for graft. Of course a great many men were in the prison when they brought the judge and it is said the men whom he had sentenced were glad when he was locked in and said, "Now you will get some of the medicine you have been measuring to others."

This might well be called a manufacturing town, as there are not fewer than a score or more things manufactured here from the raw material. Two of these are iron and steel. The Illinois Steel Mill here brings in the rough, crude iron ore rock and turns out railroad rails, spikes, bolts, taps, building steel, bridge steel, wire, etc. They employ about five thousand men at the mill and one can find people from every civilized country on the globe. Strange as it may seem they have the mill and grounds fenced in with a solid board wall about twelve feet high and on top of that there is a wire fence of ten barb wires. There are three entrances to the grounds and a guard is kept at each place. No one is allowed in or out unless he has a ticket or a pass. The employees each have a ticket, showing when they enter and when they leave and they get paid by the hour. It is no trouble to get a pass into the grounds. All that is necessary is to go to the office and ask for it. They burn so much coal and the smoke is so dense

that the houses near the mill all look dirty, and are not inviting at all. It is a sight well worth the time to go to see them roll out railroad rails.

Here is also the finest high school in the State, they claim. It is a very large building made of stone, three stories high and a basement. They have nearly one hundred rooms and a corps of the very best teachers.

The city authorities made the railroads entering the town elevate their tracks in the city limits. So the roads built a concrete wall on each side of their right of way about twelve feet high and are filling in with dirt, rock, gravel and most anything that will fill up space except wood. They have been at work nearly all this year and will not finish the job for more than a year yet. One road had hauled forty-seven thousand car loads of dirt about six weeks ago and they were not one fourth through with their hauling. They make bridges at the cross streets so when they have finished people will go under instead of over the railroad. There are three or four roads that have to elevate, and each one of them has about one and a half miles to raise. It will cost millions of dollars to do the work. There are hundreds of men working at it. They work Sunday as well as Monday.

Success to the Messenger and its many readers, and may we hear from Zack, Old Timer, Old Gray and others often.

Yours very truly,
Albert Tyer.

For stove pipe and heaters call at Howard's,

Albert Smith of Crockett paid Grapeland a visit in his automobile Sunday afternoon.

Be sure to read Kennedy Bros. ad this week and see the specials they offer for Saturday, Dec. 11, only.

Remember our line of jewelry is complete, satisfaction guaranteed or anything we sell you at Howard's.

We have just received a nice lot of men's and children's suits, all wool, and will close out at a sacrifice. F. A. Faris.

The contest is a winner from the start. Some of the girls are doing good work, and we are sure a majority of them will make an effort to win the handsome piano.

Revs. Robert and Bill McCarter of West Texas, came in Saturday in response to a phone call advising them of the serious illness of their mother, who lives a few miles southeast of town.

The Brooks Kent brick building across the railroad will be a "starter" for others, and in the course of a few years we expect to see a large portion of the town going that way. In the mean time we would like to see a start made to induce others to build there. We would like to see the cotton platform out of the way and those unsightly seed houses moved somewhere. Let's see the railroad people about it and find out how they feel.

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For Sunday, Dec. 12
Subject—Bragging and Praying. Luke 18, 9-14.

Leader—Garrett Richards.
Opening Song.
Scripture Reading and Talk by Leader.
Song No. 41.
Reading—Porter Fulton.
Recitation—Miss Thursie Capps.
Song.
Reading—Miss Ori Sue Howard.
Song.
Benediction.

Letters to Santa Claus.

Dear old Santa Claus: Christmas is coming near by. I hope you will remember me as you did last Christmas. I have got my pretty doll yet that you brought to me. Please bring me a set of pretty dishes, a little doll bed, and all the pretty things you can spare, some apples, oranges, candy, raisins, nuts of all kinds. We have a little baby girl this Christmas, her name is Argie Lee Guice. Please bring her something nice. I will give her some of my fruits, candy and nuts. I will close.

Cue Leela Guice.

Hello, Santa, did you know that Christmas was nearly here? I hope you will be well prepared for it and don't give away all the pretty things before you get to me. I would like to have a little air gun and a little wagon, a ball, a kite, some oranges, candy, bananas, raisins, nuts of all kinds and a nice little story book.

Yours truly,
Arthur Guice.

Mrs. J. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by A. S. Porter.

N. W. Ritchey of Route No. 3 received by express Saturday a pair of fine Berkshire pigs. Mr. Ritchey will use them for breeding purposes. This is an industry which all of the farmers should pay more attention, and raise better hogs. They bring in lots of money.

Don't Be Hopeless

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Show Liniment—it will drive away all aches and pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were.

W. A. Shaver left Monday with his household goods for Houston, where he will reside in the future. His family will leave the last of the week. We regret to lose this good family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Justice Cutler left Sunday for their home in Lubbock, after a visit here and at Augusta. Miss Mattie Spruill, sister of Mrs. Cutler, accompanied them home.

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Mrs. Frank Leaverton and babies visited relatives at Latexo Saturday and Sunday.

THE DAY OF MUMMERY GONE

Disciples of Esculapius in This Age Rely Upon Their Brains for Prestige.

Esculapius was always represented with a staff, a symbol of the support needed by the sick; around it was entwined the ancient symbol of eternity, the serpent. Throughout succeeding ages physicians carried a stick, which during the middle ages was usually surmounted by a small metal box containing aromatic herbs which the doctor sniffed as he contemplated his patient, to counteract infection and the universal stench of the sickroom then prevalent. Later on the stick shrunk into a cane, and during the regency had above the handle an eyeglass, a survey of the invalid through which must have conferred an ineffable look of wisdom and profundity. In early Victorian days a climax of bad taste was reached in the use of carved ivory or bone skulls as cane handles, an example of the ethical advertising of the period. Finally the doctor's cane has followed his black coat and high hat into oblivion, and more and more must the practitioner rely upon his brains for prestige.—New York Medical Journal

WHAT BOTHERED HIM MOST



"Good 'eavens, Bill! D'y 'ear that? It's the dinner bell!"

ANOTHER ILLUSION SHATTERED.

The cigarette is far more popular among women in the upper circles of European society than it is here in Mexico, where if you find a lady smoking she is quite sure to be an elderly woman of an addiction to old customs. That Mexican women generally smoke cigarettes is a notion cherished by foreign writers of Mexican romances sprinkled all over their pages with "Caramba!" "mi vida," "chili con carne," etc.—Mexican Herald.

IDEAL AND REALIZATION.



"Granny, is that the lady you told me looked so pretty at your wedding?"—Bon Vivant.

THE HAPPY NEIGHBORS.

Farmer Winrow—There's always two sides to every argument, Ezry. Farmer Hayboy—Yep; yours and the right side, Peleg.—Puck.

VERY DEFINITE.

"What are your views about elastic currency?" "Well, I should like my income to stretch a little further."

HONORS IN STUDENTS' HANDS

To Men of Erudition Is Left Question as to Whether Popular Heroes Are Worthy.

Heroes are now made or unmade in the archives. That, so made, they are giants to us still is one more piece of evidence that we are not so ineffably sophisticated as we are inclined to deem ourselves. We worship our certified heroes with real enthusiasm. Who does not remember how relieved we were a few years ago when we learned that we might continue our homage to Alfred the Great? We had long lionized the dim old figure and were about to make up our minds to observe the thousandth year of his passing. Then came the question: Was he worthy? Scholars grew busy, and presently assured us that he was. So we picked out a convenient time somewhere near the millennial year, erected our statues, and listened to our orators. More recently, we began to have our doubts of Joan of Arc. After burning her heretical body, our ancestors had concluded that she was a heroine, perhaps a saint. But the matter was carelessly left for final settlement until our more critical era. We had the usual investigation with the usual result. Joan was all right. And she's going to be a real saint, if the documents hold out. Some celebrities, of course, are not so fortunate. More than one of the Pharaohs have been compelled to see their falsely inscribed honors transferred to other hands.

THE FACETIOUS WAITER.

"Waiter, these are not likely Rocky Ford melons." "How do you know, sir?" "Why, by looking at them." "You can tell in an easier way than that, sir." "How?" "By looking at the price."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HIS DISCOVERY.

While the Hudson-Fulton ceremonies were in progress a number of naval lights talked of the social aspect of the celebration. A French flag lieutenant ended the discussion with this: "My observation has been, gentlemen, that a headache is the same in English, French, German or Italian."

THE SUMMER HOUSEHOLD.

Ethel—Let's play house. Tommy—All right. I'll be pap and you can be ma away in the country.—Harper's Bazar.

FOOLED HIM.

"He says he kissed you last night against your will." "I suppose he believes it, too."—Houston Post.

EVASIVE.

"I heard that Jones said he would trust me with his pocketbook. What do you think of that?" "I don't think there's anything in it."—Brooklyn Citizen.

SAME OLD REASON.

Polly—Why did you refuse Jack? Dolly—Simple interest, but without balance.

THE COLOR OF THINGS.

"Some of the pessimists are inclined to look upon practical politics in municipal officeholding with green and yellow melancholy, aren't they?" "I rather think the subject is more of a brown study."—Baltimore American.

SNAGGSEY SNUBBED.

Snaggsey—Beg pardon, mister; I'm a stranger in dese parts—Farmer Harrow—Well, I dunno of anybody that wants to git acquainted with ye. (Turns away.)—Boston Transcript.

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DO IT NOW.

It is a peculiar illustration of the perversity of human nature that so many people postpone their Christmas shopping until the "last minute," although there are countless strong arguments in favor of early purchasing and few, if any, for dilatoriness. Just three weeks now before Christmas, yet the "holiday rush" which will start shortly has not yet set in. Consequently the stocks of merchants are fresher and more complete than they will be after they have been handled by hundreds of inquisitive shoppers. And if you have not decided on your selections, the fresh and inviting stocks, the less crowded condition of the stores and the realization that you have plenty of time will enable you to act with better judgment and you will stand a far better chance of getting what you want.

So much for your side of the case. But there is another reason—a humanitarian one—why you should not become one of the horde of eleventh hour shoppers. Don't forget that the salesladies and salesmen are of flesh and blood and nerves like yourself, and not machines. Being human they naturally become worn and weary with the long hours, constant standing, hurry and hustle and hundreds of little annoyances incident to the last week before Christmas. You can help to make their lot easier by doing your Christmas buying now.

Look over the advertising columns of the Messenger. You will find the leading stores represented here, all offering you inducements for early buying. Read the advertisements; they are interesting store news. Then go and make your Christmas purchases in peace of mind gained by the knowledge that you have helped yourself and others by early shopping.

STANDARD OIL DECISION.

By a decision described in the press as "sweeping," the federal court at St. Louis has sustained the suit of United States against the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, declared the corporation a combination in restraint of trade and ordered its dissolution.

Jubilant over the general public over this decision must of necessity be tempered by the fact that it is not final and conclusive. It has yet to run the gauntlet of the supreme court before the shutters can be put up at No. 26 Broadway. And even should the court of last resort sustain the St. Louis decision, it will probably mean only a reorganization, with cunning evasion of the technicalities of the law.

But the circuit court decision is none the less important. It bears out the contention that the Standard Oil trust is an organization in restraint of trade; that it has throttled competition and that its acts have been in violation of the Sherman anti-trust

law. There is no logical reason why the court of last resort will place any different interpretation on the law.

Perhaps the Pearyites have kidnapped Dr. Cook.

Uncle Sam may have a great navy, but it's not in it with the sugar trust's fleet of revenue cutters.

It appears that Standard Oil is mixed up in the New York milk trust, which makes the high priced fluid all the harder to swallow.

Lovely woman can never hope to impress mere man with the sincerity of her plea for political independence so long as she has to beg him to button her dress in the back.

When "Uncle Joe" Cannon declared "I will die without ever having turned my back on a friend," he epitomized the policy of the republican party with regard to the tariff, its friends being the trusts, in whose interests all republican tariffs are framed.

As the season of gift-giving approaches it may be well to remind the loyal citizens of Grapeland that they have no need to go outside of their home town to make purchases. Our merchants have large and varied stocks to select from and their prices are more advantageous than those of the big city stores. It is loyalty to home institutions that builds up a country. The man or woman of Grapeland who spends money in other towns for goods that can be bought as cheap here does a little bit toward hindering the growth and progress of the home town. Many a muckle makes a muckle and many a thoughtless expenditure outside of money that ought to be kept in circulation at home develops a serious condition in local progress and prosperity. Trade at home. Be loyal to Grapeland.

Augusta News.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 5.—The delightful warm weather that has been with us so long was abruptly ousted last night when the wind made a sudden change from the south to the northwest. We thought for awhile that the north pole had given away and was upon us to settle the matter between Cook and Peary, but the blizzard quited down and today the sunshine is bright and makes everything as lovely as a marriage bell.

Our town is moving along nicely. Trade is good and there is nothing to mar the happiness of a prosperous people.

Xmas is being duly considered, especially by the younger set.

While in Galveston Long and Holcomb purchased a large stock of Xmas goods for their respective stores. They have something for old and young; a fine display can be seen on their counters this week.

W. H. Holcomb made a business trip to Palestine last week. Mrs. W. H. Holcomb is home from an extended visit to relatives at Alto.

We will be pleased to call the attention of the reading public to the grand jury report. Every man in the county should read it. It is one of the finest documents that we have ever read from a grand jury in Houston county.

Twelve men that were there had the moral courage and high sense of honor that prompted them to do something for their county. They did it. Read the document.

NOW IS THE TIME

TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASES FROM US

We were never better prepared to sell you the staples of life in something to eat or wear. In fact, our stock of merchandise is complete. Our house is full of REAL BARGAINS for you. We can sell you goods in quite a number lines at a price much less than the same goods can be bought for now. We advise you to make your purchases now and save from 1c to 3c per yard on dressgoods, etc.

The high price of cotton will make high prices on dry goods. Protect yourself now, by buying your supplies from us.

We handle one of the best line of shoes made. It is the Dittman Shoe. We can fit the whole famil.

See our line of clothing, hats, shirts, fine pants, work pants, ladies' skirts, dress goods, ladies' hats, etc.

See our sewing machines. 10 year guarantee with each one. Prices \$20.00 and \$22.50.

We also carry one of the most complete lines of Staple and Fancy Groceries in the city.

We want your Cotton, turkeys, chickens, eggs and bees wax, and will pay you the top price.

We thank you for your trade and will always do our best to give the best for the least money. Yours to serve

F. A. FARIS.

It will be an education in a nutshell.

Moore & Holcomb have completed their annex to their store. It makes quite an improvement. Let the good work go on.

Miss Bula Bolton was visiting at Slocum this week.

We visited our Sunday school this afternoon. We are glad to say that there was a fair attendance and the interest manifested shows that good work is being done. After Sunday school there was a meeting to decide about our Xmas tree. It was unanimously voted to have a tree. W. L. Douglass was called to the chair and after explaining the object of the meeting, appointed W. H. Long as superintendent, after which the usual committees were appointed. We anticipate a good time and cordially invite everyone to attend, promising you a nice time and good behavior.

One more day is numbered with the past and we must bid you adieu. As ever,
Old Gray.

Choked to Death

is commonly said of babies who have died of the croup. How unnecessary this is. No child ever had the croup without having a cold or cough at the start. If you will stop the first symptom of the cough with Ballard's Horehound Syrup there is no danger whatever of croup. Sold by A. S. Porter.

W. L. Douglass of Augusta was a caller Monday.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ath Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, Agent.

Aged Couple Weds.

Col. M. B. Vaughn, an ex-confederate soldier and a merchant at Tadmor, and Mrs. Martha McMillian of Ratcliff, aged about 74 and 72 years, were married in Bill McConnell's store in Crockett on Dec. 2, Trade's and Premium Day, in the presence of between five and ten thousand people.

The aged couple received many congratulations and valuable presents. Among the presents was eighteen pieces of china presented by Wm. M. Patton, an old time Tadmor friend of the aged groom. After an excellent dinner given the bridal party by Mrs. Wm. M. Patton, the happy couple went out riding all over the city in Smith Bros. fine automobile, and left for their home in Tadmor at four o'clock.

The whole town of Crockett and the people of Houston county generally will join us in wishing them good luck and happiness. A Friend.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE



"The end of the world is announced for next month."
"Oh, that ought to be exciting. Are you going?"

FOLEY'S URINO LAXATIVE
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

Foley's Kidney Pills

What They Will Do for You

They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.

A. S. PORTER.

The Worth of a Medicine is the Cures it can Effect. Every one who has used

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

Knows that it will Cure RHEUMATISM, SPRAINS, CUTS, WOUNDS, BURNS, STIFF JOINTS, CORNS, BUNIONS, ETC.,

Price, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

BALLARD SNOW LINIMENT CO. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

Sold and Recommended by A. S. PORTER

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Sold by A. S. Porter.

New, clean, up-to-date Dental Parlor over Crockett State Bank. Instruments kept steril. Will be glad for my friends to call on me in my new quarters.

Dr. Chas. C. Starling, Crockett, Texas.

A Check Account Puts You in Touch With Up-to-date Banking Methods.

The man who deals with a bank learns new methods of carrying on business methods whose value is definite. The bank helps you to systematize your business records, makes it safer.

Our experience in business methods is turned to the benefit of customers. Your account with us will receive this advantage without charge. We aim to render satisfactory service.

F. & M. STATE BANK
Grapeland, - - Texas

LOCAL NEWS.

Trade with W. H. Lively.

Eggs are still 25c at Kennedy Bros.

Bring your laundry, cleaning and pressing to the Bon Ton.

Phone 14. We deliver goods to your door. W. H. Lively.

See those \$1.25 clocks for only \$1.00 at F. A. Faris'.

Buy your Christmas flour from W. H. Lively.

F. A. Faris is the shoe man, buy your shoes from him.

Call on Wherry for anything in the general merchandise line.

See those \$3.50 clocks for only \$2.25 at F. A. Faris'.

Howard Anthony is in Houston this week on business.

Santa Claus has established headquarters for all kinds of fancy fruit at Alsop's.

Buy your entire bill from Faris, stock complete, house filled to overflowing with bargains.

For the next 15 days, I will pay 25c per doz. cash for eggs.
K. C. Alsop.

W. H. Lively is making attractive prices on merchandise. Buy your supplies from him.

J. F. Hill of Palestine visited his son, T. G. Hill, here Saturday and Sunday.

We deliver goods to any part of town. Phone 14.
W. H. Lively

For fancy flour in wood, roll in a barrel for Xmas. and save money. S. E. Howard.

Make our store your headquarters while in town, W. H. Lively.

Remember you can get fish and oysters on Fridays and Saturdays at Alsop's.

Call at Howard's and buy your Xmas flour—none better than Ruth.

You should see Wherry at once for dry goods, shirts, shoes, pants, etc. They are being sold very cheap.

All men's suits \$15.00 line, to go at \$12.00, \$12.50 line to go at \$9.00. Good goods, nothing shoddy. F. A. Faris.

We appreciate your business. Our motto is "a square deal to everyone." If you are not a customer of ours, try us once.
W. H. Lively.

KENNEDY BROS. *Kantabob*

Clewis buys hides and furs and pays cash.

Buy your wagon harness—heavy leather at Kennedy Bros.

All kinds of nuts and candy at W. H. Lively's.

All the latest buttons at Kennedy Bros.

Pure ribbon cane syrup, 50c the gallon at F. A. Faris'.

Wherry keeps fresh groceries. Your trade is appreciated.

The best shoe made for the money. Sold at F. A. Faris.

Best bucket coffee for 90c. F. A. Faris.

Ladies' sweaters at Kennedy Bros.

If you want good shoes buy them at Faris'.

If it is a nice dress shoe you want, get the Packard shoes at Kennedy Bros.

You will always get the best eating for the least money at Alsop's restaurant on back street.

You can get the best shoes made for the money at F. A. Faris'.

Rev. F. M. Boyles was made presiding elder of the Huntsville district.

A beautiful line of Christmas rugs at Wherry's. The price is not too much.

Fresh car flour, chops, meal and bran at F. A. Faris' this week.

Rev. A. L. Carnes was returned to Grapeland for another year.

The Kelley axe is the best made. You can buy them at F. A. Faris'.

G. R. Sewell of Percilla attended the annual conference at Jacksonville last week.

5 lbs. best roasted coffee and 5 piece dinner set for 90c.
F. A. Faris'.

Odell Faris is in Waco this week attending the Grand Lodge of the Masons.

If you want the prettiest suit of clothes ever brought to Grapeland for \$12.50 see them at F. A. Faris'.

Buy your flour from W. H. Lively and save money. Get it now for Christmas. We deliver goods to your door. Phone 14.

We want to buy all your eggs, chickens, turkeys and cotton, and will pay you the top of the market.
F. A. Faris.

Nuts, candies and fresh groceries for Christmas cooking at W. H. Lively's. Phone for a sack of flour. We deliver it to your kitchen.

Work started Monday morning on the Brooks-Kent brick building across the railroad, and will be rapidly pushed until completed. John Jopling of Trinity has the contract.

Geo. Calhoun returned from Houston Friday night where he had been in a sanitarium to have an operation performed for some internal trouble. He stood the operation well, and is now able to be out.

Charlie Wall was in to see us Monday. Charlie will spend the holidays with homefolk at Augusta.

SHINGLES FOR SALE.

Plenty of good shingles for sale at my mill 5 miles southeast of Grapeland.

George W. Shaver.

We take subscriptions for the Galveston News or Houston Post with the Messenger 1 year for \$1.75; separately \$1.00 each. Bring your subscriptions to us.

I clean and press clothes and do it right. Also have a nice line of samples for ordering tailor made clothing. A fit guaranteed.
M. L. Clewis.

Our prices on dry goods, boots shoes, clothing, hats, piece goods, dress goods, groceries, are as cheap for the quality as any house in the county.
Faris'.

Bro. Arnold closed the meeting Sunday night, which had been in progress at the Christian church the past two weeks. Two new members were added to the church.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—If you want the best on the market, get the Goodnight shingles; \$1.50 per 1000 at the mill 11-2 miles east of Grapeland.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. A. S. Porter Agent.

I have just received a lot of up-to-date rugs. They will make excellent Christmas presents. Call and see them before they are picked over. W. R. Wherry.

FOLEY'S ORINO LAXATIVE
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

FOR SALE

We have a life time scholarship in the famous Tyler Commercial College which we will sell at a reasonable discount. If you ever intend going to an up-to-date Business College, now is the time. Prepare yourself to lay away something for a rainy day. Address—
THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER,
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Bully Taylor, wife and baby, who have been living at Youngstown, have moved to Grapeland and after Christmas will make their home at Reynard on the Taylor old homestead.

D. N. Leaverton and family have moved a mile west of town to the Leaverton old homestead. Henry Haltom and family have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Leaverton.

Gin Days.

After this week I will gin on Fridays and Saturdays.

G. W. Marshall.

OLDEST BELGIAN NEWSPAPER.

The oldest newspaper in Belgium is the Gazette van Gent, which received the privilege of printing the Gendtsche Post-Tydinghen on November 17, 1666, and which has existed almost continuously since the first number was printed on January 1, 1667. The oldest copy preserved is No. 69, of September 8, 1667. The next oldest newspaper in Belgium is L'Independance Belge, in its eightieth year.

WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge

THE GUARANTEED **WORM REMEDY**

THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.
THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY
Ballard-Snow Liniment Co.
ST. LOUIS, MO.

—FOR SALE BY—
A. S. PORTER, The Druggist



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Scientific American.
A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$5 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.
MANN & Co., 351 Broadway, New York
Branch Office, 625 F St., Washington, D. C.

Holiday Bargains

AT
Leaverton's Drug Store.

For the Holidays we have made a careful selection of pretty and useful things. Every article is new, all selected with the thought of usefulness and pleasure in giving.

Toilet Sets \$1.00 to.....\$5.00
Manicure Sets \$1.00 to..... 5.00
Post Card Albums 10c to..... 1.00
Some real nice ones from 25c to. 1.50
Cigar Jars 50c to..... 1.00
Stationery in pretty Xmas boxes
per box from 25c to..... 1.00
Perfumes in pretty packages from
10c to..... 1.00

Dolls of every description.
In fact, Christmas gifts for every member of the family. Have a nice line of TOYS and others presents for children too numerous to mention.
Dining Room Pictures in plain and panel effects. Mission finish frames.
Be sure to visit our store and look through our stock.

D. N. Leaverton.

To Our Friends and Customers:

Owing to the fact that our stock in all departments is larger than we want it to be, we have decided to make some **SPECIAL CUT PRICES** for a limited time to reduce our present stock. This **SPECIAL PRICE SALE** will begin December 1st, and continue to and including Saturday, December 11th. At present we have a full stock of all goods quoted, but we will not duplicate any prices after our present stock is sold, and it will pay you to come early and buy freely while our stock is complete....We will give Cash Register Checks with all sales as before, which you will please call for.

Groceries.

30 boxes of Brown Mule tobacco, at 35c per lb., or per box.....\$3.15
 Only one box to a customer.
 100 sacks Lucky Blend Coffee, each sack contains 5 pieces of chinaware, worth \$1 00 a sack, our special price.....85c
 6 sacks for.....\$5 00
 Limit 6 sacks to a customer
 400 sacks White Wave flour, worth \$1 60 per sk., special price.....\$1 50
 100 sacks No 1 Grand Saline Salt, worth 50c a sack, special price.....40c
 Only one sack to a customer
 5,000 lbs of granulated sugar, put up in 100 lb sacks, worth 6 1-2c, special price, one sack to a customer,.....\$5 90

Cut Prices on Saddles

As long as our present stock lasts, we will sell—
 All \$35 00 Saddles at \$31 50
 " 30 00 " " 27 00
 " 25 00 " " 22 50
 " 20 00 " " 18 00
 " 18 50 " " 16 65
 " 15 00 " " 13 50

These prices are only good for saddles now in stock and prices will not be duplicated after present stock is sold. We have a full stock of buggy and wagon harness, wagon lines, breast straps, bridles and collars. See us for lowest prices on all kinds of leather goods.

Furniture

We are overstocked on iron bedsteads and have cut prices to move them.

All \$12 50 Bedsteads now \$11 25
 " 10 00 " " 9 00
 " 8 50 " " 7 65
 " 6 50 " " 5 85
 " 5 00 " " 4 50
 " 4 00 " " 3 60
 " 3 00 " " 2 70
 " 2 50 " " 2 25

We have a full line of all kinds of Furniture, consisting of Bureaus, dressers, chevils, book cases, tables, rocking chairs, parlor and kitchen chairs, kitchen safes, bed springs, matting and window shades. We make special prices on complete housekeeping outfits, including stoves and sewing machines. See us for Furniture.

Dry Goods Department.

In our dry goods department you will find a house filled with new, up-to-date staple dry goods, dress goods, ladies' coats, skirts and sweaters, Men's and Boys' Clothing, shoes, hats and furnishing goods, and we are making extra low prices, and in many lines have cut deep.

In clothing we have cut all prices deep, as you will see below:

All \$20 00 Suits now	\$17 50
" 17 50 " "	15 00
" 15 00 " "	13 50
" 12 50 " "	11 00
" 10 00 " "	8 50
" 7 50 " "	6 75

Men's heavy fleeced lined underwear, regular 50c goods for 40c for shirts or drawers, or per suit.....75c

Boots and Shoes

Men's heavy boots, half double soles, plain toe, sizes 6 to 9, regular price 2 50 special price...1.95

Men's light boots, light weight, half double soles, medium heel, square box toe, 5, 6 and 7 only, worth 3 75, for.....2 95

One lot boys' work shoes, oil grain uppers, with half double soles, No 3 and 4, regular 1 25 and 1 35 now.....1 00

Ladies White House and Capitol 3 00, in No 3 only, patent, kid and tan, this applies to this line of shoes only' worth 3 00, now.....2 20

One lot children's and misses' light and heavy shoes, odd lots, sizes from 9 to 2, one third off.

Ladies Petticoats \$1.00

Not one of the biggest, but the biggest value of the season. No detail has been overlooked, either as to material, style, workmanship or dimension to make them perfect garments. Ruffled, embroidery and sheared flounces, worth 1 25, colors black, navy and brown, special price at.....1 00

Our showing of ladies and misses' long coats is still practically complete and our values in ladies coats at 2 50, 3 50, 5 00, 6 00 and 7 50 are the best yet.

We have some of the most attractive ladies' dress skirts and while some numbers are broken, most of them are practically complete and they are economically priced at 2 50, 3 50, 4 00 and 5 00

NOTICE!

We will give Cash Register Checks with all purchases up to December 11th, and all parties saving them up must send or bring them to us by

Tuesday Morning, December 14th stating name and whether boy or girl so we will know what presents they are contesting for.

All parties will be careful to comply with the above, as we cannot count any checks unless we know the name, and whether boy or girl.

Our line is complete in all departments and it will pay you to come early as the prices will not be duplicated after the present stock is gone. We buy cotton, hides, chickens, eggs and turkeys. If you have anything to sell bring it along and we will pay you the best possible price. Don't forget the date,

December 1st to December 11th, Inclusive

Be sure to get your cash register checks, as we will give them with all sales as before.

RESPECTFULLY,

George E. Darsey

Grapeland, Texas

OFF WITH A RUSH!

The Messenger's Popular Voting Contest Growing in Interest Daily

More Prizes will be Offered! Some New Contestants Entered.

Send in the name of a lady friend and help her to get this handsome PIANO. A little effort on her part, with the united efforts of her friends, is sure to win. Read the rules and see the advantages gained by entering this contest. There is not a family in Houston County but would subscribe for the Messenger to help their friend.

CONTESTANTS! Remember that \$10.00 IN GOLD, and Get Busy.

FIRST SPECIAL PRIZE

\$10. - IN GOLD - \$10

Will be given FREE to the young lady having the largest number of Votes to her credit when the first count is made at 4 p. m.

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1910.

Remember the Hustler Wins

How to Get Votes:

New Subscriptions.....	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
General Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
Job Printing.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Popular Voting Contest

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address
As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatsoever.

Signed.....
Address

Be the first to nominate the winner of the Prize Piano and receive \$5.00 in cash.

20 Votes | Grapeland, Texas, Nov. 26, 1909 | 20 Votes

The Messenger's Free Coupon

Good for 20 Votes in our

PIANO AND POPULAR GIRL VOTING CONTEST

This Coupon is voted for

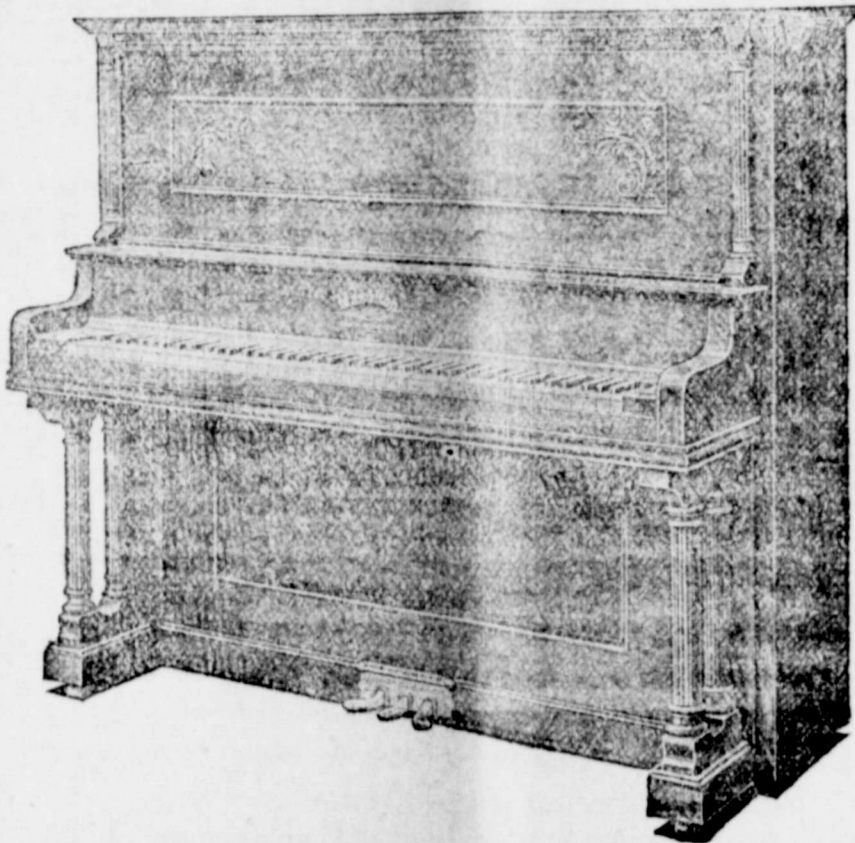
These Free Votes must reach our office on or before January 26, 1910, in order to be accepted and counted. No money is required with these votes. Every reader of the Messenger should support their favorite candidate and help her to be a winner. The Prizes offered to the Girls entered \$500 in this Contest amount to about

20 Votes | Free Newspaper Coupons not voted by Jan. 26, 1910, are void | 20 Votes

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor,

MARK ANTHONY Proprietor

Will give 25 votes with each cash purchase of one dollar. See us for fruits, candy, nuts, etc.



THE PRIZES:

D. H. Baldwin & Co's.

\$400 HAMILTON PIANO

Furnished by THE MESSENGER

- \$18.00 Ladies Genuine Cut Glass Water Set, given by A. S. Porter, Druggist.
- \$12.50 F. A. Faris, General Merchant, will give a \$7.50 gold Bracelet and a \$5.00 gold necklace.
- \$12.50 Kennedy Bros. will a dress pattern of the winner's selection and a pair of American Lady Shoes.
- \$12.50 D. N. Leaverton, Druggist, will give a Manicure Set and a cut glass puff box, total value \$12.50.
- 10.00 Mark Anthony, proprietor of the Bon Ton, will give a box of fine candy, valued at 10.00

Giving Them Away

The above merchants in Grapeland are giving FREE 25 votes with each \$1.00 cash purchase at their stores. Ask for them and then cast the votes for some girl on the list. You are not doing the square thing by your own or your neighbor's daughter if you do not get the merchants' coupons to which you are entitled, and present them to her, or cast them yourself at our office. Help the girls.

A. S. Porter, Prescription Druggist

DEALER IN

Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Sundries, Perfumes, School Books and Supplies, etc.

We give 25 votes with each dollar purchase for cash.

Trade With **F. A. FARIS,** Dealer in

Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Farm Supplies. Cash prices paid for Cotton and Country Products.

Ask for Voting Coupons

KENNEDY BROTHERS

FOR BARGAINS IN EVERYTHING

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Groceries, etc.

We give voting coupons. Ask for them

D. N. Leaverton, Druggist

Dealer in Drugs, Patent Medicines, Sundries, Sick Room Supplies, etc. Prescriptions carefully compounded. We give 25 votes with each cash purchase of \$1.00. Ask for coupons.

Rules of the Contest.

1 Announcement—This Piano and Popular Voting Contest will be conducted on strictly honest business principals, with perfect justice and fairness to all concerned.

2 Prizes—The first Prize shall be a firstclass piano of a leading make, valued at \$400. Many other valuable and useful prizes will be given.

3 Candidates—Any young lady, married or single, in this and adjoining counties, is eligible to a place in this contest. The most popular lady is the one who shall receive the most votes: to her shall be awarded the beautiful upright Piano. Other candidates to receive their choice of prizes in order, according to their standing of votes.

4 Tie in Votes—In case of a tie, the value of the prizes will be equally divided, or a like prize granted to those tying.

5 Classes of Votes—The votes are issued in coupons of the following denominations:

New subscriptions.....	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Job Ptg. or Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Right is reserved to add additional classes of votes, and other publications, also to change or modify these rules and regulations as necessity demands.

6 General Instructions.—Names of Contestants will be printed in order according to standing and the amount of their votes published regularly after first count is made.

During first 60 days no candidates will be permitted to cast over 5,000 subscription votes during any one week. Advertising, Job Printing, Merchants' or Free Paper Voting Coupon Votes can be voted in any quantity at any time.

Votes will not be allowed on subscriptions at less than regular price of the paper.

Votes once deposited in ballot box cannot be transferred to another.

Postmasters' and Agents' commissions are suspended during contest.

No Contestant will be allowed to take more than one of the Extra Special Prizes that we may offer from time to time.

The publisher is not to tell whom anyone votes for, except in case of alleged error or irregularity.

Each Contestant is requested to send us a cabinet size photograph for publication as soon as convenient.

Make up your mind who you want to vote for before coming to the office, as the editor will positively not decide for you.

Contestants should keep a list of their votes turned in each week, and see that publishers' figures verify it.

All coupons should be placed in envelopes with name of contestants written plainly thereon.

Free 20 Vote Coupons will be published in this paper during the first 60 days of contest and can be voted without cost for any contest.

An Awarding Committee of three good business men are to be appointed to make final count and distribution of prizes.

Contest to run not less than 90 days; date of closing will be announced about 30 days in advance.

The Contest shall close at 4 o'clock on the on the date to be announced later. Two weeks previous to date of closing, the judges are to take the ballot box, carefully locked or sealed, to the bank, where it will be kept on a table in front window during business hours, and in the vault at night, until close of contest, when the awarding committee takes charge and makes final count.

During last two weeks all voting must be done in the locked box at the bank. If secrecy in voting is desired, place your cash subscriptions together with other votes and coupons, in sealed envelopes with name of Contestant on same, and deposit in ballot box. Envelopes and subscription blanks for this purpose will be furnished. The strict compliance with these rules guarantees a fair and square deal to all concerned.

Special Sale for Saturday, December 11th.

Kennedy Brothers

BIG SALE ON AT KENNEDY BROTHERS!

Kennedy Brothers

Which started January 1st, 1909 and continues to Jan. 1st, 1910. As we have no shelf-worn goods to offer you, we consider

Every Day is Bargain Day With us!

Our goods are all new, bought for cash and marked in plain figures. You will find the prices, quality considered, LOWER AT ALL TIMES THAN ANY SPECIAL SALE.

Below is a Few Specials for Saturday, December 11, Only:

<h3>Specials</h3>	<p>Anvil Brand Soda 5c lb. 1 lb or 100 lbs the customers. 20 lbs Jap head rice \$1 00. All you want. Standard Granulated Sugar in barrels \$5.85 per hundred. One hundred pounds or more to the customer if wanted. Harvest Queen Flour \$1.50. If not good bring it back. One barrel or a carload to the customer. Lump Starch 5c lb. 1 lb. or a box to the customer.</p>	<h3>Specials</h3>
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Remember We Want Your Cotton!

DENTISTRY OF OLDEN TIMES

Extremists in Fad To-day Are Merely Copying Custom That Was Popular Long Ago.

In the ancient Central American days, so long past that no remnant of tradition, concerning them lingered when Cortez landed, 300 years ago, there was a good deal of fashion in dentistry. Separately entombed skeletons that have been discovered, probably those of titled people, since no burying grounds have been found, show that filing of teeth into patterns was common among the upper classes. Almost every set of teeth that has been preserved gives evidence of the dentists' handiwork. The teeth were usually filed along the crown, with two or three levels of filing on a single tooth, giving it the aspect of a short flight of steps.

The fashion in Copan that was most striking was the insertion of jewels in the teeth. Once in a while now, when some actress seeks to be conspicuous, she will have a diamond set in a tooth. In doing this she is merely copying dead and gone Copan notables of a couple of thousand years ago, only they had no diamonds.

The first process was the drilling of a neat hole in the face of the tooth, with a stone tool. Then to fit the hole a bit of jadeite was fashioned. Jadeite, a brilliant mineral of about the hardness of quartz, seems to have been the most precious gem of these older people. Of it they fashioned the earplugs that are the progenitors of the modern lady's earrings and brooches and beads for the neck and dress ornaments. Brought to a true fit, the stone was fastened in its place by a cement so firm and lasting that the gems remain in the teeth to this day.

ACCOUNTED FOR.

"I was the belle of the ball."
 "I did not know it was to be a masquerade."—Houston Post.

AN AFTER-DINNER VERDICT

Filled with Good Things to Eat, Jury Was Unanimous in Favor of the Teacher.

Warden McClaughry of the federal penitentiary tells a story of the first time that he served on a jury, says the Kansas City Journal.

"It was back in 1864," he said recently, telling of the incident to a friend. "I had just come home on a furlough from the army and it was the night before Christmas, a cold, bitter night. A school teacher out in the country, where the snow was inches and inches deep, was to be tried for whipping a boy student. There were six of us impaneled and all rode out together in a big sleigh to the home of the justice of the peace, where the trial was to be held. After a vigorous lecture from the honorable justice and a good deal of testimony on both sides, we were asked to adjourn to the kitchen, the room next to where the trial was being held, to deliberate on our verdict. As I said, it was the night before Christmas, and the kitchen was full of good things that go to make up a real good old-fashioned dinner.

"We organized at once to do justice to that fine line of provender. A 'serving committee' was appointed, and I was made a member of it. We served all right. For three-quarters of an hour we did glorious justice to that food. Finally we had disposed of everything in sight.

"Then we returned to the courtroom immediately, and with solemn faces announced that our verdict was that the boy had not been whipped enough."

A KIND PARENT.

Hank Stubbs—They say Mandy Summers hez eloped with that city chap who's been hangin' round her so long.

Big Millex—Is ol' man Summers chasin' 'em?

Hank Stubbs—Chasin' 'em? He lent 'em \$20 to pay expenses!

ROUTED LOUNGER FROM CHAIR

Commercial Traveler's Neat Summing Up of Situation Entitled Him to Success.

When resourcefulness and a moderate amount of assurance are needed, there is no one more competent than a commercial traveler.

On a very hot afternoon in Topeka, Kan., recently, a number of around-town chaps who did not seem to have much to do were lounging in the chairs in front of a leading hotel. Several traveling men came out of the hotel, and finding all the chairs occupied, expressed themselves with more emphasis than self-restraint.

"Let's dump a few of them out," suggested one.

"Hold on a minute," replied another. "Watch me get a chair."

With that he walked over to one of the loungers and in the most courteous way said: "Will you please tell me whether that is a drug store across the street?"

"No," replied the lounge, "that's a bank."

"Oh, is it? Well, say, what is that nice big building just down the street there, two corners away?"

"That's the post office," was the reply.

"You live in this charming city, then?" asked the drummer.

"I do," said the lounge.

"Well, then," replied the traveling man, "I'm a guest at this hotel and paying for accommodations. Suppose you get up and give me that chair."

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Visitor—That man over in the corner, with his face wreathed in smiles, chuckling as he writes, must be the half-and-half joke maker.

The Office Boy—Wrong. He's the funeral editor. The joke-maker is that little chap who is wringing his hands and writhing in agony!

EASY TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT

Simple Requirements Only Need to Be Complied with, and the Cost is Nominal.

Passports are issued to citizens of the United States upon application to the state department in Washington. The application must be accompanied by an affidavit, attested by a notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths, stating that the applicant is a citizen and giving the place of birth and age, and it must be accompanied by the certificate of one other citizen to whom he is personally known that the declaration made by the applicant is true. The application must be accompanied by a description of the person, particularly as to age, height, complexion, forehead, eyes, nose, mouth, chin, hair and face. Blank forms are furnished by the state department upon application. The fee for each passport is one dollar. Citizens traveling abroad may also obtain passports by applying to United States ambassadors and ministers. Where any person has made a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and has resided in the United States for three years a passport valid for six months may be issued to him. This passport is not renewable and does not entitle the holder to the protection of this government in the country of which he was originally a citizen.

STRANGE KIND OF PETS.

The Countess of Craven, who was Miss Bradley Martin of New York, is said to have a dozen hedgehogs in her country place. She has five that are hardly bigger than mice, and roll themselves into a ball, showing only the spines. One of the daughters of Premier Asquith also has the hedgehog fad. The animals are easily tamed and are said to repay one's attention.

COTTON SEED WANTED!

Patronize home Industry by selling your Cotton Seed at the top price to

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At Reasonable Prices.

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Painter, Paper Hanger and Decorator

I handle the Western Wall Paper Co's. paper, and it is the best to be had. Let me figure with you on your job.

JOSIAH CASKEY.

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I buy all kinds of hides and furs—o'possum, mink, coon, etc.—and pay the highest price in cash. See me before you sell.
[M. L. Clewis.]