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NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

was delivered and a good crowd was present. Two of our prominent young

is here again. A time when the and Miss Luna Gray were mar- will be our last for this year and little folks look for Santa Claus. ried Sunday after church ser- before the holidays, it will be in The older ones who can realize vices. After receiving congrat- order to write about Christmas Matt. II. 1-25. the true meaning of Christmas ulations and good wishes from a and the year about to close. are filled with joy of the great host of friends they with a good thought that it is the birthday of crowd of their young friends, five letters and glad that none of

Our school has dismissed un- lives be long and filled with have lost loved ones, in other til after Christmas. Our teach- many pleasures. Rev. C. A. words have had loved ones added er, Miss Bula Sheridan, has to Campbell performed the cere- to us in the way of little ones attend the teachers institute. | mony.

several months visiting Mrs. to Salmon with his father, is year; a pretty good showing for Lucy Willis and family, leaves back to live with his brother natural births, but not a single Saturday for her home in Florida. | next year. She was a friend of Mrs. Willis in Florida and she will be missed very much by her friends she has made while here.

Mr. Artis Streetman, wife and little Charley Mack, will accompany Mrs. Powell home to visit their old Florida home too.

Our farmer friends are preparing for the New Year. Prepare your land and catch the winter rain and obtain the moisture for summer.

Mr. Luther Warner of the Hays Spring community was a pleasant visitor to our Sunday school Sunday evening. We are walk in front of one of the big munity. always glad to have visitors. Come again. We'll do our best to make you enjoy yourself.

Among the New Prospect visitors to Sunday school were: Misses Erie Bridges, Gladys the quick work of willing hands, Finch, Fannie Hudson and Virgie - Herod; accompanied by Messrs. Glover Long, Carie Bridges, Wilbert Gray, and Newton Streetman of this place.

Sunday was preaching day, | Rev. C. A. Campbell conducting with Darsey.

Dec. 16.-Hurrah! Christmas people, Mr. Marvin Streetman

Well, we have been having Streetman where a nice dinner foreboding. Some of us have some regular old rainy weather. had been prepared. May their lost property and time, but none

is good.

LITTLE ITEMS.

DAMAGE BY

Tuesday evening quite a little a present remember you did get Scarbrough, of Bangs, Texas. excitement was created on the one about 1,912 years ago whetheast side of town, when by er you accepted it or not, and some means a large stack of rom- let's all try to be cheerful and

fire works belonged to T. S. Kent

the services. An able sermon RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, Dec. 16.-As this

We have written about fortyone who came to redeem the lost. went to the home of Mr. C. M. them have had, to be very dark or and big ones. Six babies have Mrs. Powell, who has spent Mr. Willis Hudnell who moved come to our community this spiritual birth that we know of, The health of our community which, to the serious thinking, is to be regretted, but there is Christmas good wishes to all. hope as long as life lasts.

> Of course nearly everyone is looking for a present Christmas, and we are going to put up a tree at the church and all be together and make merry as one. Now, if anyone should fail to get.

Mrs. Odell Faris and son, and were arranged on the side Frank, are visiting in our com-

Mrs. P. L. Fulgham, Frank and Hazel and the baby, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Lennie tian gentleman, and shows much Kent, at Deepwater, near Houston.

Rev. F. E. Butler is spending a few days on the farm.

UNE DOLLAR PER YEAR. PAYABLE IN ADVA CE

likely to catch the blues from GRAPELAND IS A hi u. Some of us attended services at Daly's yesterday. ZACK.

Junior League Program

Subject-Star of the East.

Leader-Frank Hill. Opening song by League. Prayer.

Song-Mary Lou Darsey, Rena Ross Richards, Mable Boykin, Eva Gene Murchison, Tom Richards, John Murchison, Balis Edens and Earle Howard.

Reading-Beatrice Parker. Roll Call.

Song-Linnie D. Haltom, Lucia Mae Murchison, Murdock Murchison, and Hadley Gilbert. Reading-Charlie Jones. Song by League. Recitation-Ruel Woodard. Closing Song. Benediction.

grand daughter, Marguerite Sul- a reasonably low estimate will livan, have returned from a visit amount to \$924.00. 3,240 chickto Mrs. Goedson's sister, Mrs

Rev. A. M. Harral, field reprechurch Sunday morning and morning was to the girls and boys, and was very interesting. cultured and exemplary Chrisenthusiasm in his work.

The Messenger learns that Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris, who have easy matter for a man to make We are glad to have L. C. been making Palestine their an independent living from the Do your Christmas shopping Kent and family with us. Len- home for the past year, will soon Adv, ard is cheerful and no one is move to Lake Charles, La.

PRODUCE CENTER Grapeland has long claimed to be a produce center, and by noting the following figures we have

obtained you will readily see that a world of cotton and other produce has been shipped from this point. The following figures. give the exact amount shipped since Sept. 1st:

6,512 bales of cotton, 117 cars of cotton seed, 29 cars of live stock, 4,620 dozen eggs, 200 hides, 3,240 chickens and 384 turkeys.

These figures show a big increase over those of last year in the same length of time. Many of our prosperous farmers find that there is good money in produce and take advantage of the exceptionally good prices our merchants pay for country produce; while others do not seem to pay any attention to raising produce for the market.

We will show almost the act amount of money that has been paid out for chickens. Lurkeys, eggs and hides: 4,620 doz. Mrs. Lavra Goodson and little eggs at 20c per dozen, which is ens at 35c each-\$1134.00. 384 turkeys at \$1.25 each-\$480.00. 200 hides at \$2.00 each--\$400.00. In adding up these amounts we find that a total of \$3,169.00 has sentative for the Christian Cour- been distributed among our farmier, preached at the Christian ers for chickens, turkeys, eggs and hides alone, besides what night. His sermon Sunday has been paid for cotton, cotton seed and livestock.

We would be glad if more of our farmers would raise produce W. C. Laseter and family visit- Also his sermon Sunday night for the market, as it helps to was both instructive and inter- boost the town, and shows that esting. Rev. Harral is a highly our town is in a good financial condition.

> Grapeland merchants will at all times pay the highest market price for your produce, and will also save you money on your purchases. With such a good market as we have it should be an sale of his produce alone. Cometo Grapeland and enjoy the many privileges that other farmers are enjoying.

FIRE WORKS

an candles became ignited. The pleasant.

show windows. The entire front glass was broken and the charges ed us yesterday. of powder being blown through the store caught several articles on fire, and had it not been for

no doubt the whole stock of general merchandise would have been destroyed. About \$100. damage was done.

A full line of Toys and Fireworks for the little fellows, and a large stock of practical and useful gifts for grown ups. Have just received some beautiful Rugs. See them.

FREE! FREE!

If you trade \$10 with me by January 1st I will give you FREE a beautiful picture nicely framed. Call at the store for particulars. Thanks to everybody for past patronage and wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Respectfully,

W. R. WHERRY

ANTARA TARAGENATA TARAGENERATAR

John Tyer and family left last week for Dodge, in Walker county, where they will reside in the future. Just what came over John to make him leave his native land we have been unable to find out, and if he is not back here in time to start a crop in the spring we will be surprised.

Rev. Paul Frazier of Elkhart was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office last Priday, and reported that debate between himself and Loyd Anders, which was 'an at Red Neck on Nov. 30 bi, passed off very quietly, mendly and that everybody was in a good humor.

Mrs. Rhodie Ann Wolf of Palestine died Saturday night at 10:30. o'clock. The remains were shipped to Grapeland Sunday morning, accompanied by a number of relatives and friends. Interrment in the Evergreen cemetery, near Percilla Sunday evening.

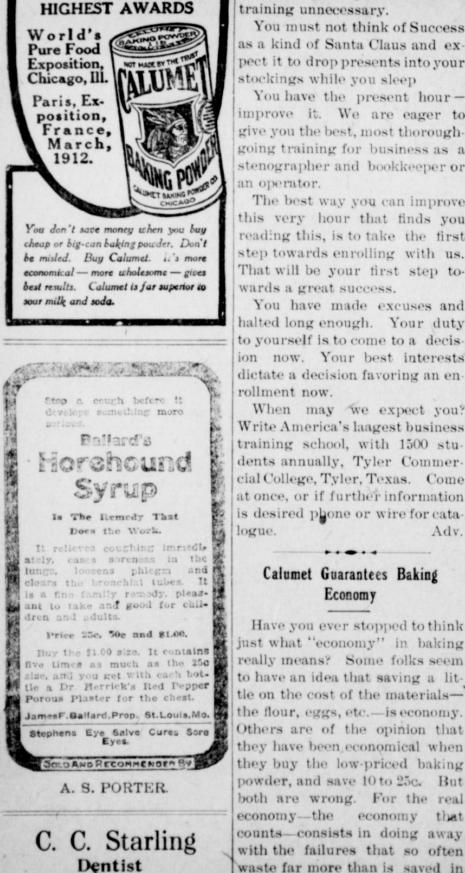
Frank Holloway, the noted bank robber, passed through Grapeland Saturday morning in charge of a deputy sheriff, on his way to the Huntsville prison. Holloway escaped from the prison several months ago after ser. ving six months for robbing a, bank at Harrold, Texas. He was captured at Memphis, Tenn., last week.



Then watch the result. Light, fluffy, and evenly raised — the baking comes from the oven more tempting, tastier, more wholesome.

Calumet insures the baking of an expert. Ask your grocer to-day.





Let it Slip and Was Ruined For Life

you letting this opportunity slip -which in the end, is the same through your fingers? Don't thing as economy. you know that out there in the will you stand aside and make only pure and wholesome itself-

vest your powers while you have made. a chance.

Tick-tock! Tick-tock! Your chance is slipping by. Use your gifts-develop your latent talents-gain the ambition-arousing, skill-creating, confidence-upbuilding training we stand ready to give you while you have the chance.

You can succeed. Other people-those who are succeedingnature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve or muscle than you possess. Their shipped down on the south bound success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts-out of act- terred in Evergreen cemetery tion. They used their gifts-as this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. you should. They gained a train- Those who accompanied the reing that developed and broadened and increased their talents-as, T. R. Morehead who conducted you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you! Wherever Phil McKenzie, Misses Sealy, man or woman who had no better start than you-with no greater learning" than you, but who was wise enough to become specially trained in some one special line and who is today going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special business training unnecessary. You must not think of Success

as a kind of Santa Claus and expect it to drop presents into your stockings while you sleep You have the present hour -

improve it. We are eager to give you the best, most thoroughgoing training for business as a

reason that Calumet Baking Powder is the favorite of millions of cooks. It absolutely prevents What's the matter? Why are failures-and guarantees success

Calumet is unfailing-it makes hustling business world oppor every baking good-more tasty, tunity is calling for trained men more delicious, more evenly and women? How much longer raised-simply because it is not excuses? Aren't you afraid that but so uniform in quality that if you "put it off" to another you can always depend upon it. time that something will arise Two World's Pure Food Expositbetween now and then to prevent ions-one at Chicago in 1907, and you from getting this training? the other at Paris, France in Stop making excuses and de- 1912-have officially pronounced laying! Invest your hours-in- Calumet the best baking powder Adv.

ALL THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

Dec. 15.—Our community was shocked last night, on account of learning of the death of Mrs. Rhoda Wolf of Palestine. Mrs. Wolf lived here until about six years ago, when she moved to Palestine to live with her son, Earnest. The remains were train this morning and were inmains from Palestine were: Rev. the funeral services, Earnest Wolf and wife, Eugene McCrory and wife, Mrs. Wolf's daughter;

your eye turns you see some Bessie Amason, Lillie Gossett and Tom Gossett, and Mr. Harrison, undertaker. Mrs. Wolf general ecucation or "school joined the Methodist church when a young woman and lived a devoted christian life, always ready to testify for God, and work for the upbuilding of man. kind. We extend sympathy to her loved ones. We can only say stand true as mother did and all will be well in the end.

Mr. John Sewell, Miss Mary and Master Tom went to Crockett this week to have Little Tom's eyes treated.

Rev. Boyeman is now pastor in charge of the M. P. circuit of Percilla. Rev. Boyeman is an

able preacher and we hope to

see much good done in the next

Rev. Graven's many friends

were glad to know he was sent

back to his same circuit for the

vear.



an operator. The best way you can improve this very hour that finds you reading this, is to take the first step towards enrolling with us.

That will be your first step towards a great success. You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decis-

ion now. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring an enrollment now.

When may we expect you? Write America's laagest business training school, with 1500 students annually, Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas. Come at once, or if further information is desired phone or wire for catalogue. Adv.

Calumet Guarantees Baking Economy

Others are of the opinion that of its size bested.

they have been economical when with the failures that so often ionally get enlarged. waste far more than is saved in

Office over Crockett State Bank buying low-priced materials. CROCKETT TEXAS. And that beyond a doubt is the mas!

ensuing year. Miss Ruby Cook came home vesterday to see the home folks.

Her brother, Davis, is on the sick list, but glad to know that he is on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Taylor Lively of Maydelle is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willie Ferguson.

The M. B. A. met on the 7th inst, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: O. Dennis re-elected President; C P. Daniels, Vice-Pres.; S. W. Harrison, Sec'y.; J. E. Bush, Cond.; Robert Bobbitt door keeper; Mrs. O. Dennis, Chaplain.

Well, say, readers had you heard of it? From what I can hear there are several sales on

Have you ever stopped to think in Grapeland, judging from the just what "economy" in baking circulars we see passing through really means? Some folks seem the mail, and for better proof to have an idea that saving a lit- they were wrapping up the tle on the cost of the materials- goods Saturday. As for doing the flour, eggs, etc.-is economy. business Grapeland has any city

Just a few more days and we they buy the low-priced baking will hear the Xmas. bells ringpowder, and save 10 to 25c. But ing. So let's all keep our noses both are wrong. For the real their natural color. You know economy-the economy that as a rule some of our noses becounts-consists in doing away come slightly tinted and occas-

> Here's wishing the Messenger staff and readers a Merry Christ-JEMES R.

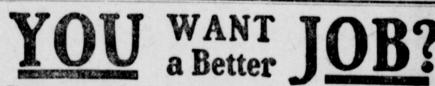
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We now have a complete stock of all kinds of Lumber.

Cypress Shingles, Pine Shingles, Moulding, Brackets, Doors and Windows.

In fact anything you may need in the building line. Let us figure with you on anything you may need in our line.

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EASY TO SATISFY ALL

SUGGESTION FOR PALATABLE SALAD ACCESSORIES.

For Catering to Conflicting Tastes the Various Recommendations Given Herewith Will Be Found of the Utmost Value.

With a family divided in its salad likes and dislikes the serving of two or three accessories with all plain reen salads is an easy way to satisfy conflicting tastes. In the list of these accessories may be classed onions, chives, cabbage, sweet green peppers, pimentos, cheese, fruits and nuts of various kinds.

A relish dish is a convenient receptacle for these salad additions. Into one subdivision put celery clipped in julienne shaped lengths; into another thin shavings of raw onion and into a third long slivers of sweet green pepper. By passing these at the same time with the plain green salad, each person at table is at liberty to follow his individual taste. A vegetable or a fruit salad can be made a matter of personal choice simply by serving sections of grapefruit or orange in one subdivision of a relish dish and quartered tomatoes or shredded cabbage in another.

Incidentally this feature can be made a decidedly ornamental part of the table service and add greatly to the attractiveness of the salad course. A circular or oblong dish having several sections can be decoratively arranged by choosing salad accessories of contrasting color. Tiny balls of cream cheese rolled in minced parsley will give a good touch of color in one subdivision, with sliced hard boiled egg in another, wedges of fresh or canned pineapple in a third and strips of brilliant pimento in a fourth. The list of decorative color combinations is almost as varied as the materials.

Where the taste of the household is divided as to salad dressing, it is little more trouble to provide both French and mayonnaise dressing. Have the French dressing well mixed in a pretty cruet and the mayonnaise in a glass bowl about the size of a finger bowl. These may be placed on tray and passed after the salad. Many boiled cream and egg dressings are now in favor for salads, and any one of these may be served instead of the richer mayonnaise.

In the matter of expense this suggestion for salad serving, if wisely carried out, will be found an actual economy. Small portions of celery, single green pepper or left-overs of cold cauliflower or asparagus may be utilized in this form. Once the home caterer begins to practice with salad accessories she will be surprised at the wide range of possibilities before her at small expense and little trouble.

Pudding for All Seasons.

One pint milk, four eggs, two ounces large raisins, four tablespoons mar-

WOMEN SHOULD NEVER **USE HARSH PHYSICS**

Women are especially susceptible to constipation and their more delicate prompt relief, going directly to the organisms rebel at the violence of seat of many ills-the liver. No nauorganisms rebel at the violence of cathartics and purgatives. Drastic medicines like salts, mineral waters, pills and powders may afford temporary relief, but their violent action on the stomach and bowels tends to upset the entire system.

A mild laxative is far preferable and more effective. The combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin prescribed by Dr. W. B. Caldwell, and sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is ideal for women, being gentle in action, positive in effect and pleasant to the taste. A spoonful of Syrup Pepsin at pany." night will bring natural relief next morning and, used regularly for a brief period, will so strengthen and and prescribe OXIDINE for Malari tone the muscles of the stomach and bowels that there will be little, if any, further need for medicine.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin can be procured in any drug store. Your name and address on a postal to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 203 West St.; Monticello, Ill., will bring a free trial bottle by return mail. Adv.

They Presented Arms. Two very charming young ladies were chatting in a tramcar the other evening.

"So you've been down to the camp?" said one.

"Yes; and tt's splendid down there."

"Did the soldiers have their arms with them?"

"Og course they did! You don't suppose they would leave them at home, do you?"

"I shouldn't like to be there when they were firing. I hate firing."

"Why, silly, they don't fire." "Don't they? What do they do with their arms, then?"

"Why, they put them round you, of course, and it's ever so nice."

A SURE CURE FOR ITCHING PILES And all forms of skin diseases is Tet-terine. It is also a specific for Tetter, Ringworm, Eczema, Infant Sore Head, Chaps and Old Itching Sores.

"Enclosed find one dollar for which please send me two boxes Tetterise; this makes five boxes I have ordered from you, the first one only being for me. I suffered with an eruption for years, and one box of Tetterine cured me and two of my friends. It is worth its weight in gold to any one suffering as I did. Everybody ought to know of its value." Jesse W. Scott, Milledge-ville, Ga. ville. Ga

Tetterine at druggists or sent by mail r 50c. J.T.Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga. Adv. for 50

Peter Doubt's Recipe for Success.

"When I am asked," the Minne apolis Messenger quotes Peter Doubt as saying. " the secret of success, I-" "Surely nobody ever came to you for that," interrupted his wife, with just a touch of sarcasm. "Not up to so far," admitted Mr. Doubt, calmly. "But some day some one will. Bound to. Everybody over fifty years of age is asked, sooner or later, to say what he thinks is the secret of success. And so when they ask me I shall say, 'Simply this: if you feel that you must be born, try to be born lucky.

FREE TO OUR READERS

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Selecting Recruits.

"That's my idea of a pleasant job. 'What's that?"

"Scouting for a comic opera com

3015 Regular p cause it is a proven remedy by years of ex-perience. Keep a bottle in the medicine chest and administer at first sign of Chills and Fever. Adv.

They're Simple Folk.

"Do you think two could live on my salary?"

"Two Fiji islanders might."

NOT FIT FOR LADIES Public sentiment should be against it, and will lieve it is, there can be no reason why ladies shave to suffer with headaches and neurally pecially when Hunt's Lightning Oil gives prompt relief. It is simply a question of gettin adies to try it. All druggists soil Hunt's Light Oil in 25c and 56c bottles. Adv.

What Are Her Thoughts?

"Gladys has a far away look "I don't understand that. Her flance lives just around the corner."

A great majority of summer ills are due to Malaria in suppressed form. Las-situde and headaches are but two symp-toms. OXIDINE eradicates the Malaria germ and tones up the entire system. Adv

Lots of men tire themselves to death looking for an easy place.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflamm. tion, allays pain, cures wind colle, 25c a bottle. 44v.

Life is a grind, but it as least sharpens a man's wits



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FOR TEXAS SOIL ONLY

Mr. J. N. Nielson, Graydon, Texas, says, "Even in dry seasons Fidelity Fertilizers double the yield and improve the quality of the crop.

We have hundreds of unsolicited letters from Texas farmers telling us that they cannot afford to do without our Fertilizers. Let us tell you how to increase your yields and double the value of your land-But first write for our valuable booklet on Fertilizers and How to Use Them.

It's Free to Everybody.

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I Invite Suffering Women

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As a powerful, invigorating tonic, "Favorite Prescription" imparts strength to the whole system and to the organs distinctly feminine in particular. For "run-down," debilitated women of all occupations

DR. PIERCE'S Favorite Prescription

malade, a few slices stale cake, five lumps sugar and a little grated lemon rind. Put the sugar to dissolve in the milk, add lemon rind. Whisk the eggs and stir into the milk. Have ready the raisins stoned, cut each one in halves and with the halved raisins pressed against it, line the inside of a well-buttered mold. Now pour in the custard, tie a sheet of paper over the mold and a cloth over that and boil gently one hour. Serve cold with hard sauce. This recipe comes from t very old cook book.

Paprika Chicken.

Quarter and joint a chicken; roll in flour; brown in butter in skillet; transfer to casserole; add two thin sliced onions browned in butter, onehalf cup of chill or tomato sauce, one . teaspoon of paprika and one-half cup of sour cream. Cook slowly one hour in covered casserole in oven.

With the Housekeeper.

Cheesecloth wrung out of kerosene makes good dustcloths.

Rag rugs made of cotton wash well. These are inexpensive and are often just the thing for the kitchen, as well as other parts of the house.

Whether one uses a gas or a coal range, sheets of asbestos cut just the size of the oven will be found a great convenience. When baking bread, cake or anything else and the oven seems a trifle too hot, slip in a sheet of asbestos and there will be no danger of the foodstuffs burning.

Carrot Conserve.

Boil four or five pounds of carrots which have been washed but not craped. cook until tender. Remove kettle and peel and mash to smooth pulp. To every pound add one pound of sugar, six almonds, shaved, juice of two lemons, rind of one grated, Boll steadily for 15 minutes; let cool and cover.

Clear Mind.

To clear the mind of life's obscurities--that is to live .-- F. P. Savinieu

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it Bears the

Signature of Chart Hitching In Use For Over 50 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Opera In the Boxes.

"What was the story of the opera?" "What I heard ran about like this: In the first act I learned that Mrs. Wallaby, the society leader, is about to sue her husband for divorce. In the second act I learned that Miss Lotta Plunks smuggled in that famous pearl necklace, and in the third I heard that Mr. Gerald Piffle is rapidly drinking himself to death."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM Take the Old Standard GKOV B'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinne and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown weople and children, 50 cents. Adv.

Her Ideal.

"What is your idea of an ideal husmand, Mrs. Muchwed?"

"One who will begin paying you allmony without waiting for the judge to name the amount."

To prevent Malaria is far better than to cure it. In malarial countries take a dose of OXIDINE regularly one each week and save yourself from Chills and Fever and other malarial troubles. Adv.

About the only things some fellows seem able to keep are late hours.

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We are most apt to realize that time is money when the interest comes due. Into a fortune.

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The "Favorite Prescription" has been sold by dealers in medicine in its liquid form for over 40 years. Now it can also be obtained of them in tablet form-or send 50 one-cent stamps to Dr. Pierce for trial box.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets invigorates the stomach, liver and bowels. One to three a dose. Easy to take as candy.

Send 31 one-cent stamps to pay cost of wrapping and mailing only on a free copy of Dr. Pierce's Com-mon Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 pages, cloth-bound. Invalid's Hotel and Surgical Institute, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y.

"It Helped Me So Much."

"It Helped Me So Much." Mns. F. W. MYENS, of Bodines, Pa. ars: "Your 'Favorite Prescription' as done me a wonderful lot of good, "Seven years ago when our first hid was born I was left miserable, doctored with two physicians with-ut any relief. I they wentto see one of the head doctors in Williamsport; ie said I must have an operation at nece and that i should quit work, but hat was something I could not do, then been it taking your 'Favorite "rescription' and It helped me so nuch. I alwrensuffered so until our sat child when I got along nicely. I Prescription" and it heiped me so much. I appropriate red so until our last child when I got along nicely. I shall never go through it again with-out your medidine. "Will close by wishing you much success in future."



FADELESS DYES

Then any other dye. One loc package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can Write for free booklet-How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG COMPANY. Quincy, III.

Able Work

Filkins-Thought you intended to sell your suburban home?

Wilkins-I did, until I read the alluring story my advertising man wrote; then I decided to keep it myself .--Judge.

As a summer tonic there is no medicine that quite compares with OXIDINE. It not only builds up the system, but taken reg-ularly, prevents Malaria. Regular or Taste-less formula at Druggists. Adv.

The one time man doesn't mind putting his foot in it is when he steps



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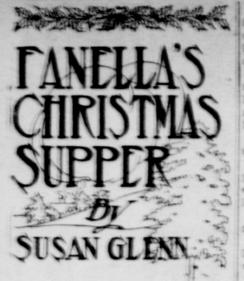
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O Miss Fanella Fenway the flurry of Christmas stow was not beautifull as she hurried through deepening twilight Though possess ing a certain dis-

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W3 14 tinctive air, her 10000 coat was pittfully thin and inadequate. Though neat-- ----ly blackened, her ATT (10) she wore no rubpers. It is small

wonder that the storm seemed merciless and cold. But when she turned thought about locking the door when in at the big stone gateway, her she saw Travers slip the key into his choulders straightened proudly.

"The old Panway place," she murmured, giancing about the gloomy, un. conscious of the storm, realizing only kept grounds, "and I am the last of the pleasant sensation of companionthe Ferways."

with them," interjected that other half he drew up before a low, ample house of Miss Fenway's nature that was and lifted her carefully to the dooralways ridiculing her Fenway pride. stone. "Unless," with malicious emphasis, they chanced to be also impervious her. "Take of your wrape and get to cold and hunger!"

Miss Funelia's lips trembled as she unlocked the great front door-upon high at her own audactty, opened the no condition did ane over leave or broad door. cater the house by any of its other The wide, low rooms within opened numerous entrances.

stood on the marble top of the hall shaded lampe. buffet, placed her coat and hat on the "How pleasant," said Miss Fanella carved rack, and peered closely into aloud, going to the open fire, and the great mirror

"Tomorrow is Christmas, and your ler's pantry "hirthday." she whispered accusingly. and-no one has remembered it! here," said Travers quietly, coming to Not one of your old friends! You her. "And now I am going to ask you are alone."

"Of course, I am alone," spoke the supper, you know." Penway pride complacently. "Who is there in Whaten that I care for? All swered Miss Fanelia with a smile the old families with whom we asso. The Fenway pride was mute for once. ciated are gone. It is my mistortune It was a quiet supper. Fanella poured that I am left alone in the old house." the tea, conscious that her compan-

are people all about you, common enjoyed herself with a fierce, defiant people to be sure, but kindly and good. sort of enjoyment. And there is-Nelson Travers!"

"A common farmer"

she heard a real voice in the old hall you to see my home, to understand iv mother's

"Good evening, Fanelia," he said as if he had parted with her but yesterday. Tomorrow is your birthday, I believe, and Christmas, too. Will you come for a ride with me?"

Miss Fanella gasped, as well she might. This, after fifteen years of allence! Had it taken him so long to recover from the repulse of old Madam Fenway?

"I-what will the neighbors think?" she gasped

"You are thirty-six tomorrow, are you not, Fanella? Isn't that old enough to act as you please regardless of the neighbors?"

"I suppose it is, Nelson." she admitted with a smile. "But where?" "Will you trust me this once, Fanella? I promise to bring you back whenever you wish."

Miss Fanelia looked into the white night. Was she dreaming, or could this unlikely thing really have happened in the deadening monotony of her life?

What difference did it make, anyway. Henceforth she would be only a nursemaid. She looked back into Nelson Travers' honest eyes pleading with her to trust him. About her the stately old furniture upon which her pride had fed so many years, pleaded in vain.

"Yes," she said, "I'll-come. I do not know how far I shall go, though."

The man stepped into the old hall and held her coat. His lips closed shoes leaked and over his displeasure when he felt the weight of it.

She did not remember the worn gloves on the hall table, and only deep pocket.

Wrapped in robes, she seemed unship and warmth.

"If you were not it would go hard She was not even surprised when

"I'll be in in a minute," he told warm."

Miss Fanelia, her heart beating

pleasantly together, lighted by can-She lighted the small oll lamps that dies on the mantels, and by softly

thinking of her little stove in the but

"I have dreamed of you sitting to eat supper with me . Christman

"I shall be most delighted," an-"Why need you be alone? There ton's eyes were following her, and she

"Fanelia," said the man, leading her back to the fire, "I will bless you for-Miss Fanella could almost believe ever for coming with me. I wanted thance



Land of Fond Memories and Home of Saint Good Will.

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HEN, as we journeved eastward to Desire, we came to an island which is 2 martines called Christmas. where all good pll-Tool to grims go ashore. But those who have ventured far from their course. or have no liking their fellows, sail on to the north,

sea, or to the south,

horizon, a little child called, "Christ- And the second gift is like unto itminute to blow; though of these vengeance, and all the brood of malhad a book of his own wherein this man but to destroy him. shore was named Anticipation. And the mellow fragrance was more marked. So there was great dispute among the elder tolk to say just what made up the pleasant assault upon our senses, some saying it was composed

"It is lavender," said an old lady. candles. I remember the night the new dress was taken from the chest. and we danced beneath the candles. and there was mistletoe, my dear,

mostly of this, and others of that

that was how I met your grandfather. Yes, the breeze from off the shore of the tsle is lavender and spruce and burning candles."

"Ho! to me!" cried a bluff and hearty man. "It is the good smell of well-warmed borses on the snow, with the moon making a double team of them. And it is the good dry smell of popping corn and cooking apples. Oh, yes, and I will be saying there's the brown turkey in it, too. And the smell of a lantern in the barn when we go out to get the horses after the

"At." said another-and as I looked with all the Fenway pride and scorn just how simple and unpretentious it 'I saw he was habited as a priest. "It in it, a voice alarmingly like her state is. I know I am only a 'common farm- is the incense, the Christmas incense, et,' but I've always loved you, Fauel which goes in ghostly columns to the The has been settled these fifteen in I cannot endure it to see you live darkened roof of the great church dear? I know I am not good enough and hooded nuns to do homage to the Through the great cold rooms the for you. I realize what it must seen Babe at the altar. Easter I know by the lilies which smother the incense. It is that which makes the breeze so delightful to you, my good people." "No." said another, "No, no. Ahfor I cared, always. I let my pride now I know what it is. It is back in the hill kirk that we are, where the tool-warmers keep us alive

island called Christman, for Good Will is itself a gift which forever branches and blossoms and sets to the girl?" truit of its kind. And it is the custom of the saint to meet the pligrim ships and give those who call upon him the choicest gifts, and when s. man hath received any one of them he is forever a citizen of the island thereof.

Now, the gifts are hung upon a tree which is called the Tree of Life and the Land of Hearts they shine with a wonderful light and give of a sweetness which in good time will sweeten the world. Indeed, as all pligrims know, the reason that shores far distant from the Christmas lsie are habitable at all is that pligrims have come back bearing their gifts of sweetness and light.

And the first gift is the Gift of the Good Thought, whereby one may to company with break the hold of a narrow veracity which chains him, truthfully enough but all too unwisely, to the faults of which is a chilly his fellows. There are neither riches nor power comparable to the Good where the blast is not tempered. For Thought, which comes of the Good Christmas island lies straight in the Bight, whereby men have discovered way of the honest mariner, and the hidden worth as the miner has found stream which runs as a river through the blackened, bleak and forbidding the see hath warmth and fragrance, hilliside to be threshold of worlds of whereof the shores of the island give gleaming gold. He that receives this pleasant evidence. Now, the gales that gift comes to himself to find himself sweep the island sweep westward in a friendly world. It is a gift upon the approaching pligrims, and greatly to be desired, as a fire in castward upon the departing sails, so winter, a friend in misfortune; and that the stay within the gracious port by its magic are miracles wrought on is but a part of the joy of that sea. those who dwell far from the king-

mas lsie! Christmas lsie!"--so clear a mild spirit of amnesty toward all is the air of these parts to infant pligrims whose faulty compass takes eyes. And the older folk aboard were them astray, and those who receive joyful, too, for off the west coast of it are straightway inducted into the the island, which those who have Order of the Forgivers. It strikes Memory, a tragrant breeze began that of an eye, the cold bonds of hatred, names I cannot be sure, for the child ice, which make their home with a

And the third gift is the Just Judgnow the journey meant a few more ment, by which the world is vastly dawns and sunsets ere a landing could lightened by reason of the number of be made, but with each league onward condemnations being lessened. For as is the number of those we condemn in this world, so is the number of disappointments we carry about with generally improve your condition. Adv us, and the number of the sunny windows we have darkened for ourselves. There are lights of life which a just judgment forbears to extin-Lavender and spruce and burning guish, and he who bears this gift walks in a mellow circle of serene tolerance.

> And the fourth gift is that of the Cheerful Spirit, having which one has light at eventide, yes and at midnight. For there is no darkness like unto the darkness of the spirit bereft of cheerful lamps and fires, and there is no darkness of the spirit that the St. Good Will cannot dispel.

And when the pligrim has received these gifts he finds among them another, which is the gift of Vision. whereby he sees the unseen. Indeed. all the gifts of St. Good Will pertain to sight and vision, for as the physical eye is the chief of the body's blessings, so is the gift of vision the saver of life, which possessing no man perishes. For as blind men walk the way and see neither rivers nor trees nor men, so he who has not received these best of gifts walks in great blindness toward a world which epcompasses him with beneficence, guidance, protection and inspiration. And when the pligtims sailed on, lo! they were new mortals. And no matter now great the distance they journeved, the pleasant gales of Christmas isle were always in their nostrils. And they went to many lands. but wherever they set foot, or built a booth or raised a tent, the people Constipation knew they had been to the Blessed isle. And Christmas trees sprang as seedlings from the Tree of Life, and many kindnesses to friends and the poor were borne abroad on the wings CARTER'S LITTLE of sweetness and light which forever came forth from the gifts of St. Good fail. Purely vegeta-Will .- Detroit News.

Getting Even.

"Your first name is June, is it, lit-

Yes, sir; only I don't spall it the way most talks do."

"How do you spell it?"

"Juen."

"Wby is that, little girl?"

"Do you spose I'm goin' to let the called Christmas, with all the rights Mass get shead of me when it comes to spellin' names different?"

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And as the shores came out of the dom of the Saint Good Will.

years," she said, picking up the little as you do, alone in that great house as the Three Wise Men go in proceshamp wearily. "Why must it be gone Won't you let me take care of you, shon up the aisle attended by acolytes over again every Christmas"

light moved dimiy, until she entered like to you here, but-" what had been the butler's pantry in "It is constortable and-beautiful but Christmas is incense and music. the old regime Here a small stove Nelson." Her voice broke over the diffused a balf-hearted sort of warmith, words. "But I do not deserve tt. I and a little table and a leather chair were drawn close.

"Here dwelleth the last of the Pen- and my family interfere! ways," she said deristvely. "Yet too aristocratic to associate with ordi- fierce sobe, "why did you never come through the Christmas, and it's the nary mortais!"

drew a letter she had found awaiting you went away!" her at the postoffice. There were tew persons using such stationery who you would have given me a different It's perfume on dolls! It's oranges. still remembered to write to her.

"Dear Miss Fenway" she read. "are you still alone at the old place?" way hands. "Don't you know, dear, smell of the cold on mother's furs!" If so, why can you not come with me that all women are privileged to cried the child. to Japan this winter, and help me change their minds?" she asked. with the children? There will be no one in our party but ourselves. Please groaned Travers, holding her close, were calling "Shore!" and there was

There followed a page of details repent your coldness?" The letter was signed by an old school financier. Before you had reached the whispered Fanelia, penttently.

Miss Fanelia's hand trembled, her face was drawn and white.

"A nurse maid." she moaned at last bitterty, "a common nurse maid! She put it kindly, and it is kind of her to think of me in my destitution. The "winegar" Bible gets its name but that is what it means. Yet, isn't from the fact that the heading to Luke It better than cold and loneliness and XX is given as the "parable of the starvation" I'm tired of being dif- vinegar," instead of the vineyard. It ferent from other people. I'll try be was printed at the Clarendon Press in ing as common as the commonest for Oxford by John Basketi in 1717. It e while."

through the resounding old rooms, cause of mistakes in typography it. She lifted the little lamp in wonsier has also been called "the Baskett full ment and threaded her way again of printer's errors." John Baskett through the by gloom. No trades brought out the two-volume imperial people called at the house, and cer toko Bible which is known to book tainly not at the big front door! And collectors as the "vinegar" Bible in generations of superiority had taught 1716-17. There is a frontispiece by du the neighbors the futility of calling Bose and vignettes by Vandergucht. at the Fermay portain.

Nelson Travers stood in the porch, and as high as \$50.63. Of three welbroad shoulders.

was not fair and honest with you-

"Oh," she cried, shaken by sudden. back? They always do in stories-I faint scorching of honest leather and From her worn leather bag she could not believe it was all over when the faint singeing of homespun that

"Do you mean," said Travers, "that

"Fifteen years! Tell me, when did you great motion among the pligrims. "Before you had reached the gate."



Minegar Blbie.

has been called the "most magnificent Suddenly the great bell peaked of the Oxford Bibles," though be-Copies of it have sold as how as #

the Big white Bakes heaped upon his lum copies traced, one sold as high as 318 ends which end his gains. £255 at the Sunderland sale

the breeze is bringing you." "It's caudy! It's varnish on sleds! answer if I had come back, Fanelis" and evergreens, and the smell of the She held out her hands-true Fep. wood fire in the fireplace, and the

And I know not to what lengths the

Now, the island is ruled by a saint whose names are many, but in all thinking about !-- Orit. tongues and races they have one meaning which is GOOD WILL And his name is the law of the isle. For he holdeth that if a man hath Good have not Good Will no haw can put something to wash it down with there is great giving of gifts in the ed down already.

Bayberry Mule Candle.

wealth to the pooket.

only on Christmas eve and typified the later defeated a similar amendment. light of the world whose birth was about to be colebrated.

tie Remembered It Well.

Photographer (taking family group) -Now, then, Mr. Housefull, the ex-"What a fool I've been, Fanelia," talk might have gone, but the saliors pressions are all right but yours. Try and look happy-remember that Christmas is coming.

> Mr. Housefull (despondently)-Hang it, man, that's just what I'm

Already Washed Down

Mrs. Brown-That's a nice turkey, Will be fulfilieth all haw; and if he but I expected you'd have brought it within him; but if he have it he Brown-My dear, that's a Christcannot but give proof of it. So that mas raffie turkey, and he's been wash-

Women and the Ballot.

A bayberry candle burned to the Weiner-Neustadt and Waldhofen. socket, brings health to the home and Austria, have just given the women texpayers the ballot, making voting in England a pretty practice was compulsory for women as well as men. the burning of the Yule candle. This The legislature of Manitoba recently was usually of bayberry and was said permitted women to practice law. The to bring good huth. It was burned legislature of Georgia only a few days

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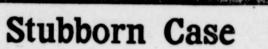
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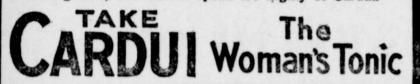
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Letters to Santa Claus

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P. S. Thank you dear old Santa for any toys you bring me. I am a little girl 6 years old.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a drum and a horn, a bugle, a toy pistol, a humpty dumpty circus and some fruits and nuts and fire works and don't forget I live on the west side of the railroad in a red house.

Yours Truly,

Dewitt Richards.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—Please bring me a horn and a drum and an air gun, a sword and soldier suit, some <u>sparklers</u>, roman candles, fire crackers, fruits, nuts and candy. With Love,

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THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1912

malar rate.

CHRISTMAS

The whole of Christmas is Emilt around the love of a mother farmer who understands his for a Babe. Centuries have since molled by; dynasties have risen mand fallen: conquerers have wax--d and waned: but none of these ast Bethlehem and the mother of "cleaning up" (the shop.) Moday. As Heaven lay around what Infancy in the Bethlehem stable, so Heaven lies around the eradle of every infant of to-day.-Ladies Home Journal.

Sixteen pages this week!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody!

Yesterday is gone, today is wours, tomorrow you may not be Miere. Get busy.

frappiness comes to those who head straight for the coast counwnake others happy.

cause we do not get up and go The Willis Star has passed the after them-we don't advertise our one mile post and Editor Pate resources. Right here is where

farmers who enter the contests of the congress may not win a prize, yet it teaches them to raise better crops, thereby increasing the revenue of the farm. Farming is a science-there is no question about that, and the

business thoroughly is going to

prosper.

Following our usual custom, mave stilled that cradle song in there will be no issue of the pa-The quiet of the Judean starlight. per next week. The week will Nor have the two thousand years be devoted to rest and recreation, Iproken the communicable spirit eatin' turkey, (if our neighbors asf sympathy between that mother have any) having a good time and

> "Here is a dollar. Let the old reliable keep coming another year-couldn't do without it" is an expression we hear almost daily from some of our patrons. The Messenger feels that it is pleasing the people and merits their patronage.

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for. It is those things we dig to higher ideals of life. with for ourselves that stay with MAS.

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in some parts of the state. This horses and mules, ten in all, esado everything to guard against and returned. This dreaded disease

The Palestine Record thinks is few of the dogs around the See us before you buy. mace. Why go to kickin' the Luoun' 'round again?

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Editor Messenger:

Yours for the noblest success,

A. M. HARRAL, Groesbeck, Texas.

J. H. Nanny and family have arrived and are located at their home in the Hays Spring commanity, purchased from J. L. Ward. Mr. Nanny comes to us from Giles, in Hall county, and we welcome him and his family to our midst. Mr. Nanny had a little streak of hard luck upon his arrival. It was dark and when unloading his live stock, it was unnoticed that the gates of Memingitis is again prevalent the stock pen were open and his

should serve as a warning to us caped. However, they were no keep the premises clean, and caught at Slocum the next day

Just Arrived

1 car of cypress shingles, car whe high cost of living could be of doors and windows, complete rmaterially reduced by killing off stock of columns and moulding.

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In glancing over the copy of & Oklahoma, Dec. 23, 24, 25, 31, Every man gets to the front your paper handed me in your & Jan. 1; limit Jan. 6; to Mexico, office yesterday, I was so im- Dec. 21, 22, & 23; limit Jan. 18; way he heads his own funeral pressed with its clean pages and and to St. Louis, Kansas City, high moral tone that I thought it Chicago, Washington, D. C., all might do you good for even a points in the southeast, and to We appreciate most those stranger to say so. I rejoice to Colorado, Dec. 21, 22, & 23; limit Things which we work hardest find young men who are helping Jan. 19, 1913. For further information see ticketagent. Adv.

> A few of our farmers met at the court house last Friday in response to the call published in the Messenger, to form a truck growers association. The organization was not completed, but will be at an early date after Christmas. By the few present it was decided that some tomatoes and potatoes would be planted in the spring for the market.

Notice

All persons interested in the Parker cemetery are requested to meet there Friday, Dec. 27th. for the purpose of cleaning off same. R. D. PARKER.

A coated tongue, foul breath Hill and Messrs, Murdock Murand clogged condition in the chison and Homer Jones; prayer bowels suggests the . use of by Miss Maude McCarty: all Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just members were present except ian of the county bastile, was in suited for such ailments. A. S. Charlie Jones and we took in one the city Saturday mingling with Ady. new member, Miss Alice Willis. his friends. Porter, Special Agent.

To The General Public, Friends and Customers:

I have one of the most complete lines of General Merchandise to be found in Grapeland. We make prices to suit. Come in and see a well selected stock of goods.

I wish to heartily thank my many friends and customers for the liberal patronage given me during the past year, and I earnestly solicit a continuance of same during the coming year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, Yours truly.

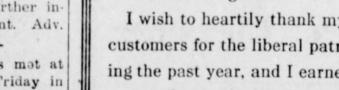
J. J. Brooks

The Baraca Class of the M. E. We were pleased to have Waltus Sunday School met with Clarence Scarbrough as a visitor. Bene-McCarty Thursday night, Dec. diction by chaplain.

12. Music by director; minutes read by secretary; quartette by Misses Pearl Spence and Lucile Georgia Belle Richards,

Reporter.

Henry Haltom, formerly a citizen of this city and our ex-constable, but now the chief guard-



Let Your Gifts be Serviceable Ones

YULETIDE

UGGESTIONS

Practical gifts make the best Christmas presents and are equally as much enjoyed and more highly appreciated than some trinket that soon loses its luster and attractiveness. We are showing a store stocked full with new, clean merchandise suitable for making handsome gifts for every member of the family and for every room in the house. The things we are offering as suggestions for Christmas gifts are not a lot of trash, but such as will be of some use to the receiver and reflect credit upon the donor. Below we give you a partial list of suggestions for you to look over:

What to Give "Her"	
For Mother, Wife, Friend, Sister or Daug	hter
Ladies Tailored suits 4.50 9.00 12	2.00
Ladies and Misses 1.00 to 2	2.00
Ladies and Misses Knit Caps 50C and	75c
Ladies Coats 2.90 to 7	
Ladies tan button shoes 2.50 to 3	3.75
Ladies White buck button shoes 2.50 and 3	8.50
Ladies Patent Leather 2.25 to 3	
Ladies White Canvass Shoes 1.50 and 1	.95
Ladies lisle hose	25c
Ladies silk 50C to 1	.00
Misses hose 10c an	nd up
Bar Pins 25c to	50c
Back Combs 3.00 down to	25c
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What to	Give "Him"
For Father, Husband,	Friend, rother or Son
Boys' Suits	1.90 to 8.00
	2.50 to 4.80
Boys Hats	1.00
Boys Shoes	2.90 down
Boys' Hose	10c to 25c
Boys' Sweaters	50c to 1.00
Men's Suits	8.00 to 13.60
Men's Overcoats	5.00 up
Men's Sweaters	90c to 2.00
Men's dress shirts	. 1.00 and 1.50
Men's Initial Handerchiefs	10c
Men's Pearl Cuff Buttons	25c and 50c
Boys' and men's cuff a	nd collar buttons and a

What to Ge	t the Home
For the Wh	ole Family
Suit cases	7.50 down to 1.00
Trunks from 8	.00 down to 1.50
Rugs from	1.35 to 4.00
Art squares, tapestry, 9x12 feet	10.90
Iron beds	
Dressers from	20.00 to 4.98
Rockers- large assortment to arriv	e 5.00 down
Center tables	1.00 and up
Hall trees	4.90
Writing Desks	4.90
Sideboards for	1 - 00
Suites— 3 pieces	15.00and up
Kitchen safes	3.00
Buck's cooking stoves	25 00

Barrettes25c to50cHand3.00 down to25cBags3.00 down to25cLadies25c to1.00Girls'2.50 and downShoes50cLadies Knit50cLadies Silk50cscarfs50cLadies Silk50cand upScissors, and many other useful articles notlisted. Do not fail to see our many designsand patterns in dress goods and suitings.	big range of fancy and plain four-in 50c hand and bat wing ties, 25c to 50c Men's ties and hose 75c and 1.00 Men's supporter 75c and 1.00 Men's supporter 75c Men's hats in new 5.00 down to 1.50 Men's dress shoes all 2.50 to 5.00 Men's dress shoes all 2.50 to 5.00 A large assortment of guns, rifles, ammuni- tion, knives, express wagons, men's and boys' saddles, razors and tools.	Sewing machines
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There are only a few more shopping days until Christmas and it is necessary that you DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOP-PING EARLY. Come to our store and let us show you through. We want everybody to feel that this is their Chris mas Store and that we are capable of meeting the demands of all and giving the best service and satisfaction to be found. Our stock of furniture is full of suitable gifts from the baby's chair to an elegant suite of furniture. Our Dry Goods Department r offers gift suggestions at every counter. Our men's and young men's wearing apparel cannot be beat in places much larger when you see our superb line of clothing, hosiery, ties, hats, shirts and collars. Our Ladies' and Misses' department contain hundreds of things for the lady members of the family. While our hardware stock is full of delightful surprises for the boys in the way of guns, tools, knives, also we can fit you out with gifts from this department for everyone. Our Grocery department is always fresh and clean. Get your Walnuts, Butter-nuts, pecans, cocoanuts, fruit, candy and other Xmas. cooking necessities from us.

We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas GEO. E. DARSEY We buy Cotton and always pay the top price for Chickens, Eggs, Turkeys, Skins and Hides



Christmas Sale, Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 17 Closing Jan. 1st '13

The success of our last sale is ample evidence that people of our community have at last realized that they can buy goods at home as cheap, and in many instances cheaper than they can be bought away from home. We are headquarters for Holiday Goods. Our buyer has just recently bought one of the most complete lines of Xmas goods ever shown in Augusta. We are going to make your purchase with us profitable, not only in giving you value received for your money, but in addition to this we are going to give FREE of charge with every \$25.00 CASH purchase a set of Rogers A A Quality Silver tea spoons in a nice Velvet Cabinet. Retail price \$3.00, Below are a few of the many things we are showing that would be nice presents for mother, father, brother, sister and sweetheart:

Boys' Suits	Sweater Coats	Aviation caps-worth 1.25 85c	Neck-ties, Handkerchiefs and Hose to Match, Mufflers, etc., Dolls, Doll	blankets and comforts that we are going to sell at the following
Suits worth 2.50 1.75 now 2.75 Suits worth 3.50 2.75		We have a number of hats worth 3.00 that we are closing out for	Carriages, etc. All kinds of Toys for the little folks. We have a complete line of fire- works, consisting of Roman Candles,	Blankets worth 2.50 Now Blankets worth 3.50 Now 2.75
Suits worth 5.00 3.75 now 3.75 Closing them out.	Now OJC Sweaters worth 2.25 Now 1.75	Rugs, Art Squares, Sewing Bas- kets, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Pictures, Castle Clocks, Rings, Brace- lets, Necklaces, Neck-ties, Boxes	Blankets and Comforts	now

Our Grocery Department will be complete at all times, and will meet any legitimate competition in prices.

The Leading W. H. LONG & CO, Store in Augusta.

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

By JNO. R. OWENS

IMAGINATION

The imagination of the human mind is the greatest power it possesses. To imagine is to think, and to think is to exercise the mind, which gives it strength. The imaginative powers of our inventors is the secret of their achievements. The poet's imagination is the means of his suctrace the records and lives of

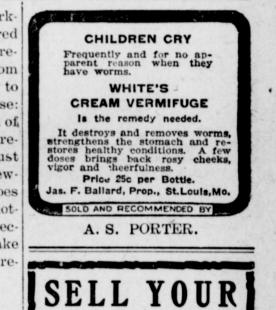
A man who is a close observer and possesses a good memory is a strong spoke in the wheel of

President Taft is to be a col lege professor at a salary of \$5, 000 a year after he leaves the White House. That's quite a cess. In every profession if we afford to do it, as the little "wad"

on his fruits the world depends. He clears the lands of its trees, ing in a lumber yard answered and to numerous other duties the telephone one day, and resees; and he never grows weary of the work to be done, but plods his way onward with a portion have some fun at his expense: of fun. His thoughts are of nature and the blessings she holds, knot-holes." "Im sorry," rewho to him, if he works, she plied the Irishman, "but we just gladly unfolds.

ment employees who have been holes?" came from the prospecset to work counting Uncle Sam's tive customer. "Why, to make drop from \$100,000, but he can "dough" in the U.S. treasury bung-holes in beer kegs," rewill get tired of even looking at plied the Irishman. from Carnegie will enable him to the "stuff" before they finish their task. More than a billion dollars is to be counted before the new Treasurer, Carmei Thompson takes the place of Lee McClung.

An Irishman who was workceived the following order from some one who was trying to "Please send up a wagon load of, sold the last load to the brewery." "What in the world does Our opinion is that the govern- the brewery want with knot-



Cotton Seed

exist. the leaders we find that the

power of their imagination has brought them into the limelight. Napoleon says: "Imagination rules the world.". Whatever a person desires to accomplish, he must first imagine himself in the place he desires to fill. Then he thinks and acts to realize this ideal. Imagination made the waterfall of Niagara feed the electric lamps of Buffalo twenty miles away. The more we read the stronger our imagination grows. The imagination of Columbus lead to his discovery of America.

The work of imagination is producing ideas which are the working models of the machinery which carries on the great work of the world. H. W. Beecher says: "The imagination is the very secret and marrow of civilization." Imagination diverted in the right channels will produce ideas and actions that will advance the world in many ways.

The best New Year resolution you can make is to read the Messenger next year.

Probably the reason some young men marry widows is because they don't have to get the consent of their father.

actress.

We are inclined to think that the boss is a little bit superstitious of Friday the 13th, which was last Friday. He went out to milk his cow Friday morning and found her dead. Well, it does look a little like there is something to the Hoo-doo. Resolved, that East Texas editors COWS.

Meek Sister (sorrowfully)-Seems like it wa'nt hardly fair fer Providence to give you four husbands and me nary a one! Aggressive Sister-Now, Hetty, don't you lay that on the Lord. He never had nothin' to

do with it. I jes' got out an' hustled fer them husbands .-Harper's Magazine.

to be something as big as a bal- the best of it. loon, or something so small and

tight that it is necessary to put on roller skates and hire a kid to push them along. Always on the extreme.

Every day we read of some millionaire's wife suing for a divorce. Some people are never satisfied, "not even when they should be exempt from milking | are tied to a million." But so long as he is a millionaire he need not fear of living the rest of his days as a grass widower, as there are plenty more who are waiting to be tied to the million

> Ambition is highest in the ever, we hope to give you more young man. After a man starts and better paragraphs in the on the declining years of his life year 1913. So here's wishing this passion-gradually subsides. each and everyone of you a mer-He does not aspire to higher ry Christmas and a happy New things, as he did in the days of Year!

A woman in New York donned his youth. He quits dreaming the costume of the Chinese and commits himself to his preswoman, which consists of a loose ent conditions. He tries to be blouse and pants. It's either satisfied with his lot and make

> A suffragist in Chicago says that a woman cannot be a conscientious Christian and suffraette also, on account of the Bible's partiality to man. She says

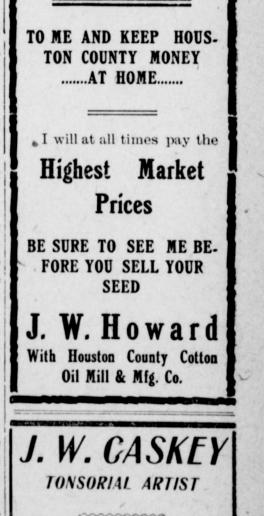
The farmer with tools tills the that women have been kept from soil, and from sun to sun he their rights on account of the A woman in New York is suing toils, and with his horny hands Bible, and that it is not up-to-date an actress for alienating her hus he grows the products of the and should be revised. We've band's affection. That shows the land. He always thinks how he heard of some very silly statejealous heart in her. She should may gain, a bounteous part of ments of suffragettes, but this one work his back he bends, for up- that will compare with it?

Now, as we have written our last paragraph for this year, we wish to say that we are going to devote a whole week to revelry and jollification. We've been 'hitting the ball" every day and a part of some nights to keep up with the work, and think we are entitled to a rest. So we are going to shoulder a gun and make our way to the tall uncut, where we can be alone and enjoy ourselves. We think we will be better fitted for work when the New Year begins. Anyway, we think the readers would like a rest from reading the "dope" we give them. How-

How to Bankrupt the Doctors

A prominent New York physioian says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled

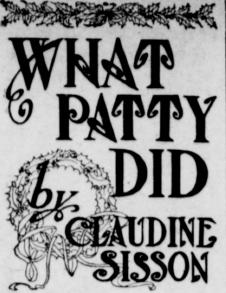
shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into, pneumonia but treat it at once. Chemberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is safe and land on the hubby instead of the the harvest's grain; and to his goes past us. Who has read one pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv.



Your Business will be Appreciated

Baths at any timehot or cold water.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday



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Santa Claus.

It went back five years. He, the son of a railroad magnate, had dared to fall in love with the blue-eyed daugh- child's voice said: ter of a locomotive driver on his father's road-a man whose face and hands carried grime-who dwelt in a cottage-who had no society outside of daily toilers. And he had dared treaty. stand before the father who thought himself specially created and say:

"Father, I going to be married."

"Well?"

"To Gladys Davis." "Never heard of her."

"The daughter of one of our engineers."

There was a moment of painful suspense and then the storm broke.

"You shall not! You are either a fool or a lunatic to think of it. An engineer's daughter! Think of your mother-of me-of your sister-the disgrace! You must have lost your senses!'

"But I am to marry her," was the steady reply.

"I say no! If the jade has trapped you into an engagement buy her off. The father must use his influence or take his discharge.'

"But we love and are promised to each other.'

In the next half hour the father stormed and cajoled. If the son insisted on such a marriage he would be cast out by the family; he would be ridiculed even by the common people. And the magnate ended up with:

"Fred, I will have the engineer called up here and give him a check for thing, and then when your mother With the standing of her old dad.

the son bowed and

passed out to be

son no longer. He

dignation and threatened to go out and find one.

And at last the wanderer had recrossed the sea and headed for his home. He was tired and weary and lonely. Home? But he had none! He had left it when he left wife and baby. This struck him like a sudden blow, though he had all along realized it in a general way. No home-no wife-no child! That was why he had left the train and taken lodgings. He had no place to go. With money in his pockets, he was a tramp.

And to know that Christmas was at hand, and to hear the jingle of sleighbells and catch the shouts of children on the street-to wonder if his child still lived, and to wonder further what old Santa Claus would bring her-why, the man cursed the fears he could not keep back.

A quarter of an hour later the outlaw was down on the street He would mingle with

the throng. He O would enter the stores under the evergreen branches and look about him-aye, make a purchase and be Santa Claus to -CL some bigeyed child on the street. He was an outlaw, but the world should not crowd him quite to the edge. He was almost smiling as he crowded his way into a big _ store, and he was

looking about him when a small, warm hand was cuddled into his and a

"Please take care of me 'till mam- For you and me and Ethel. ma finds me-I'm lost!"

It was a little girl, and on her face was both a smile and a look of en-

"Why, of course," replied the out- Of life's necessities law, pressing her hand and drawing And possibly luxuries. her back a little. "So you came here with your mother after Christmas things and got separated?" "That's it, only I think she ran away

from me so that I shouldn't know what Santa Claus was going to bring me tomorrow night."

"I hope it will be something nice." "Oh, it will be. Are you buying I should have been a millionaire. something for your little girl?" I quit it now.

"N-0-0." "Maybe she's dead?"

"I-I don't know. The girl looked up and noticed the

grave expression on the outlaw's face, and cuddled closer to him and said:

"I'm sorry if I have hurt you. Mamma says I talk too much. I've just thought that maybe you are not married at all?"

"I guess that's pretty near it," replied the outlaw as he tried to laugh, but made poor work of it. "Well, if you haven't got any little

girl I haven't got any papa. What you going to buy. "Why, whatever you say?"

"But not for me?"

"Yes, for you. We'll select somea thousand dol- comes I'll ask her if she'll let you have

"I hope she will. You look to be We have often dreamed about. that this nonsense must end." such a nice man that she shouldn't refuse. I picked you out as the very "We shall be nicest man that came along." married three "Thank you," said the outlaw as he days from now." felt his heart grow big. "Now, then, was his answer. about this doll. Real hair, eyes that In reply to that wink, pink shoes and almost as big as the father pointed to the door, and you are. She'll be a sister to you."



So go the plans I made, The dreams I dreamed. All spoiled, all ruined, All evaporated into useless smoke Because of man's weak nature. But 'tis all that women may expect, To drudge and toil, To skimp and save That man may not be denied

He Says:

How dare you criticise! How dare you condemn! This morning I saw the candy box You thought so carefully concealed. And I refuse to be the only victim Of New Year resolutions. They can go hang-The automobile, The trip to Europe. The school for Ethel. If I must slave all through my days I shall have some comfort, If only of the weed.

They Say:

Here's to nineteen thirteen. We'll live it as we've lived before, We'll enjoy it, We'll have the little things we want, We will not dream of the impossible. The figures lied

The Reason

"Mine is a sunny lot," he moaned. He moaned about it because his lot was so sunny he coudin't sell it.

As a summer tonic there is no medicine that quite compares with OXIDINE. It not only builds up the system, but taken reg-ularly, prevents Malaria. Regular or Taste-less formula at Druggists. Adv.

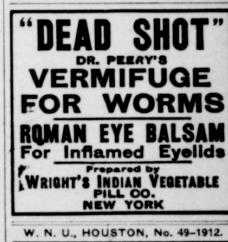
Some people fail to win because others do not lose.

Constipation causes and seriously aggra-vates many diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pellets. Tiny sugar-coated granules. Adv.

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these very quickly. It tones - strengthens - invigorates-the entire digestive system and always stands for better health. Try it today. All Druggists.



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McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY Houston, Texas, operates the largest force competent detectives in the South; they res written opinions 'n cases not handled by th

My dear. As the old year is departing I am thinking Of what the new

I sit here smoking. Burning up money needlessly, Depriving myself and family

Let's add and multiply These nickels I destroy;

Let us figure interest and compound It.

Why, they make dollars-

They make bank accounts. Without the weed

I quit it now This night shall be my last

Of useless waste.

These nickels shall make of me A Rockefeller, a Morgan or a Car-

They mean an automobile. A powerful, big red car. Oh! such comfort as it will bring

With summer nights. So smoothly gliding

Beneath the twinkling stars! There is a college course for Ethel In the nickels I will save.

And she shall pick the best. No common boarding school

Or female seminary for her, But one in keeping

And too that trip to Europe

His cigars.

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with poverty. Love may always be right, but it can be so influenced as to be seemingly a mistake. The marriage took place and Fred Dillingham was ostracized. He was not kindly welcomed in the other stratum. If there is a gulf between the rich man and the workingman the latter resents intrusion as much as the former. There was love, but after a few months it was influenced from both sides. Both husband and wife were made to fear that a grave mistake had been made. They fought away the idea and sought to hold their love, but that brought irritations and vexations and culminated in misunderstandings and quarrels. After two years there was a separation. Neither really desired it. It was what the gossips had predicted. and what they strove to bring about.

There was more sorrow than anger when the young husband turned his back on wife and infant a year old and went out into the world as a wanderer. The wife went back to her father's cottage, but not to struggle with poverty. The husband been generous to her.

Five flong years, and Fred Dillingham had not been heard of. As an outlaw without a family, whom should he write to and why? At three years of age the child, who had been named Patty, wondered in her childish way why she hadn't a papa. At five she doll and give her a pain!" demanded to know. At six she stood before the embarrassed mother in in-

"And how much is it?" "Only ten dollars." "My, but can you pay that much! It

had money that you can you must be rich." "But you see I have no little girl of had been left him by an aunt, and | my own."

'That's so. Isn't Christmas nice? the father could Do you know-there's mamma over not threaten him there! Let me run and tell her."

> The outlaw turned his back on the crowd and gritted his teeth and winked his eyes. He had been hit

> > hard. Three or four minutes passed and then a hand pulled at his and a voice said: "Please, Mister nice man, tell me your name, that I may introduce you to mamma. think she will let me have the doll." The outlaw turned

and gasped and his face went white.

"Gladys!" "Fred." "You here!" "And you!"

"And this is our daughter?" "Our Patty. Father was discharged from the road and moved over here

to take another run." It was the next day, and Patty was sitting on her father's knee and the

happy mother was wiping tears from her eyes, when the child said: "Say, mamma, I just picked him out

as the very nicest man in all that big crowd, and I didn't make any mistake, did I? Don't anybody sit down on my

That's possible now With smoking out.

You'd better begin planning for it soon.

And then, just possibly. We might conclude To keep right on and circle this old globe.

Won't that be grand? And just to think These things will come From cutting out a useless habit.

And now, my dear. Let's go another step. There's candy for yourself and Ethel: It's needless waste. Just figure what it means. See what life would be without it. Why, in a year or two I could quit the daily grind And tell the "old man" to "go hang." And with the interest compounded We three would live at ease. We'll call it done right now And candy will be barred.

If only all the world Would stop and think. Would just apply a little sound horse sense. These New Year resolutions Would bring the millenium. The cost of living

Would no longer be a problem. Old age would have no terrors For the poor.

Hail to the year nineteen thirteen.

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING.

I am fading from you, But one draweth near Called the angel-guardian Of the coming year.

I brought good desires, Though as yet but seeds; Let the New Year make them Blossom with deeds.

I brought joy to brighten Many happy days; Let the New Year Angel Turn it into praise. --Adelaide A. Procter.



Yet True.

"I gave my young lawyer friend a paradoxical good wish when he was graduated." "What was it?"

"I told him I hoped his brief career

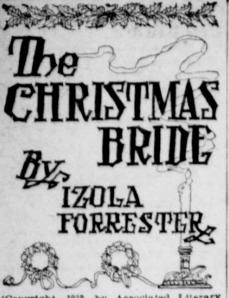
would be a long one.'

Electrified.

"The gay spark who was ogling that pretty girl, had a fine surprise." "What was it?" "A policeman was near who proved

to be a spark arrester."





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wedding, Clive. Wish you merry Gee, Christmas! but it's bully to see you home again. Three years since you walked on this old platform, waiting for the down train. How have they treated you down east?" "Fine, thanks,

Mr. Dunkley," Clive answered heartily. "Whose wedding am I in time for? I want to load up

with gifts." "Guess you'll have to. It's in your own family. Bob finally got her."

"Got whom, Mr. Dunkley? I haven't heard any news from home for weeks I've been abroad since June, and just got back in time to catch the express west for Christmas. So you see it's all a surprise to me."

"Surprise to all the town. Never thought Bob had the nerve to ask a girl to marry him, let alone that spunky little Lawrence one."

The name struck Clive like a whiplash. He called good-night and hurried over to where the old station hack waited.

The driver called a cheery Christmas greeting to him, and he answered it, but as they swung up the long rock hill toward the town he wished he had never confe back

Not that he had any hold on her. loved, There had never been a formal engagement. He

had no right to ask a girl to marry him when he was only a young cub just out of college with his standing to win first. But she had known, ah, but she had known well where he stood, and how he loved her. He could see her now, small and slender at sixcasion to use many a time before when he had been out late larking. It was unlocked, and there was no one in sight. It was still early, about 6:30. Probably the family was at dinner. Yet some one was playing softly in the long music room south of the library. He stood in the dimly lighted hall listening, old memories sweeping over him. It was only a little quaint Christmas carol that Fay had always loved. Years ago, when she had first come to live with them. a little forlorn kiddie, orphaned and with no one but his father to act as guardian, she had loved that carol. and always sang it at holly time. He heard her voice now and gripped his hands as he listened.

Hark, the herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth and mercy mild-" She saw his figure reflected in the tall mirror and rose with a half-

frightened cry. UST in time for the "Don't, dear," he said, brokenly, hurrying to meet her. He forgot Bob and all he had heard, and saw only her. "I just got in-nobody knows I am here yet-why, deardear-"

> She was sobbing on his shoulder. her hands, wrenched from his grasp. held his head against her cheek. Clive saw she was dressed in white soft satin that crushed under his clasp like bruised flowers; he felt he was robbing Bob, and yet there in the dear old room they both knew so well, in the tender winter gloom, he held her close, and kissed her-lips, hair, wet eyelids-and forgot all except the splendor of the might have been.

"They won't miss you," she managed to say finally, pushing back his face and holding it in her hands at a safe distance. "I'm so sorry-but you see I was thinking of you, andand wanting to see you so, and then suddenly I looked, and you were here, right here, with me."

"And too late," he added bitterly.

"Oh, no, you're not, Clive," she flashed back earnestly. "They haven't been married yet."

"They? Who?"

"Bob and Gretchen."

"Gretchen! Who the devil is Gretchen? I beg your pardon, Fay -you don't know what I've suffered isn't Bob going to marry you?"

She looked at him for a moment leaned back and shut his eyes and in utter shocked silence, then laughed her old ringing, gay laugh that he

"I marry Bob-Bob? You silly,

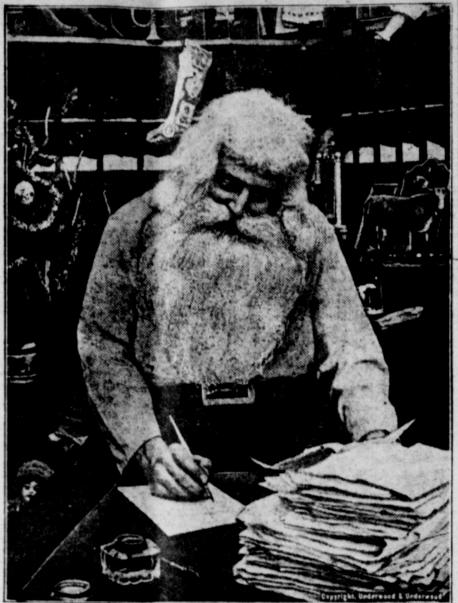
"Go ahead. Call me what you like. Who's this person Gretchen, anyway?"

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with me, and Bob fell in love with her. That's all,

"Ah?" Clive sighed and drew her into his arms again. They would make it a double wedding

ANSWERING HIS CHRISTMAS MAIL



Santa Claus' correspondents live in practically all the countries of the world. The letters he receives-hundreds of thousands of them-are written in all languages. But Santa Claus is an international character. and whether the children who write to him express their wishes in English, in German, in French, in Scandinavian, or even in Chinese or any of the other languages of the world, he can read and understand each letter. The photographer has caught him on a busy morning just before Christmas, and in the corner of his workship he uses for an office.

> fellow clergyman were present, as well as the flance of the diarist.

The festivities began Christmas Eve, and all the family hung up their stockings in front of the huge kitchen fireplace. The illumination was that of tallow candles in silver and brass candlesticks. Miss Catherine Floyd had expected her flance, James Madison (as was jotted down in the diary). and was greatly disappointed at his not coming. He sent, by way of a Christmas gift, a full-length likeness of Gen. George Washington, framed. which was brought by a neighbor returning home from New York.

The merrymaking was at its height Christmas Eve, all sorts of then fashtonable and popular games, such as "Hunt the Slipper," "Blind Man's Buff," and "Green Grow the Rushes, O," being indulged in by the young people until 10 o'clock, at which hour Christmas season sharply General Floyd closed the



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Excess of Riches.

"He has nine tons of coal in his cellar."

"That's nothing. I've got only one in, but it's paid for."-Detroit Free Press.

Explaining What a Snob Really Is. "Uncle Roy, what is a snob?"

"A snob, Eddie, is a person who in herits a great deal of money, goes abroad and buys himself a veneer of culture, returns home and poses as a connoisseur of something, and goes around calling his poor relations 'parvennes.' Why do you ask such a question, Eddie?"

"Because 1 heard Donald's big brother talking about you this afternoon and he said you were a snob."

Ample Sleeping Accommodations. A man who owns a 160-acre form in California has discovered the largest bedroom in the world. One day he hired a new hand and spoke to him very kindly, welcoming him to the meals at the family table and telling him he could have access to all the reading matter in the house.

"But where shall I sleep?" asked the nem employe.

"Young man," said the farmer, "that is immaterial to me. You see about



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Clive."

silly-

"She's my cousin, Gretchen Lawrence. She came to spend her sum-

just to pay him

CHRISTMAS IN COLONIAL DAYS Interesting Account of an Old-Time Celebration.

Men Wore Their Hair In Curls and Such Games as "Green Grow the Rushes, O," Furnished

Amusement. GLIMPSE of an old-fashioned cel-

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teen, still in -short skirts, her dark curls flying

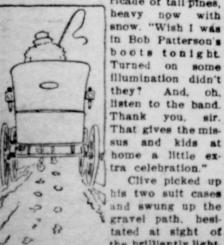
0 in the wind, deep dimples at the corners of her mouth, and the swift flashing smile that eyes and mouth and dimples joined in. Yet it had been more than beauty that had held him true through the years. There had been a look in her eyes, a look of abiding faith and clean, straight honor, that he had loved and trusted. The memory of that look had brought him back over the sea, to find her you know your motherthis Christmas and tell her that now he could claim her.

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Bob! Stolid, good old Bob. While he had been playing globe trotter, trying to catch the flying heels of a madcap, wayward fortune, Bob had girl he loved. .

There in the dingy, chilly interior of the old hack Clive fought out his battle with himself. He would be game, he said; he would not mar their happiness with one word or look. He could not go back. There was his mother. He could not give up seeing her merely because Fate had given him a knockout blow, not triffe to the left.

ly, pulling up short before the great only averages a yield of 100 bushels old mansion on the hill, with its bar-



Clive picked up and swung up the present." gravel path, besi-

to the side door that he had had oo- coals from the cellar in."

back for the misery of the last half hour. Yes, they would. And he'd go back and punch that old fellow's head down at the station for not telling him

Gretchen Lawrence instead of Fay. "Oh, Clive, let me go," she whispered. "They're all at dinner, and

it

was

"I know all about it," said Clive, comfortably. He raised her chin gently and looked into the dear, true eyes he had trusted. Fay did not know all that lay behind that look, how, mentally, he knelt in all humilstayed quietly at home and won the ity and asked for forgiveness. Yet all he said was:

> "I forgot to wish you Merry Christmas, dear!"



Tasmania Coming Fruit Country.

Fruit growing in Tasmania is said to exactly in the solar plexus, but a be steadily expanding. It will not be long before there are 30,000 apple or-"All out." shouted the driver jovial chards in the island and if this area

to the acre the result will be 3,000,000 ricade of tall pines, bushels annually. The total acreage heavy now with producing in the season just ended snow. "Wish I was was 20,412 and the yield was 1,348,000 in Bob Patterson's bushels of apples. This year has been boots tonight a record. Twenty-one great mail Turned on some steamers have made the "apple trip" illumination didn't before starting home for London. The they? And, oh, total oversea export was over 945,000

listen to the band. cases of apples .- Westminster Gazette.

Christmas Presents.

"I thought it better to get you something useful," said Mr. Dobb to his wife, "so I have bought you a couple his two suit cases of good brooms for your Christmas

"That was very thoughtful of you. tated at sight of my dear," replied Mrs. Dobb. "I share the brilliantly light your ideas, and have bought a good, ed rooms, and turned quietly around strong coal-scuttle for you to carry up

is preserved in a house. diary of a guest of Maj. Gen. William Lloyd, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who recounts the good cheer of his household in the old homestead at Westernville. N.Y. The house is standing, and is still occupied during a part of the summer by some of his descendants. In those early days of the republic the journey from New York by sleigh took ten days. In preparation for the coming fes-

tivities, the diarist notes that the keeping room (as the main room was then called), which today would be called the parlor, or drawing room, was trimmed elaborately with spruce and cedar branches, there being no holly growing in that region. Roses made of tissue paper, in red, pink and white, were plentifully distributed through the evergreen decorations.

The roses were made by two young women guests, Miss Catherine Floyd and Miss Mary Floyd, who were engaged to be married to James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, afterwards presidents of the United States. They were assisted in entertaining guests during the day by the Misses Wiggins, neighbors of the general. Among other guests, Bishop Whipple and a Punshion.

Beaulieu on National Debts.

M. Beaulieu declares that the world at the present time is badly governed; that it is in the hands of incurable prodigals and improvident experimenters. As proof of this position he points to the public debts of all countries, which show a decided tendency to multiply, not by reason of stress of extraordinary circumstances, such as war or national disaster, but because the credit of nations is extendwithin the field of private endeavor.

That in keeping early hours he was not altogether arbitrary appears when we learn that the breakfast Christmas morning was at early candle light. The diary says: "It was so early, and I had to take my curl-papers out, so I am sure my hair will not curl at all." The gay young people gathered in the immense kitchen after breakfast was served, to examine the stockings that Santa Claus was expected to have left in prosperous condition. Of her gifts the diarist remarks: "Such beautiful gifts I have never received away from my home. Some beautiful mink skins, sufficient to make my winter fur and muff, from dear General Floyd, taken from animals caught in a trap near the milk house, Baxter's 'Saints' Rest,' and a nice volume of Watts' hymns from Mrs. Moyd, a white velvet pincushion, painted with roses and leaves, from Catherine, and a pretty collar of lace footing from Mary. My dearly beloved gave me a ruby ring, the emblem of eternal fidelity and love." The "dearly beloved" became her husband a few months later.

"Christmas Day was indeed a joyful one; after we had seen all our gifts. all the young people went to the hill back of the house and coasted for two hours on the hard crust of ice and snow; the distance from the top of the hill to the gulf ravine was nearly a mile."

He who can suppress a moment's anger may prevent a day of sorrow .--

Blame Placed on Others.

"Why do you still keep up that ab surd Santa Claus myth?" asked the cynic. "I should have thought you would have laughed at it."

"Because," answered the man with large family, "it is convenient to have someone to blame for presents that fail to please."

Mazie Teller has written to a woman's magazine to ask if it is improper ed to enterprises which should remain for a young lady to give a young man a pair of suspenders for Christmas.

you one hundred and sixty acres, and any part of that land which looks good to you as a place to sleep is at your disposal."-Popular Magazine.

A DOCTOR'S SLEEP Found He Had to Leave Off Coffee.

Many persons do not realize that a bad stomach will cause insomnia.

Coffee and tea drinking being such an ancient and respectable form of habit, few realize that the drug-caffeine-contained in coffee and tea, is one of the principal causes of dyspepsia and nervous troubles.

Without their usual portion of coffee or tea, the caffeine topers are nervous, irritable and fretful. That's the way with a whisky drinker. He has got to have his dram "to settle his. nerves"-habit.

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one from Ga. writes: "I have cured myself of a long-

standing case of Nervous Dyspepsia. by leaving off coffee and using Postum," says the doctor.

"I also enjoy refreshing sleep, towhich I've been an utter stranger for 20 years.

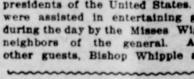
"In treating dyspepsia in its various types, I find little trouble when I can induce patients to quit coffee and adopt Postum."

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Postum now comes in concentrated. powder form called Instant Postum. It is prepared by stirring a level teaspoonful in a cup of hot water, adding sugar to taste, and enough cream to bring the color to golden brown.

Instant Postum is convenient; there's no waste; and the flavour is always uniform. Sold by grocers-50cup tin 30 cts., 100-cup tin 50 cts.

A 5-cup trial tin mailed for grocer's name and 2-cent stamp for postage. Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.-Adv.



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1 CAR OF HORSES AND MULES TO BE SOLD FOR CASH AT AUCTION

Saturday, December 21st Sale Begins At 1 O'clock Closing At 5

These stock will be sold regardless of cost; we must have the money. Don't miss this opportunity to get good horses and mules CHEAP.



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Mr. Doherty's Solution

Perhaps the greatest obstacle which confronts the farmer is lecting men for office now and the marketing to proper advan- then, but he knows a good mule tage of his crops. Every year when he sees it. He has recently millions of dollars are lost to the purchased 1500 mules in Collin men who till the soil because of County and most of them will be the lack of system in marketing shipped to Panama to work on produce and fruits. There are the canal. The Texas mule is times each season when fruits furnishing animal power for digand vegetables are rotting in the ging the big ditch and the nation fields, which could be sold were does not possess a more able or there some central agency which patriotic asset than the Texas kept in touch with all the dis- mule. He is the Commercial tributing centers. In East Tex- King of beasts and his flesh and as Elberta peaches have been blood are woven into the indusleft to rot when the same kind trial fiber of the nation. of peaches were selling at \$1 a crate in the Corpus Christi sec- show that we have 696,000 head tion. Both producer and con- of mules valued at \$75,168,000, sumer were losers by this con- an increase of 254,000 in number dition. Now comes Mr. William Doherty, assistant to the president of the Frisco, with a suggestion that the Federal government take up the problem and aid the producers to find a market for their products. The government can establish bureaus and can keep posted on the markets, being able to tell just which ones are over-supplied and which are in need-of certain commodities. The packing houses do this to a certain extent, but packers are not interested in protecting the producers, so they give out no information. Mr. Doherty's plan should suggest itself to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the members of Congress.-State Topics.

Fit His Case Exactly

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tabcase exactly," writes Miss Mar. Monday morning. garet Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach Grapeland, Texas trouble and was also benefitted by them." For sale by all deal. Adv.

> Frank Leaverton returned Saturday night from Waco, where he had been to take the examination in the secret work of masonary. Frank got his "sheep skin" for proficiency, only making two errors in the entire three degrees.

The Texas Mule

Uncle Sam may miss it in se-

The Federal census reports and \$53,573,000 in value during the past decade.

From Denson Springs

Dear Editor: It looks as if we were going to have some fair weather.

Wonder what has become of Albert Tyer? Haven't heard anything from him in a long while.

We learn that Cleveland Howard is moving back home.

There is going to be a Christ. mas tree at Denson Springs. Everybody come and enjoy it.

OLD BOB-O-LINK.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy.' Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys; liver, stomach and bowels. A.S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

D. N. Leaverton went to Dallet's in the papers that fit his las Saturday night, returning



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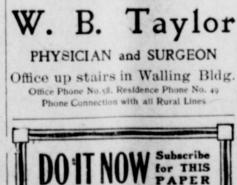
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The school dismissed last Friday afternoon until after the holidays. The teachers are in Lovelady this week attending the institute.

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County Attorney Dent and Attorney Joe Ed Winfree of Crockett were here Saturday attending court.

Wnen children cough a great deal it is time to take notice or something serious will develop. A few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup may ward off a spell of sickness. Price 25c, 50c lands abstracted and your titles and \$1 00 per bottle. Sold by perfected? We have the A. S. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bynum of Palestine visited relatives near ADAMS & YOUNG Grapeland Sunday.



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LOCAL NEWS

Get your boy that saddle or gun. It's at Darsey's. Adv. Window glass - all sizes at Porter's Drug Store Adv.

Dinner sets, table cutlery and enamel sets at Darsey's. Adv Go to Darsey's for Christmas

suggestions. Adv. Clewis will clean and press your clothes better. Adv.

Don't forget the big sale at Darsey's-all this week. Adv.

Ladies, have your coat suits cleaned and pressed. CLEWIS. Adv.

If you want to save money attend Kennedy Bros. Annual Adv. Clearance Sale.

See us for cypress shingles. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. (Advertisement.)

For FLOUR in both PRICE and QUALITY see J. J. BROOKS. (Adv)

When you need paint or wall It's a shame to paper figure with T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. Adv.

> Buster Brown shoes make the best gifts for boys and girls-Darsey sells them. Adv. We are headquarters for low prices on first-class merchandise. KENNEDY BROS.

Nice, fresh ribbon cane syrup at 50c per gallon. J. J. BROOKS.

You can get Christmas gifts at sale prices at Darsey's all this Adv. week.

10 per cent saved on holiday goods bought up to Saturday night, Dec. 21st., at Porter's Drug Store. Adv.

We still have a few SWEAT-ERS and some heavy winter goods to CLOSE OUT CHEAP. (Adv) J. J. BROOKS.

Don't fail to attend Kennedy that our house is Bros. Annual Clearance Salethe biggest sale in East Texas. line. (Advertisement.) Doors and windows, columns, Peas Wanted brackets, moulding-everything I am in the market for peas. in the building line. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. Adv. J. W. HOWARD. Plenty of cypress shingles-a full car. From January until July. Will T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. (Advertisement.) Charlie Fitchett has returned Adv. home from different points in the state in the interest of his real estate business. Butter nuts, walnuts, pecans, fruit, candy, raisins, currants, spices, citron, cocoanuts, shredded cocoanut, cloves and flavoring extracts at Darsey's. Adv. Bronze Turkeys For Sale Best strain of Mickle turkeys for breeding purposes. Toms \$3.00; Hens \$1.50. See or write, Adv. E. H. DARSEY. Our Annual Clearance Sale will last only a few days longer Better see us and save money. KENNEDY BROS.

Get it at Darsey's sale! Adv New bargains every day at arsey's big sale.

A large stock of silk and .knit scarfs at Darsey's. Adv.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals.

Get your fire crackers from Darsey's stand. Adv. For your Christmas fruit cake

see Glenn Bros. (Adv)

Sale prices at Darsey's all this week. Adv

Express wagons-all sizes-all prices-at Darsey's. Adv.

Big shipment of Hess' Stock and Poultry foods just arrived. Adv. PORTER'S DRUG STORE.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Will Brinkley.

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W. R. Campbell and Frank Garrett attended a county meet. ing of the Farmers Union at Crockett last Saturday.

Z. W. Weisinger of the Antrim community was in town Monday and paid the Messenger office an appreciated visit.

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is saving your neighbors money. Why not let us save you money? KENNEDY BROS. Adv.

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(Advertisement.)

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those SUPERB CLOTHES left. You can't afford to miss these bargains. If your pocket book is small we can show you suits to fit. Christmas only comes once a year, so come in and buy yourself a suit while the prices are right.

Although the fire burned some of our fire-works, we still have a nice large line left. Come in and figure with us on fire-works.

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ance sale will go on until Satur- "Quick Sales, Small Profits and day, Dec. 21. Better take advan- the Golden Rule Applied /to tage of it while prices are low. Business." W. R. WHERRY. (Advertisement.)

pay good wages for good hand. see or write, W. H. BURDEN, Route 2 A wreck occurred Tuesday evening near Riverside, thirteen cars of a freight train going in the ditch. North bound traffic was delayed several hours. Our big 24th. Anniversary Sale is still going on for your benefit. Take advantage of the pretty weather and get your winter supply of goods from our big stock. Geo. E. Darsey. Adv Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are dis. ordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv. I am not selling 20 pounds of sugar for a dollar, 50 pounds of I am equipped with gasoline lard for \$4.15, neither am 1 trybusiness at the same old stand in the same old way-a small profit on everything I sell. I Kennedy Bros.' Annual Clear- am living up to my motto,

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Sept. 9, 1912	15000.00	1261.99	23987.38
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