Grapeland

Messenger.

Remember the Big Show at the Airdome Saturday Night. W. O. W. Benefit. Admission

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GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, AUG 21, 1913

\$1.00 PER YEAR

1-4 off

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

Now is a good time to buy your fall of his cotton crop. suit at summer prices, as we are offering our entire are hopeful. stock of clothing at sermon on the Methodist at Hays Spring Friday. consisting of wor- attend. steds, serges, m o - LETTER FROM hairs and Palm Beach suits at a reduction of 25 per ct.

1-5 off 1-5 off

LADIES', MEN'S and CHILDREN'S

SHOES

ed for the next few tions, and was entirely too days at a great sac- so short a time. It is the conrifice, as we must have passed the warehouse bill, make room for the longer than three deys, hence a largest stock of to strike out the enacting clause shoes ever carried it. We have passed a penitenin Grapeland. We improves to some extent the old offer you our entire from being perfect and will re stock at a reduction of 20 per cent. See our line before his new brick building on the your shoe bill.

Kennedy **Brothers**

The Store for Everybody

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Aug. 18.—N. A. Hickey of Oakwood spent last week with his

nephews, the Beazley boys. S. M. Yarbrough and his little girls visited his old chum, P. L. showers-but were light.

Fulgham a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Musick and on were among the Reynard visitors last week.

F. E. Butler came in yesterday way to town. and will help in the disposition

B. R. Guice is remodeling are as good as they are. Spence Bros. gin.

Reynard was well represented in Grapeland Saturday, and all report a good warm time.

Our Sunday school is not doing

Rev. G. W. Henderson at his next round, will preach a doctrinchurch. We urge everybody to

ZACK.

MR. PATTON

Austin, Texas, August 16 .-The extra session of the Thirtythird Legislature is nearing a close. The first two weeks of this session were spent on the general appropriation bill. Within the past week the Governor has submitted numerous questions for our consideration, but the time is too short to get many of them enacted into laws. This session has been noted for its harmony on nearly all questions, and has also been noted for the August. accomplishment of a lot of work.

On yesterday we had the genare also to be offer- eral warehouse bill submitted to us. This bill contains 92 seclengthy for our consideration in census of opinion that we should tance should be considered majority of the members voted of the bill, and of course, killed tiary bill of great length, which law, but which is a long way quire several legislatures to per-Yours very truly, NAT PATTON.

A. S. Porter hopes to be ready to open for business Saturday in west side at his old stand. All buying, for we will of his fixtures have arrived and a man is here now putting them Notice To Old Soldiers and Widows save you money on in. Mr. Porter has spared no have a drug store that is elaborate in its appointments. Mr. Wherry also expects to move the latter part of this week.

> Dirt was broken Tuesday for the new two story Masonic building, and Mr. Clark informs us that he will rush it to completion. The building will be 27x80, the upper story to be used by the

a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Will Ray. ed.

THE NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

Aug. 18.—Well, we are still alive-have just been quiet for a while.

We have been having some

Some of our farmers are taking advantage of the opportunity of making good roads. They will soon have a hard road all the

Our crops are short, but we ought to feel thankful that they

Charlie Streetman returned Friday from Hays Spring where he has been teaching a music

Mrs. Mary Streetman and as well as we would like, but we Miss Ola Willis visited in Antrim community Saturday.

Willie Willis attended the closing exercises of the music school

Mrs. M. C. Thomas was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Ray of New Prospect last week.

Mr. Howard Campbell has returned to, our community after being absent for a while.

LITTLE ITEMS.

HAPPENINGS FROM DALY'S

Aug. 17.—We had a light shower of rain this morning but not they got up against the wrong enough to do much good Rain would not help cotton very much the game for Slocum and Mr. but would be a great benefit to Worn pitched for Magnolia. young peas and potatoes.

Rev. M. L. Williams filled his regular appointment here today. Rev. J. L. Chiles has announced himself a minister of the gospel and will preach bis first sermon at Daly's the fifth Sunday in

Health is very good. Cotton is opening fast on account of the hot dry weather.

Cotton picking is the program The Daly's gin has ginned five

bales of cotton so far. J. M. Cannon will run the gin again MARSHALL.

Attention, Woodmen!

There will be a call meeting of the lodge tonight (Thursday, Aug. 21) to take the place of the regular meeting Saturday night, which has been called off on account of the W. O. W. Show at the airdome. Every member is urged to attend-important business to transact

C. L. Haltom, C. C.

Kidney Trouble Began With a Lame Back

J. L Hackell, 915 Eighth St. Lincoln, Iil., was recently cured of a bad case of kidney trouble that started with a lame back, and says: "I am certainly thank ful in getting a cure of my kid. ney trouble by using Foley Kid. ney Pills." Try them yourself. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

I will be at the following places expense in the selection of his on the dates named below to fountain and fixtures and will take applications for pensions. Please meet me there as time to get same in for September hearing is short:

Lovelady, Monday, Aug. 25. Grapeland, Tuesday, Aug. 26 Augasta, Wednesday, Aug. 27 Rateliff, Friday, Aug. 29.

C. M. ELLIS, County Judge.

Call For Good Roads Meeting

The Messenger has been re quested to issue a call for a good Masons. The lower story will roads meeting to be held at the be occupied by the Messenger, courthouse Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every man, especially Dr. McCarty reports the fol- those living on the west side of lowing births: A boy to Mr. the railroad, who is interested and Mrs. Jonathan Blackwell; a quested to meet with us, as some boy to Mr. and Mrs. Web Kersh; important matters will be discuss

The Variety Store

Will open for business SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Watch this space for further announcements

Located in the new brick, next door to the F. & M. State Bank

Jhe Variety Store

Ball Game at Slocum

There was a good game of base ball played at Slocum Saturday, August 9th, between Slocum and Magnolia. It took eleven innings to decide the victory. Slocum made a score; which ended the game by 1 to 0. This was the first game Magnolia has lost this season, but team this time. E. Day pitched Both pitched excellent ball

SLOCUM BOY.

Mrs. Mack Saxon and children of Pearsall are visiting the family of B. F. Hill

League Program

Subject.

Leader-Eura Woodward. Opening song.

Prayer.

Reading-Mary White.

Recitation-John Kennedy. Song-Mary Lou Darsey, Carie Spence, Balis Edens and Roy

Reading-Ross Brock. Recitation-Paul Kent. Roll Call.

Closing Song. Benediction.

See Clewis, the tailor if your clothes are dirty.

Free Sewing Machines

If you are contemplating the purchase of a sewing machine, we recommend that you come and let us show you the Free Machines. Price \$38.50.

These machines are the only machines that are

sold with an insurance policy against breakage or loss by fire, tornado, lightning or any other cause and are sold under an absolute guarantee to give satisfaction. They are ball bearing, light running, and easy to operate, thereby saving time and labor.

We have other machines in stock that we sell under a positive guarantee, for a period of five years. Prices \$13.50 and up.

If you want a good machine for little money, it will pay you to look over this line.

We carry a complete line of needles, shuttles, etc., for any make machine.

Geo. E. Darsey

Dealer in Everything.

Grapeland, Texas

Our Store Closes Every Day at 6:30 Except Saturdays

"THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS"

BY JNO. R. OWENS

Should Merchants Stand Divided and he had saved out enough to live Advise Farmers to Stand Together

standing together, and how much they can accomplish by being organized. This is a very profit able and wise thing for them to do, and will bring good results, in a substantial way.

among the business men of the advance.

wish to express.

profit. When a merchant un- to advance. fifty cents cheaper than you progress. prise to locate in the town, after same.

on and pay his insurance? He could give nothing, for he sold Every day we read or hear goods at barely an existing profit. something said about farmers Therefore the town where the merchants are divided stand still or retrogress. The enterprises that might have located in your town had the business men and place the farming people in been pulling together, went to

different towns, especially in Now, take the town where the smaller towns. The town or there is unity among the busicity where the merchants are ness men. They can sell their thoroughly organized and work goods at a reasonable profit that to-gether for the things that are will enable them to live and have beneficial, and against the things something left to contribute to that are detrimental to the town, the different enterprises that are success and prosperity is visible locating in the town. Does the throughout its territory. But farmer receive the benefits? show us a town where the bus- To be sure he does. His propiness men are divided and not erty is advancing in value, and working in unity for the town's he has not been robbed by the welfare that is successful and merchants who stood together, prosperous. They are all dead but has only contributed his part toward the betterment of the We do not advocate that the country, and it has come back to merchants band to-gether for him by increasing the price of the purpose of robbing the farm- his property. But as long as er, and this would be a very the business men of a town are narrow conception of the idea we cutting and slashing prices and underselling a competitor just to There is no fair minded farm- keep him from making a sale, er who expects a merchant to just so long will the town do buy goods, pay cash for them nothing and the property of the and sell them without making a country surrounding it will fail

dersells a competitor and barely | Competition is a good thing saves himself on the sale, with and no one can deny it. But a fraction of profit, he has not when merchants fight each other only injured himself, but he has to the extent that they are barely robbed the farmer of what little making enough profit to exist on profit he did receive. You may they are not only holding themdoubt this last statement, and selves down out are cheapening argue that he sold you the article the country and retarding its

could buy it elsewhere, and you! Then, we say let the business are confident that you saved 50 men stand together, not because cents. But here is how he rob- it will be to their interests alone, bed you of the profit, though it but because it will benefit the off to another town is worse, and bales, can very greatly increase was small. How much of the farmers as well. After this is reminds us of a man who goes his yield and his profit by this profit would be have to contrib- done, but a short time will elapse to church and leads in prayer ute toward inducing an enter- until the farmers will do the every Sunday and "cusses" the

The Best

Beverage

under the

Fountains or Carbonated

in Bottles.

Sun-

The Dallas News advises misers to take care of their pen nies and the dollars will take care of their heirs and their lawyers.

died. Sometimes the "docs" enough seed for next year's find a fellow who is persistent planting. In this way as a rule and hangs on a good while, but he saves the latest and poorest they finally get 'em.

on the streets with his trouser intelligent help as the size of the leg split to the knee and wore. a position to better themselves other towns, and the price of green stockings. He soon saw the land of the farmer who was that he was attracting a good The same condition exists located near the town did not deal of attention, and had to 'vamoose."

> Congressman Henry of Texas has incurred the displeasure of the suffragettes by opposing the woman suffrage movement. But we imagine they will make it so warm for him that he will shoulder a banner and join them like a "good fellow."

Governor Sulzer of New York who was recently impeached for using campaign money for his personal interests, tried to "get behind his wife's skirts," but from the success he had Mrs. Sulzer's skirts must have been the narrow kind.

Harry K. Thaw, who was declared insane several years ago and placed in an insane asylum had sense enough to take advantage of the condition of affairs existing in that state relative to the governorship, and effect an escape. So far he has succeeded in eluding detectives, who are searching for him.

The farmer who sells his produce to the home merchant for cash and then sends it off to a mail order house to buy his goods is pretty bad, but the merchant who gets out and yells 'patronize home industry' to the farmers until his throat gets raw and then sends his printing man who raises one hundred roof off the house on Monday morning.

Remarkable Cure of Dysentery

"I was attacked with dysentery about July 15th, and used the doctor's medicine and other remedies with no relief, only her health was permaneutly imgetting worse all the time. I paired. Mr. Mitchell says: "She was unable to do anything and my weight dropped from 145 to 125 pounds. I suffered for about two months when I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I used two bottles of it and it gave me permanent relief," writes B. W. Hill of Snow Hill, N. C. For sale by all deal-

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis.

Good Reason for His Enthusiasm

When a man has suffered for several days with colic, diarrhoea or other form of bowel complaint and is then cured sound and well but no cure was effected. On by one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as is often the case, it is but natural that he should be enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy, and especially in this the case of a severe attack when life is threatened. Try it when in need of such a remedy. It never fails. Sold by all dealers.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER | Wasteway was put in.

GOOD SEED IS IMPORTANT

The average farmer picks his cotton as it opens, gins it, sells A man in Baltimore under-lint and seed, and then, about went 200 operations before he the last of the season, hauls home

If, when the cotton begins to A man at Newport appeared open, the farmer, with as much crop will warrant, will go through the field and select the early big bolls that are grown on shortjointed, vigorous, well-fruited stalks, until he has saved enough to furnish seed for next year's planting, and would have this seed ginned to itself and care fully store it where it will not heat, it is safe to say that the next season's crop would ripen ten or fifteen days earlier than the average of this year's crop, and that the yield would be practically doubled.

> It would be just as reasonable to shake down the apples promiscuously from a tree and take them to the Fair, hoping to win a premium in competition with a man who had selected only the choicest specimens, or to turn all of your stock loose to breed indiscriminately-instead of forcing the survival of the fittest by the most rigid selection—and expect to improve your stock, as ONLY COMPLETE UP - TO - DATE it is to plant seed of any kind without selecting with the greatest care the most vigorous and the best, and hope for good re-

It is fair to say that ten per cent of the cotton seed selected as above suggested, is infinitely superior to the average of the other ninety per cent; therefore if you plant only the average of the whole you invite deterioration at nine to one.

Every cotton grower, from the man who raises one bale to the simple and inexpensive method-

This is something that you can do in your own field; try it .-Henry Exall, President Texas Industrial Congress.

The daughter of A. Mitchell, Bagdad, Ky., had a bad case of kidney trouble and they feared was in terrible shape but I got her to take Foley Kidney Pills and now she is completely cured." Women are more liable to have kidney trouble than men and will find Foley Kidney Pills a safe dependable and honest medicine. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Ladies' work a specialty. Clewis, the Tailor.

Costly Treatment

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to a St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers. (Advertisement)

The stockholders of Myrtle Lake have been making some needed improvements at the lake. The water was lowered and all the lilies and moss removed, and a new concrete

J. W. CASKEY

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just around the corner off Main st.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

MASURY

The name "Masury" means something. It designates quality. Just as the word Sterling stamped on silver indicates fineness and purity, the word Masury means the best-none other as good. It has taken 50 years experience to level up the standard of the Masury Paints to the high level where it stands today, absolutely pure pigments, pure linseed oil, "net weights and full measure," every can labeled, giving actual percentage, composition, etc. Sold by-

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

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ADAMS & YOUNG CROCKETT, TEXAS

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Dr. Sam Kennedy PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office in Leaverton's Drug Store Main Street

RUB-MY-TISM

Will cure your Rheumatism Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects Etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally and externally. Price 25c.

Sluggish

All your liver, stomach and bowel troubles will speedily vanish when you start to take

Hot Springs Liver the famous Ho Springs of Ark. They never fail to banish dizzi headach

and malaria Better tha

Calomel. Free sample Liver Buttons and booklet about the famous Hot Springs Rheumatism semedy and Hot Springs Blood Remedy at

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THE COCA-COLA COMPANY, ATLANTA, GA.

A welcome addition to any party-

Delicious

Refreshing

Thirst-Quenching

any time-any place.

Sparkling with life and wholesomeness.

Demand the Genuine-

Refuse Substitutes.

Citation By Publication

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greet ing:

Bird F. Kerr, deceased, the unknown heirs of I. G. Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of S. T. Colbert, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Benjamin Davis, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in day hereof, in some newspaper Boundary line of said survey any newspaper published in the wer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August, A. D. North with the E. B. line of said instruments and quieting his 1913 in a suit, numbered on the Kerr survey 559 2-10 vrs to the title to same. docket of said Court No. 5464, North East corner of said Kerr wherein Neal H. Montgomery is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Bird F. Kerr, Dec'd., the unknown heirs of I. G. Collins, deceased, the unknown heirs of S. T. Colbert, deceased, the unknown heirs of Benjamin Davis, deceased, A. J. Crenshaw, L. B. McQueen, J. M. McQueen, tract, continuing same course to Buena Neal, Leslie Neal, C. O. a stake at the North West corner seal of said Court, at office in Edge, T. E. Edge, Belle Lively, F. A. Lively, Tullie Sims, E. H. Sims, T. H. Dailey, Mrs. E. C. Hill, Geo. W. Mobley, Henry Bird F. Kerr survey and 43 Dailey, Thos. F. Dailey, Baiis acres on the Benjamin Davis adv. E. Dailey and Robert S. Dailey, are defendants, and said petition alleging that the plaintiff is the nal petition all of the deeds and owner in fee simple of the fol- other written instruments unlowing described tract or par- der and by virtne of which he and bowels;-they are torpid cel of land, same being a part of claims title to said land. Plain- The medicine that gives results the Bird F. Kerr 640 acre sur- tiff alleges that he and those in such cases is Herbine. It is vey and a part of the Benjamin under whom he claims title to a fine liver stimulant and bowel Davis 372 acre survey, situated said land have had and held the regulator. Price 50c. Sold by in Houston County, Texas, and continuous, peaceable and ad- A. S. Porter. more particularly described as verse possession thereof, cultifollows:

forked Sweet Gum standing on and Benjamin Davis, the original

the bank of Lively and Harman grantees of said tracts, convey-Bird F. Kerr survey. Thence from, substituting all missing survey. Thence West with the fore said Court, at its aforesaid North Boundary line of said next regular term, this writ, survey 690 vrs to a stake, same being the North West corner of the said 133 acre tract, a Sweet Gum mkd X for witness tree. Thence South with the West Clerk of the District Court of Boundary line of said 133 acre Houston County. of the Benjamin Davis survey, Crockett, this the 2nd day of 2,009 vrs to the place of begin- August, A. D., 1913. ning, including 199 acres on the

Plaintiff sets out in his origivating and using the same under Beginning at the North West deeds duly registered, paying corner of the Benjamin Davis all taxes due thereon for periods H. R. of 372 acres, a stake from of five and ten years respectivewhich a Hickory mkd. X brs. N ly, and plaintiff specially pleads 40 E 6 vrs. Thence South with the five and ten years' statutes the West Boundary line of said of limitation in bar of any claim Davis survey 50 vrs. to a rock in of title held by the defendants the North Eastern corner of the adverse to plaintiff's title. M P. Mead survey. Thence Plaintiff alleges that there are South 38 1-2 vrs. to a crooked no deeds out of Bird F. Kerr

Branch from which another ing said land, which casts a Sweet Gum 12 in brs. N 2 E 1 cloud on plaintiff's title. That 2-10 vrs. Thence down with the said land was once claimed by meanders of said Branch to a I. G. Collins, and there is no You are hereby commanded stake in the North bank of same deed from him conveying same. to summon the unknown heirs of and East Boundary line of said which casts a cloud on plaintiff's Davis survey, from which a chin-title. That a part of said land quapin 8 in brs. S. 74 E. 5 1-2 was at one time owned jointly vrs. Do 9 in brs. N. 17 W 11 vrs. by W H and Henry Crenshaw, Thence North with said line 315 but that Henry Crenshaw have vrs to the North East corner of ing made no conveyance of his the original survey, stake from interest in said land casts a which a Post Oak mkd. D. D., cloud on plaintiff's title. That each week for eight successive another mkd X brs N 35 E 5 vrs. at one time Thos. R. Dailey as weeks previous to the return Thence West with the North serted some title to a part of said land, but there is no legal published in your County, if about 21 vrs to the South East conveyance out of said Thos. R. there be a newspaper publish. corner of a 54 1-2 acre survey Dailey conveying said land. ed therein, but if not, then in described in deed from Geo. E. which casts a cloud on plain-Calhoun to E. H. Darsey. Thence tiff's title. That a part of said nearest County to your County, North 297 1-10 vrs to a rock for property was at one time conto appear at the next regular corner. Thence West 213 6-10 veyed to S. T. Colbert and there term of the District Court of vrs to a rock for corner, same being no conveyance out of the Houston County, to be holden at being the South East corner of said S. T. Colbert to same, a the Court House of said Hous. the Geo. E. Calhoun 133 acre cloud is cast on plaintiff's title. ton County, in the town of tract. Thence North with the and plaintiff further alleges Crockett, on the fifth Monday East Boundary line of said 133 that any other and further after the first Monday in Sep. acre tract 14507-10 vrs. Thence claims of defendants in and to tember, A. D. 1913, the same East with the South line of a 26 said land are unknown. Plainbeing the 6th day of October, A. acre tract 240 vrs to a stake in tiff prays judgement for said D. 1913, then and there to ans. the East Boundary line of the land, removing all clouds there-

> Herein fail not, but have bewith your return thereon, showing how you have executed the

Witness, John D. Morgan,

Given under my hand and the

John D. Morgan, Clerk, District Court of Houston County. SEAL

Sallow complexion comes from bilious impurities in the blood and the fault lies with the liver

A Woman's Way

Many men do not fully appreciate their wives or perhaps it would be more courteous to say they do not understand them. A woman is God Almighty's greatest handiwork and a triumph of creation. Her mental faculties are highly developed and distinctively feminine. She is by nature more lofty, refined and cultured and has a higher sense of duty and devotion. There is nothing that so deadens womanly nature as a home that is commercialized and surroundings that are compelled to yield to the demands of

A swing for the children may not be a revenue producer, picpay annual dividends, musical instruments cannot be fattened and sold and good books and periodicals will not swell the bank account, but they build character, make happiness and contribute towards our enlightenment. A mother with her ideals stifled by business greed is a queen robbed of her crown. -Mrs. E. P. Turner.

Bites of poisonous insects that cause the flesh to swell up must be treated with a healing antisep. tic that will counteract the poison and heal the wound. Ballard's Snow Liniment answers every requirement in such cases. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

Money Talks

By Paying Cash for what you buy you can get much

BETTER VALUES

We Want Your Business

D. N. LEAVERTON

THE LEADING DRUGGIST

ICE ALL the TIME!

Now handled in car lots and you can get it any time in any quantity.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS:

You can get ice on Sunday until 12 o'clock at the ICE HOUSE, near the water tank.

D. N. LEAVERTON

THE BIG KINK IN HOME

has always been the item of labor, but the modern sawmill has knocked that kink into oblivion. The day of tedious hand labor by the carpenter with hours wasted in sharpening planes, etc., is past, for the lumber we handle these days is all machine finished where smooth surface is necessary. This means a larger day's work for the carpenter and fewer days' pay for the builder-see the point? If you're ever going to build-NOW'S THE TIMEfor everything's in your favor and notwithstanding tales to the contrary we doubt if you'll ever see LUMBER of the QUALITY we handle any cheaper. Why not get really serious about OWNING YOUR HOME and come in and get bona fide figures?

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

LUMBER LEAVERTON COMPANY

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

cent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C .- "I' suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Viacent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadfu! pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down,

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try class on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-65

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vin- believe I would have died if I hadn't tures upon the walls may not

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentleacting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength. improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

ONE BOTTLE GUARANTEED to CURE ANY CASE OF SORE EYES

PRICE

MONEY BACK IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED

Porter's Drug Store

P. S.—We are located in the Shaver building, east side railroad

Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland. Texas every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter

Subscription — In	ADVA
1 YEAR	\$1.00
6 MONTHS	.50
3 MONTHS	.25

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE-Obituaries and Resolution of Respect are printed for half price-2 1-2c per line Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoteupon application

OUR PURPOSE-It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly th moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us it this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

Phones-Farmers Union System

Office ----- 27 Residence ------67

THURSDAY, AUG. 21, 1913

Remember the Messenger when you sell that bale of cotton.

The fleecy staple is rolling in! May it continue to roll fast and a long time.

something?

Intelligence in buying adver-Read all the ads in the Messenger right now.

lady Light. Here's success to the new venture.

The wise farmer will market attendance. his cotton in Grapeland this fall because he can get a good price VALUE OF for it and buy goods of our merchants cheaper than he can get them elsewhere.

earnest and the wise merchant and the one that does not. One these organizations are today will prepare to get his share of is packed with customers who made up of men whose loyalty the trade. You had better see

John Lind's presence in Mexico as special representative of certain commercial death and branch of capital is organized. Add that to the price of a gal-President Wilson is having a greasers, regardless of the fact that Huerta made threats of an date men of business realize outburst.

The Messenger has received the first copy of the Dialville News, a neat and newsy paper rather than an expense, just as a without co-operation, without thirds or half paint; you pay a published by W. M. Ellis, editor of the Rusk Press-Journal, and in real estate or stocks and Will T. Read. Here's success to the new venture.

The Grapeland Messenger says one argument in favor of lady police is that it would be a pleasure to be pinched by one of them. It certainly would not by some of them .- Houston Chronicle.

of the Messenger from the pen brough of Trinity. The guests erative Union. The Southern of Col. Henry Exall, President of participated in parlor games and farmer joined, but the habitual the Texas Industrial Congress, pastimes for quite awhile, and backslider he is, he soon quit, about selecting cotton seed. Col. then enjoyed several selections and today hardly one per cent of Exall understands farming and of the latest music on the piano, the Southern farmers are active is giving you the benefit of his rendered by several of the young members of that organization. knowledge.

of the County last week. Several this pretty home.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER points on the Grapeland and Belott road between these two places report a very heavy rain of 6 inches on the evening of the 13th. Heavy rains also fell in this section on the 9th, and on the 14th, making a total of about 8 or 10 inches altogether. This will greatly help young cotton and June corn, also gardens and potatoes, and will replenish water tanks. However, Old Jupiter Pluvius has not smiled on Grapeland yet; the hot sand is still with us.

> changed hands, Editor Coates having sold the plant to Willis Palmer, who formerly published the Lindale Reporter. Mr. Palmer is an experienced newspaper man, and as Kilgore is a live town, we are sure he will meet with a great measure of success. We hope so, anyway.

Arkansas has had five governors this year and now comes New York state with two. Both Lieutenant Governor Glynn and Gov. Sulzer, who has been impeached by the assembly, are claiming the office, and things up that way are getting in a

The state board of education The Houston County Fair is has voted a per capita of \$7 for called farmers of those States rapidly approaching. Have you the maintenance of the public made preparations to exhibit schools of the state. This is an apportionment and is the largest in the history of the state. The tised goods increases the pur- Grapeland school will receive have been made to bring the chasing power of the dollar. more money from the state this year than ever before, and just together into firm and businessat this time it will be a great like organization, the fact is that help. In this connection we while a large portion of them W. P. McComb has moved the might say that the prospects are Weldon Enterprise plant to Love- very flattering for a successful lady and will publish the Love-school term. The Messenger hears of many children who have been transferred to this district, which will greatly increase the

ADVERTISING

Fall business will soon open in between the store that advertises ganized for a long time, and trash? does not advertise is doomed to And except agriculture, every day's-work is \$3 or \$4. evitable nevertheless. Up-tofor advertising. The money apbonds. It is sure to come back with interest, providing of course the merchant delivers the goods.

Advertising is of little account unless the goods are behind it .-W. Holt Harris.

Miss Pearlina Spence delighther friends Monday night, in down, and stayed down. Then Read the article in this Issue bonor of her friend, Miss Yar along came the Farmers Co-opladies. At 11 o'clock the guests heavy rains that fell over por and declared that a most enjoy-

WHY NOT STICK TOGETHER?

There are many mysteries in be obvious to all. But for the your interests. life of me I can't explain it. depends upon them. Why will and have no chance in life. not farmers "stick together" in an organization calculated work to their betterment?

My information is that in the Northern and Northwestern States, and also in the East Central States, most farmers are organized. That is, the successful farmers of those sections are organized, thoroughly organized. Of course, many soare not organized, and so long as they refuse to be that enterpriscessful. But in the South, contrary to the fact that efforts farmers together and keep them have joined the various organizations, few, very few, have shown the "stickability" to stand.

And there is one glaring fact that should cause the Southern farmer to open his eyes, should drive home some very pertinent truths, and should cause him to wake up to a sense of his own needs, and that is this: Every important branch of industry, without organization.

But from time immemorial, this and yearly set aside a fund the farmer has been plodding more too; you add oil to it; a patiently along, carrying the gallon is 5 or 6 quarts of perfect propriated for this department burdens of the world upon his paint for the painter's pot. But person sometimes invests money business methods, and getting half-dollarless for nobody-knowsthe majority of life's hard knocks.

The Southern farmer joined the Grange. He attended its the average job; it takes 15 to 20 meetings loyally for awhile, gallons of trash. And the wear Then he quit. And his organization went down. And it stayed down. Then the Southern farmer joined the Alliance. He was loyal for awhile. Then he fully entertained a number of quit. And the Alliance went

Now, why is the "whyfore-

Listen, farmer reader: Every the world, some that will be ex- organization of labor and capital plained, and maybe some that keeps right at the heels, in front won't. I never could see any and on every side of our lawuse in mysteries, especially in makers in the effort to protect the lives of human people, and it their respective interests. They is one of my virtues or vices- employ the finest legal talent in I don't know which to engage the whole world to plead their myself in efforts to solve mys-cause. They have their hired teries. I am never very suc- representatives to keep in touch cessful in these undertakings, with the whole world. But The Kilgore Chronicle has either. There is one mystery while this is going on, you sit at that I see no use in remaining home and cuss the government unsolved. Its explanation should for not remembering you and

You say you don't get a square This mystery concerns us all deal. You say you can not take for it concerns directly the farm- rest nor enjoy the pleasures ing class of people, and what others do. You say your work concerns them concerns us all, is more than your share. You for the prosperity of the world say your children work too hard,

> Are you a quitter? Is it not possible for you to show the business sense others show?

My father was one of the mainstays of the Grange. One time he was called to an adjoining neighborhood to assist in the reorganization of a lodge. After the rehabilitation, a date for another meeting was set. When the time for this meeting came my father went, but behold, he was the only one that did go! The truth was a big increase of 15c over last year's ing they will likely be unsuc. singing convention, or some such stunt, was pulled off ten miles from there, and to this attraction supplemented by a big dinner, the farmers went.

And that is what I don't understand. The Southern farmer will even neglect his crops for a big revival, or a singing convention, or a Woodmen picnic, but he just simply won't stick to an organization calculated to make his road in life easier.

And why is this? MORRIS CLEWS BILFEL.

Paint And Not

Paint was never before so high except agriculture, in the coun- as last year: about \$2.25 a gallon It is easy enough to distinguish try is organized, has been or Devoe and a half-dollar less for

What is trash?

It looks like paint and pretends eagerly buy the goods for sale is as firm as the Rock of Gibral- to be paint, but isn't worth about that space in the Messen- while the other is conspicuous ter. Except agriculture, every painting. It costs a painter's by the absence of purchasers. branch of labor, or so-called pro- day's-work to put-on a gallon of Nowadays the merchant who fessional work is organized. paint, good or bad; and a painter's

while the demise is sometimes These people have found it im- lon. That is the cost of a gallon. very soothing effect upon those slow and without clamor it is in- possible to do business profitably Devoe is \$5 or \$6 a gallon; and trash a half-dollar less.

But Devoe is all paint and is looked upon as an investment back, without organization, trash is three-quarters, twowhat-it-is.

> 10 gallons Devoe is enough for same way. Unfortunately, they look alike when first put on.

DEVOE. Kennedy Bros., sell it. Adv.

How The Trouble Starts

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Miss Echo Johnson returned departed, after paying their re- ness" of all this? Can somebody Friday night from Ft. Worth Reports reach this office of spects to the honoree and hostess, tell me? Will the farmers them- where she has been visiting relaselves tell me? I never was so tives. She was met in Palestine tions of the East-Central sections able evening had been spent at puzzled over anything in all my by her father, who went up on the noon train.



Fall Goods Will Begin To Arrive Soon

We must get summer goods out of the way before they get in.

In order to do this we must reduce the prices on all these goods

You can satisfy your wants at our store for the few weeks at prices that will be greatly to your liking. Give us a trial.

Don't forget that you will always find bargains in our grocery department.

Traylor Bros.

"KEEP THE PRICE DOWN."

LOCAL NEWS

Dr.G.H.Black, The Dentist. adv

Leather knee pads at Kennedy

If you need a wagon see adv Darsey.

See those nobby fall samples at Clewis' tailor shop.

Dave Driskell and family of Crockett spent Sunday here.

Plenty of wire and nails at Darsey's.

A full line of cotton scale beams at Kennedy Bros.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVE LY CASH-NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard.

GINNERS! See Darsey for belts, leather, bagging and ties and othe supplies.

Misses Ruth and Lillian Puntch of Latexo were the guests of Miss Beatrice Whitescarver a day last

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

C. W. Jones of Latexo and C. W. Cherry of Route 1 have remembered the Messenger recently.

Work has started on Dr. McCarty's rent houses on the old school house site. He is building three houses instead of two, as reported last week.

Bank No. 768 Official Statement

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Guaranty State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 9th day of Aug., 1913, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 21st day of Aug., 1913.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral - \$40,684.04 Loans, real estate --- 2,416.60 Overdrafts ---Real estate, (banking house). ------3,328.90

Due from approved reserve agents, net---Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net --

Cash Items Currency --- 1,778.00 Specie - - - - 2,131.22 Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund ----Assessment for

Guaranty Fund -----Total---- 57,789.98 game.

LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in -- \$15,000.00 Surplus Fund -----1,990.50 Undivided profits, net-

Individual deposits, subject to check -----Time Certificates of 1,580.00 Deposits -----Cashier's Checks----Bills Payable and re-9,000.00

57,789.98 Total-----State of Texas, County of Houston.

discounts- -----

We, E. G. Walling as presi dent, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. G. WALLING. President.

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16th day of Aug., A. D., nineteen Seal hundred and thirteen Witness my hand

date last aforesaid. JNO. A. DAVIS,

Correct-Attest: J. E. Bean. Directors W. H. Holcomb C. W. Kennedy,

Darsey buys chickens and

T. H. Leaverton and family spent Sunday in Crockett.

Harness and leather goods at

Darsey's. John Rawls left Saturday for Huntsville.

Old Hickory Wagons-the kind you want at Kennedy Bros. adv Loans, real estate....

W. H. Lively has accepted a position with J. J. Brooks.

at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellis of Crockett were here Sunday. Miss Josie White has returned

home from Willis. Miss Jessie Meriwether returned from Crockett Saturday.

3000 fall and winter samples arrived at Clewis' tailor shop. Place your order early.

Marvin Gilbert has accepted a position in the drug store with A. S. Porter.

WANTED — Two boarders. Apply to Mrs. Laura Woodard. (Advertisement)

Mrs. Frank Bass of Ft. Worth visited friends and relatives in Grapeland a few days last week.

A fresh car of Belle of Waco flour just arrived at Kennedy Bills Payable and re-

The Messenger congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton upon the arrival of a young man at their home.

Don't wait until you go to war with Mexico to have your clothes cleaned and pressed—Clewis will do it now.

Mrs. Mamie Simmons and children of Palestine are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McCarty.

FOR SALE-A very desirable residence and grounds in Grape-50.43 land. For price, terms and particulars, see Jno. A, Davis. adv

W. J. Bridges left Monday 2,047.65 night for Teague where he will W. G. DARSEY look after some matters of busi- T. S. Kent 4,675.90 ness for a few days before leav- W F MURCHISON) ing for his home in Waureka, 220.23 Okla.—Elkhart Record.

D. N. Leaverton, Geo. Calhoun, 4,066.08 Lenard Sullivan and Claude Leaverton went to Crockett Fri-287.29 day afternoon to witness the ball game between Crockett and Lovelady. Crockett won the

Notice

ready for service at my lot. ter sells the liver tonic, Dodson's Service fee \$2.50 cash with a 28,716.98 guarantee. J. W. Howard.

(Advertisement)

Notice

Owing to the fire in March and scarcity of money now, we are compelled to sell for cash only. Please do not ask us to break that go along with a lazy liver, this rule. D. N. Leaverton, Druggist.

Notice

mule, about four or five years personal guarantee. They say, old, with halter on, no brand. Owner can have same by calling and paying for this ad. M. P. Herod.

Stray Mule

and notarial seal on the hands high, looks to be about 12 are not pleased with it we will sore on left shoulder, a few har smile. Notary Public. ness scars, in good shape, small scar on left hip. Owner may have same by calling on me and ey, Route 1.

Official Statement Of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank

At Grapeland, State of Texas, WAR-WAR! Clewis will at the close of business, on the clean and press you clothes. adv 9th day of Aug., 1913, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at adv Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 21st, day of Aug. 1913:

RESOURCES Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral \$68,200 07 5,240 00 Overdrafts..... 381 44 Suspense Acct..... 40 00 Real estate (banking house)..... 2,983 03 Building material and paints Furniture and fixtures 2,000 00 Due from approved reserve agents \$7,175 58 Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check 7,175 58 Cash Items. Currency ___ 2,272 00

Specie 1,759 95 4,339 33 Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund..... ----665 15 Total..... \$91,024 60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in \$15,000 00 Surplus Fund 10,500 00 Undivided Profits 984 85 Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to 000 00 check. Individual Deposits, subject to check 37,440 31 Time Certificates of Deposit discounts..... 25,000 00 Dividend Unpaid.....

Total \$ 91,024 60

State of Texas,

County of Houston. We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry, as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. GEO. E. DARSEY, President.

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of Aug., A. D., nineteen hundred and thir. teen. Witness my hand - and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public. Directors

STAY ON YOUR FEET

Taking Calomel Means Staying Home For the Day-Take Dodson's Liver Tone and Save a Day's Work

I have a fine Jersey bull now over the effects of it. A. S. Por-Liver Tone, that takes the place

> and yet it is absolutely harmless to young people and old. It is a that will relieve constipation or sour stomach or other troubles for the popular game of "42. without restriction of habit or the things you regularly do when you take Dodson's Liver Tone. A. S. Porter sells Dodson's

I have taken up a brown mare Liver Tone and gives it a strong A large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone sells for fifty cents, and we will hand any person back his 50 cents if he tries a bottle and doesn't say that it does all that cream and cake. calomel ever does and does it pleasantly. Get the genuine Brown mare mule, about 14 Dodson's Liver Tone and if you or 14 years old, no brands, small give your money back with a

If you need anything in tin or it would be long remembered. paying for trouble. B. W. Cask-graniteware Kennedy Bros. Adv. have it.

MONEY TO LOAN

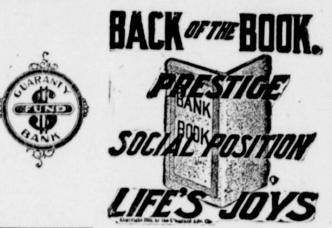
We Handle Real Estate,

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

Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS



Bank Account

Means more than the accumulation of money. It builds character, strengthens determination and establishes prestige. Start an Account!

F. & M. STATE BANK

MISS JONES **ENTERTAINS**

Last Friday night at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones, four miles south of town, Miss Jesse Mae entertain \$1.00. Our prices are as follows: ed quite a number of her friends with a "42" party.

The guests numbered about 30, and left town in wagons and buggies about 8 o'clock. Due to the fact that no one in the crowd was familiar with the roads everybody got lost. After rambling around over the creek bottoms or quite awhile, directions were finally found, and although it was pecting them, and met them with a welcome that cheered the "long home was decorated for the occasion, and everything showed that a master artist had prepared to entertain in a most delightful way.

The guests were ushered into If an attack of constipation or the reception parlor, where inbiliousness hits you, there's no troductions followed, as some need to take a dose of calomel out of town guests were present. and spend at least a day getting Then the hostess led the guests out into the pretty hall, where adv everyone was served with punch. Each couple was required to of calomel and starts a lazy liver write a toast, which is different without any bad after effects. from the usual form of toasts. Dodson's Liver Tone does all A prize was awarded to the comthe judges declared to be Mr. Cagle officiating. Murdock Darsey and Miss Luna pleasant-tasting vegetable liquid Frank Hollingsworth. After A prize was awarded to the diet. You don't leave off any of number of games. Jno. R. Lively. Owens and Miss Esther Davis received this prize, which was As it could not be shared by both parties it was declared that Miss Davis should keep it. The guests were then invited

into the dining room, where they were served with delicious

Miss Jones was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Forest Jones, who proved to be an adept in entertaining.

The guests departed at a late hour, declaring that the evening had been one of continuous enjoyment and pleasure, and that

Wagon sheets and bows at Adv. Kennedy Bros. Adv.

ECONOMIZE!

Don't throw your old shoes away! You will be surprised to see what a difference we can make in their looks and service for 50c, 75c or Whole sole sewed, and heel \$1.50; one-half sole sewed, and heel \$1.00; one-half sole sewed 75c; new heel 50c; heels built up 25c; rubber heels 50c. Reasonable price on repairing and patching and all work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Give your shoes obtained, and the right road was to your mail carrier. He will, re-10 o'clock when the first guests turn them to you the second day. arrived, Miss Jones was still ex- Pay him for the work and we will pay postage both ways. We mail lost" travelers. The beautiful them to you C. O. D. less the amount paid for postage. All work sent out same day received. Liberal commission to agents in every lecality. Address-

PALESTINE ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP Palestine, Texas A. N. HENRY, Prop.

C. H. Ingram and Miss Jesse Sharp of the Jones school house community were married Sunday the good that calomel ever did, posers of the best toast, which evening at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. F.

> FOR SALE-Good horse and this three tables were arranged buggy and set of harness at a bargain if sold at once. For couple who won the the largest price and particulars see W. H.

> Miss Georgia Belle Richards a beautiful chamios powder rag. returned Sunday from Trinity, where she has been visiting.



SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I-Fran arrives at Hamilton Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting.

CHAPTER II—She repairs thither in cearch of him, laughs during the service and is asked to leave.

CHAPTER III-Abbott Ashton, superthe tent. He tells her Gregory is a wealthy man, deeply interested in charity work, and is a pillar of the church. Ashton becomes greatly interested in Fran and, while taking leave of her, holds her hand and is seen by Sapphira Clinton, sister of Robert Clinton, chairman of the school board.

CHAPTER IV-Fran tells Gregory she wants a home with him. Grace Noir, Gregory's private secretary, takes a violant dislike to Fran and advises her to go away at once. Fran hints at a twenty-year-old secret, and Gregory, in agitation, asks Grace to leave the room.

CHAPTER V-Fran relates a story of how Gregory married a young girl at Springfield while attending college and then deserted her. Fran is the child of that marriage, Gregory had married his that marriage. Gregory had married his present wife three years before the death of Fran's mother.

CHAPTER VI-Fran finds Mrs. Greg-ory a sweet, sincere woman and takes a liking to her.

CHAPTER VII—Gregory explains that Fran is the daughter of a very dear friend now dead. Fran agrees to the stery. Mrs. Gregory insists on her making her home with them and takes her to her arms. The breach between Fran and Gruce widens.

CHAPTER VIII—It is decided that Fran must go to school. Grace shows persistent interest in Gregory's story of his dead friend and hints that Fran may be an imposter. She threatens to marry Bob Clinton and leave Gregory's service, much to the latter's dismay. Fran declares that the secretary must go. rlares that the secretary must go.

CHAPTER IX-Grace begins nagging tactics in an effort to drive Fran from the Gregory home, but Mrs. Gregory remains stanch in her friendship.

CHAPTER X-Fran is ordered before Superintendent Ashton to be punished for insubordination in school. Chairman Clinton is present. The affair ends in Fran leaving the school in company of the two men, to the amazement of the scandalmongers of the town.

CHAPTER XI-Abbott, while taking a walk alone at midnight, finds Fran on a bridge telling her fortune by cards. She tells Abbott that she is the famous lion tamer, Fran Nonparell. She tired of cir-cus life and wanted a home.

CHAPTER XII-Grace tells CHAPTER XII—Grace tells of seeing Fran come home after midnight with a man. She guesses part of the story and surprises the rest from Abbott. She decides to ask Bob Clinton to go to Springfield to investigate Fran's story.

CHAPTER XIII-Fran enlists Abbott enlists

a. Egged on by
his wife going
his wife done

CHAPTER XIV.

Fighting for Her Life.

The next day found Fran the bluest sat alone, half-way up the ladder leading to Gregory's barn-loft. She meant to be just as miserable as she pleased, since there was no observer to be deceived by sowing cheat-seed of merri-

"The battle's on now, to a finish," muttered Fran despondently, "yet here I sit, and here I scrooch." Fran's thoughts were at the abysmal stage of taper alight, and in this blackness, both hope and failure were alike indistinguishable.

"But we'll see," she cried, at last coming down the ladder, "we'll see!" and she clenched her fists, flung open house with battle in her eyes. Girding up her loins-that is, smoothing her hair-and sharpening her weapons for instant use, she opened the library door.

She knew Grace Noir had gone to the city with Robert Clinton, and yet her feeling on seeing Hamilton Gregory alone, was akin to surprise. How queerly lonesome he looked, without his secretary! She found the philanthropist immersed in day-dreams. The thought of the good his money and influence were accomplishing thrilled his soul, while through the refined ether of this pious joy appeared heard her plea, crimsoned her face. the loveliness of Grace Noir, lending something like spiritual sensuousness breathing rapidly. "Then," she cried, to his vision of duty.

He did not want the applause of The one you have must go." the general public any more than he wanted his past unearthed. It was he coldly responded. enough if his philanthropy was known to God and Grace Noir. She stood, to tell you she must go!" his mind, as a symbol of religionthere can be no harm in reverencing "Never!"

symbols. Fran's eyes drew him abruptly from Fran's eyes gleamed ominously.

his reverie.

"Fran," he said, as if she had ap- fist. That was his only reply. peared in answer to a summons, "I am unhappy about you. Your deter- faltering, "and with tears-but what

mination to have nothing to do with the church not only distresses but embarrasses me. You have insisted on coming into my life. Then why do you disgrace it? You pretend that you want to be liked by us, yet you play cards with strangers at night-it's outrageous. You even threw a card in my yard where a card was never seen before."

"Do you think cards are so very wicked?" asked Fran, looking at him curiously.

"You know what I think. I look on gambling as immoral. But it ought to be enough for me simply to forbid it." She closed the door, and placed her back against it. She looked him in the eyes, and said abruptly-

"I want to be your secretary." Hamilton gripped his chair. "I have a secretary," he retorted, looking at her resentfully. He checked words he would have liked to utter, on reflecting that his secret was in Fran's keeping. How Grace would shrink from him, if she knew the truth-how that magnificent figure would turn its back upon him-and those scornful, imperious, never-faltering eyes. . .

Fran drew nearer. She seated herself upon the arm of a chair, one foot



"I Want to Be Your Secretary."

intensity: "I'm well enough educated. be?" I can take dictation and make good

He allowed his tone to sound defiance-"I already have a secretary."

Fran continued with an effort, and stared straight before her, straight lonesome!" into the memory of her mother's eyes.

Gregory reflected-"If this child had not come, had not intruded herself enough for my follies?"

"When mother died," Fran resumed, are no street corners in my world." discouragement. For a time, there "she thought maybe Uncle Ephraim seemed in her heart not the tiniest had mellowed, so I went to him, because I thought I couldn't get along help it," she interposed passionately. without love." She shook her head, with a pathetic little smile. "But I could! Uncle Ephraim didn't mellow, he dried up. He blamed me for being born-I think, myself, it was a misthe barn-door and marched upon the take. He turned me out, but I was so tough I just couldn't be winterkilled. After that I went back to the show and stocked up in experience. I mention it to point out that a mild job like being your private secretary wouldn't strain a muscle."

Gregory's voice cut across hers. "My secretary must be in sympathy with my work. To exercise such talents as I have, is my religion, and I need a helper whose eyes are fixed upon the higher life. This is final, and the subject must never be reopened. I find it very painful."

Fran's discovery that he had not She jumped from the arm-chair, "if you won't have me, get another.

"She shall do nothing of the sort,"

"Yes," Fran retorted violently, "I

He struck the table with his palm. "Shall I use my last resource?"

The hand upon the table became a "I would entreat you," said Fran, good would it do? None. There's no use for one woman to weep if another woman is smiling. Dismiss your secretary."

He leaned toward her from over the table, and spoke in a low, level tone: "I am going to appeal to your better nature. Think of the girls of the street who need rescue, and the women of the cities who are dying from neglect and vice. If you hinder my work, let the souls of these outcasts be upon your soul! You can ruin me, but not without ruining my good works. I don't ask you to keep silent on my account-what am I but an instrument in the hands of Providence? -but for the sake of the homeless thousands. I have atoned for my past, but the world, always ready to crucify the divine, would rejoice to point the finger of scorn at me, as if I were still the fool of twenty years ago."

"But your secretary-" "She is a vital factor in my work. It would be impossible to replace her." Fran made a step toward him-"My

mother was replaced." He started up. "You shall not speak of that. She lived her life, and I demand the right to live mine. I tell you, the past is ended."

"But I am here," returned Fran. "I have not ended. Can't you look into my face and see my mother living? She paid for her secret marriage, wandering over the face of the earth with her baby, trying to find you. I don't deny that you've paid for refuse mine." all-yes, even for your desertion and your living a hidden life in this town. that isn't the question. Look at me. I am here. I have come as truly out of your past as out of the past of my darling, uncomplaining-what did you call her?-'friend.' And being here I I born?" ask, 'What will you do with me?' All I want is-just a little love."

expression in the eager voice, in the yearning eyes. As he stared at her. half-stupefied, he imagined she was holding out her arms to him in plead-

Fran thought his covered face a token of weakening. "You must have dead and forgotten that there is none left for your child?"

But she was seeking to play upon strings that had long since ceased to vibrate. He could not bring back, even in retrospect, the emotions inspired by Josephine Derry. Those strings had been tuned to other lovenarmonies. To remember Fran's mother was to bring back not the rapture of a first passion, but the garish days of disillusionment. He could not tell Fran that he had never loved her mother. The dead must not be reproached; the living could not be denied-so he was silent.

His silence inspired Fran with hope. 'I am so lonely, so lonely!" she mur-There seems a reason for everybody cleared momentarily. but me-I can't be explained. That's heart should it be? Does no sort of on the floor, and spoke with restrained feeling tell you whose heart it should

that is your fault. You are in this house on a footing of equality, and all seem to like you, except Miss Graceand I must say, her disapproval dis-"Mother didn't like studying, very well, turbs you very little. But you won't of the blue. No laughing now, as she but she was determined to get me out adopt our ways. You make everybody of the condition I was born in; she talk by your indiscreet behavior-then taught me all she knew. Wasn't she wonder that the town shuns your sosplendid! So patient-" Fran paused, ciety, and complain because you feel

Fran's eyes filled with tears. "If you believe in me-if you try to like methat's all I ask. The whole town can upon my life! Haven't I suffered talk, if I have you. I don't care for the world and its street corners-there "But, child-'

"You never call me Fran if you can



"I Am Going to Appeal to Your Better Nature."

Even the dogs have names. Call me by mine; it's Fran. Say it, say it. Call me-oh, father, father. I want your love."

"Hush!" he gasped, ashen pale. "You will be overheard." She extended her arms wildly:

"What do you know about God, except away silent and with downcast head. that He's Father. That's all-Father -and you worship Him as His son. Yet you want me to care for your religion. Then why don't you show me the way to God? Can you love Him and deny your own child? Am I to pray to him as my Father in Heaven, but not dare acknowledge my father on earth? No! I don't know how others feel, but I'll have to reach heavenly things through human things. And I tell you that you are standing between me and God."

"Hush, hush!" cried Gregory. "Child! this is sacrilege!"

"No, it is not, I tell you, I can't You pray 'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . give us this day our banks. daily bread.' And I pray to you, and The I say, My father here on earth, givegive me-your love. That's what I it would be agreeable to pursue his want-nothing else-I want it so bad. studies in the open air. He snatched

you understand? Look-I'm praying his feet.

from the ground.

"No," cried Fran, scarcely knowing you grant my prayer. I'm not asking man." for the full, rich love a child has the right to expect—but give me a crust, in the shadow of the bay-window. to keep me alive-father, give me my Against the wall were arranged daily bread. You needn't think God is sturdy round-backed wooden chairs, going to answer your prayers, if you

Hamilton Gregory took her in his arms and held her to his breast, seemed too carefully ordered-he Maybe you've suffered enough. But "Fran," he said brokenly, "my unfor- pined for the woods-some mossy tunate child . . . my daughter-oh, bank sloping to a purling stream. why were you born?"

"Yes," sobbed Fran, resting her head upon his bosom, "yes, why was

"You break my heart," he sobbed with her. "Fran, say the word, and The long loneliness of her life found I will tell everything; I will acknowledge you as my daughter, and if my wife-"

Fran shook her head. "You owe no more to my mother than to her," she said, catching her breath. "No, the secret must be kept-always. Father -I must never call you that except loved my mother once. Is it all so when we are alone-I must always whisper it, like a prayer-father, let me be your secretary."

It was strange that this request should surround Fran with the chill atmosphere of a tomb. His embrace relaxed insensibly. He looked at his daughter in frightened bewilderment, as if afraid she had drawn him too far from his security for further hiding. During the silence, she awaited his decision.

It was because of her tumultuous emotions that she failed to hear advancing footsteps.

"Some one is coming," he exclaimed, with ill-concealed relief. "We mustn't be seen thus-we would be misunderstood." He strode to the window, and mured plaintively, "so very lonely! pretended to look out. His face

The door opened, and Grace Noir why I am disliked. If there could be started in, then paused significantly. one heart for me to claim-whose "Am I interrupting?" she asked, in

quiescent accent. "Certainly not," Gregory breathed freedom. His surprise was so joyful "Of course you are lonely, child, but that he was carried beyond himself. 'Grace! It's Grace! Then you didn't go to the city with Bob. There wasn't any train-'

"I am here-" began Grace easily-"Yes, of course, that's the main thing," his delight could not be held in check. "You are here, indeed! And you are looking-I mean you look well-I mean you are not ill-your return is so unexpected."

"I am here," she steadily persisted, because I learned something that affects my interests. I went part of the way with Mr. Clinton, but after thinking over what had been told me, I decided to leave the train at the next station. I have been driven back in a carriage. I may as well tell you, Mr. Gregory, that I am urged to accept a responsible position in Chicago."

He understood that she referred to marriage with Robert Clinton. "But-' he began, very pale.

She repeated, "A responsible posimeant to apply for the secretaryship, thus taking advantage of my absence."

old, in its oval of black hair. "Who June morning myself." told you this truth?" she demanded, with a menacing gleam of teeth.

"Who knew of your intentions?" the other gracefully said. "But this is no ing, Abbott. We'll do what we can, matter. The point is that I have this and I hope you'll help yourself." Chicago opportunity. So if Mr. Gregory wants to employ you, I must know accordingly."

"Can you imagine," Hamilton cried reproachfully, "that without any warning, I would make a change? Certainly not. I have no intention of employing Fran. The idea is impossible. More than that, it is-er-it is absolutely preposterous. Would I calmly building up so carefully?"

"Then you had already refused Fran before I came?"

"I had-hadn't I. Fran?"

Fran gave her father a look such as had never before come into her dark eyes - a look of reproach, a look tion of Blubb's Riffle-but he had to that said, "I cannot fight back because of the agony in my heart." She went

CHAPTER XV.

In Sure-Enough Country. One morning, more than a month after the closing days of school, Abbott Ashton chanced to look from his bedroom window as Hamilton Gregory's buggy, with Fran in it, passed. Long fishing-poles projected from the back of the buggy.

By Fran's side, Abbott discovered a man. True it was "only" Simon Jefferson; still, for all his fifty years and his weak heart, it was not as if it were some pleasant, respectable see God, because you're in the way, woman-say Simon's mother. However, old ladies do not sit upon creek-

The thought of sitting upon the bank of a stream suggested to Abbott that . . I'm dying for it, father, can't up some books and went below.

On the green veranda he paused to for it-" She threw herself wildly at inhale the fragrance of the roses. "I'm glad you've left your room," said Miss Deeply moved, he tried to lift her Sapphira, all innocence, all kindness. "You'll study yourself to death. It won't make any more of life to take it what she said, "I will not get up till hard-there's just so much for every

> Huge and serious, Miss Sapphira sat each of which could have received the landlady's person without a quiver of a spindle. Everything about Abbott

> Suddenly Miss Sapphira grew ponderously significant. Her massive head trembled from a weight of meaning not to be lifted lightly in mere words. her double chins consolidated, and her mouth became as the granite door of a cave sealed against the too-curious.

Abbott paused uneasily before his meditated flight-"Have you heard any

She answered almost tragically, "Board meeting, tonight."

Ordinarily, teachers for the next year were selected before the close of the spring term; only those "on the inside" knew that the fateful board meeting had been delayed week after week because of disagreement over the superintendency. There was so much dissatisfaction over Abbott Ashton-because of "so much talk"-that even Robert Clinton had thought it best to wait, that the young man might virtually be put upon good behavior.

"Tonight," the young man repeated with a thrill. He realized how important this meeting would prove in shaping his future.

"Yes," she said warningly. "And Bob is determined to do his duty. He never went very far in his own education because he didn't expect to be a school-teacher-but ever since he's been chairman of the school-board, he's aimed to have the best teachers. so the children can be taught right; most of 'em are poor and may want to teach, too, when they're grown. I think all the board'll be for you tonight, Abbott, and I've been glad to notice that for the last month, there's been less talk. And by the way," she added, "that Fran-girl went by with Simon Jefferson just now, the two of them in Brother Gregory's buggy. They're going to Blubb's Riffle-he with his weak heart, and her with that sly smile of hers, and it's a full three mile!"

Abbott did not volunteer that he had seen them pass, but his face showed the ostensible integrity of a jam-thief. who for once finds himself innocent when missing jam is mentioned.

She was not convinced by his look of guilelessness. "You seem to be carrying away your books."

"I want to breathe in this June morning without taking it strained through window-screens," he explained.

Miss Sapphira gave something like a choked cough, and compressed her lips. "Abbott," she said, looking at tion in Chicago. And I was told, this him sidewise, "please step to the telemorning, that while I was away, Fran phone, and call up Bob-he's at the store. Tell him to leave the clerk in charge and hitch up and take me for Fran's face looked oddly white and a little drive. I want some of this

Abbott obeyed with alacrity. On his return, Miss Sapphira said, "Bob's going to fight for you at the board meet-

As Abbott went down the fragrant street with its cool hose-refreshed it at once, to make my arrangements pavements, its languorous shadows athwart rose-bush and picket fence, its hopeful weeds already peering through crevices where plank sidewalks maintained their worm-eaten right of way, he was in no dewy-morning mood. He understood what those wise nods had meant, and he was in no frame of mind for such wisdom. He meant to tear down what you and I have been go far, far away from the boardinghouse, from the environment of schools and school-boards, from Littleburg with its atmosphere of ridiculous gossip.

> Of course he could have gone just as far, if he had not chosen the direc-

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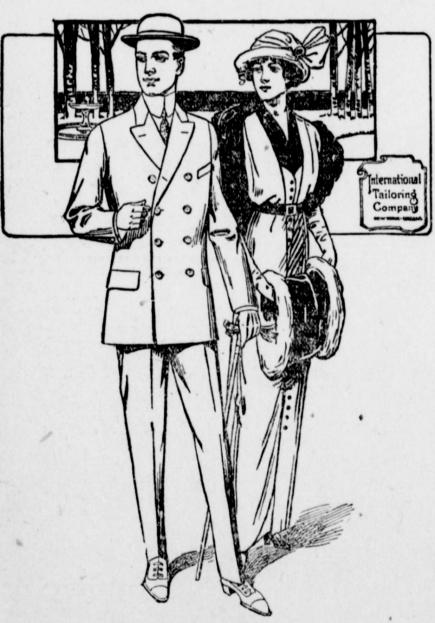
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take some direction. He halted before he came in sight of the stream; if Fran had a mind to fish with Simon Jefferson, he would not spoil her sport.

He found a comfortable log where he might study under the gracious sky. He did not learn much-there seemed a bird in every line.

When he closed his books, scarcely knowing why, and decided to ramble, it was with no intention of seeking Fran. Miss Sapphira might have guessed what would happen, but in perfect innocence, the young man strolled, seeking a grassy by-road, seldom used, redolent of brush, tree, vine, dust-laden weed. It was a road where the sun seemed almost a stranger; a road gone to sleep and dreaming of the feet of stealthy Indians, of noisy settlers, and skillful trappers. All such fretful bits of life had the old road drained into oblivion, and now it seemed to call on Abbott to share their fate, the fate of the forgotten.

But the road lost its mystic mean-Suddenly it became only a road-nay, it became nothing. It seemed that the sight of Fran always made wreckage of the world about her.

She was sitting in the Gregory buggy, but, most surprising of all, there was no horse between the shafts-no horse was to be seen, anywhere. Best of all, no Simon Jefferson was visible. Fran in the buggy-that was all. Slow traveling, indeed, even for this sleepy old road!

'Not in a hurry, are you?" "I've arrived," Fran said, in un-

friendly tone. 'Are you tired of fishing, Fran?"

"Yes, and of being fished."

She had closed the door in his face, but he said-as through the keyhole-'Does that mean for me to go away?"

"You are a pretty good friend, Mr. Ashton," she said with a curl of her lip, "I mean-when we are alone."

we part," he quoted. "Fran, surely you don't feel toward me the way you are looking.' "Exactly as I'm looking at you, that's

the way I feel. Stand there as long as you please-'

"I don't want to stand a moment longer. I want to sit with you in the buggy. Please don't be so-so old!" Fran laughed out musically, but im-



"My Unfortunate Child-My Daughter -Oh, Why Were You Born.'

mediately declared: "I laughed because you are unexpected; it doesn't mean I like you any better. I hate friendship that shows itself only in private. Mr. Chameleon, I like people to show their true colors."

"I am not Mr. Chameleon, and I want to sit in your buggy."

"Well, then get in the very farthes! corner. Now look me in the eyes." "And, oh, Fran, you have such eyes! They are so marvelously-er-un friendly."

"I'm glad you ended up that way. Now look me in the eyes. Suppose you should see the school-board sailthrown in. What would you do?"

"What should I do?" "Hide, I suppose," said Fran, sud-

denly rippling. "Then you look me in the eyes and fisten to me," he said impressively. Weigh my words-have you scales

strong enough?" "Put 'em on slow and careful." "I am not Mr. Chameleon for I show my true color. And I am a real friend,

no matter what kind of tree I am-He paused, groping for a word. "Up?" she suggested, with a sudden chuckle. "All right-let the schoolboard come. But you don't seem sur-

prised to see me here in the buggy without Mr. Simon." "When Mr. Simon comes he'll find me right here," Abbott declared. "Fran, please don't be always showing your worst side to the town; when

you laugh at people's standards, they think you queer-and you can't imagine just how much you are to me." "Huh!" Fran sniffed. "I'd hate to be anybody's friend and have my

friendship as little use as yours has been to me." He was deeply wounded. "I've tried

to give good advice-" "I don't need advice, I want help in street together.

carrying out what I already know." Her voice vibrated. "You're afraid of losing your position if you have anything to do with me. Of course I'm queer. Can I help it, when I have no real home, and nobody cares whether I go or stay?"

"You know I care, Fran."

Fran caught her lip between her teeth as if to hold herself steady. "Oh, let's drive," she said recklessly, striking at the dashboard with a whip, and shaking her hair about her face till she looked the elfish child he had first'

"Fran, you know I care-you know

"We'll drive into Sure-Enough Country," she said with a half-smile showing on the side of her face next him. "Whoa! Here we are. All who live in Sure-Enough Country are sureenough people-whatever they say is true. Goodness!" She opened her eyes very wide-"It's awful dangerous to talk in Sure-Enough Country." She ing when Abbott discovered Fran. put up her whip, and folded her hands.

"I'm glad we're here, Fran, for you have your friendly look."

'That's because I really do like you. Let's talk about yourself-how you expect to be what you'll be-you're nothing yet, you know, Abbott; but how did you come to determine to be something?"

Into Abbott's smile stole something tender and sacred. "It was all my mother," he explained simply. "She died before I received my state certificate, but she thought I'd be a great man-so I am trying for it.

"And she'll never know," Fran lamented.

She slipped her hand into his. 'Didn't I have a mother? Oh, these mothers! And who can make motherwishes come true? Well! And you just studied with all your might; and you'll keep on and on, till you're . While we're together, and after out of my reach, of course. Which would have suited your mother, too." She withdrew her hand.

"My mother would have loved you," he declared, for he did not understand. so well as Fran, about mothers' liking for strange young ladies who train

"Mine would you," Fran asserted, with more reason.

Abbott, conscious of a dreadful emptiness, took Fran's hand again. "I'll never be out of your reach, Fran."

She did not seek to draw away, but said, with dark meaning, "Remember the bridge at midnight." "I remember how you looked, with

the moonlight silvering your face-you were just beautiful that night, little Nonpareil."

"My chin is so sharp," she murmured.

"Yes," he said, softly feeling the warm little fingers, one by one, as if to make sure all were there. "That's the way I like it-sharp."

"And I'm so ridiculously thin-"

"You're nothing like so thin as when you first came to Littleburg." he declared. "I've noticed how you are-have been-I mean . .

"Filling out?" cried Fran gleefully. "Oh, yes, and I'm so glad you know, dresses, I've been afraid you'd never find it out, and would always be thinking of me as you saw me at the beginning. But I am-yes-filling out."

"And your little feet, Fran-' "Yes, I always had a small foot.

But let's get off of this subject." "Not until I say something about your smile-oh, Fran, that smile!"

"The subject, now," remarked Fran, "naturally returns to Grace Noir."

"Please, Fran!" "I'll tell you why you hurt my feelings, Abbott. You've disappointed me twice. Oh, if I were a man, I'd show any meek-faced little hypocrite if she could prize secrets out of me. Just

because it wears dresses and long hair, you think it an angel." "Meaning Miss Grace, I presume?" remarked Abbott dryly. "But what is

the secret, this time?" "Didn't I trust you with the secret that I meant to apply for the position ing down the road, Miss Sapphira of secretary as soon as Grace Noir was out of the way? And I was just about to win the fight when here she came-hadn't been to the city at all, because you told her what I meant to do-handed her the secret, like a child

giving up something it doesn't want." "You are very unjust. I did not tell her your plan. I don't know how she found it out."

"From you; nobody else knew it." "She did not learn it from me."

"-And that's what gets me!-you tell her everything, and don't even know you tell. Just hypnotized! Answer my questions: the morning after I told you what I meant to do-standing there at the fence by the gateconfiding in you, telling you everything-I say the next morning, didn't you tell Grace Noir all about it?" "Certainly not."

Abbott tried to remember, then said casually, "I believe we did meet on

the street that morning."

"Yes," said Fran ironically, "I believe you did meet somewhere. Of course she engaged you in her peculiar style of inquisitorial conversation?"

"We went down the street together." "Now, prisoner at the bar, relate all that was said while going down the

"Most charming, but unjust judge, not a word that I can remember, so couldn't have been of any interest. I did tell her that since she-yes, I remember now-since she was to be out of town all day, I would wait until tomorrow to bring her a book she wanted to borrow."

"Oh! And she wanted to know who told you she would be out of town all day, didn't she?"

Abbott reflected deeply, then said with triumph, "Yes, she did. She asked me how I knew she was going to the



He Understood What Those Wise Nods Had Meant.

city with Bob Clinton. And I merely said that it was the understanding they were to select the church music. Not another word was said on the sub-

"That was enough. Mighty neat. As soon as she saw you were trying to avoid a direct answer, she knew I'd told you. That gave her a clew to my leaving the choir practice before the rest of them. She guessed something important was up. Well, Abbott, you are certainly an infant in her hands, but I guess you can't help it."

Self-pride was touched, and he retaliated: "Fran, I hate to think of your being willing to take her posttion behind her back."

She crimsoned.

"You'd know how I feel about it." he went on, "if you understood her better. I know her duty drives her to act in opposition to you, and I'm

sorry for it. But her religious ideals-"Abbott, be honest and answer-is there anything in it-this talk of doing God's will? Can people love God and hate one another? I just hate shams," she went on, becoming more excited. "I don't care what fine names you give them-whether it's marriage, or education, or culture, or religion, if there's no heart in it, it's a sham, and I hate it. I hate a lie. But a thousand times more, do I hate a life that

"Fran, you don't know what you are saying."

"Yes I do know what I'm saying. Is religion going to church? That's all I because since I've been wearing long can see in it. I want to believe there's something else, I've honestly searched. for I wanted to be comforted, I tell you, I need it. But I can't find any comfort in mortar and stained-glass windows. I want something that makes a man true to his wife, and makes a family live together in bleesed harmony, something that's good on the streets and in the stores, something that makes people even treat a show-girl well. If there's anything in it, why doesn't father-"

She snatched away her hand that she might cover her face, for she had burst into passionate weeping. "Why doesn't a father, who's always talking about religion, and singing about it, and praying about it-why doesn't that father draw his daughter to his breast

close, close to his heart-that's the only home she asks for-that's the home she has a right to, yes a right. I don't care how far she's wandered-

"Fran!" cried Abbott, in great distress. "Don't cry, little one!" He had no intelligent word, but his arm was full of meaning as it slipped about. her. "Who has been unkind to you, Nonpareil?" She let her head sink upon his shoulder, as she sobbed without restraint. "What shams have pierced your pure heart? Am I the cause of any of these tears? Am I?"

"Yes," Fran answered, between her sobs, "you're the cause of all my happy tears." She nestled there with a movement of perfect trust; he drew her closer, and stroked her hair tenderly, trusting himself.

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