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FROM GARRISON.

A Great Time On the Sixth of July. Local Happenings of the City.

June, 24.—Garrison is still in the swim. Good season in the ground, and judging from the sound of thunder which is at present reverberating in the elements overhead, we think ere long there will fall another copious shower. Fine prospects for corn crop, tho' farmers are not so hopeful of cotton on account of the notorious little boll bug—that's the only thing that is "bugy" in our locality, however.

Health fine. Mineral water still in demand. Miss Lola Brown of Martinsville, who has been spending a few weeks in our town for the purpose of testing the virtues of our famous mineral water, left for her home Wednesday wearing roses in her cheeks. Miss Davis from Center is here for her health.

Mrs. Baker from Nacogdoches is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Weatherly.

Miss May Pounds, a former teacher in Mineral Springs Institute, stopped off for a few days on her return trip from Austin, where she has been attending commencement at the State University. She has accepted a position in Teneha, her home town, for the ensuing year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harrison of Sulphur Springs are visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. W. B. Hargis entertained Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Ollie Neely who has returned from Louisiana, where she has been teaching for the past year.

Progressive forty-two was the main feature of the entertainment, Mrs. Dora Garrison winning the prize, which was an elaborate china cake plate.

Mrs. Wiley's sister, Mrs. McKennon and her daughter, Mrs. Dent of Lovelady are at Hotel Wiley this week.

Two of our M. S. I. pupils, Mr. Jim Ellington, who has been attending business college in Dallas, and Mr. Earnest McCall of Center, are in town this week.

We are to have our "big blow out" on the 6th instead of the 4th. of July, which gives ye editor an opportunity to lend your presence at both places, however we shall ask one favor, don't tank-up on Odell's soda water to such a great extent that you will not be ready to partake of the delicious drinks that our W. P. and H. M. Society are to serve. Bring some of your friends with you.

T. and M.

Change of Schedule

The I. & G. N. have changed their schedule, which affects this place as follows:

South bound, No. 1, taken off and No. 3 put on. Due at 9:22 a. m. No. 5 due 9:23 p. m.

North bound, No. 2 due at 12:10 p. m. No. 4 due at 8:39 p. m.

This change affects all trains except No. 4. and gives us a morning train.

FROM NEW PROSPECT.

An Enjoyable Time on the River. Some Arguments in Favor of Houston County.

June, 27.—Health of community is good at this writing except a few chills and fevers.

Cotton is doing well, and I guess we will make plenty of corn.

The young folks enjoyed themselves very much at the singing last Sunday was a week ago, at Mr. John Bridges. Hope he will give another one soon.

A good many people of this community went to Trinity river fishing last week. They report a good time and caught as much fish as they wanted, although they say the gnats and mosquitoes are awful bad down there.

Mr. B. F. McQueen and family visited relatives near La Texo last Friday and Saturday returning home Sunday.

People say that the western country is awful healthy and say we ought to go out there so we could get something for our work, but if we was to go out there the sugar would be on a little further, so Houston County is just about as good as there is. They brag on their country and we brag on ours; if they can make a living there and we can here; it is all right and will do better if we will just stay where we are. They say corn is in full tassel and cotton is making fine, and say we can get from \$1.00 to \$1.50 out there every day we work. Well, corn is in full tassel here and has been for the longest and cotton is doing fine, and we can get from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for our work here, so what is the difference? The difference is we can get plenty of good water and wood here and you have to rustle to get it out there, so I think I'll remain in Houston County where the good things are.

With success to the Messenger, I am, Taylor McQueen

La Texo News.

June, 25.—We had a good rain here yesterday which was very beneficial to the corn which was beginning to suffer.

Misses Florence Keen and Nellie Hill, who have been visiting Dr. Merriwether's family, went to Elkhart today to visit relatives.

Mrs. D. Leaverton is visiting relatives in Grapeland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Darsey spent Sunday in town visiting relatives. Dr. Merriwether spent a few days in Houston last week.

A car load of brick was put off on the siding this morning; some body is going to build.

Mr. Riley Murchison's child has hooping cough.

Health of community very good.

W. H. Lively and family have moved back to Grapeland, their former home. Mr. Lively recently opened up in the drug business at Pearsall, but finally decided to move back, hence sold out to the Mercer Drug Co. of this place. The Leader is sorry to see such good citizens move away from this town.—Pearsall Leader.

FROM ORIOLE.

Another Pleasant Fishing Expedition. In Favor of a County Superintendent.

June, 26.—Fishing seems to be the order of the day in this section. Dr. Puntch and Mr. S. T. Hester have just returned from a fishing trip on the Trinity. Have not heard what luck they had.

On the 21st. our little party consisting of Thad Marsh and family and myself and wife, took our departure intending to spend awhile on the Neches river. We camped the first night out on the San Antonio road in the Pine Springs region, and were aiming to pass through Weches and on to the river but we turned off and passed the next night near Bobbetts Bridge on the San Pedro creek. We had a pretty place here to camp and fine weather and left next morning without any fish. We next passed thru Augusta, which has not changed much since we used to get our mail here, over twenty years ago, when Mr. Wm. McLean was Postmaster. We missed his familiar face as well as others who have passed away.

The corn in the San Pedro bottom looks fine; that on the hills is needing rain.

We arrived home on the 23rd. and I was glad to find among my mail the Messenger filled with good things as usual.

If Prof. Cain's article on the County Superintendent could be read by every voter in the county before the election I think we would have the Superintendent.

Prof. Mitchell gives some interesting information from the Philippine Islands.

Glad to notice that the Merchants and Business men of Grapeland aim to show some respect to the 4th. of July by closing their places of business, also that the citizens of La Texo will celebrate the day with a picnic.

Wishing the Messenger and all of its readers success, I will close.

A. K.

Elkhart Items.

June, 27.—Everything in this locality is prosperous and getting on well. The farmers are looking pretty gay this week as there was a good rain Monday, which came in time to save corn crops. If it had not rained Monday the corn crop would have been very short in this section, but as it is there will be a fair crop made. Cotton is fine for the time of year and there is very little complaint of the boll weevil.

The early peach crop has been shipped from this place, a fair price having been received for same.

Tomatoes are moving fast. The crop is very small this year.

One of our oldest citizens, Mr. Hawthorn, died Saturday which was a shock to every one. He was loved and honored by everyone who knew him. His friends and relatives have our entire sympathy in their sad loss.

Mr. George Springman of Grapeland visited our city on business Monday.

Mr. Joel Bowman of Denson Springs is going to open up a general merchandise business in our city soon and we wish him much success in his move.

T. W. T.

KENNARD LETTER.

A Nice Church Building Under Construction. Private School Opened.

June, 19.—Owing to the confinement, I have been unable to represent this town in the last two issues of your paper, but as I haven't much to do to-night will try to drop in a few words.

First, I wish to ask my friends when they contemplate voting in the Messenger Contest to remember me. I have only a small amount of votes, but you may consider that I have not been in the race only a short time and haven't time to rustle much, as I am engaged at Kennard working 14 hours per day. Although that doesn't mean that I am not trying to rustle for the Messenger for I "bum" every person I meet and write some of those I don't meet. Remember that the Messenger is a new paper in this precinct.

When I tell you that it is only about one-half mile from Kennard to a den of wolves and that the lumber stacks of this mill swarm with dogs, you will think that I have a strong determination for some purpose, else I would not stay in such a place alone at night. There is plenty of other positions I could hold but this being the most money to me I prefer it, as it will not be long before I can attend school again, as I cannot be satisfied to give up my school days yet.

Kennard will soon be honored with a church which is badly needed.

A private school began here last Monday; Mrs. McLamore being the teacher.

Farmers are laying by corn. Many finished laying by last week. Cotton is said to be blooming right along.

This being the 19th. of June, the negroes are having a big time.

All the previously vacant buildings of Kennard are now occupied doing business right along.

I would be glad to visit Grapeland to enjoy some of her delicious fruits.

Glad to know the members of the Contest are receiving a large vote. Hope the Contest success.

As the elements are ringing with the echo of the negroes, will ring off wishing success to the Messenger and readers.

James J. Cook.

Farmers' Union Picnic

Editor Messenger:—We desire to state that the annual Farmers' Union picnic of Grapeland district will be held at Oak Grove July 12th. Everybody is extended a cordial invitation to attend and bring their baskets well filled, and let's have a good time. There will be some of the best speakers in the state present, Editor O. P. Pyle of the National Co-Operator being among the number. The refreshment stand will be controlled by the union for the purpose of defraying expenses of the speakers.

E. P. BEAN,
S. T. PARKER,
H. J. SHAW,
Committee.

A. S. Porter went to Crockett Sunday afternoon.

OAKGROVE.

Farmers Union Meeting Very Interesting and Instructive. Local Items.

June, 22.—Health of this community very good with exception of a few fevers.

We had a nice shower last night which did some good and was gladly received.

Some of our farmer boys left this morning for the river to spend a few days fishing and hunting. Glad to see the boys come together and take a few days in innocent pleasure than stand around town and hear cuss words and vulgar sayings that would make the demons in hell blush with shame. We think that meh should be very careful how they try to corrupt the good morals of boys as they are the hope of the nation.

To say that the county Union was a success and that we had a nice time is putting it in a mild way. When we have such men as J. F. Garrett to preside and F. A. Lively to lecture and Jim Lively to pray and Sam to use his executive ability and O. T. Bitner to look after finance, we think there is no such a thing as a failure. It would be an injustice to the good cause if I did not mention the names of the speakers that were present: O. P. Pyle of Mineola, interested the people for an hour and a half on the principles of the Union, then Jack Farley of Dallas gave a talk on how the railroads were fleecing the people on freight and other traffic. There is no doubt that Mr. Farley is the best posted man on the freight business there is in Texas.

Mr. J. F. Sloan of Mattoon, Ill., put the plans of the cotton warehouse before the people and it was decided to hold a meeting in Crockett on June 27th. to discuss the matter. The Union men of Houston county are in favor of having warehouses so they can bulk their cotton and sell direct to English Spinners which can be done. Now come on Bro. farmer and join the Union and lets make it a success, then we can buy our children school books and good clothes and our wives a new handkerchief to wipe their pretty nose. Old Timer.

Public Installation of Officers

Grapeland Lodge No. 473 A. F. & A. M. publicly installed officers for the ensuing masonic year last Tuesday morning at their hall. A large number of citizens attended the ceremonies.

The following officers were installed: F. C. Woodard, Worshipful Master; Odell Faris and Jas. Owens Junior and Senior Wardens; W. P. Kyle, Tiler; A. L. Brown, secretary; Lige Dunham, treasurer; Jno. A. Davis and J. L. Ward, Senior and Junior Deacons. At 12:30 o'clock dinner was spread in the hall and about seventy five people dined with the masons. Among the visitors we note from Crockett Messrs. Brightman, Allbright, Stanton and Welborn.

Misses Lella Howard and Adelle Davis visited in Crockett this and last week.

The Messenger.

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GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

Cure for Crow's Feet.

The following little sermon may be taken to heart by man as well as woman. In business or the home life it is equally applicable and breathes of the best spirit to be preserved in all vicissitudes of life: "Be sunny" has grown to be something of a catchword, but it is a pretty good all-around motto for everyday life as well. The cook may have gone away in a temper on the very day of your dinner party—it's a way cooks have—or the dressmaker may have failed to send home your new frock in time for Mrs. So-and-So's reception, but frowns and tears and grumbings will not help matters in either case. It may be that the world contains other cooks, or even that the same one may be induced to return in time to save the day. And if not, why not pitch right in and do the best you can yourself with the best grace you can muster? If your dinner does not turn out quite as well as you would like, just make a joke of the whole affair and let your guests laugh with you. Bless you, they too, have troubles of their own and they will relish almost any sort of a repast that is served with laughter sauce. And as for the dress that did not come, why, since you must do without it in any event, just do without it cheerfully. You have other frocks, possibly, and if you furnish one of them, up a bit and wear it with your lightest heart and your gladdest smile, people will simply wonder why they never knew before how pretty you are and how tastefully you dress. That is, the people who count for anything. And as for the others, who cares about what they think, anyway? There are recipes by the score for eradicating wrinkles and keeping out of bed and sweeping the coverlet crows' feet at bay; but a cheerful mind discounts all of them. It isn't easy to be cheerful when things go wrong, you say. No; but it doesn't help any to be grumpy, does it? Then, in the expressive slang of the day, "forget it." Cheerfulness is a habit, just as much as worrying—only it is a good deal pleasanter for yourself and everybody else. Get the habit, then; and the first thing you know the worries will have taken flight. They can not stand sunshine. In a cheerful atmosphere they find themselves so distinctly "out of it" that they prefer to make themselves scarce. Therefore, be cheerful. It may cost you something at first, but it will pay in the end. How to manage it? Look out instead of in. You are not the only human creature who has troubles. Every woman has them—and most men—so you can not lay claim to exclusiveness along this line. But the world is a pretty good world, on the whole, and you will enjoy it more than you do now when you begin to look out on it with unclouded eyes. Leave the house or the office or the schoolroom behind you once in a while and take a breathing spell out in the open. And when you do go out, do not always go shopping. Don't bother with bargain days unless you really want something that you can't buy any other time. And even at the bargain counter be sunny. It may seem difficult, but it isn't nearly as difficult as it seems if you only start trying it.

Singular Outcome.

The fact has been noted that the misfortune which overtook San Francisco has kept Cupid and Hymen busy, the number of marriages since the earthquake and fire having been quite unparalleled in any similar previous period. The situation is explained by the anxiety of sturdy young fellows regarding their sweethearts and by their readiness to assume the duty of caring for the gentle victims of the disaster. As illustrating what is going on the first order sent out of San Francisco by telegraph was to a New York manufacturing company for 160 wedding rings, assorted sizes. A town which marries off in that fashion in the face of such a calamity is all right. It would take much more than earthquake and fire to destroy it or quench its spirit.

The American horse refuses to go, and his value has advanced. On January 1, 1897, there were 14,364,000 horses in this country. On the first day of 1906 there were 18,718,000. In nine years there has been an increase of 30 per cent. The gain in the number of mules has been great, but not so large. In 1897 there were 2,215,000. This year, notwithstanding the heavy purchases made by the British government during the Boer war, there are 2,466,660.

A Couple of Scarecrows

By PHILIP VERRILL MICHELS

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Leslie Forrest went to bed a peaceful nomad, and awoke a rebellious farmer. At first he knew nothing at all of the germ of war that slumbered under the ample folds of his yellow pajamas. He lay in his bed reflecting, a letter in his hand, and his knees upheaving the coverlet to form two rival fugiyamas.

"Your uncle James is dead, and you are his heir to the Black Oaks farm—was all he had read of the letter.

Visions of meadow and stream, of hillsides cool beneath majestic trees, the gray of a lichen-feathered wall, o'ergrown with berry brambles, the wide-spreading house, outstretching arms of hospitality, and the curving path that skirted the ancient well on its way to the veteran gate—that never shut, but merely stood knee-deep in the grass—came over his mind from a "barefoot" time of long ago.

This mood was merely reminiscent, however, and not at all to be construed as a consent to become the owner of a farm.

"On the whole," he ruminated, scratching at the bottom of his foot, and thereby causing a fearsome commotion among the coverlet fugiyamas, "the place is good to have, if only for a home—a sort of retreat. And then if ever I should get married—Well, let's see what the rest of it says."

He resumed his letter:

"Heir to the Black Oak farm, including the Hilltop addition and a legacy of \$25,000, provided you marry Abigail Umatilla Smeethers, a much-removed family connection. In the event of your refusal to wed the said Abigail, etc., you to inherit the Black Oaks and she to have the Hilltop addition and legacy—"

"Now, hang Abigail Utility Smither-ees!" ejaculated Forrest, bounding out of bed and sweeping the coverlet fugiyamas into space in a tidal wave of blankets and sheets. "It's perfectly idiotic! It's the kind of stuff you read about! Abigail Curlypapers Giddy-greens! No, you don't, uncle James, not on your daguerrotype. She can have the Hilltop addition, and—Now why in thunder did he have to give her the whole bank? Twenty-five thousand—I think I'd like—but no!—not with Abigail. No, Abby, go thy Smeethers ways, in peace and curly-papers!"

He danced the prelude of a marvelous snakentine gyration, and sat him down on the edge of the bed to scratch at the bottom of his foot again. The rebellion was started and working well.

"Heigho!" he mused, as with hands on his knees, he looked with winkless eyes on the common design of the carpet. "It's just the luck—it always goes about that way—and just as a fellow is actually taking an interest in the loveliest girl in the universe, and begins to think he'd like to settle down."

Here he grew quite as sentimental and retrospective as is possible to any man in pajamas.

"Wasn't she charming!" he exclaimed, in delight. "Such dear brown eyes! Such hair—it looked like what?—like raven-colored skeins of silk. Such spirit and genius of expressing herself. And yet a touch of sadness, too. I wonder why she wouldn't dance—she said she liked it. Well, perhaps we made better progress at getting acquainted as it was."

He was silent a moment.

"Miss Rockland—rather fine. I wonder what her first name is? And I don't know where she lives, or anything about her. That's the trouble with a formal introduction at a hop, anyway."

Slowly investing himself in conventional attire, and fluctuating between rhapsodies on his unknown queen, and rallies on Abigail, Forrest went off to his breakfast at last. Later he took the boat for Cornfield and the Black Oaks farm.

"I'll look the place over for a couple of weeks," said he, "and then I'm going to hunt Miss Rockland up, or squander my youth and fortune in the effort."

Three large crows were staring about and cawing in a field that belonged to the Hilltop addition one morning as Forrest came forth from his farmhouse. He saw them out of the corner of his eyes, the same way that he saw the woman who walked about the place from time to time.

That Abigail would come to fetch him away, or, maybe, that he should inadvertently wander down through the vale into her possessions and there be trapped and wed in spite of himself, was a constant fear with Forrest.

Abigail, he reflected, appeared aggressive, progressive and acquisitive. She walked about her acres on the opposite hill with a certain vigor and sure-footedness that were very suggestive, he thought.

On her head, she wore a bonnet that

looked like a section of blue stovepipe, and hid her face as if it were deep in a tunnel and peering forth. This, and the calico dress, secured at the waist loosely, were "ear-marks" of an Abigail every time, the young man asserted.

As he glanced at the crows this particular morning, he saw her come and frighten them away. They alighted across the creek in his field of oats.

"Tut, tut, Abby!" he said aloud, "I hanker not for crows."

When she turned, he went to the hill and heaved a rock at the birds. They settled again on the Hilltop property, whence, in half-an-hour, Abigail "shooed" them again to the field of her neighbor.

"Confound her impudence!" said Forrest. "I don't care now if she does see me. I'll go right down now and bounce her saucy black scoundrels." She was standing in her field wilfully. "No, I don't care if she does see me," he repeated. But perhaps he did, at least, in that particular garb, for he donned a ragged coat and a crumpled hat before proceeding along the hill. "I think, maybe, she won't be so anxious to get me," he mused, "if she thinks I'm a blooming hobo."

But why should the spirit of Forrest be proud? The woman across the way was so very far from wanting to get him as even to avoid her fields if she thought him abroad in his. She trembled daily lest he come to her door, or across the creek, to pour a \$25,000 tale of love and adoration in her startled ears. She had long before concluded, with every indication of logic, that she hated this person, suggested as he was in the will of her ancient distant relation, except Uncle James, as a suitable future husband. And now, to add further insult to the injury caused by his presence on the opposite farm, he drove his wretched crows into every field she had. This specified morning found her flushed, angry and determined, hence her obstinate stand against the birds.

"Oh! oh! my Abby!" chuckled Forrest, "you undertake to make a scarecrow of yourself, I see. Well, my dotting Giddy-greens, I should very much enjoy removing my hat in acknowledgement of your eminent fitness, only I fear you'd think me proposing. But if you can be a scarewoman, I can also be a scareman, which same kindly remember."

He planted himself on the slope, and the crows went off in dismay.

Then stood the two, distantly glaring at each other, and telegraphing hate-messages along the filmy lines of web that spiders had stretched between.

"This will never do," mused Forrest.

"I'll fetch a proxy, that'll make her wild." Forthwith he proceeded to build a regulation scarecrow, of masculine mien, that flapped its sleeves in the wind in a vacuous ecstasy.

Was Abigail so disconcerted? No, not Abigail. She caused to be erected a female scarecrow, on the hill that was hers, with a bonnet on its head, and a string about its slender, unbending waist. It too waved its armless sleeves.

Now was a strange duet enacted, that was wrought by the zephyr that wafted through the vale of the creek and weaved about the hills. Foisting with the scarecrows from behind, the breeze would lift the sleeves, first of the scarewoman, next of the man, and extend them forth towards each other, on the hills, in a shocking and palpable invitation to "come." If the zephyr were strong it would lean the scareman forward and nod his head in gallantry, and then go about and bend the woman sweetly, and move her bonnet in a manner quite coquettish.

To say that the owners of the figures were indignant would be utterly inadequate, they were right down mad and outraged. They were also ashamed to pull the wooling figures down, for that would be indeed a confession that the spooning antics had been noticed. At the end of a week the zephyr had loosened the joints of the scare-couple to such an extent that their frantic efforts to embrace across the vale were nearly equalled by their shameless bowing and scraping from morning till night.

Abigail meditated flight. Forrest thought of suicide, and of slipping across in the night to do a personal violence on the scarewoman, with an ax.

"As soon as the hay is in," he muttered, "I'll get away from this and go to seek Miss Rockland."

Early one morning, while the various preliminaries of a thunderstorm were being completed, young Boreas, the blustering brother of Zephyr, came tearing up the creek-vale and issued forth at the top as a whirlwind, that scudded hither and yon, and up the hills and down. When he had gone the landscape was utterly innocent of scare-people—hats, bonnets, and all.

Forrest was late upon the scene. "Thank goodness!" he said aloud, "the storm pulled the scare-Abby out by the roots." Then he added, as he took in the lay of the country, "Hello! the doggone wind has leveled our Beau Brummel, too. He walked to the place where the beau had flourished and found only a hole in the ground."

Down to the creek and through unfolding willow Forrest went. Coming

at length to a little clearing, he leaped the brook—to find himself face to face with Abigail, who likewise sought her departed "crow."

"What!" he cried, "you—Miss Rockland!"

"Oh—why—you—Mr. Leslie?" she answered.

"My name is Leslie Forrest," then said he, his face aglow with pleasant emotions.

"Oh! and mine—is Umatilla Rockland Smeethers—but I—I sometimes leave off the latter part," she said; and a merry twinkle and a blush began at her eyes and went all over her winking countenance.

Glancing towards the willows, in embarrassment, perhaps, the two young people suddenly discovered the scareman and the scarewoman, standing together against the trees, an aviless sleeve of the beau flabbily wrapped about the lady's waist, and her bonnet drooping coyly.

COLORADO HANGING LAKE.

Wonderful Monument Reared by Dame Nature in Her Own Honor.

Even the least contemplative mind cannot fail to be impressed upon beholding wonderful Hanging Lake in Colorado, a monument which nature has reared in her own honor, and all in her quiet way with, perhaps, not even an Indian or a cliff-dweller to applaud, writes George L. Beam, in Four-Track News. While mortals out in the world have been struggling for existence, while the Napoleons have been carrying on wholesale murder while the Michael Angelos have been painting, while the Shakespeares and the Chaucers have been writing, while the Sir Lancelots have been jousting and the Neros misruling, during all these periods in our civilization, high up in the fastnesses of the Rocky mountains this silvery stream has been peacefully pursuing its way down its little gulch, tumbling over the rocks striking obstacles of fallen trees and boulders, upon which it has deposited its ever-increasing crust, forming its peculiar basin, doing nature's bidding in the production of this wonderful monument; all seemingly for the benefit of those occasional visitors who at the present day see fit to make the trip up the Grand river canyon to the "Hanging Lake."

DEPOPULATING IRELAND.

Wholesale Departure of the People for the United States.

The deserted island is the land of Erin. During the last summer whole villages in Cavan, Galway and Donegal have been depopulated and vast country sides in Mayo and Roscommon have been stripped of the remnants of their old time hosts of farm laborers. Everywhere are wholesale departures for the United States. Even in the remotest rural hamlets the old people can be heard lamenting some recent exodus of their most promising young boys and girls. Almost every man or woman the traveler meets has a number of near relatives who have recently left for the United States. Emigrating agencies exist in every part of the island. Every village has a steamship agent to whose advantage it is to use every inducement to influence the young men and women to emigrate. The flaming posters which they flaunt in the faces of the young people who are already restive and over-anxious to go, offering the cheapest transportation and to their minds, fabulous earnings on the farther side of the Atlantic, prove irresistibly alluring to the average Irish village.

"Don't You Know Me, Colonel?"

A colonel was discharging the self-imposed duty of seeing that all his sentinels were at their posts and acquainted with their instructions, says the American Tribune.

One poor fellow who had "forgotten" engrossed his attention for some time, insisting he should correctly "touch his cap quite lightly," and then repeat again and again the dialogue: "Halt! Who comes there?" and the answer: "Friend, with the counter-sign."

The colonel at length said: "You approach me and I will take your place and show you exactly your duty." As the private advanced the colonel saluted him in the regulation military voice with: "Who comes there?"

The answer came, faint and surprised: "Why, Blinky; don't you know me, colonel?"

Even in Japan.

Over in Japan the claim is now being made that Gen. Kodama was the man who really defeated the Russians and that Oyama did nothing but draw the salary.

More for Rum Than Rent.

The working population of Glasgow spends annually in drink, on an average, \$16,767,250, which is three times as much as it pays for rent.

No List of Casualties.

We had a fine shooting match at Harry Isan's store Saturday.—Ocala (Ky.) News.

IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

Women Obtain Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Help.

She Has Guided Thousands to Health.—How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Cured Mrs. Alice Berryhill.



It is a great satisfaction for a woman to feel that she can write to another telling her the most private and confidential details about her illness, and know that her letter will be seen by a woman only.

Many thousands of cases of female diseases come before Mrs. Pinkham every year, some personally, others by mail. Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham and for twenty-five years under her direction and since her decease she has been advising sick women free of charge.

Mrs. Pinkham never violates the confidence of women, and every testimonial letter published is done so with the written consent or request of the writer, in order that other sick women may be benefited as she has been.

Mrs. Alice Berryhill, of 313 Boyce Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"Three years ago life looked dark to me. I had ulceration and inflammation of the female organs and was in a serious condition.

"My health was completely broken down and the doctor told me that if I was not operated upon I would die within six months. I told him I would have no operation but would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. He tried to influence me against it but I sent for the medicine that same day and began to use it faithfully. Within five days I felt relief but was not entirely cured until I used it for some time.

"Your medicine is certainly fine. I have induced several friends and neighbors to take it and I know more than a dozen who had female troubles and who to-day are as well and strong as I am from using your Vegetable Compound."

Just as surely as Mrs. Berryhill was cured, will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure every woman suffering from any form of female ills.

If you are sick write Mrs. Pinkham for advice. It is free and always helpful.

CONCERNING CLOCKS.

Never allow the clock to run down. It responds to regular attention just as surely as a human being does and keeps its course truly when made to follow its endless routine.

The hands of a clock should always be turned forward. To set the hands by reversing the right-hand motion is to loosen delicate screws that hold them within reach of various cog slips.

Never allow the clock to be moved from the position where it is well balanced. A deviation of two or three minutes a day from the correct time may be the result of an uneven placing of the clock, and once it is properly adjusted it should not be shifted for dusting or for artistic purposes. This is especially true of clocks that have a pedulum.

DIETARY DICTA.

Dinner should be of a lighter nature in summer than in winter.

A quart of wheat contains more nutriment than a bushel of cucumbers.

There is a happy mean between eating everything and being squeamish.

Two pounds of potatoes contain as much nutriment as 13 pounds of turnips.

Light soups, light desserts and light meals should have the preference in warm weather.

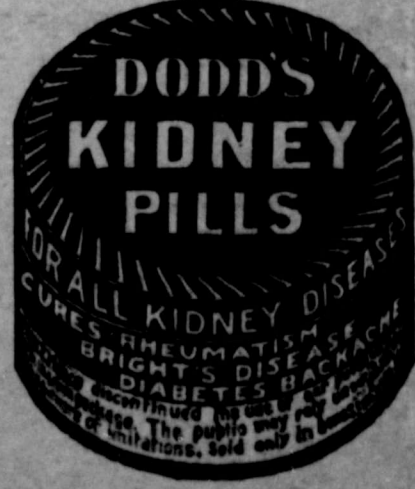
Vegetables and fruits are to be used most generously at that season of the year in which they naturally mature.

Beginning the dinner with soup is the very best way to get the whole system in condition for assimilating a hearty meal.

Her Favorite Play.

"What is your favorite play?" asked the girl who quotes Shakespeare. "Well," answered the youth with long hair, "I believe I like to see a man knock the ball over the left field fence as well as anything."—Montreal Star.

"Say, I came to this dance without an invitation." "So did I. How did you work it?" "Nobody stopped me. How did you?" "Same way. My wife's giving the dance."



FARMER AND PLANTER

CO-OPERATIVE DAIRYING.

Money To Be Made In Southern Dairying—Some Obstacles To Be Overcome.

In many sections of the south at some distance from our large markets we find almost ideal conditions for dairying and especially for co-operative or associated dairying. Gurgling springs of clear, cool water, the dairyman's boast, on many farms run to waste, or but seldom utilized. Luxuriant pasturage is to be had almost for the taking. Cowpeas, clover and corn, the crops best suited for soil-fertilizing and supplementing pasturage are being planted only to a limited extent for the lack of a profitable manner of disposing of them. Dairy products, almost unsalable, hence produced only for domestic purposes. Some few make a hard cheese; if successful in its manufacture and curing, it brings a fancy price; but, alas, only about one in three prove to be of fine quality.

It is in many sections like the above, where to-day there seems to be so little in dairying, that we find conditions favorable for building up a successful dairy industry. Nearly everything is favorable for cheap production of all kinds of dairy products. To us there seems to be but three obstacles to overcome in order that these sections may become producers of as fine grades of dairy product as any sections in the United States.

In the first place, our cows, generally speaking, have not received the care in selecting and breeding that characterizes the cows of the older and specialized dairy districts. Therefore, the average production would of necessity be lower at first. These defects, however, when we go about it in a thorough and systematic manner, can be improved quite rapidly.

Second, longer periods of warm weather require that more attention and expense be given to the handling of dairy products at this season of the year.

Third, the same attention has not been paid to this branch of agriculture as to the production of some of our so-called money crops. Consequently the production and handling of dairy products is not so well understood. But fortunately this can be, and is being, rapidly changed through the influence of the agricultural press, courses of instruction in our colleges, dairy associations, fairs, and a realization of some of the possibilities connected with a successful dairy industry.

In other parts of the south, and principally represented by our centers of population, all dairy products bring high price, and a real good product, when it is to be had, brings fancy prices. But if inquiry be made of the grocers and large retail merchants, it will be found that they get their supplies from distant states, no matter, if as well, adapted by natural endowments and environments as our own. By an actual canvass of the conditions at Raleigh, N. C., and we believe it represents quite accurately the conditions in nearly all of the cities and large towns of the south, was found that between seventeen and eighteen thousand pounds of butter outside of the state was annually handled by its merchants.

Business men have seen the folly of buying raw cotton to New England and then buying the clothes made from it. Why should the farmer, in spite of such strong reasons, continue to ship cotton to the north, and buy butter that could be and should be produced at home?

We would advise the starting of an associated dairying in the south on a small scale at first, in very much the same way that the first cheese factory was started (in New York, 1851, by Jesse Williams). Mr. Williams' sons owned adjoining farms, and instead of each one having a separate building and equipment, one sufficed. One man could make up the total milk from the three farms into cheese practically the same expense and labor that each would otherwise have been put to. It requires as much time and practically as much labor to make 500 pounds as 6,000 pounds of milk to cheese.

We have mentioned the long spell of warm weather as being a serious drawback to dairying in the south. This difficulty can be overcome much easier under the factory system than the small dairyman.

We do not wish to be understood as being in any way unfavorable to the small dairy, which is the very backbone and foundation of the dairy business. But to those sections less favorably situated associated dairying presents fine possibilities.—J. C. Kendall, Secretary-Treasurer North Carolina Dairymen's Association.

—Keep the work team in as good condition as possible. Don't let the horses run down because they are doing hard work. The horse and the cow feed about the same amount of food, but that of the horse should be much more concentrated. Hay should be fed sparingly in the morning and at noon, but may be given quite plentifully at night.—Farmer's Voice.

THE SPANISH PEANUT.

A Tennessean Gives His Experience In Planting and Harvesting Last Year.

As there has been some inquiry about Spanish peanuts I will give my method of planting and harvesting the past year.

I plowed ground deep early in the spring, then just before planting plowed again with a shovel plow. The ground should be in fine shape before planting, free from clods and weeds and grass. I tried planting different distances in drill. Made rows about two and a half feet apart and drilled a part from 12 to 15 inches and part 6 to 8 inches, two peas in hill. Gave three workings with cultivator, hoeing a little once.

The part that I drilled 6 to 8 inches in drill made the best peas and the finest hay. As it may interest some of your readers, I will quote from bulletin on Spanish peanuts issued by the Arkansas experiment station on distance to plant:

On July 19, 1894, three plats were planted; the distances given and yields were as follows:

Planted 12x4 inches, 143½ bushels per acre.

Planted 12x12 inches, 102 bushels per acre.

Planted 24x12 inches, 91 bushels per acre.

The above plats had been well enriched. In 1900 another test was made on ground that had never been fertilized and that produced about 35 bushels of corn to the acre. The results were:

Planted 24x3 inches, 118 bushels per acre.

Planted 24x6 inches, 98 bushels per acre.

Planted 24x12 inches, 90 bushels per acre.

Planted 30x3 inches, 123 bushels per acre.

Planted 30x6 inches, 96 bushels per acre.

Planted 30x12 inches, 91 bushels per acre.

These plats were plowed three times and hoed once.

Another test was made at Newport, where they raised 174 bushels per acre by planting 24x4 inches. Thus you can see that the greatest yields are from close planting. By planting close on common land and giving good cultivation you can make about three bushels to one of corn on good land. It takes about two bushels to plant an acre 30x8 inches. When ready to harvest plow them out with shovel plow morning, and in afternoon stack around post, putting peas inward and tops out. Let stand until peas are dry. Then pick peas off.

I am going to plant four acres this year for hogs. Will mow the tops off for hay and turn hogs in. I expect to get from one to three tons of hay as good as clover hay, besides the peas, and expect the peas to make three times as much meat as the same ground planted to corn would make.—A. S. Corbin, M. D., in Southern Agriculturist.

Regularity in Management.

Fowls, like human beings, are susceptible to influences. They soon learn the hours for feeding, and will come up to roost at nearly the same time every evening. If fed regularly, they will remain on the grass plot and forage until a certain hour, thus securing a larger number of insects and more food of various kinds. There should also be regularity in getting them out of the poultry house in the morning. Nothing is more easily made the subject of habit than the hen, and she soon becomes regular in her habits under good management.—Farmers' Home Journal.

STOCK AND DAIRY NOTES.

—Keep the barn and other place where the cows are milked, clean, and carry in and strain each mess. Milk allowed to stand in the barn or cowyard will absorb odors.

—An experienced New England hog feeder has found that where all food is purchased it costs him \$12 to bring a hog to 250 pounds weight. Western hog growers can do much better than this.

—While fresh cows may give a satisfactory yield on good new pasture, they are not likely to hold out long, so it is well to feed them regularly and thus keep up the flow, and if we do not increase it.

—Every pasture should be well supplied with water. Cows in full milk require fifty per cent. more water than when dry. It is true they require much moisture from grass, but this will not supply their needs.

—Don't feed young calves cold milk. It should be sweet and warm. When the weather is settled and pasture good it is an excellent plan to turn the calves into pasture by themselves. Do not allow them to run with the dairy cows, even after weaning.

—Feeding steers should be kept growing. If the pasture is insufficient a grain ration should be added. To supplement grass there is nothing better than corn. Bran is necessary for a high finish, and can be used to advantage with corn.

TORTURED WITH ECZEMA.

Tremendous Itching Over Whole Body—Scratched Until Bled—Wonderful Cure by Cuticura.

"Last year I suffered with a tremendous itching on my back, which grew worse and worse, until it spread over the whole body, and only my face and hands were free. For four months or so I suffered torments, and I had to scratch, scratch, scratch, until I bled. At night when I went to bed things got worse, and I had at times to get up and scratch my body all over, until I was as sore as could be, and until I suffered excruciating pains. They told me that I was suffering from eczema. Then I made up my mind that I would use the Cuticura Remedies I used them according to instructions and very soon indeed I was greatly relieved. I continued until well, and now I am ready to recommend the Cuticura Remedies to anyone. Mrs. Mary Metzger, Sweetwater, Okla., June 28, 1905."

GOLF YARN BY LONGWORTH

And a Kansas Story in Return by an Enthusiast at the Game.

Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, is a golf enthusiast who plays a good game, and Victor Murdock, of Kansas, a golf enthusiast who plays a very indifferent game, when swapping stories in the house cloakroom the other day, says the Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Times.

"The most remarkable golfer I ever knew," said Representative Longworth, "was a man out in Cincinnati, who had a passion for the game, but who complicated that fervor with an appetite for Scotch highballs that was the wonder of Ohio."

"His theory was that there should be a drink server on every tee, and he worked it by means of an army of caddies. One afternoon he came in and announced that he had renounced the game."

"What's the matter, Jim?" said a friend.

"Oh," he said, wearily, "it's no use. I give it up. Whenever I can see the ball I can't hit it; and whenever I can hit it I can't see it."

Mr. Murdock told this one:

"Out in my town Judge Dale, of the district bench, is about the best golfer in our club. One day he had a case on trial in which several small boys had been subpoenaed as witnesses. Addressing a bright youth of about 12 summers, Judge Dale solemnly inquired: 'My boy, do you understand the nature of an oath?'"

"Oh, yes, sir," quickly replied the youth. "I often caddied for you, sir."

The Modern Way.

"My dear, you must really take Freddy in hand about the way he uses slang. To-day he asked me what entomology was, and I told him the science of bugs."

"Well?"

"Then he asked me if an entomologist was a crazy man."—Baltimore American.

BUILDING FOOD

To Bring the Babies Around.

When a little human machine (or a large one) goes wrong, nothing is so important as the selection of food to bring it around again.

"My little baby boy fifteen months old had pneumonia, then came brain fever, and no sooner had he got over these than he began to cut teeth and, being so weak, he was frequently thrown into convulsions," says a Colorado mother.

"I decided a change might help, so took him to Kansas City for a visit. When we got there he was so very weak when he would cry he would sink away and seemed like he would die."

"When I reached my sister's home she said immediately that we must feed him Grape-Nuts and, although I had never used the food, we got some and for a few days gave him just the juice of Grape-Nuts and milk. He got stronger so quickly we were soon feeding him the Grape-Nuts itself and in a wonderfully short time he fattened right up and became strong and well."

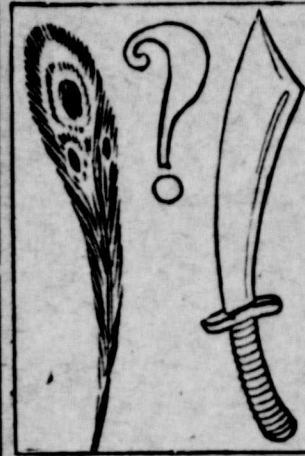
"That showed me something worth knowing and, when later on my girl came, I raised her on Grape-Nuts and she is a strong healthy baby and has been. You will see from the little photograph I send you what a strong, chubby youngster the boy is now, but he didn't look anything like that before we found this nourishing food. Grape-Nuts nourished him back to strength when he was so weak he couldn't keep any other food on his stomach." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Wu Ting Fang Booked for Retirement --Aided Us at Time of the Boxer Troubles--Good Salad Story.



WASHINGTON.—There is much regret felt in Washington over the news that comes from Peking that former Minister Wu Ting-fang is about to retire from public life and participation in oriental politics. Mr. Wu's efforts to introduce modern ideas in the government of China have not been very successful and he is now on a journey to visit the tombs of his father's, preparatory to retiring on his fortune at Shanghai. There have been strong hopes among Mr. Wu's old friends here that this shrewd, forceful Chinese statesman would be able to engraft some of the modern western ideas upon the conservatism of the Celestial Kingdom.

The departure of Minister Wu from Washington is still well remembered. He had been a particularly conspicuous figure in diplomatic circles and had made a place that none of his predecessors had ever been able to reach. He had adapted himself to American ways and manners and only remained a Chinaman in religion and dress. It looked as though Mr. Wu was having everything his own way and that he was establishing a bond between the two governments that was bound to result to the benefit of both. At the height of his popularity and apparent usefulness here the summons came from the imperial throne at Peking for Mr. Wu to return to China. This was a severe blow to the diplomat, but he never gave any outward evidence of how it affected him.

The minister, who had become extremely popular in a social way and whose face was the most familiar of any foreigner's in official circles, did not know when that summons came whether he was to be decorated with a peacock feather or to have his head lopped off his shoulders at the crooking of the finger of the queen dowager. He did not question the order, but obeyed.

FORMER MINISTER WU TING-FANG MANY-SIDED CHARACTER.

Mr. Wu was a many-sided character and excited both confidence and distrust during his stay in Washington as the representative of China. There were many diplomats who were disposed to regard with suspicion every move made by the Chinaman and especially to look askance upon his cultivation of Americans. There were some officials in our government who had a similar feeling. But away up in the highest ranks of the administration, with the late President McKinley and the late Secretary of State John Hay, Mr. Wu was received with confidence. Mr. Hay was very fond of this brilliant oriental and never had cause to regret placing trust in him.

One of the most interesting chapters in the history of the Boxer troubles in 1900 was the faithfulness of Mr. Wu and the manner in which he made good all promises. When weeks had passed without a word from Minister Conger at Peking, and when the very worst was expected, Minister Wu went to the state department and quietly informed Mr. Hay that he would undertake to get a message through to Minister Conger and get a reply. Some other government officials advised against trusting the Chinaman with such a message, but Mr. Hay replied that he believed in Mr. Wu and was willing to trust him. The message was written and given to Mr. Wu, and within a week a reply was received, though the same channels, from Minister Conger, written in code and bearing every evidence of authenticity, all of which was afterwards proven to be absolutely correct.

A FAMOUS EPICURE AND FAMOUS RESTAURANT.

Next in interest to the "passing of Wu" to old Washingtonians is the passing of George Washington Harvey, one of the most famous epicures and restaurant keepers this city ever knew. The name of Harvey is cotemporary with that of the late John Chamberlain, prince of hosts and entertainers and bon vivant of international reputation. Harvey's has been known for 50 years as the one place in Washington where the best of sea food could always be relied upon. It was he that made "steamed oysters" famous the country through. His broiled lobster and diamond back terrapin were no less noted and strangers in the capital city never felt that their visit was complete without taking a meal at Harvey's famous restaurant.

Harvey has sold out his business and has retired. He is a little short and very fat old man, who for 50 years has catered in the eating and drinking line to lovers of good victuals. He has often said that his three specialties were the oyster, the canvas back duck and the terrapin. These he considered the Creator's finest gifts to mankind. On his bill of fare there were 200 oyster dishes, many of which could not be duplicated in any other place. It was the height of bliss for Harvey to be given an order to prepare a good dinner for some of his congenial spirits. He would select the oysters, grown in his own special beds in the Chesapeake, then he would pick a diamond back terrapin which now sell for \$100 a dozen and finally would pick out the canvas back duck. With these three dishes George Harvey would construct a banquet that would make Lucullus' mouth water.

There was nobody in Washington in Harvey's time who was a better judge of terrapin than he. No one could impose upon him the Pennsylvania terrapin that are as plentiful as snapping turtles. He would have none but the real article, the diamond back from Maryland waters.

Harvey went to Paris a few years ago and, someone sounding his praises as an expert in making a salad dressing, two French epicures, who believed themselves masters of that art, challenged the Washingtonian to a contest. The challenge was accepted and the contest came off in a restaurant. After each one had mixed his dressing Harvey took a small leather case out of his pocket, picked out a little bottle and let a drop or two of colorless liquid fall on the salad. The judges decided in favor of his dressing as they maintained that the last ingredients gave it an indefinable aroma. When Harvey was asked by his friends afterwards what he had dropped into the salad, he said: "Nothing but a little plain water out of the pump. I knew the Frenchmen were imaginative and I thought I would appeal to them. Apparently I did."

MUST NOT MARK UNCLE SAM'S MONEY.

Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, has run down another money mystery. Some time ago the sub-treasurer at Chicago discovered that all the bills of large denominations coming from the collector of customs at Detroit bore the names of business firms in ink. The statutes distinctly prohibit the printing, writing or impressing of any characters on any of Uncle Sam's money. Agents of Mr. Wilkie visited Detroit where these big bills came from, but it was some time before any clue was obtained to the party who did the writing on the money.

It was noticed that the writing was all in the same hand and that no bills of less than \$50 were marked with the names of the business firms. At last the mystery was cleared up. A clerk in one of the importing concerns at Detroit happened to remember that when he made a payment at the collector's office, using a \$100 bill, the cashier who received the money wrote something on the corner of the note.



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PRIZE UP the big end of politics and stick a chunk under it and if the scent emanating therefrom doesn't out stink the packing-house scandal the treats are on us.

DAVID GRAHAM PHILLIPS has written up our Joe Bailey in the Cosmopolitan, and if we are to believe the sayings of this man, our Bailey is so rotten the vultures wouldn't feed upon his worthless carcass.

A MOVE is on foot by the Palestine Campbell Club to have Judge Bell and Col. Campbell to speak at Houston on July 17. A special train will be run from Palestine and the round trip will be one dollar. Let's get busy and organize a Campbell Club and have Grapeland represented on that occasion.

WE DO not predict the certain election of Campbell for governor, yet we believe he will be the choice of the people. Bell is the candidate of the trusts and corporations and the same political bosses that always elect governors will manipulate the machine at the Dallas convention that will proclaim Judge Bell governor.

THERE is entirely too many indolent, worthless he-niggers hanging around our town. These ginger colored sons of Ham will not work under any circumstances unless they are paid an exorbitant price. We suggest that the authorities rigidly enforce the vagrant law. There is plenty of work for them to do to pay their fines.

THE friends of Bell declare that he is not the trusts and corporations candidate, but at the same time they are supporting him, and every indication points to the fact that they are going to turn heaven and earth to serure his nomination. If he is not their candidate what in the thunder actuates such ardent support? Will some of Bell's friends please inform us?

Women have more rights than men. If we were to start down town with a short sleeve, low-necked garment on, wearing white boots and drop-stitch stockings, the police would pinch us for indecent exposure.—Springfield (Mo.) Republican.

How about it if a woman should get up Sunday morning and start down town with a large accomplished brown taste in her mouth on a still hunt for a "cold bottle?" Ever get up, brother, about four o'clock a. m. and drink a wash bowl full of water and sit on the nice cool floor and wonder if it was really you or some other fellow? Ever make it in home about three a. m. and collide with the baby cradle and just as you were explaining to your better half that business had detained you until about 11:30, the old clock, in an awful, awful solemn tone, would proclaim you a liar by about four majority? Let woman, in her innocence, wear whatever suits her fancy, and man—hang his worthless time—let foot the bill.—Houston County Times.

Be an optimist. Life is too brief to pause to look into all the dark gloomy places as we are passing down the road to eternity. On the other hand it does not consume any time glance at the illuminated spots, and 'tis far more pleasant. Absorb the sunshine, then let it radiate from your soul into the hearts and lives of others.

LANHAM has done much for Texas during his administration. In fact, he has done more than any one we know of—he has run the state shamelessly in debt, and the biggest item on the debit side is thousands of dollars lavishly spent protecting negro rape fiends. We know the good citizens of Texas do not endorse this, yet Judge Bell and his followers do.

WHAT'S the use to mope about from day to day, with a face as long as a fence rail, and sour as a lemon, because things are not coming exactly your way? You can't rule the universe, so why not hide your vexations behind a pleasant smile and make the world think you are contented and happy whether you are or not? "I am not one who cares to practice deceit" some may say. Deceit in some things is not only perfectly harmless, but absolutely beneficial, we think. In a case like this, for instance, try it and see if your smile does not cause you to forget that you are so miserable and forlorn as you imagined yourself to be. Is such deceit a grievous fault? Besides doesn't the world appreciate any kind of a smile more than even the shadow of a frown? Moral: In making others feel cheerful you are thereby made to have a lighter heart. Let us smile and smile.

THE state of Texas is again "busted" and running on a credit basis. The Houston Chronicle, the mouth-piece of trusts and corporations, an up holder of the Lanham administration and an ardent supporter of Bell, makes a ridiculous attempt to explain the cause of a "busted" treasury and says that Lanham's administration is not the cause of (Lanham's forces are supporting Bell, see?) But one thing is sure—the deficit occurred twice during the present administration and Bell endorses the administration. Bell is one of these fellows who believes in "letting well enough alone." Does the patriotic citizen want to see his beloved state drag along on a credit basis as it is doing? We think not, and every vote cast for Bell places the stamp of approval upon this outrageous situation, and means corporate control of state affairs.

Truly it is a pleasure to be living now. Saturday morning editor was strolling o'er town and spied a load of watermelons. We purchased one and strolled back to our editorial sanctum, so as to divide up with the devil the first "boneless ham" of the season. We had hardly finished up this delicious article, when in walked our good friend, R. E. Martin, with a lot of fine peaches—the finest we have seen this season. We appreciate this very much, Mr. Martin, and your visit filled us with delight. A few weeks more and the luscious Elbertas will be peeping through the leaves and then we'll be filled with peaches.

Miss Annie Scarborough has gone to Palestine on a visit to relatives.

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From Dustin, Ind. Ter.

June, 18.—I wrote a short letter from this place some time ago and will now write a few lines.

Since I last wrot we have been granted Statehood and the people are just simply wild with delight.

It is astonishing to see how business is picking up. Real estate is going up, and the town is full of prospectors almost every day offering to buy or loan money on land, either farm land or city property. Dustin is pretty sure to be a county site which will insure its making a good town. There is considerable building going on at present. I believe I mentioned the wagon factory before. Men are quarrying rock for this building; work started to day on the Methodist church, which is to be made of stone. This will fill a long-felt want as we are at present using the school house. The Baptist people are raising money to build a church.

Our school is all that any one could wish or expect in a little young town. It has only been four years since this townsite was in a farm. I think any one need have no fears of coming to this country to invest in real estate. There are many good opportunities for a man to make money; the land is all rich, but we have an awful poor class of farmers here. I often think of so many good farmers in Houston county and what this country would be with such farmers.

Crops are fine here and with the increase in acreage if we have a good crop, this place will gin 3000 or 4000 bales of cotton this fall.

Well I am interested in the campaign in that county and hope the proper officers will be elected. People here never think of voting or running for office other than city, but since the Statehood bill passed we will see exciting times here this winter. I believe the new state will go Republican, although men who are better able to know than I, say it will go Democratic. Hope so any way.

I read Charlie Haltoms letter with some surprise.

Guess I had better ring off, so with success to the Messenger and readers. T. C. Lively

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Did you ever notice that "talk" doesn't hurt a man much? Perfection isn't looked for in a man, and when some one tries to injure a man by ranting about a few faults he has the absent one, who is probably attending to his own affairs is elevated in the hearer's estimation, while the informant is lowered accordingly. If a man knocks along, doing fairly well, people realize that while he has some faults, he has more virtues and they are charitable enough to overlook these faults. But it is different with a girl or woman. No matter how good and pure a woman may be let some one start an infamous lie about her and everyone is willing to pass it along, and there is always someone to believe it. That lie can't be lived down. It may burn low but gossip-loving is ready with new fuel. Did you ever think how damnable mean some goody-good people are in this respect?—Forney Headlight.

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people who know how to take care of themselves—the majority do not. The liver is a most important organ in the body. Herbine will keep it in condition. V. C. Simpson, Alba, Texas, writes: "I have used Herbine for Chills and Fever and find it the best medicine I ever used. I would not be without it. It is as good for children as it is for grown-up people, and I recommend it. It is fine for La Grippe."

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Stokes Pelham left Sunday for Tyler where he goes to complete a course in the Tyler Commercial College.

If your stomach troubles you do not conclude that there is no cure, for a great many have been permanently cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Get a free sample at B. R. Guice & Son's drug store and give them a trial. They also cure constipation and biliousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Toler of Lorraine and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Stowe of Waco arrived in the city Sunday and will visit relatives here for several weeks.

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It may be a surprise to many to learn that a severe cold can be completely broken up in one or two day's time. The first symptoms of a cold are a dry, loud cough, a profuse watery discharge from the nose, and a thin, white coating on the tongue. When Chamberlain's cough remedy is taken every hour on the first appearance of these symptoms, it counteracts the effect of the cold and restores the system to a healthy condition within a day or two. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

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I A Daniel

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Earle Adams, Jr.
For County Judge
John Spence
J W Madden
E Winfree

For Tax Assessor
John H Ellis

For Tax Collector
A. L. Goolsby
Oscar C Goodwin
J W Brightman

For County Clerk
Nat E Allbright
C G Lansford
J J Collier

For Sheriff
A W Phillips
C E Lively
John C. Lacy

For District Clerk
Joe Brown Stanton
Nat Patton

For County Treasurer
D J Cater

For Commissioner Prec't No 1
T J Dotson
S H Lively
W W Davis

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2
G R (Ross) Murchison
C L Vickers

For Constable Precinct No 5
Chas Parker
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Unknown Friends.

There are many people who have used Chat. Berlin's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with splendid results, but who are unknown because they have hesitated about giving a testimonial of their experience for publication. These people, however, are none the less friends of this remedy. They have done much toward making it a household word by their personal recommendations to friends and neighbors. It is a good medicine to have in the home and is a widely known for its cures of diarrhoea and all forms of bowel trouble. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Will Lively and family and Mr. B. F. Campbell, who left here about eight months ago and have been residing at Pearsall, have moved back to Grapeland to live forever more. It was ever thus—they always do come back. Who next? Messenger joins lots of friends in extending these good people a warm welcome.

We Close On July 4th.

We hereby agree to close our places of business Wednesday, July 4th., so as to give our employees a day of recreation and rest.

J. G. Shipper & Son, Caskey Bros., J. J. Brooks, Carleton & Porter, Bon-Ton, B. R. Guice & Son, J. N. Parker, Tims & Sheridan, The Messenger, J. J. Guice & Sons, S. E. Howard, Geo. E. Darsey, F. A. Faris, Mrs. Mary Etta Darsey, J. B. Lively.

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Wm. Shaw of Madison county, nephew of Maj. J. F. Martin, was in the city one day last week. Mr. Shaw is manager of a large convict farm in that county.

You cannot induce a lower animal to eat heartily when not feeling well. A sick dog starves himself, and gets well. The stomach, once over-worked, must have rest the same as your feet or eyes. You don't have to starve to rest your stomach. KODOL FOR DYSPEPSIA takes up the work for your stomach, digests what you eat and gives it a rest. Puts it back in condition again. You can't feel good with a disordered stomach. Try Kodol. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Nat Patton, candidate for district clerk, is in the Grapeland country this week seeing the voters. Nat seems to like us pretty well up here.

There is no need worrying a long in discomfort because of a disordered digestion. Get a bottle of KODOL FOR DYSPEPSIA and see what it will do for you. Kodol not only digests what you eat and gives that tired stomach a needed rest, but is a corrective of the greatest efficiency. Kodol relieves indigestion, dyspepsia, palpitation of the heart, flatulence, and sour stomach. Kodol will make your stomach young and healthy again. You will worry just in the proportion that your stomach worries you. Worry means the loss of ability to do your best. Worry is to be avoided at all times. Kodol will take the worry out of your stomach. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Waltrip have moved to Woodville where Mr. Waltrip has a position as principal of the Woodville school.

The Very Best Remedy For Bowel Trouble.

Mr. M. F. Borroughs, an old and well known resident of Bluffton, Ind., says: "I regard Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as the very best remedy for bowel trouble. I make this statement after having used the the remedy in my family for several years. I am never without it. This remedy is almost sure to be needed before the summer is over. Why not buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency? For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

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George E. Darsey.

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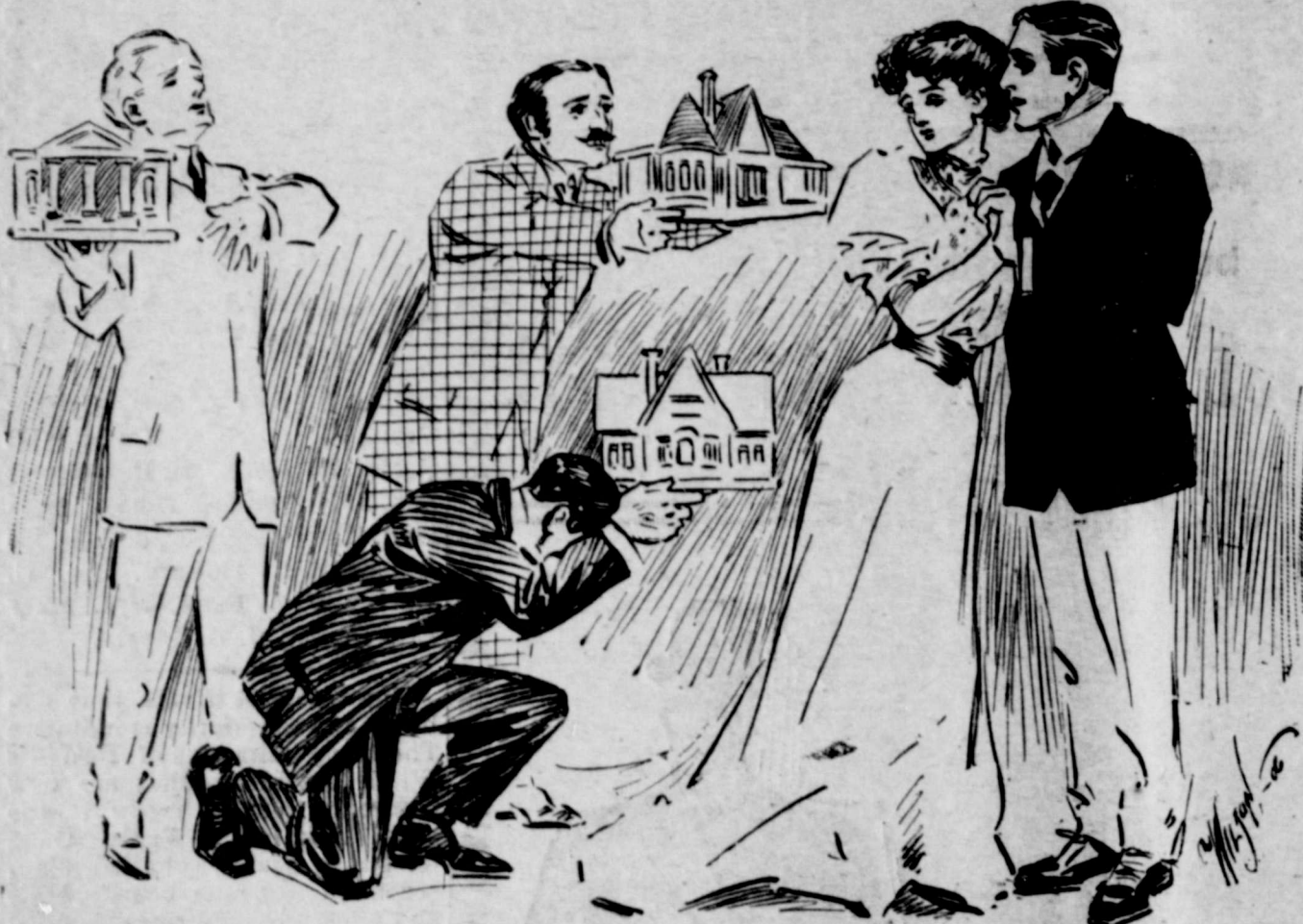
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**THE GIRL
3 BEAUTIES
WERE BUILT
AND LIVES IN
WITH THE MAN**



**FOR WHOM
FULHOMES
ILT: JILTS THE
BUILDERS
A THREE-ROOM FLAT
OF HER CHOICE**



Brooklyn.—There are three new, beautiful houses in Brooklyn that bear "For Sale" signs in their windows. There are three disconsolate young architects who built these houses, but who never go near them. And in a little three-room flat in the Flatbush district Mr. and Mrs. Clive Stevenson are happy.

It was for Mrs. Clive Stevenson that the three homes were built—or rather for Miss Helen Strain. Or rather, to be exact, one was built for Mrs. Henry L. Ryder, another for Mrs. Noble T. Shaw, and yet another for Mrs. M. L. Pettingill. But then Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Strain, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Pettingill are all the same person. She was Miss Strain, she became Mrs. Stevenson, and the three architects who built the three houses expected her to become Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Pettingill.

Was a Spoiled Beauty.

Miss Strain was a beauty, and Mrs. Stevenson is a beauty, and she would have been a beauty if she had become Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Pettingill. And, being a beauty, she was spoiled, although a few months ago it would have been hard to convince Stevenson, Ryder, Shaw or Pettingill that she was spoiled—or anything else than the personification of perfection in femininity—and Stevenson still believes she is perfect. She is now 22 years old, tall, slender, graceful, and as pretty as a girl may be.

She was the daughter of Benjamin Strain—he signs it Benj.—who is a contractor and builder living on Eastern parkway. Her mother died when the girl was small. She was raised by her father, assisted by housekeepers, who bowed down before Miss Strain, and the father granted her every desire. She was a sweet tempered, good natured, merry, lovable girl—especially lovable—as is proved by the experiences of Stevenson, Ryder, Shaw and Pettingill, but, having had her own way all her life, she continued to have it.

"Bossed the Ranch."

She was sent, when 17 years of age, to an exclusive school in New York, and two years later she returned to her father's house "finished," as far as education was concerned. She knew but few of the girls of the neighborhood, and her friends were chiefly among her father's friends and business associates whom she met at the house. She presided over her father's establishment, lavished her allowance on dress, and "bossed the ranch," as she expressed it.

It happened that one of her chief delights was to ride with her father in his light runabout while he visited the houses he was building, and in this way she impressed her image upon scores of hearts in many parts of Brooklyn. Her father, who still regarded her as "his baby," and forgot that she had grown up and become a beautiful young woman, was puzzled because so many of the young architects and builders that he met in a business way came dropping into his house in the evenings to talk over un-

important matters of business with him, and then promptly forgot why they had come and turned the music at the piano while Miss Strain played.

And among those that came were Noble T. Shaw, Henry L. Ryder and Myron L. Pettingill—all fair to good looking, and all young contractors who were getting a foothold, and who, through their business dealings with Benj. Strain, had met and fallen in love with his daughter.

It wasn't long before even Benjamin Strain realized that the young men did not come to talk business, and he dropped out of sight or went into the library to smoke his pipe when they called, instead of discussing materials, specifications and labor with them.

During last summer Miss Strain went to her father's summer home down Long Island, and it was during her stay there that she received three proposals. Each of the young men knew of the intentions of the others, and they were vastly jealous of each other, but the girl showed no preference.

Her answer to the proposals was unique. She did not refuse or accept any of them. She simply stated that she admired and esteemed them all, that she loved no one, and that she intended to marry the one of them that built the prettiest and best home for her. She stated that on May 1, 1906, she would inspect the home offered to her by her lovers, and if satisfied with the arrangements, the decorations, the general surroundings, and the architectural beauties of one house above the others she would accept it—and its owner.

Got Busy at Once.

She wanted a home, and she stipulated that the cost of the home, exclusive of the lot and furnishings, should not exceed \$7,000, and that the total cost should be less than \$10,000, and that not more than half of the cost price should be secured by mortgage.

Building operations in Brooklyn immediately boomed. Shaw purchased a lot on Utica avenue, near Eastern parkway; Ryder bought land in Prospect park south; and Pettingill, who owned a lot near Bedford park, at once broke ground.

The three young architects burned midnight electric lights drawing the plans and specifications, creating ideal homes, and each pushed the work on his house as rapidly as possible. There was much figuring of costs, much planning for convenience, beauty and utility to create a harmonious whole—for each hoped that the girl would fall in love with his house.

Pettingill elected to build an eight room brick and stone house, with a wide stone front porch facing the lawn, and harmonizing with the quiet, shaded street. His entire idea was for comfort and utility without waste of space. He devoted more time to the kitchen than to anything else, and it was ideal, with an inserted ice box, capable of being filled from the outside, with excellent laundry facilities. The depth of his walls gave oppor-

tunity for cozy window seats in the bedrooms.

As for Ryder, he erected a cottage looking house, half of cement, with wide porches and many nooks and angles. It was set down among the trees and was surrounded by large grounds, and at the rear was a tiny building for an automobile. It had a wide open fireplace in the library. The library, reception hall, stairway and the dining room were done in dark oak, the dining room having leaded windows, opening out upon a trellised veranda overlooking the lawn. He furnished it in mission style. And all the five bedrooms upstairs were in white woodwork, the floors hardwood, and the walls in the favorite colors of his bride-to-be—for when he looked over the house he considered her as good as won. He did not see how any girl could resist it.

Shaw adapted his house to the neighborhood, and erected a pretentious place of the modified colonial style. His dining room and library arrangements were much like those of Ryder. He added a den for himself, and, with much forethought, set aside one of the large upstairs rooms as a nursery. He built a big inclosed porch at the second story rear, surrounded by a five foot wall, wired in, as an outdoor bedroom for summer use, and he put the servants' room in the garret.

Outsider Won Bride.

The houses were finished and furnished early in April, and Shaw, Pettingill and Ryder awaited anxiously for the test. Each called on Miss Strain and arranged to drive her to what each hoped would be her new home. Ryder was to call at ten a. m., Shaw at two p. m., and Pettingill at five p. m.

They called. They grew impatient. They called again.

It was not until the next day that they learned that Miss Strain had gone to New York early in the morning and married Clive Stevenson, a handsome young electrical engineer just out of scientific school. Then they were angry. Also Benj. Strain was angry. He was so angry he told the young couple to shift for themselves when they sought his blessing, and he was angrier when Stevenson took him at his word and departed with his bride. And he grew still angrier when, after waiting a week, he discovered that his daughter and his son-in-law were keeping house in three rooms in Flatbush.

He sought them, asked them to forgive him, and offered to buy anyone of the three houses that Mrs. Stevenson would select, but Stevenson told him he could support his wife.

So the young couple are living in a three room flat, while the three beautiful new homes constructed specially for honeymoons are vacant.

Lights Out.

She—But I thought it was a match between them!
He—Well, it was—a refusal.

SOME GOOD DESSERTS.

Variety of Sweets Suited to Warm Days of Summer and a Japanese Fruit Ice.

For the woman with refined tastes, who is obliged to satisfy her desire for beauty and tasteful variety on a moderate income, housekeeping becomes a matter of nice balances, especially in regard to the table. Success is made possible, however, by a minute attention to details. Variety is the spice of life, and where the dull level of plain pie and pudding is varied with a delicious dessert, simplicity may be exercised in the rest of the menu, or vice versa, the elaborate dinner may have for its dessert a basket of apples or other fruit. Gelatine forms the basis of a large variety of refreshing desserts, of which I give a few:

Snow Pudding.—Dissolve half a box of gelatine in a pint of water, adding the juice of two lemons and a cupful of sugar. Bring to a boil, strain, and when partly cool, add the whites of two eggs, and beat till white. Pour into a mold, and when cold turn into a glass dish, and pour around it a custard made with the two yolks and one more egg.

Lemon Foam.—Soak half a box of gelatine in enough cold water to cover for two hours. Squeeze four lemons, and mix the strained juice with a large cupful of sugar. Beat the yolks of four eggs thoroughly. Add water enough to the yolks to make a pint, and cook with the lemons and sugar in double boiler till it thickens. Strain into a bowl, and when cool, but not stiff, add the whites of the eggs, and beat steadily till it begins to set. Heap irregularly in a glass dish.

Princess Pudding.—One pint of fine bread crumbs, one cupful of sugar, one quart of milk, the beaten yolks of four eggs, the grated rind of a lemon, a piece of butter the size of an egg. Bake until done, but not watery. Whip the whites of the egg stiff, to which add a cupful of sugar into which has been strained the juice of a lemon. Spread pieces of jelly over the pudding, add the beaten whites, and put into the oven to brown. To be eaten cold.

Raisin Pie.—Simmer three-quarters of a pound of raisins in half a pint of water. When cool, mix with an egg, a dash of lemon, a little sugar and a cupful of rolled cracker crumbs. Bake in two crusts.

Lemon Pie.—Have crust for pie baked. When cool, put into it the following mixture, made of two eggs, one teaspoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter, three tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, one cupful of boiling water and one lemon. Put grated rind and juice of lemon, butter, sugar and boiling water together in a vessel, and let come to a boil. Beat yolks and cornstarch, and pour into the boiling mixture. When baked, add beaten whites and brown.

Chocolate Pudding.—Butter the size of an egg, half a cupful of sugar, the whites of four eggs, a cupful of rolled cracker crumbs, half a cake of grated chocolate. Flavor with vanilla, and boil in a mold for one hour.

Japanese Fruit Ice.—Make a pint of syrup of sugar and a little water, by boiling until a little dropped into cold water will form a soft ball. Pour hot over the beaten whites of two eggs, and beat again until white. Mix with a quart of berries or the juice and rind of six lemons, and freeze.—Country Gentleman.

To Remove Rust.

To remove rust from a kettle put into it as much hay as it will hold; fill it with water and boil it many hours; if the kettle is not entirely fit for use repeat the process. It will be certainly effectual. Rub the rusty spots on the stove with sandpaper, then with sweet oil.

An Ideal Duster.

A soft chamouis skin soaked in cold water and then wrung nearly dry is the ideal duster. It can be used on the finest furniture and it will leave a clean, bright surface.

His Turn Now.

Archie Feather-top—Miss Dora, has your father ever said anything about me?

Dora Hope—He hasn't mentioned your name, but I heard him asking mamma the other day who that young fellow was that had been hanging around here lately, and—whether she thought he had any object in coming.—Chicago Tribune.

A Ham Sidedish.

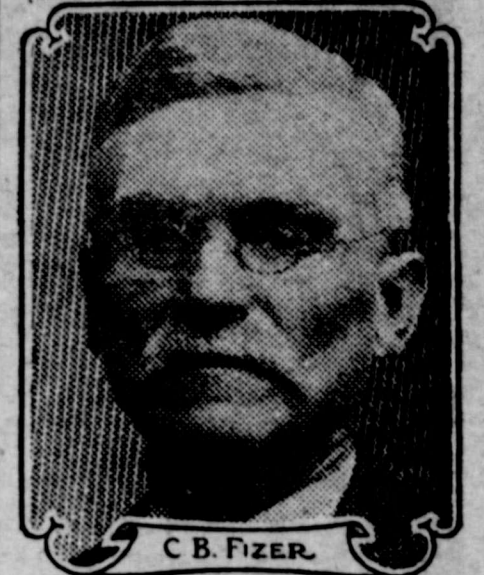
Nice for luncheon is this entree of cold boiled ham: Chop enough ham to fill a coffee cup and add to it two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, a little cayenne pepper and two tablespoonfuls of cream. Fry rounds of bread in butter and spread over the ham mixture. Grate cheese over the top and brown in a hot oven.

American Girl Honored.

Miss Carolyn Patch, a Los Angeles girl, has been appointed general secretary of the British-American Young Women's Christian association in Paris. She is an accomplished linguist and chiefly on this account was chosen secretary.

KIDNEY TROUBLE

Suffered Two Years—Relieved In Three Months.



C. B. FIZER.
MR. C. B. FIZER, Mt. Sterling, Ky., writes:

"I have suffered with kidney and bladder trouble for ten years past.

"Last March I commenced using Peruna and continued for three months. I have not used it since, nor have I felt a pain.

"I believe that I am well and I therefore give my highest commendation to the curative qualities of Peruna."

Pe-ru-na for Kidney Trouble.

Mrs. Geo. H. Simser, Grant, Ontario, Can., writes:

"I had not been well for about four years. I had kidney trouble, and, in fact, felt badly nearly all the time.

"This summer I got so very bad I thought I would try Peruna, so I wrote to you and began at once to take Peruna and Manalin.

"I took only two bottles of Peruna and one of Manalin, and now I feel better than I have for some time.

"I feel that Peruna and Manalin cured me and made a different woman of me altogether. I bless the day I picked up the little book and read of your Peruna."

It is the business of the kidneys to remove from the blood all poisonous materials. They must be active all the time, else the system suffers. There are times when they need a little assistance.

Peruna is exactly this sort of a remedy. It has saved many people from disaster by rendering the kidneys service at a time when they were not able to bear their own burdens.

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enable you to enjoy your meals without having to spend half your time between them over a hot cook-stove.

All the cooking is done in Libby's kitchen—a kitchen as clean and neat as your own, and there's nothing for you to do but enjoy the result.

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ON PORCH FURNITURE.

If Porch Is Small Use a Shelf for a Table and Chairs Without Rockers.

Few porches have room for a good-sized table, but this can be managed by having an oblong strip of wood fastened on the wall, between the windows, with hinges at the bottom. When this is not in use, it takes up no room, as it is firmly attached to the wall. One or more legs must be added for the end, and need not of necessity be unsightly.

Another way of doing would be to keep an ironing table with folding legs laid against the wall, all ready to be brought out when it was needed. The legs would have to be cut down to a convenient height for using while sitting, and it could be stained or painted to match the best of the furniture.

Where there is plenty of wall space the width of the table could be placed against the wall, and two firm iron brackets could support the leaf when a table is required. It is often useful to have some place to stow away magazines and little articles, and a couple of shelves placed on the wall above the table would add much to the appearance of the porch, and be a very useful article of furniture. These boards should be just the length of the table, and placed on the wall at the right height, so that when the table is fastened up, the outside just reaches beneath the shelves. With the bench below, and the underneath part of the table forming a back, over-topped by some cunning little book shelves, what an attractive piece of furniture we should have. Some little curtains on rings would add a note of color, and the whole thing could be made by a member of the family. Sometimes an old church pew can be picked up in country places for a dollar, and in that case the table might hang down, and the pew go against the wall, beneath the book shelves.

Bamboo screens which roll up and down are often useful if the porch is very sunny. A more delightful screen is formed by vines running over wire across the sunny end, or where a neighbor's porch overlooks one's own. If the house stands alone, a porch is cooler if all the sides are left open for the air to blow through, and vines are only allowed to grow above the height of seven feet. So many small porches are too much overgrown, and not only keep the air out in summer, but for the rest of the year darken the rooms that overlook the porch.

It is best not to have too many rockers on a small porch, as they take up too much room. Windsor chairs, stained or painted, are always liked, especially by men, and they can be used with chairs of other varieties.

A pretty Indian cotton held in place by a drawing pin, which can readily be taken out when the cloth is shaken, makes an admirable cover for the table. If matting or basket tables are used, it is best to have them uncovered. A whisk brush can be kept near by to brush off the tops daily.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Rules of Health.

Don't worry. Laugh at yourself; look for funny things. Eat good, nourishing food regularly three times a day, and between meals drink a glass of cream. Drink plenty of good, pure water. Take all the rest you can, if possible an hour's sleep each afternoon. Be in the open air all you can without exercising too much. Massaging every night with cocoa butter will help considerably. Above all, do not be dependent. Get busy. Interest yourself in people and things, not in yourself. Be generous, and life will be worth living as your condition improves.

Encourages Temperance.

The Bavarian government does not dare to forbid its railway employes to drink beer; but systematic efforts to discourage beer drinking are made by providing coffee, milk, lemonade and mineral waters at cost price.

Macaroni and Cheese.

Into two quarts of boiling water break half a pound of macaroni. Add half a teaspoonful of salt and boil 20 minutes. Drain through a colander. Line your well-buttered baking dish with cracker crumbs, then add a layer of macaroni, a liberal sprinkling of grated cheese, dust with cracker crumbs, and use dabs of butter. Repeat this until your dish is full. Then pour over all a cupful of milk or cream if you have it. Brown in the oven before serving.

Envoy Recluse.

Viscount de Alte, the Portuguese envoy at Washington, leads the life of recluse, and although credited to this untry four years, he is known by a few residents of the capital. He rarely invites his colleagues in the embassy to his home, and still more rarely accepts their invitations.

Popular Pastime.

As a revival of the old English custom of shooting at the butts after divine worship, the Amberley (Eng.) miniature rifle club is open on Sunday afternoons, and is very popular.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes:



"Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I overexerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities."

Sold by all dealers; 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

PROFIT POINTERS.

Nobody wants an over-anxious man. He gets on one's nerves.

Did you ever know a "tricky" man to make a permanent success?

Matter is composed of atoms. Businesses are built up by attention to details.

Business is not necessarily hard work. Make it good fun, and you'll do more.

ECZEMA CAN BE CURED.

A Texas Remedy That Will Do the Work.

Sydney Smith, Secretary of the State Fair, Dallas, Texas, says: I have about used up the first bottle of Imperial Remedy, and while I have felt more relief from it than anything I have ever used for eczema, yet I do not think I am sufficiently cured to risk it, so please send me another.

Thousands of people throughout Texas and the South have been cured quickly and permanently of eczema and other skin diseases by Imperial Remedy. Sold by drug stores at \$1.00 per bottle. Made by Imperial Med. Co., Houston, Texas.

Keeping Her Handy.

"That's a fine rope you have, Harker," commented the commuter with the lawn mower and the weekly ham under his arm. "What are you going to do with it?"

"Use it as a tether," replied Harker.

"Ah! New cow?"

"No, new cook."—Chicago Daily News.

Saved Doctor's Bills.

For a mild, pleasant, yet certain remedy for Biliousness and all Liver Troubles, I consider Simmon's Liver Purifier superior to any I have ever used. A few doses often saves a doctor's bill.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Theo. Greenway, Huntsville, Ala. In tin boxes only, price 25c.

One on the Doctor.

Lawyer—I say, doctor, why are you always running us lawyers down?

Doctor (dryly)—Well, your profession doesn't make angels of men, does it?

"Why, no; you certainly have the advantage of us there, doctor."—Illustrated Bits.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDRON, KISSAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

No Trick at All.

Canby Dunn—Do you take any stock in the story that a man engraved the entire alphabet on the head of a pin?

Y. Knott—Certainly. He could have engraved the ten commandments on it. It was a coupling pin. Ring off.—Chicago Tribune.

No Use.

You may have the moral right to do so, but it is not necessary. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and promptly cure that itching trouble in whatever form. It is made solely for the purpose.

Stranger (to the beggar's son)—"How long has your father been blind?" Boy—"Every day from eight in the morning until six at night."

Talk never seems cheap when the one talking to you is a little dear.—Yale Record.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

The way to make to-morrow better than yesterday is to work to-day.

COMMERCIAL CULLINGS.

The quantity of frozen meat exported from Argentina last year was 3,325,124 carcasses of sheep and lambs, and 1,922,777 quarters of beef.

The mineral production of France consists of lead, zinc, copper, coal and lignite, iron, antimony, arsenic and salt. An immense quantity of building stone and slate is quarried. The cement and phosphate production is large, aggregating sums far up in the millions of dollars. Coal is the chief mineral product.

In the year 1890 Germany sent about \$10,710,000 in silks to the United States and Japan sent \$1,190,000 worth. In 1904-5 Germany sent about \$4,998,000 of silk goods to the United States, while Japan sent \$5,593,000 worth. Japanese exports of silk goods have tripled within ten years, increasing from \$7,470,000 in 1895 to \$22,410,000 in 1904-5, and the ascending movement continues.

Entirely Cured.

Ellistown, Miss. A. B. Richards Med. Co., Sherman, Tex.

Gentlemen: I can cheerfully recommend your Hunt's Cure to anyone troubled with tetter and other skin troubles.

I used one box on a very bad case of years' standing and am now entirely cured.

Yours truly, Amons Lawson.

Not the Only Hot Place.

"The most serious objection I have to dying," said the Bostonian, "is that I shall have to leave Boston." "Aw, don't worry about that," said the Chicagoan; "Boston ain't the only hot place."—The Bohemian.

The Only Good.

"Father, why do these automobiles puff out so much smoke behind?" "Stupid! So the policeman can't see the number!"—Meggendorfer Blatter.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature

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There is only One Genuine-Syrup of Figs, The Genuine is Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

The full name of the company, California Fig Syrup Co., is printed on the front of every package of the genuine.

The Genuine-Syrup of Figs- is for Sale, in Original Packages Only, by Reliable Druggists Everywhere

Knowing the above will enable one to avoid the fraudulent imitations made by piratical concerns and sometimes offered by unreliable dealers. The imitations are known to act injuriously and should therefore be declined.

Buy the genuine always if you wish to get its beneficial effects. It cleanses the system gently yet effectually, dispels colds and headaches when bilious or constipated, prevents fevers and acts best on the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels, when a laxative remedy is needed by men, women or children. Many millions know of its beneficial effects from actual use and of their own personal knowledge. It is the laxative remedy of the well-informed.

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"But, surely you are the man I gave some pie to a fortnight ago." "Yes, lily; I thought 'praps you'd like to know I'm able to get about again."—Tattler.

Not One.
No equal on earth has Hunt's Lightning Oil for Rheumatism and Neuralgia, as well as Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Insect Bites and Stings. Guaranteed.

Opportunity has an aggravating manner of calling on a man when he is not in.

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Send us your Developing and Finishing
HOUSTON OPTICAL CO.,
505 MAIN STREET.

If afflicted with sore eyes, use **Thompson's Eye Water**
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MINERAL WATER THE BURN Mineral Well, Tenn.
CRAVY

This signature *Allen*
on every box.

You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA GREOLE" HAIR RESTORER. Price, 51.00, retail.

LOCAL NEWS.

Howard is still selling groceries at the old stand. Call.

Olan Davis was up from Lovedly Sunday.

Plenty chops and bran at Darsey's.

Why not buy your groceries from Howard?

Our store will be closed all day July, 4th. Geo. E. Darsey.

For prices to suit the times see Tims & Sheridan.

Screen Doors and Wire Screen Cloth at Darsey's.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

Mr. Cain spent Sunday at home.

Get a sack of Wichita flour. It is the best that is made. Tims & Sheridan.

Miss Lura Yarbrough left Monday for Frankston to visit her brother, Eugene.

Everything guaranteed you buy from Howard. Will refuse your money if not satisfactory.

Miss Nora Chaffin of Dallas is visiting friends and relatives in and near Grapeland.

Lee Clewis wants your beef hides and bees wax. He will pay spot cash.

Mack Martin came in from Call Monday and will be at home several weeks.

Attention Ladies! If you are not satisfied with your flour try one sack of Ruth at Howard's.

Misses Susie Carleton and Zolo Kennedy of Crockett visited the Misses Caldwell this week.

You loose money every time you fail to buy a pair of Courtney's Full Vamp Shoes at Tims & Sheridan's

Misses Mary and Addie Pennington and Annie Belle Laster of Daly's visited Miss Minnie White Sunday.

Do you wear Schloss Bros. clothing? If not, why not? None better at \$10, \$12.50 and \$15. Geo. E. Darsey.

Mr. Jack Spence and Miss Corine Anthony and Mr. Aosea Anthony and Miss Callie Spence spent last Sunday at Elkhart.

What about painting your house. We have plenty of Linseed Oil, White Lead and Ready Mixed paints. Get our prices. Geo. E. Darsey.

Constipation makes the cold drag along. Get it out of you. Take Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar cough syrup. Contains no opiates. Carleton & Porter.

A good rain visited the Grapeland country Monday, and it is now conceded that a good corn crop will be made. Just at the present time prospects are flattering indeed.

A Happy Mother.

will see that her baby is properly cared for—to do this a good purgative is necessary. Many babies suffer from worms and their mothers don't know it—if your baby is feverish and doesn't sleep at nights, it is troubled with worms. White's Cream Vermifuge will clean out these worms in a mild pleasant way. Once tried always used. Give it a trial. Price 25cents. Carleton & Porter.

Hog Fencing and Barb Wire at Darsey's.

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

You can get a good Ice Cream Freezer at Darsey's.

Senator Stokes was in town Tuesday on business.

Plenty of Fruit boxes and crate at Darsey's.

Lee Clewis wants all the beef hides and bees wax. Pay cash strictly.

The best line of 5 and 10c. fans at Darsey's.

Mr. Jack E. Spence and Miss Corine Anthony and Mr. Hosea Anthony and Miss Callie Spence spent Sunday at Elkhart.

Next time you are in the barber shop have Caskey to give you a massage. Makes the skin soft and clears up your complexion.

Mr. J. B. Cunningham was a pleasant caller Saturday. He reported some sickness in his family.

J. M. Rogers and M. D. Murchison have re traded for their former property. Mr. Rogers traded his business at Brownsville for Mr. Murchison's home here, but each became dissatisfied and a "rue back" was in order. Mr. Rogers has made many friends during his short stay who regret to see him go away.

No Other.

It is a class to itself. It has no rivals. It cures where others merely relieve. For aches, pains, stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc. it is the quickest and surest remedy ever devised. We mean Hunt's Lightning Oil.

LADIES PRIZES.

GOLD WATCH—by the Grapeland Messenger.

Pair of shoes—by Geo. E. Darsey.

Pair of Giesecke's \$2.50 Key Brand shoes, "always the best," by F. A. Paris.

Millinery Trimmed Hat—by Mrs Mary Etta Darsey.

Bottle of Perfume—by B. R. Guice & Son.

Box of nice Candy—by Bon Ton Cream Parlor.

Pair Ladies Hose—by Tims & Sheridan.

GENTLEMEN'S PRIZES.

\$20.00 Suit of Tailor made clothes—by the Grapeland Messenger.

Shumate \$1.00 Razor—by S. E. Howard.

Pair of \$3.50 walk Over Shoes—by J. G. Shipper & Son.

Pair of Gent's hose—by Tims & Sheridan.

Winner has choice of comb and brush, box of 5c. cigars, or 30 soda water checks—by Carleton & Porter.

FARMER'S PRIZES.

Paid up life time subscription to the Grapeland Messenger and one years' subscription to the Galveston Semi-weekly News. One Diverse Cultivator.

The young lady receiving the highest number of votes in the entire contest will be awarded the Gold Watch. The young lady receiving the next highest number of votes will have first choice of the remaining prizes, and so on until all the prizes have been awarded. This rule applies in the gentlemen's contest, the first prize being a suit of clothes.

The Messenger-Merchants' Contest.

W. F. HAYS, Contest Editor.
CONTEST CLOSES AUGUST 4th, 1906.

It has been a warm race this week for the honor of leading place and in as much as true effort wins, Miss Caldwell carries the just honor for her supreme effort of this week and leads with a nice vote easily breaking the bounds of three-thousand. One very remarkable feature of this popular young lady's work is the large number of subscribers secured and the surprisingly small number of coupons which should prove to others desiring to "go up head," that the way is to get subscribers.

Too many seem to be content to let their friends advance them by the aid of coupons; while this is to be admired—working for them—yet it is so easy to obtain subscribers and advance with the more progressive ones, that we are surprised that so many work so hard for these small

votes when it is so easy to get them in 100 lots—and ever more.

Mr. J. B. Cunningham's name in the Farmers Contest will be read with interest by his many friends and if we mistake not he will make a fine race.

Mr. Carl Sory's name enters the list in Gent's Contest this week and tho' some may say "you are too late," yet we, knowing his popularity and natural affinity for doing things in the proper way, will say to those so thinking that "you just wait."

Mr. Jack Spence has been entered in the Farmer's Contest with a handsome vote this week. Jack is a young energetic fellow, and according to age he should be singled out in the Gent's Contest, but in so much as he has become a "son of toil" for this year at least, his friends earnestly requested him to enter this Contest and we predict he is going to make it warm for his opponents.

List of Contestants:

—LADIES—

Miss Ada Caldwell, Grapeland,.....	3040
Miss Dora Yarbrough, Grapeland,.....	2855
Miss Adelle Davis, Grapeland,.....	1865
Miss Lillie Johnston, Grapeland,.....	1450
Miss Allie Lively, Waneta,.....	1235

—GENTLEMEN—

Mr. Frank Taylor, Reynard,.....	2090
Mr. Hugh Richards, Grapeland,.....	2060
Mr. Taylor McQueen, Grapeland, R. F. D. No. 3.....	1945
Mr. Nathan Guice, Grapeland,.....	200
Mr. Carl Sory, Grapeland,.....	105
Mr. James J. Cook, Kennard,.....	10

—FARMER'S CONTEST,—

Mr. Jim Welsing, Grapeland, Route 1,.....	590
Mr. Jack Spence, Grapeland,.....	515
Mr. J. S. Ferril, Percilla,.....	75
Mr. J. H. Beasley, Reynard,.....	45
Mr. J. B. Cunningham, Grapeland, R. F. D. No. 2,.....	20

Rules and Plans of Contest.

In each issue of the Grapeland Messenger there is published a coupon good for ten votes for either the most popular young lady, the most popular young man or the best farmer in Houston county, which, after being properly filled out, can be clipped and mailed to the Messenger and credit will be given to the contestant in whose favor it is issued. These coupons are good for one week only and positively cannot be polled after the expiration of the date printed on each one.

A more rapid way to secure votes in this contest is by getting new subscribers and renewals. Votes are issued according to the schedule elsewhere in this column. Coupons are issued with each subscription when cash accompanies the order, and they may reserved and polled at any time during the contest.

No subscription will be accepted for less than six months and two six months subscriptions will not count as one years' subscription.

The contest will be conducted in a fair and impartial manner and no one connected with the Messenger will be allowed to take part otherwise than to supervise the voting.

Should any one after having entered the contest wish to withdraw they will be allowed to do so, but they will not be allowed to transfer their votes previously received to another contestant.

Votes must reach the office not later than 8 o'clock Wednesday morning to be counted that week. Votes received later than 8 a. m. Wednesday will be published the following week.

An accurate account of all votes received will be filed and published each week, making it plainly seen that the contest is fairly conducted.

Following is the Schedule of Votes allowed on Subscription. Cash must always accompany order for Subscription.

	New	Old	
6 Months' Subscription.....	45 votes	35 votes	25c
1 Years' ".....	100 "	75 "	50c
2 " ".....	225 "	175 "	\$1.00
3 " ".....	350 "	260 "	\$1.50

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10 VOTES FOR

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*Most Popular Young Lady Most Popular Young Man Best Farmer. (Mark out Two)

R. F. D. No..... Postoffice.....

In The Grapeland Messenger—Merchants' Contest

Not Good After July 5

To The Public:—

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A great many have wanted to know why they get such good results from drugs they buy from us. It is this: We buy only in small lots from the best drug houses and before they get old enough to lose their strength they are sold.

Give us your next bill and find out for yourself what others know.

B. R. Guice & Son.

ROBERT CASKEY, BARBER.

SHOP AT TOTTY HOTEL.

HONING RAZORS
A SPECIALTY.

Agent for Martin Steam Laundry Palestine. All work guaranteed to be the best.

W. R. Word, of Dyresburg, Tenn., writes: "This is to certify that I have used Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup for chronic constipation, and it has proven, with out a doubt, to be a thorough, practical remedy for this trouble, and it is with pleasure I offer my conscientious reference."
Carleton & Porter.

Mr. Davidson of Cuero, candidate for lieutenant governor, passed through the city Sunday going south.

Ineeda Laundry Agency...

The Best Laundry in the South. I have the agency for the Ineeda Laundry of Houston. Basket leaves every other Wednesday night. Bring me your washing and have it done right. All work is guaranteed....

Carl Sory, Agent,
At Carleton & Porter's Drug Store

A man who is in perfect health, so he can do an honest day's work when necessary, has much for which he should be thankful. Mr. L. C. Rogers, of Braughton, Pa., writes that he was not only unable to work, but he couldn't stoop over to tie his own shoes. Six bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure made a new man of him. He says, "Success to Foley's Kidney Cure." Carleton & Porter

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
for children's safe, cure. No opiates