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FROM MR. BEAN.

Replies to the Articles of Old Gray and Mr. J. Y. Renfro.

Oak Grove.—Editor Messenger, after several weeks absence from home I come again and knock, hoping that you will let me in long enough to get a good look at Old Gray and Bro. Renfro from Trinity, who have taken sides with you in regard to the mail-order houses and brand them as frauds. I suppose Old Gray is a man, but not knowing whether male or female I hardly know how to reply to his letter but that he cannot expect for me to be very light on him. He has hit so hard and used such hard expressions against myself, mail order houses and such as would patronize them. He says, they are frauds and should be branded as such, and he gives his reason to wit: because they rob the people with every purchase they send south. Old Gray is the first fellow (let it be he or she carrying the name) who has testified against mail order houses as frauds, and the only one who branded them, and those in line with them, as being such frauds. If the seething pits of hell were raked over with a fine tooth comb no such imposters could be found. Will ask Old Gray, Bro. Renfro and our Editor who have given them their choice in the avocation of this life. Is it not the laws of this country which is the land of liberty and the free and equal rights to all? So in regard to the institution branded by our Editor, Old Gray and others as frauds are licensed with the right. So if they are frauds our law makers are frauds. So if such be frauds what about the mail system with which Uncle Sam and his boys have to do. Were it not for our mail system how would our merchants be able to make their purchases? Will they buy through agents? Yes, pay a traveling agent from \$50 to \$125 per month and often more. What will Old Gray do when he makes a deal with a firm to furnish his supplies. Will he go every time? No he will make out his bill for what he wants and an order with bill for filling of same. Then what else is that house but a mail order house branded by Old Gray as a fraud, such as cannot be beat from the pits of hell. I think if Old Gray and Bro. Renfro had understood our Editor they would not have sided with him and taken issue with me. Our Editor had endeavored to show our home merchants the efficacy of the printers ink, and he had failed otherwise. But when he would abuse and brand the mail order houses as frauds, he accomplished his purpose for since that time his paper is so full of ads that he cannot get the news in the paper that should be there. That's right Mr. Editor if you can't show them one way, try another. In conclusion will say to Old Gray, who seemed to express himself as to my consistency, if I ever had any must have left it in Arkansas. Will say to this, two times only have I had opportunity to have left my consistency in that state. When my father and mother were married they crossed the line of Arkansas to marry and when I was between 18 and 19 years old I was in Arkansas to an infair dinner and a dance. So if I ever had any consistency, he knows my opportunity to have left it. Fearing that I am worrisome will ring off.

Yours for peace,
J. E. Bean.

An Insidious Danger

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley's Kieney Cure at the first sign of trouble as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's disease and diabetes. Carleton & Porter.

We Buy what You Have to Sell

We buy Peas, Chickens, Eggs and Pay the Highest Market Price for them at all times.

We Sell what You Have to Buy

Our stock consists of groceries, hardware, drugs, Dr. Le-Gear's stock medicine, stove pipe, elbows, rain proofs, dry goods, ladies and gents furnishings, shoes, I. & S. Bing clothing, Nox-all shirts, Carhartt and Finck's Overalls.

IT COSTS YOU NOTHING TO INVESTIGATE.

We don't ask any more than we are willing to pay ourselves. If you are not satisfied with your purchase we will refund your money. We want to do more business with you this year and promise you 100c worth of merchandise for every dollar you spend with us. Respectfully,

J. G. Shipper & Son

CROCKETT NEWS CULLINGS.

Tobacco Buyer Contracts for the Product of Houston County This Year.

Crockett, Texas, January 8.—A MacTavish, land and timber agent for the Louisiana and Texas Lumber company of Kennard, Texas, has returned from a prospecting tour of Old Mexico.

Dr. Harvin C. Moore of Houston, Texas, has returned to his home after spending the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moore, in this city.

D. G. Cage of Houston, J. T. Sweetman of Palestine and Todd Robinson of Austin are in the city today.

Mr. W. H. Denny has returned from a business trip to St. Louis, where he went to buy fixtures for the new bank, which will be opened here within the next few days. Mr. Denny will be cashier of the new bank.

D. A. Nunn, Jr., is in the panhandle country looking after real estate interests there.

J. H. Painter has returned from Galveston where he spent several days with his parents.

H. Winberg of Palestine, the tobacco buyer for Taussig & Co., of Chicago, who have a branch house in Palestine, has been in Crockett contracting for the purchase of the crop of tobacco to be grown in this county in 1907.

Hays Springs Items.

Hays Springs, Jan. 6.—Dear old Messenger, it has been several weeks since I have written anything to be printed on your pages. Several changes have taken place in our community in this time. Xmas has come and gone. The old year 1906 has bid us adieu, and is now numbered with the ages that have passed and gone, and a new year has come, with its trials and tribulations, pleasures and happiness, its fortunes and misfortunes that every previous year has brought us. The year just passed has been a year of prosperity. A year that will be long remembered by the people of this fair south land of ours, on account of the bountiful harvest that our lands have produced.

Now we will go back to things that most concern our community. We have had but very little in our community in the holidays that would remind us of Xmas times, aside from visiting. Mr. W. M. Brown left a few days before Xmas to go back to his old home in Georgia to see his mother and other relatives and friends. Mack Herod and Rob Martin came in from Merkel to spend Xmas with friends and relatives in our community. H. C. Warner and family also came in from Runge to spend the holidays with relatives in this community. M. L. Lively and family spent a part of the holidays in the Livelyville neighborhood. Mr. J. M. McClelland who has lived in our community for the last two years, has moved to Grapeland where he expects to reside for a while. We regret very much to lose this good family from our community. We learn that Mrs. D. W. Martin who has been visiting in our community for several weeks, will leave for her home in Merkel today, accompanied by her son, Rob. Mc. A. K. Fretz returned home yesterday from Kansas, where he has been spending several weeks.

Rev. Cameron preached for us last Sunday morning and evening. Bro. Cameron preached two good sermons and we believe he will gain many friends in our community. JULIUS.

Clear up the complexion, cleanse the liver and tone the system. You can best do this by a dose or two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Safe reliable little pills with a reputation. The pills that everyone knows. Recommended by Carleton & Porter.

Augusta News.

Augusta, Jan. 6.—Since our last letter the icy hand of death has been pushed upon one of our most worthy citizens. W. W. Gainey has crossed over the river and now rests in the shade of the trees. A loving husband, a kind father and a faithful and good neighbor. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The blue smoke that floats high in the air from the surrounding farms is evidence that the farmers are busy preparing for another crop. Every thing is quiet and moving along nicely and every one seems to think life is worth living. Prof. Sam Kennedy is doing good work in his school.

Bud Kirkpatrick has bought Mrs. McMillans place and will in the future live near town. W. H. Holcomb is speaking of returning to his farm which is one of the best equipped farms in this section. We regret to give him up.

Jim McLean has returned from a big bear hunt. He reports a fine time.

N. B. Hendricks of Waneta, reports all well in his section. Health of the country is good.

We wish the Messenger and its many readers a prosperous and happy new year. As this is my last contribution to the Messenger will say farewell and if forever good-bye. OLD GRAY.

Carrie Natlan

certainly smashed a hole in the bar-rooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Oriole Happenings.

Oriole, Jan. 7.—Your interesting paper of Jan. 3rd is again before me, filled as usual with interesting things from different parts of the county.

We have two new families living in this vicinity now. Mr. J. W. Simpson and family living on Mr. J. H. Tyer's place near Mr. J. F. Grounds. Mr. Wesley Wells and family living where Mr. Vaughn lived.

Miss Louie Wright gave a very pleasant entertainment at the Grounds school house just before Christmas. There was quite a crowd there, and all enjoyed themselves.

Some of our farmers who are opposed to the hog law have been disposing of their hogs.

Glad to hear the water mill near Grapeland is fixed up again. Messrs Tyer & Goodknight have their saw mill in good condition and are turning out some good lumber. They have an abundance of good timber near the mill and are kept busy.

Wishing the Messenger much prosperity during the year 1907, I will close. A. K.

The Grip.

"Before we can sympathize with others, we must have suffered our selves." No one can realize the suffering attendant upon an attack of the grip, unless he has had the actual experience. There is probably no disease that causes so much physical and mental agony, or which so successfully defies medical aid. All danger from the grip, however, may be avoided by the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy, not one case has ever been reported that has resulted in pneumonia or that has not recovered. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Notice to Truckers.

Mr. R. B. Edens requests us to call a meeting for truck and fruit growers, Saturday, January 12, 3 p. m., at the school house. This meeting will be for the purpose ordering fruit trees and for any other business that may come before the meeting.

When the cold winds dry and crack the skin a box of salve can save much discomfort. In buying salve look for the name on the box to avoid any imitations, and be sure you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

NOTICE.

To all that is interested in the Parker graveyard. The move is on foot to fence the ground, five acres. The wire is bought. All who want to, and will, may leave the money with me to finish paying for the wire. Twelve dollars is needed. The 31st of January is the day set to do the work. All the material will be on the ground. Come one and all prepared to do the work.

Please cut this out and paste it on your door or mantle so you will not forget it. J. N. PARKER.

Danger of a Cold and How to Avoid Them.

More fatalities have their origin in or result from a cold than from any other cause. This fact alone should make people more careful as there is no danger whatever from a cold when it is properly treated in the beginning. For many years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been recognized as the most prompt and effectual medicine in use for this disease. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretion and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

The Messenger.

ALBERT H. LUKER, Editor.
GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

Reformed football is quite as brutal as lawn tennis.

Most of the so-called necessary evils are unnecessary.

A close friend is one who refuses to lend you anything.

When money does not talk too much it may properly be termed a modest sum.

Every time a man commits a mean act he has what he considers a good excuse for it.

If Luther Burbank is so smart, why doesn't he grow watermelons that have handles on them to carry them by?

The ice dealer who is in the coal business on the side needn't worry about the seasons, for whether 'tis hot or cold his business, one or the other is good.

Five hundred English teachers are coming here to study our schools. We hope that during the visit none of the teachers in our primary schools will mention that "I seen him," and "he done it."

A professor of history in the University of California is going to marry a Russian princess. It will be hard for an American heiress to understand how a real princess can think of wasting her title on a common professor of history.

Bishop Fallows, of Chicago, has advanced the theory that persons are made good or bad by the food they eat. Now if the good bishop will kindly arrange a diet whereby all are bound to grow up saints his idea will prove of some value.

Two divers descended to a depth of 210 feet in a Scotch lake the other day. This is said to be the greatest depth to which divers ever descended in the British Isles. It is farther than most people would care to go beneath the surface of the water.

From various sources comes in the cheering report that this year's turkey crop is very large. As the cranberry crop has not been heard from favorably, however, it is safe to assume that, unlike troubles, good things still come singly, not in pairs.

An Ohio physician says tuberculosis costs the state 30 lives a day, and that if the mortality was among horses something would be done. As a man is computed to be worth \$1,000 to a community, this view of the case deserves at least a fiscal consideration.

Deaths from tuberculosis among the population of Indiana in the last year numbered 4,492, and are estimated to have cost the state more than \$1,000,000. The crusade against this plague means not only the preservation of human life, but also the saving of much money.

A New-York motor car enthusiast has had built for himself an armored car so that he may escape injury when he bumps into other vehicles. The idea looks good and we may eventually expect to see automobiles constructed like battleships. In the meantime it may occur to somebody to devise an armor plate for the protection of the casual pedestrian, who is, after all, the chief sufferer from motor enthusiasm.

Grangers and others interested in farm products have proposed that a day be established which shall be observed every year as "Apple day." To celebrate this wholesome festival every good housewife would provide apples in some form, "pie, baked, raw or sass." There is a commercial side to the idea, for the feast of the apple would mean an additional consumption of many thousands of barrels. But beyond that consideration the plan is a pleasant one.

Marquis Ito and Field Marshals Yamagata and Oyama have been created princes by the Japanese emperor in recognition of their services in the war with Russia, and Vice Admiral Togo has been made a marquis for the same reason. All that we can do in America to reward our military heroes is to advance them in rank, and even then the promotion of successful officers over the heads of men who have been longer in the service is fiercely criticized.

The new policy of separating the races on street cars went into effect at Savannah, Ga., a short time ago, and reports from there say that the colored folks as a rule are mortally offended, and disposed to boycott the service. They are given places on the same cars, but are limited to the back seats. They admit that they should feel just as greatly offended if given the front seats; it is the color distinction or separation which angers.

FROM "PRINTER'S DEVILS" TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE

LADDER OF FAME CLIMBED BY MANY

Men Whose Names Now Are Household Words to Millions Commenced Life as Humble Assistants to the Village Editor—Mark Twain and Horace Greeley Shining Examples.

William Dean Howells—the name calls to mind at once "A Modern Instance" and "The Rise of Silas Lapham," books that nearly all have read with great pleasure. But how many know of the days of long hours that Howells put in working as a "printer's devil?" From "printer's devil" to world-wide renown is a long step; not only a long step, but a succession of days and weeks and years of hard and unremitting toil.

Many a man has lain down at night unknown outside of his immediate circle of acquaintances and awakened in the morning to find himself famous. Not so, however, with the "printer's devil," that lad of all-work around a printer's office. He must work hard and long, and his promotion comes slowly. His is not the cleanest work there is, for he must clean the type, weep out the composing room, and do all the odd jobs that come up in a printing office every day.

None but a lad of sturdy material and possessing great pluck could pull himself out of this rut, for his hours were long, and whatever knowledge he obtained was gotten by study after his hard day's work was done. Yet, notwithstanding all these drawbacks, many a man whose name is now a household word has started in as a "printer's devil," and worked his way up to fame, and sometimes to fortune.

Stepping Stone for Many. All walks of life have had men who have started in in this way—statesmen, authors and one even who was an aspirant for presidential honors, although failing to reach that goal. These same men look back with pride to the time when they stood at the side of the press and applied the moist ink to the type. Such a man is Howells.

William Dean Howells' early life was far from being an easy one. His father was editor and proprietor of the Hamilton (O.) Intelligencer, and later of the Dayton (O.) Transcript. Mr. Howells senior advocated the abolition of slavery, and in those days such views were not overpopular. His paper was a medium for the transmission of his views, and naturally appealed only to a small class; therefore the family pocketbook was very slim. His boys were unable to obtain adequate schooling, for they were obliged to turn in and help get out the paper. William often set type until 11 o'clock

at night and then rose at four in the morning to deliver the papers.

Although unschooled, young William read everything that came his way that would tend to instruct, and very early developed literary aspirations. Naturally his first efforts were in verse, and verse of such high quality that James Russell Lowell accepted some of it for the Atlantic Monthly. It was a great day for the young man when he learned that his first attempt in verse, "The Pilot's Story," had been accepted by his favorite maga-

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Mark Twain in a Printing Office. If laughing is good for man, then Mark Twain deserves well of his countrymen, for no man has done more to cheer the American public than this great humorist.

At 12 years of age Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) was obliged to quit school on account of the death of his father, and it was then his education in real life began. Always having been a delicate boy, his father had been lenient in the matter of attendance at school, although he had been anxious that his children should have good educations. His wish was fulfilled, although not exactly in the way he would have planned. Mark Twain's high school was the village printing office, where his elder brother, Orion, was conducting a newspaper.

The boy, then only 13, served in all capacities, and in the occasional absences of his chief revelled in personal journalism, with original illustrations backed on wadded blocks with a pen-knife. These "illustrated articles" riveted the town's attention, "but not its admiration," as his brother was wont to confess with a good deal of feeling. He, being the editor, had to take the consequences upon his return.

In 1853 Mark's adventurous disposition made itself manifest, and he disappeared from home to try his fortune. He became a veritable tramp printer, and wandered from one eastern printing office to another, supporting himself by setting type. Finally his wandering came to an end on account of lack of funds, and he returned to live with his family. It was at this

period of his life that he induced Horace Bixby to teach him the intricacies of steamboat piloting.

Twain's First Literary Effort. It was while with Bixby that Mark made his first venture into literature, although this is sometimes disputed, and Gen. B. B. Bunker, of Candia, N. H., appears to have been the one that gave him the mental push which started him on his career. Gen. Bunker had played a game of cards with Clemens, and during the course of the game had been much amused at the pithy

observations interjected into the young man. Being called to Aurora on business, the general invited Clemens to accompany him, and a few days later was shown a description of the trip written by the young man, and was astonished at the wit displayed in the composition. He suggested that it be sent to the San Francisco Union, but Clemens would have none of it, remarking that they "wouldn't publish such nonsensical trash!"

After a good deal of persuasion he was induced to send the story along, but nothing would induce him to sign his name to it. He did not want anyone to know that he was the author of such "trash," and so decided to sign it with the Mississippi leadman's call for two fathoms, "mark twain." A few days later the San Francisco paper came, with the sketch, followed by a check for \$100. Of course the check was drawn to the order of Mark Twain, and great curiosity was manifested as to who this might be. Finally, however, the secret came out, and Clemens got his money and an opening in the literary world that was just suited to his talents.

It is interesting to note that upon the publication of Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," which is now considered one of the classics, one critic declared: "Were Mark Twain's reputation as a humorist less well founded and established, we might say that this cheap and pernicious stuff is conclusive evidence that its author has no claim to be



ranked with Artemus Ward, Sydney Smith, Dean Swift, John Hay or any other recognized humorist above the grade of the author of that outrageous fiction, 'Peck's Bad Boy.'"

Horace Greeley as a "Devil."

Mark Twain came from the west, and the advice of one "printer's devil" who attained success was: "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country." Every schoolboy knows who gave that advice. Born in direst poverty, Horace Greeley was not able to obtain much of an education, as after his sixth year he was only allowed to go to school during the winter months. He and his brothers had to help their father eke out a miserable existence from the 50-acre plot which, with the ramshackle house upon it, was the elder Greeley's only possession.

In 1826 Horace Greeley entered the office of the Northern Spectator, in East Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as an apprentice, and for the first six months' work received nothing but his board. After that he received in addition the princely sum of \$40 a year for four and a half years. At the expiration of his apprenticeship he went to Erie, Pa., and thence to New York, where he landed with but ten dollars in his pocket. For days he wandered from one printing office to another, trying to get work, and finally through the aid of another printer who had come from Vermont, secured work that had been refused by the other men. Here his perseverance and pluck showed themselves, and it was not long before his value was recognized and he was given steady employment. He rose steadily, and finally became editor of the New York Tribune.

Greeley was described by John G. Whittier as "our later Franklin." He was a candidate, although an unsuccessful one, for president of the United States. Every one to-day knows of Horace Greeley's magnificent life, of his triumphs and successes, but few know of his early struggles and privations when he worked as a "printer's devil" for "nothing a month and his board."

When mentioning the "later Franklin," one should not overlook the fact that the first Franklin was a "printer's devil," and performed all the menial tasks around his brother's office. The youngest son of a poor tallow chandler, and one of 17 children, nothing but his talents and untiring industry would have enabled him to rise to distinction.

WATER AND EARTH ROADS.

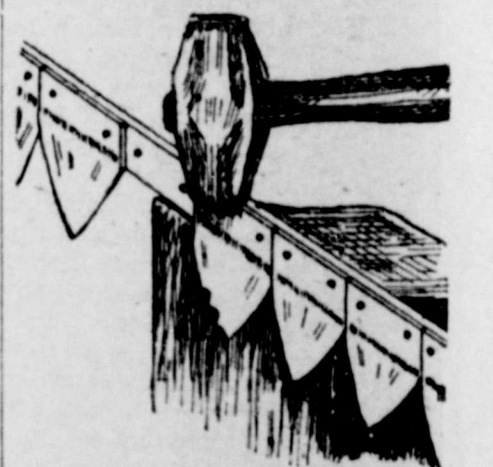
Perfect Drainage Needed to Keep Roadbed in Good Condition.

Without water it would be possible to build earth roads and keep them in repair at small expense. In humid localities the presence of water makes it very difficult to keep any kind of an earth road intact. Unless the drainage is perfect, the earth road will be constantly needing repairs, and some of these repairs will have to be very extensive ones. Prof. Ira Baker, of the University of Illinois, has made a close study of earth roads for a good many years. He expresses the belief that every country road should have its drainage assisted by drain tile laid in one of the ditches to a depth of three or four feet below the surface. If the tile can be placed on each side of a road, it will doubtless prove even more effective than if laid on one side of a road. The latter course will, however, generally prove effective if the road is constructed with that arrangement in view. It would be better if the tile could be get a fair flow of water the grade the cost of placing tile there is so great that it is better to use the side ditches. The professor says that to placed in the middle of the road, but should not be less than one inch in 50 feet. The cost of putting in five-inch tile varies from \$200 to \$250 per mile, including material. Whether or not tile is used, side ditches are necessary. This needs to be said because some people hold the opinion that where tile is used side ditches are not necessary and that the road can be flat. This kind of a road will not do in a rainy country. The ditches, however, need not be deep, but should be broad. This will give a gentler flow to the water. If the ditches are broad rather than deep it will be possible to have an easy slope toward the road. This will prevent serious accidents from vehicles getting into the ditches. Such arrangement will often save loaded wagons from being broken. At every little distance along the side ditches, outlets should be provided, says the Farmers' Review, so that the water will not have to be carried for long distances in the side ditches. If the water cannot quickly get out of the side ditch, its volume must increase the further it goes, and deep channels will be quickly cut in the bottoms and sides of the ditches. This means damage to the road from erosions and caving-in. The crown of the road should be sufficiently hard to insure the rapid running off of the water into the side ditches. If it can sink into the crown of the road it will soften it to such an extent that it can be cut up by wheels. To keep the road in good condition, it is necessary to keep the crown as impervious to water as possible. For keeping the surfaces of earth roads in good condition, Prof. Baker recommends dragging by means of a railroad rail, heavy timber or split log.

REMOVING BROKEN SECTIONS.

How the Mower Blade Can Be Made Ready for New Teeth.

If you wish to remove old broken sections from a mower or binder blade, quickly and easily, place the bar on dome metal case as indicated in the sketch and strike the broken



The Way It is Done.

section a sharp blow with a hammer. Be careful to hit the section squarely and not the bar. A blow properly delivered, declares Prairie Farmer, will remove the sections and then the rivets may be punched out.

Scarcity of Farm Laborers.

Reports from different parts of the country say that farm laborers are very scarce. This must continue to be the case, for the good farm laborers are those that have had experience in farming. More and more the farmer must turn to machinery for the supplying of the lack that comes with the scarcity of farm laborers. This drives to the vicinity of the cities and large towns such industries as growing sugar beets and raising onion sets, both of which require much hard work. From some sections come reports that the farmer is doing what work he can do himself and letting the rest go. This is never profitable. It accounts for the fields of corn and other products that are seen to be overgrown with weeds.



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New York Town Talk

Interesting Gossip Gathered in the Metropolis—"No Tipping" Signs Becoming Popular in Many Restaurants—Chess Expert Has Noise-Proof Room in Heart of Bedlam.



NEW YORK.—Establishments having in their windows the legend, "Tipping prohibited," are epidemic in East Twenty-third street, in the short block from Madison to Fourth avenues. A restaurant proprietor started the idea and then a barber shop in the same building, which is that of a large life insurance company, followed suit. Another "tonsorial parlor" on the ground floor of a skyscraper opposite, to meet competition, put up a sign: "No tips here." A second restaurant man is thinking of putting a stop to all gratuities, and a knight of the razor in Fourth avenue is gravely considering joining the procession.

"How does it work?" exclaimed the pioneer restaurant man. "Well, I've been here a year and a half now and all my waiters have been with me ever since and not one of them is dissatisfied. I give them about two dollars more wages than they would be able to get in other places of the same kind where tips are permitted. If anybody passes a dime or a quarter to them their actions depend on circumstances. If the man who offers it has apparently not seen the sign and they think it would insult him to refuse they let the coin be where he put it and say: 'Thank you.' I let them take it later, but with the distinct understanding that I do not sanction tipping. The second time that customer comes in he has seen the sign and has taken a hint. 'Occasionally a man asks if I would object if he gave one of the boys a little encouragement, to which I reply that I would prefer that he would not. The waiters who work for me are never 'broke,' which is more than can be said of many a waiter in the high-class restaurants who get anywhere from two dollars to six dollars in tips a day. The waiter who gets tips on a large scale, and I know of some of them who receive \$40 to \$50 a week in this way, find that their money comes easy and they let it go the same way.

"Objection on the part of the waiters to the non-tipping system, as it is applied here, is practically nothing and they rather like the idea of being sure of getting definite wages. At the time the public likes the innovation, and where the waiter is not all the time hanging around for a tip the customers get just as good service. Once or twice a week I dine out at some other man's restaurant, just for a change, and I give tips there myself because it is the custom of the house. I think though that the idea is spreading for I now see 'no tipping' signs in Sixth avenue. I have no doubt that the number of restaurants where there are no gratuities permitted will be greatly increased."

WEALTH OF THE EMPIRE STATE.
By the computation of the census bureau the wealth of the state of New York comprised in farms and other real property, factories, railroads, telegraphs, canals, machinery, gold and silver, etc., is \$14,769,042,207. This is approximately one-seventh of the national total of \$107,000,000,000. It exceeds Italy's wealth by nearly \$2,000,000,000 and is about equal to the combined national resources of Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and the Netherlands. It ranks New York among the financial great powers, with a standing just below that of Austria-Hungary.

A per capita division of the state's wealth would give \$2,000 to every man, woman and child, as compared with the national average of \$1,320. It represents the aggregate possession of 15,000 plain millionaires, 50 Carnegies or 20 Rockefellers. It would buy all the railroads in the United States.

To this enormous wealth the state is adding \$500,000,000 a year, or almost the valuation of a Baltimore. It is a wonderful showing of material prosperity, one that gives a prouder claim to the title of empire state. Within this single commonwealth is now contained more than double the wealth of the entire nation half a century ago and its annual increase more than exceeds the total value of our export trade when Grant was president.

GOTHAMITE SUCCEEDS IN DEFYING NOISE.



Proof against all the din of street and river is the sound proof shelter deep in the foundations of the villa of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, at No. 170 Riverside drive. The Rices are the successful leaders of a campaign against the superfluous whistling of the craft which ply in the Hudson and are also the pioneers of a movement which is to bring into being the Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noises.

Mr. Rice is one of the best-known patrons of the game of chess in the United States and the inventor of a gambit which has given him a high place among the experts who move knights and bishops over the checkered board. Chess is a game which requires quiet and contemplation. When Mr. Rice invited his friends to tournaments he found that the caterwauling of the sirens of the steam tugs which went up and down the river exerted a disturbing influence. He would have had to give up playing the game entirely perhaps had it not occurred to him that in the foundations of his house was a space which could be readily utilized as a sound proof refuge. It is literally a chamber blasted and hewn out of the living rock.

Despite its walls of rock, unperced by windows except at the back, this room has a free circulation of air and is one of the most cosy and comfortable apartments imaginable. Only once in awhile, on very foggy nights, is the sound of the steam sirens heard, and then it comes only as a faint and far off echo. The room is 22 feet square and there is abundant space for six tables and numerous leather upholstered chairs.

HERO OF ROMANCE RECEIVES STORY OF ELOPEMENT.

There is a funny little story of a New York man who has been put into a book and can't find out what book it is. A few years ago this man, who is prominent in his own particular line, eloped with a pretty young woman. He and his fiancée rode on bicycles one morning up to the old Sleepy Hollow church, the Washington Irving church, where they were married. The church had not been opened for a service for years before, and has not been opened since; but the bridegroom's father was an antiquarian who had made a study of the Irving region, and on this account the use of the church was secured. The elopers were accompanied by a friend of the bridegroom.

A year or so later the bridegroom received a package of printed matter by mail. On opening it he found it contained several pages of a book, with the title carefully removed from the top. The pages contained an accurate account of the bicycle wedding, including many amusing features, one of them a wait under a shed for a shower to pass; another an encounter with a bunch of staid residents returning from church—it was Sunday morning—who gazed scandalized at the bride when her divided skirts flew back, revealing neat knickerbockers.

Since then the man has received at intervals more pages out of a book, faithfully detailing more of his private affairs. It is evident that he and his wife have been taken as the hero and heroine of the tale, a position for which their character and experiences fit them admirably. But what the book is or where it is to be found they have not yet discovered.



WHAT WOMEN SHOULD WEAR



This is a "white season," for there is a perfect rage for white fox, ermine, white-faced cloth, and above all, ivory white Indian cashmere. The latter is really an ideal material for dresses of ceremony, but it has been rather out of favor the last three or four years. Now it is rushing to the front again and in connection with rare, lovely embroideries.

Marguerite, dowager queen of Italy, is credited with this universal adoption of white, for on every possible occasion she appears in white costumes. The late king of Italy was very fond of the virgin tint and was really angry when his queen appeared in any but the purest and most delicate colors. He declared—with truth—that a pretty woman looks her best in robes composed of soft white laces and he used to present his wife with costly flounces, on condition that she wore them on ordinary, as well as extraordinary, occasions. Indeed King Humbert's two special weaknesses were laces and pearls, and with these two most desirable possessions Queen Marguerite is richly endowed.

The queen has been heard to say that beautiful white lace and rich white furs belong, by right, to women who have left their youth behind them. It is a very comfortable doctrine and one which contains many grains of truth.

We saw a handsome pale gray cashmere robe the other day which had several flounces on the skirt. Each of these flounces was edged with hand embroideries of the finest description; in fact so fine that the effect was lost unless at close quarters. There was a tight-fitting jacket, with basques at the back and a most attractive little waistcoat of palest tan suede. On the jacket there were some beautiful embroideries to match those on the skirt, and the under vest was of tucked muslin—very neat and

plain, like a gentleman's dress shirt. Another embroidered cashmere costume, of the same order, was in ivory white with elaborate scrolls and garlands of flowers worked in pale pink and pale green silks.

These Indian cashmeres have been gradually gaining in favor since they were worn by the princess of Wales, after her return from India. She is particularly partial to the soft material, which drapes so gracefully, and so is Queen Alexandra.

Another rage this winter is for velvet, and cloth, dresses with very deep bands on the hem of the skirts. For evening toilets this band is almost always covered with paillettes or with elaborate embroideries, but for street wear cloth dresses of the same design show the lower part of the skirt covered with intricate braidings.

In our illustration we show a robe of cherry colored cloth with guimpe and tablier of guipure lace tinted the same shade. The other is a "directoire" robe of drape "Bleu Lancel" with draped bolero and muff of ermine, embroidered vest and blouse of Irish lace.

One of the special novelties in the millinery world is the beautifully fashioned rose of softest satin. I do not mean a silk or satin rose of the ordinary kind, but a thoroughly conventional rose which does not profess to copy nature. In the new bleu-lancet these roses are very attractive and also in a most impossible shade of emerald green. As I have already said, there is no pretense at copying nature. The new roses are simply used as a hat decoration in place of a satin chou or bow.

Another novelty is the full crown of supple felt, covered with delicate Turkish embroidery in copper or silver.

COATS for GIRLS



More and more are the little folks' garments, especially their outside wrappings, being planned along the same general lines as those of the grown-ups. This similarity is not confined to the outlines of the little coats and capes, but extends to materials and trimmings as well. Real

laces, costly buttons and expensive furs figure to a noticeable degree on the children's garments exhibited this season, while chiffon velvets and novelty velours are favorite materials for these delightful little affairs, which are essentially childish and quaint in spite of their luxuriousness. In fact, in the telling justice cannot possibly be done them and an observation trip through a shop devoted to children's things or through the children's department of any of the high-class department stores is necessary in order to realize their charm. Simple and unpretentious in appearance and yet rich and costly enough in reality for little princesses.

Perhaps no style of coat is more adapted to childish figures than the Empire, and one frequently sees such little garments, which are replicas of those worn by older women. Coats fashioned along these lines are sure to be graceful and becoming, whether intended for plain or dressy wear, and all sorts of materials lend themselves charmingly to this style. The coat may be originally cut on regulation Empire lines, or the Empire effect may be simulated by cleverly arranged trimmings, such as folds, stitched bands, fancy braids and the like.

HANDY KITCHEN TABLE.

What Can Be Done with Empty Biscuit Boxes.

From a grocery store get two empty biscuit boxes, such as are shown in Fig. 1, and set them on end against the wall as indicated, back to back, and about 18 inches apart. Lay a very

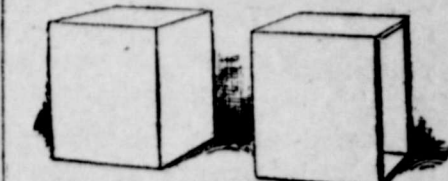


Fig. 1.—The Boxes in Position.

wide board, or two narrower ones, upon these boxes, allowing to project at least one inch beyond the boxes in front.

Under this projecting edge screw to each box a narrower strip of wood with an arm hinged to it, as suggested in Fig. II. Now hinge a "leaf" to the

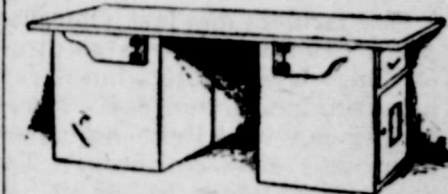


Fig. 2.—With Top and Folding Arms.

front edge of the top as shown in Fig. III, and the table top will be complete. The hinges can be attached to the under surface of the projecting edge of the top, and the under surface of the "leaf," so they will not show at all. When the "leaf" is lifted to a

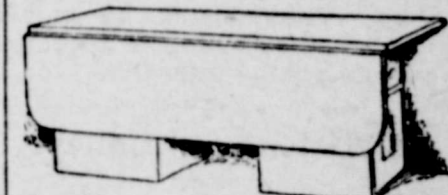


Fig. 3.—The Finished Table.

horizontal position the two hinged arms are pulled out to support it.

It remains now to fit a draw and a cupboard into each empty box, or three drawers, if preferred. Small empty grocery boxes can be used for these drawers, though they may need a little cutting down to fit nicely.

His Poor Excuse.

When President Hadley, of Yale, was professor of political science there, says the New York Tribune, a student offered him a poor excuse for a bad examination paper.

Prof. Hadley listened to the excuse in silence. Then he said, with a grim smile, "That excuse is about as poor as the one a criminal lawyer offered for his client in a case that had gone hard with him."

"Gentlemen of the jury," cried this lawyer, eloquently, "remember that my client is hard of hearing, and that therefore the voice of conscience appeals to him in vain!"

A CRYING NEED.



"Gee! I wish the president 'd invent some kind of simplified 'rithmetick."

Deepest Gold Mine.

Australia now possesses the deepest gold mine in the world. Within the last few weeks the shafts at the New Chum railway at Bendigo, Victoria, have been sunk to a depth of over 4,300 feet, and the quartz there tapped has been sampled and crushed, with the result that a yield of gold equal to an ounce per ton has been obtained. The operations in the mine have been tested by government officials in view of the fact that never before in the world's history has gold been obtained from so low a depth as three-quarters of a mile.

The Problem of the Child.

The child is undoubtedly one of those thorny problems sent to vex mankind and womankind, too, for a matter of that; he may bring his parents the deepest joy or plunge them in profoundest misery.—The Gentlewoman.

Boston's School Children.

Boston's superintendent of public schools reports an enrollment of 86,776 pupils this year—2,168 more than last.

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Sassafras Tea.

The farmers met last Thursday to discuss the sassafras tea proposition. Every indication is favorable to insure success. Every farmer can contribute anywhere from one case upwards. The cash expense will be \$1.25 per case, which includes 48 cartons, 1 wooden box, freight and committee expenses. These supplies will be arranged for distribution in Grapeland. Now is the time to dig the roots and have them ready to pack by February 15. J. M. Bourland, who is at the head of this industry, has moved to town so as to devote his entire attention to the enterprise.

Petitions for Bailey.

To the democrats of Houston County: Believing that Hon. J. W. Bailey is an honest man and knowing that he is one of the ablest representatives in the U. S. Senate, and is the democratic nominee for re-election to the Senate, I ask the democratic readers of the Messenger to get up petitions asking Messrs. Daniel and Stokes to vote for Mr. Bailey, and mail these petitions to me at Crockett, and I will send them to Austin to Messrs. Daniel and Stokes with other petitions which are now being circulated in this county. JOE ADAMS, Sec'y. J. W. Bailey Dem. Club.

Will Vote for Bailey.

The following excerpt is taken from the Houston Post, dated Crockett, Texas, January 5:
Hon. I. A. Daniel, representative from this county to the state legislature, left today on the noon train for Austin. When asked by the Post correspondent as to his attitude in regard to the Bailey question, he stated that personally he was very much opposed to the re-election of Senator Bailey to the United States Senatorship, but that he felt bound by the instruction of his constituents in this county to vote for him, and unless these instructions were revoked by the people of the county he would vote for Mr. Bailey.

Bank Organized.

An enthusiastic meeting of farmers and merchants was held in the W. O. W. hall Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the much talked of bank. \$15,000 will be the capital stock and \$14,000 was subscribed. The other \$1,000 will be placed among the farmers around Grapeland.

The organization was as follows: Board of directors, J. J. Brooks, Geo. E. Darsey, W. G. Darsey, M. P. Herod, S. E. Miller, Grapeland; T. S. Kent, Reynard; W. F. Murchison, Percilla; Joe Adams, Crockett.

Geo. E. Darsey, President; J. J. Brooks, Vice-President; S. E. Miller, Cashier. The bank was named the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Grapeland.

Mr. Belke of the American Bank & Trust Co., of Houston, was present, and that institution was unanimously selected as the Houston correspondent, and place of depositing initiatory funds. The bank will be in operation by February first.

T. H. Leaverton left Saturday for Austin on business. Mrs. Leaverton and little Ada Belle accompanied him as far as Palestine and will visit relatives.

At It Again.

Last Saturday while glancing over our list of exchanges, we picked up the Pearsall Leader and began to read a "long-winded" article on the Bailey controversy, and by the way, if Bailey could read that article he could not suppress a frown. As we read on the article grew more interesting and the writing seemed familiar. Glancing at the head of the column we saw this in cold black type, "H. S. Robertson, Editor." It's a fact, folks, Dr. Robertson has again joined the ranks of pencil pushers and has bought the Leader. He is a man of great intellectual ability and capable of doing much good. "Doc," your hundreds of friends and old subscribers here join us in best wishes for your success.

Gems of Thought.

The government mint can make money without advertising and it's about the only business that can.—Printer's Ink.
In the building up of rural life it is not so much a question of who can do uncommon things, as it is who can do common things uncommonly well.
—W. M. Munson.
Farming has become an occupation for brains as well as muscle. Inventive genius has turned the business bottom upward and inside out during the last fifty years.—H. C. Adams.

About Senator Bailey.

Waneta, Jan. 8.—Senator Bailey's enemies are barking up the wrong tree. The opposition to him is not based upon his public record, any neglect of duty to the people, or lack of loyalty to the state of Texas. The Attorney General and Crane, in fact all his enemies, will dig their political grave so deep that they will never get out. Bailey will come out of his fight victorious. His enemies would like to borrow money from the Water Pierce Oil Company if they could get it. The papers held by the attorney general are forgeries and he knows it. Gruet is the man who did the forging. Now think of it, like to take testimony of a thief and a forger? I hope Bailey will put stripes on him and place him where he properly belongs. Is it a dishonor to borrow money and pay it back? Also is it a dishonor to practice law when not interfering with his duty towards the people? Col. Ike Standifer of Houston, we all know as an honorable gentleman, visited Water Pierce Company's office in St. Louis to satisfy himself as to the attack on Senator Bailey. He says it is plainly evident to the naked eye that there has been erasures and additions made to the original entry on the Company's books. Where the \$1750 item was written there is an erasure. The paper is rough from scratching the word J. W. Bailey. Texas case are written in ink of a darker color than the original entry. The \$8,000 item was originally entered J. W. Bailey demands loan, after the figures \$8,000 there has certainly been inserted since the first writing the words Texas case I am for justice to all and privileges to none, no blackmailing. The attorney general took back water on the Henry & Stribling draft, which he will have to do with the balance of forged papers. The legislature will settle this matter in justice to Bailey, to the state and to the voter. If there should be a legislature belonging to the enemies he ought to resign. One of my neighbors handed me a supplement to the Crockett Courier dated Dec. 6, 1906, brim full of black mailing Senator Bailey. It must have been a paid advertisement. The supplement had a great many names to it, and from each county. I guess it had a great many Populist and Republican bolters. Thank God there was not a name from Houston or Anderson County.

AUGUST PETERSON.

Messrs. M. D. Murchison, Geo. Calhoun and J. B. Lively shipped a car of hogs each to Fort Worth last Saturday. The hog industry around Grapeland is increasing and is a source of profit to the raisers.

Shears, Gray & Sawbuck.

Since I have read and thought of Buck I've decided to write some just for luck. They have wrote and talked them out of sight And left them in an awful plight; They have written their English, Latin and Greek, And tried the mail order house to defeat.
But since Jim and Jack bought their new plow, And told us that Shears wouldn't eat their old sow, He said for that reason he was leaving his house If he never got to taste another bite of souce; That Shears & Sawbuck are not the only men, Our home merchants have goods and will buy our hens.

Since we've been writing we've thought of Old Gray, Who talked off his speech like a blue back jay. He abused old Shears for all he was worth, And put him deep down under the earth. He and his followers so deep in hell A fine tooth comb could not scratch up a smell; What he has written about the fine tooth comb Has caused us to wonder about Old Gray's doom.

He wrote of the town, the merchants and all And praised them as tho they were better than Paul. Now, our home merchants, we trade with them still, And have helped in the past, their pockets to fill. Now, we ask them kindly to remember us, Who have made them their living by scratching up dust, And while we were laboring and working so hard We have have had to eat biscuit without any lard; But while we've been laboring and feeding them, too, We are glad the merchants have been linieat in pulling us through.
Here comes Old Gray with his beheading machine, 'Tis a wonder they haven't be-headed Bean And left such as Old Gray just for the luck Of eating and living and "cussing" Sawbuck. We wonder if there's a time yet to be known That poor Old Gray will reap just what he has sown.

The editor has declared too inadequate indeed To compose such an article as the home paper needs; He thinks the poor farmers have often been robbed By dealing with such houses as Sawbuck and Bob's; In his selection he has shown us the cheat If we take his concoction we are sure not to meet.

Now, in conclusion, we write up both sides, They write as though mixed with man and dog hides; They are so full of sour water, clabber and juice Till their eyes look milky and their teeth are all loose. We think that our cranium is filled with brain, But if you'll read some of our writing you may think we are insane.

'Tis now we grow solemn and write of the last, After life is over we have the Judgement to pass, There we shall answer for what we have wrote, There is no way around it, it will be in a book And time after this we are all sure to know Which of the two roads we eternally go. —J. A. BEAN.

J. B. Calvert, formerly a member of the firm of Calvert-Smith Co., left Monday for Warren, where he will have charge of the commissary of the Carter Lumber Co. Mr. Calvert is an experienced business man and his many friends here regret his departure from our midst.—Lufkin Tribune.

We Have Moved!

We desire to announce to the public that we have moved on front street in the old masonic building, and would be glad for our friends and customers to call on us.

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Mrs. Michael Hart, wife of the superintendent of Cart Service of Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies Islands, says that she has for some years used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for Coughs, croup and whooping cough and has found it very beneficial. She has implicit confidence in it and would not be without a bottle of it in her home. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

FOR SALE.

Twenty-five acres of choice unimproved land, just a half of a mile from the depot in Grapeland. It joins Dr. Woodard's land on the south and faces the right of way of the I. & G. N. railroad on the east, and is beautifully situated for a desirable homestead. Just the place for the man who wants a good home convenient to town, with fine school and church privileges. If you are interested, see W. S. Johnston, Grapeland, Texas.

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Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

News reached Crockett Sunday morning of the death of Mr. J. D. Patrick at his home near Porter Springs. Mr. Patrick died of pneumonia and had been seriously ill for several days. He is survived by a large family, most of whom are grown. Mr. Patrick had lived for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church. He was one of the best men of his community and will be greatly missed. The passing of this good man is universally regretted.—Crockett Courier.

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Miss Myrta Richards.

LOCAL NEWS.

Shipper has fits in Bing's suits and over coats.

Dr. Preston Cunningham of Lufkin was in town this week.

Let Howard sell you groceries, this year.

Miss Mabel Cash of Porter Springs is visiting Mrs. Wherry.

For saws and axes, go to Howards.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sheridan of Augusta spent Sunday here.

Shipper sells Star Brand and Walk Over Shoes.

D. J. Jones was up from Crockett last week. Mr. Jones is a strong Bailey man.

FOR SALE—Large peanuts for planting purposes. See Geo. Tyer.

Mrs. John Matthews left Sunday night for Diboll to visit her daughter.

Cutlery; cutlery; Go to Howard's for knives, razors, and scissors, we handle the best.

The Bailey and Anti-Bailey men are getting busy now and are circulating petitions all the county.

Mrs. Scarborough and son of Brownwood, who have been visiting Mrs. Sam Goodson at Percilla, have returned to their home.

Zack Harmon and family left Sunday for Coleman City. Mr. Harmon stated that he did not know where he would locate. He will move from his former home.

Disturbed the Congregation

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Carleton & Porter.

For Sale.

A good second handed single buggy and an old wagon cheap. Call on or address. J. F. Brill, Grapeland, Texas.

For any disease of the skin we can recommend Chamberlain's Salve. It relieves the itching and burning sensation instantly and soon effects a cure. This salve is also invaluable for sore nipples. For Sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Mr. W. N. Sheridan of Grapeland, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the county, was a caller at the Courier office just before Christmas. He is the father of Mr. J. R. Sheridan of our city.—Crockett Courier.

Special Notice to Tax Payers.

I will be at Grapeland Monday Jan. 21st, 1907.
Kennard Mills Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23rd and 24th.
Lovely Saturday, Jan. 26th.
For the purpose of collecting taxes.
A. L. Goolsby,
Tax Collector.

Howard sells pure ribbon cane syrup, the best that can be made.

Jno Luce came in Saturday from Dallas.

J. N. Tyer, one of Oriole's representative citizens was a pleasant caller Monday while in town.

The best line of working clothes in Grapeland—Carhart Brand, which explains it all.

Mrs. Lorena Blalock and Master Phil Horace returned home to Livingston Sunday night.

If you want a sewing machine, Howard can save you the agents profit. See them at our store.

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

For Sale.

3 yoke well trained logging oxen. 2t Billie Spence.

Mr. Geo. Morris and wife of Palestine spent Sunday in Grapeland with the families of Messrs. Robert and Ran Wherry.

Miss Geneva Saddler returned to Palestine Sunday night after spending awhile with her parents at Ioni.

Mr. Frank Smith, a well known farmer living north of town, died last Sunday night of pneumonia, and was buried at Woodland Hall. He leaves a wife and several children.

The public school has suspended on account of two cases of scarlet fever in the home of Mr. John Lewis. The children are reported to be doing well, however, at this writing.

T. S. Goodnight and family have moved back to Grapeland after trying other parts of Texas for some time. M. E. Bean and family have also moved back from Forreston.

A. K. Fretz returned Saturday from a trip to Kansas and was accompanied by Messrs. Joe Rogers and Chas. McGuire, who came down to look at our country with a view of moving here.

Cut this out and take it to B.R. Guice & Son's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. These tablets are far superior to pills, being easier to take and more pleasant in effect. They correct disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son.

Will Dean of Longview was in Grapeland a few days this week visiting his friends.

Special Announcement Regarding the National Pure Food and Drug Law.

We are pleased to announce that Foleys Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. Carleton & Porter.

Buy Star Brand Shoes and walk on stars. Shipper's

Mrs. D. W. Martin and children left Sunday for their home at Merkel.

How to Avoid Pneumonia

You can avoid pneumonia and other serious results from a cold by taking Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough and expels the cold from the system as it is mildly laxative. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. Carleton & Porter.

Mrs. A. O. Riall entertained at dinner Tuesday with eight covers in honor of her son, William Alfred, who was at home for the holidays. It was a day of much enjoyment and was indeed a pretty affair as are all the functions planned by this ever popular hostess.—Lufkin Tribune.

ALL THE WORLD

is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains and all pains. Buy it, try it and you will use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Mr. B. R. Eaves and family have temporarily moved back to the farm at Hays Springs. Mr. Eaves is going to build a nice two-story residence in west Grapeland, and will move back in the summer.

"It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, Ringworm and all the rest are relieved at once and cured by one box. It's guaranteed and its name is Hunts Cure.

The Messenger is now \$1.00 per year. This is the universal price for country papers and we believe it is just and equitable. We have tried the 50c rate nearly two years and there is nothing in it. We would be glad for you to renew your allegiance with us for another year.

Notice.

To the tax payers of the city of Grapeland. I am now ready to collect all taxes due the corporation of Grapeland, and please call and pay same. All taxes not paid by February 1st, will be subject to a penalty. A. N. Edens, collector.

How to Avoid Appendicitis

Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels and restores the natural action of the bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. Carleton & Porter.

Mr. Ben Wolfley of Porter Springs, who had been ill at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. John Goolsby, in Crockett, died Monday and the remains were taken to Porter Springs for burial Tuesday, accompanied by a number of sorrowing relatives and friends.—Crockett Courier.

Little touches of pack-ache should not be allowed to go untended. Rheumatism and many other things follow. A box of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills will bring relief quickly. They drive the poison from the body. Act on the liver as well as the kidneys. A 25 cent box holds a week's treatment. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

We had a call Monday from Mr. Wm. Sheridan, who lives west of town in the Antrim community. Mr. Sheridan is one among the oldest and most highly respected citizens of our county. He is a very ardent Bailey man and says he believes Mr. Bailey will and should be re-elected to the United States Senate by the legislature.

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

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Wanted.

A farm hand with a family to board himself; good house and good wages by the month. John Pelham.

Don't Delay

The season of coughs and colds is not yet past—they will be prevalent for some months to come. Do not neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan and the children left last week for Loraine and will visit relatives. Mr. Sheridan contemplates going into business there. W. T. Pridgen is also at that place for the same purpose, and he and Mr. Sheridan may go in partnership. Loraine is said to be a fast coming town.

For any kind of

HAULING

See H. M. BROWN

Makes Pain Go away.

Are you one of the ones who pay in toil

For your right of way through this life?

If so you will find Hunt's Lightning Oil

A friend which will aid in the strife.

To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents occur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises, cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears corns on his hands. A better remedy for these troubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning Oil.

Food don't digest? Because the stomach lacks some one of the essential digestants or the digestive juices are not properly balanced. Then, too, it is this undigested food that causes sourness and painful indigestion. Kodol For Indigestion should be used for relief. Kodol is a solution of vegetable acids. It digests what you eat, and corrects the deficiencies of the digestion. Kodol conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold here by Carleton & Porter.

To the Public:

We are now in charge of the business recently purchased from Tims & Sheridan, and would be glad for you to call on us so that we may get acquainted. We want to meet you. If you need anything in the grocery line, we have it, a fresh and select stock.

TO SELL AT COST

In order to reduce our present stock of HATS, SHOES and NOTIONS, to lay in a new supply, we have decided to Sell them at Actual Cost

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At Tims & Sheridan's Old Stand.

Announcement

To Our Patrons and Friends:

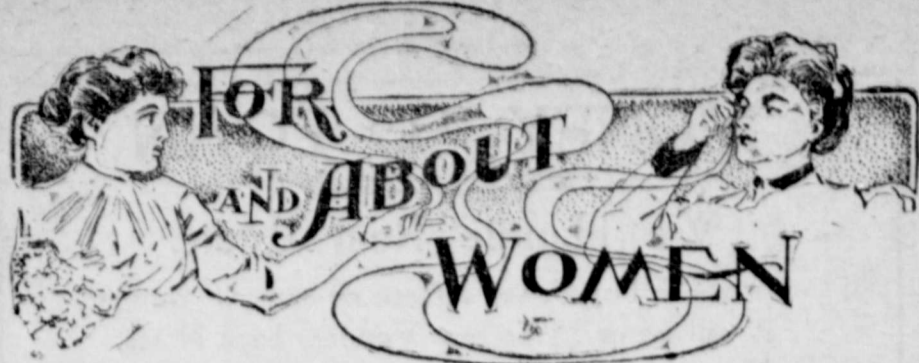
We appreciate and thank you for the patronage with which you have favored us. Our business is on the same basis,

Merit and Fair Dealing and it is our intention, in the future, to try harder than ever to please you.

To show our appreciation of past favors we wish to make each one a new year's present, A CALENDER FOR 1907. We especially and cordially invite the Ladies to call for one of our art calenders. Respectfully,

CARLETON & PORTER

AT THE SAME OLD STAND



LOVE AND MARRIAGE

WEDDINGS OF CONVENIENCE AMONG THE POOR.

In Union of Wealthy Couples True Love Is More Often the Motive Than People Think, Declares Margaret Sangster.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

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The marriage of convenience so far as our country is concerned, is an exotic. Abroad, in those European countries where parents arrange marriages for their children with financial considerations influencing the contract, such marriages are by no means uncommon. In the old lands of the east, ancient customs still prevail, and although oriental parents may not know the phrase, they have the thing itself. English speaking people, as a rule, care a great deal for sentiment. Those who have had opportunities for observation, insist that Englishmen are more romantic and make love with more passionate fervor than Americans, although there is greater prudence on the part of the English in arranging for the future in the matter of settlements than has ever been the fashion here.

For example, an English mother takes for granted the fact that her young daughters will attract men who shall desire to marry them. With wise tact she does what she can to bar the path of detrimental and to insure her girls against falling in love with men who may not be able to support them in comfort. If, however, the love-making occurs in defiance of her precautions, she is not averse to an engagement, with marriage some distance in the future.

Young people across the sea often wait patiently for years until the time comes when they may marry with the prospect of living and bringing up a family in respectability and independence.

With us, among very young people, there is often little discretion and little notion of what expenses marriage may bring. As years multiply, people grow prudent. A man of 30 and a woman of 28 are much more likely to consider ways and means than a girl of 18 and a youth of 21. To the latter, a twelvemonth appears a big piece cut out of life, and they have no patience to wait until the man is earning enough to support a wife and children. Perhaps this republic is the only spot on the civilized globe where people rush into marriage without the reflection that marriage is the founding of a family, and that children are sure, or almost sure to come, bringing with them their claims and the manifold expenses that will increase from infancy to adolescence.

While marriage should never be for an instant thought of unless there is true love to bind the parties in a union that only death can break, still love by itself will not build a fire or pay rent or provide meals. Love is enough for happiness, and happiness cannot exist without it, and yet there is always danger that love may wither like a flower parched and athirst, if the strain of poverty be too great.

Speaking of the strain of poverty, it is less dreaded by the extremely poor, whose requirements are few, than by those whose standards are more exacting.

A writer on social topics described, a year or two ago, what she called a marriage of convenience in the East Side of New York. The two young people were a newsboy and an orphan girl. The latter had been turned adrift by an old woman who had brought her up. She had nowhere to go, and John, who was her lover, had nowhere to take her, but he managed to secure a tiny lodging in a tenement and, with a cot and a washstand, a second-hand stove, and an empty soap box for a chair, they started housekeeping, having gone to a magistrate and been married. This was a marriage of convenience on the lowest plane.

In society of a different order and higher type, marriages of convenience are frankly spoken of by friends and relatives, although delicacy may draw a veil over the revelations of families immediately involved. There are estates that, in the view of provident parents, should be united, and when the heir to one marries the heiress of another an ideal consummation seems to be reached. Wealth, with some sentimental exception, is attracted to and by wealth. The son of a rich man is

very likely to pay his court to the daughter of another owner of millions, and thus great fortunes increase in bulk and great houses rise in magnificence.

These marriages are not necessarily influenced by what we call convenience. There is no apparent reason why two young people accustomed from the cradle to ease and luxury and the advantages in travel and education naturally resulting from the possession of large means, should not sincerely love each other and be congenial. They have had the same careful training, the same liberal education, and have mingled in the same set from the first dancing class to the whirl of social pleasure in which they find themselves as youth and maiden. To fancy that there is no such thing as real love among the rich and fortunate in this world's goods is to make a very stupid mistake.

Probably second marriages, and marriages that are contracted in middle life, and even later, are most deeply marked by motives other than sentimental. A man loses his wife, and having a house full of children discovers, after a year or more of loneliness, that he is at the mercy of servants, that his children are neglected and are falling into habits of unrestraint.

Often such a man, in sheer despair, proposes marriage to his housekeeper, who has, at least, made him fairly comfortable and established some sort of government over the children. This is a marriage of convenience, purely, yet it not infrequently turns out very comfortably for everyone, husband and children alike thriving under the good management of a wife and mother who may not have inspired romantic love at first, but who wins esteem and respect, which are good foundations for genuine affection.

Nevertheless a marriage of this variety is an experiment, and it is sometimes a dangerous one. No intimacy on earth equals that of marriage. No shipwreck is so pitiful as that of a home. When mistakes are made without the excuse of impulse, and with a certain deliberation, people who are decent must accept the consequences of their folly with what dignity they can. To make the best of a bad situation is sometimes all that is left, and for the sake of family honor there should be no proclamation of misery to the four winds.

We shall never as a nation arrive at a point where we shall regard marriages of convenience as anything beyond wretched makeshifts. As a nation we are sentimentalists, and we take pride in being so. There was not a household the wide land over that did not rejoice when the daughter of our president was married to the man she loved. We were all as jubilant as if we had been present in person at the beautiful wedding, and the marriage bells in the White House had their silvery echo on every coast, every mountain and every valley throughout our vast domains.

IN JACQUÉMINOT RED.



Simple in design, but exceedingly effective, is a costume of jacqueminot red broadcloth, with plaited skirt. The natty little jacket is a trifle longer than the regulation Eton and has a close-fitting vest which fastens with black-covered buttons. Narrow black braid and buttons are also profusely used on jacket and sleeves—the latter quite wide at elbow, where they end. The hat nearly matches in color and the sole decoration is a velvet scarf around crown and an immense rose in absorbing life he leads. Still, there was something missing—the kindly

The CALL of the STAGE



What is the Fascination that Lures Back to the Footlights Those Who Have Tried Them Forever?

New York.—On Friday, November 23, Mrs. James H. Delaney, of Chicago, a beautiful woman with apparently everything to make her contented in life—youth, beauty, an income sufficient to buy the lovely things that make the feminine heart glad—shot her husband and then herself. A few days later both bodies were brought to New York for interment, and as the solemn words, "ashes to ashes, dust to dust," were spoken, the general public said: "Another stage-struck girl who brought dishonor on a good family, and undeserved death to a good man." For it is generally understood that the fatal quarrel between husband and wife started over the oft-discussed question as to whether Mrs. Delaney should resume her stage name of Bessie Mortimer and return to the footlights. The husband had refused his consent, and the woman had brooded until obsessed by the homicidal mania.

Another tragedy of the woman and the footlights has passed into history and will soon be forgotten. But the question remains: "What is this mysterious call of the footlights which blinds a woman who has once answered it to all other allurements and mode of living? Wealth, love, luxury, the admiration of society, all these count as nothing against the call of the stage."

Case of Hope Booth.

A most interesting case is that of Hope Booth, who is married to Renold Wolf, one of the leading writers on theatrical subjects in New York. For several years Mrs. Wolf was extremely happy in her private life. It was recognized among newspaper workers that she was her husband's best critic and greatest inspiration. Their interests were one, and wherever he went on first nights, etc., she went, too, and yet to-day she is back on the stage, playing vaudeville in "The Little Blonde Lady" twice a day. She does not play every week—just at intervals in or near New York—but she says she had to do it, she had to answer the call just once in so often, and between engagements she is quite satisfied at home. One week you will see her in a box, clad in velvets and furs, and the next week you will see her playing a humble stenographer and working like a Trojan for the applause which on that other night she gives to other players.

Maude Adams is a shrewd business woman, and her investments would yield sufficient income to keep her in luxury. Further, she is so delicate that acting drains her very vitality so that she must forego all social pleasures, and yet the call of the stage draws her back each fall from Alpine heights or Adirondack camps.

Ethel Barrymore could shine among the "400" and sit in the great horse-shoe of the Metropolitan Opera House, or round out her days in London's exclusive set if she would heed the call of Cupid instead of the call of the stage.

The Sunday World has tried to find out, and herewith presents statements from those who have viewed the question from a personal or intimate standpoint. And, having read them, you will understand why, after all, you, theater-goer, sound the real call of the stage.

Minnie Seligman says: "I am back because acting is the one line of work in which I am absolutely contented, perfectly in rapport. During my two years of retirement I have had plenty to occupy mere time, but not to round out my existence. In the first place, I was busy training down. The public has wearied of the voluptuous type of stage beauty and demands slenderness. Very well, I went into training, and anyone who has done that knows how little time there is left for mere repining. Then I went in for stocks, and worked as hard as any broker, and you must know what an absorbing life he leads. Still, there was something missing—the kindly

approval of my old friends, the theater-going public.

"Public Sounds Real Call."

"I had accumulated a competency that would make me comfortable to the end of my days, but the vista of approaching years in this mere comfort held no pleasure, no real living for me. It was the call of the stage, and I had to answer. I found a vaudeville vehicle, and with Mr. William Harcourt took a flyer in Brooklyn. With the first welcoming round of applause I knew I had done right. Life was once more worth living. I will play a few vaudeville dates in New York houses only, and then assume a new role in a Broadway production. I am back in the business to stay. It is not the bright lights we hunger for. It is not the salary, the pretty clothes, but the friendliness of our audiences, the rounds of applause. This is to the actress what the clink of gold is to the miser. The public sounds the real call for the actress to return."

Henry Miller, actor-manager, says: "To begin with, I do not consider that the call of the stage is all-powerful. Many successful actors and actresses retire in the very height of their popularity and are forgotten by the public, but this is no sign that they yearn to return to the footlights or are unhappy. For instance, only to-day I saw Agnes Huntington driving on Fifth avenue, looking absolutely radiant and oblivious to the call of the theater. Agnes Ethel, Mary Anderson and Julia Arthur were happy after their retirement. And I could name a score of one-time prominent actors who have gone into various lines of business and are content.

"I believe that the really true and great artist loves simplicity, and after she reaches a certain point in experience she is ready to go back where she started, close to nature and truth. She realizes the evanescence of her popularity, for there are styles in actors as in colors; some last only a season, like the faddish colors; some live in public favor, like the standard colors. The public reads of the woman who comes out of retirement because she is exploited. The actress who remains in retirement is not exploited. Many women remain in the profession or return to it through sheer necessity. This side of the question is never exploited by the press agent. An empty purse is often the stern, unromantic reason for a return to the footlights. You must bear in mind, too, that the actress takes much of her pay in applause or approbation, an intoxicant hard to wean one's self from. The public bestows upon her an exaggerated adulation, which, even as she realizes its transitory character, is sweet."

As Author Views It.

Rose Stahl as Patricia O'Brien in "The Chorus Lady" thus defines the call of the stage when her lover, Dan Mallory, urges her to marry him and settle down on a stock farm:

"I've met more than one doll that's thrown a good man down hard just to get back to the bright lights. They talk great about it's being love for their art, but it's nothing but a hunch for the excitement. I'm no better than anybody else, and I'm kind of afraid."

Channing Pollock, who has viewed the profession from many angles, as dramatic critic, press agent, playwright and play producer, says: "The call of the stage is the voice of vanity. I know of no other profession in which approbation, recognition and applause follow so quickly upon achievement. And once a woman has been fed on this diet of instant approbation she will have no other. She must feed on approval of her person and her work. Nothing else will satisfy her—and that is vanity. Mere salary does not content an actress. She must have the applause. I have known actresses to jeopardize salary and contract to steal one good line from a fellow-player by juggling the

dialogue. The line may be inartistic, the situation unreal, but if it is good for a laugh or a hand the star will demand it. Recently in staging one of my own plays I selected a woman of 36 to play the role of a woman aged 25. The actress objected. 'I don't want to play middle-aged roles yet,' she exclaimed.

"'But you are 35 and more,' I insisted, perhaps a bit cruelly, but for the good of the piece. She flung me a look of scorn and replied: 'Yes, but we are not here to exploit our defects. We expect to gloss them over.' And that is the true attitude of the average woman on the stage. She is placed on a pedestal by the public, and in private life she is on the ground with other women—she is what she really is. Her vanity forbids this, and so private life palls and the stage calls."

May Irwin's Testimony.

May Irwin, the richest actress in America to-day, whose New York real estate holdings are enormous, says:

"Why did I return to the stage? I have never analyzed my feelings on the subject. It started when my friends kept asking me why I had retired when I could still attract the public, why I placed myself in the class with theatrical has-beens when I could still draw laughs—and dollars to the box office. I had no sincere answer for their very pertinent questions, and so I came back.

"During my two years of retirement I was always busy. You know I have two boys to occupy my thoughts. I am naturally very domestic, and am my own housekeeper with a big home to manage, and yet, particularly when I was in town, there was something missing, a void which I cannot explain in my life. In the evening it comes over the retired actress, that peculiar yearning to get ready for the night's work. In imagination she can smell the contents of her make-up box, she can hear the hurrying feet of the stage hands, the orchestra and 15-minute call, she sees the lights go up, the curtain rise; but another woman is there getting the applause that was once hers, and the first you know she is back at work; back drinking in the approbation of the audiences, the approbation that is more than bread and butter to her, the very red corpuscles of her existence."

Fascination About Stage Life.

Joe Weber, under whose direction many chorus girls have earned distinction, says:

"There is no denying that there is a fascination about stage life which outweighs any other inclination in many minds. From the time I saw my first theatrical performance, when I was not quite seven years old, I decided life could have no charms for me unless I could 'act out' on the stage and make people laugh and applaud. The sweetest music in the world to an actor is the sound of laughter and applause earned by his individual effort. To give up all thoughts of acting would seem like blotting out one of the principal joys of living.

"An actress may leave the stage because she has fallen in love and her fiancé will not consent to her continuing in that atmosphere, or she may have lost her ambition and determined on a quieter existence. It may be months or even years later, but this girl is almost certain to hear, and, if possible, heed the call of the stage. Her mind naturally turns that way at the slightest mishap in her new life. That's the practical side of the call of the stage. The sentimental side of it comes to aid the practical side when she thinks of the lights, the gayety, the pretty costumes, the music, and, what is sweetest and most alluring of all, the applause. So, I suppose the definition of the call of the stage might be summed up into the one word applause."

FOR GOOD EFFECTS.

THINGS THE HOME DRESSMAKER SHOULD REMEMBER.

Proper Fitting of Bodice Has Much to Do with Appearance—Newest Ideas in Cushions and Pillows—Collars.

With a straight seam, it is well to remember that in fitting a bodice on an older woman, particularly on the woman who is inclined to be stout, the back seam should be kept compromisingly straight and the side back seams should be curved in at the waist line. The successful appearance of a woman's figure at this age very largely depends on the fit of the back of the dress, where flatness and length are required. In the front of a bodice the darts should be extremely shallow.

The newest long cushions and pillows are covered with colored silk or oriental satin, with a gathered puff of about five inches deep at each end, but not reaching beyond. The muslin cover reaches only to the commencement of the puff. The effect is very pretty, especially if the muslin cover, with ribbon run through slits, is used. The ribbon should, of course, be of the same color as the puffs and vary from two to four inches in width, finished off with a bow at one corner. Bed pillows and also soft cushions frequently have soft sash ribbon widths run in. The coverlets are trimmed to correspond.

Dainty lace collars, made of sheer net, with insertion motifs and edging, will be smart for afternoon and evening wear this year. They are much more elaborate than those popular last season and are consequently more expensive, for the very finest of imported laces are used on a net background. Fortunately for women who are unable to buy costly neckwear, the styles of these new ones are quite simple and can be easily made at home, once the net is shaped to fit the neck of the wearer. The decoration added by appliqueing "val" lace or even pieces of filet is comparatively simple. Attaching the tabs in front for a finish, either by cutting away the net and inserting a handsome pattern or by adding a round or oblong piece to the bottom of the collar proper, is the most difficult part of the making. Around the edges at top, bottom and both ends a pretty narrow piece of "val" insertion should be ruffled on, so that it gives a small ruffling effect that is becoming to most any shape face. To prevent these stocks from being flimsy and to hold them in place and give body to the sheer materials a small silk-covered flat or round piece of featherbone should be sewed to the top and bottom and attached to the ends.

Simple Window Cleaning.

A good idea, particularly in the winter time when the washing of windows is always unpleasant work, is to frequently wipe off the inside of the glass with a dry cloth. It is surprising to find how much dust and dirt can be removed. In washing the windows if a little washing soda and a tablespoonful of alcohol are added to each pail of water the glass will be much brighter, and, of course, every one knows that newspapers make the best window polishers.

Sweet Rice Balls.

Wash thoroughly one scant cupful of rice in cold water, put in a double boiler with one pint of milk, cover and cook until soft. Add one teaspoonful of butter, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, salt to taste, and the well beaten yolk of an egg. When cold mold into small balls, pressing into the center of each a raisin, a candied cherry, or a little stiff jelly. Dip in egg, roll in crumbs, and fry in smoking hot fat. Drain and roll in powdered sugar before serving.

How to Fix Wrinkled Skirt.

To keep dress skirts free from wrinkles they should be folded down the center front, then the doubled skirts folded in thirds and a large safety pin thrust through the folds. The safety pin, when fastened, is used as a hanger, and in this way the skirt hangs straight, with no strain on any part of the waistband.

Care of the Dining Table.

Rub hard weekly with a soft flannel moistened with paraffin oil and turpentine, then with a piece of soft oil linen. Let it rest for an hour, and rub hard with a piece of chamamois or clean old linen. Give it a daily rubbing with chamamois or linen.

Lightning and a Hat.

The bolt of lightning from a clear sky which killed a horse during a race at the Norristown, Pa., Driving club park, the other day lifted Andrew H. Roop's hat straight up five feet and returned it to his head again with the force which sent it down over his ears.

Change in Postal Methods.

The number of registered letters and parcels sent by post in England is slowly decreasing. It fell two per cent. last year.

Fruit acids will not stain goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES, and the colors are bright and fast.

If a woman laughs at a man's jokes it's because he isn't her husband.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Women who kiss each other are often guilty of counterfeiting.

Catarrh and Headache.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly St., Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it." She is right.

World's Gold Production.

In the last 500 years over twelve billion dollars' worth of gold is estimated to have been dug from the earth. Not much more than one-half of this is definitely known to be in existence in the monetary stocks of the globe. Of this, however, the United States is believed to hold from a billion and a quarter to a billion and a half.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hunt's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Mail's Family Pills for constipation.

Size of Heads.

The average adult head has a circumference of fully 22 inches. The average adult hat is fully 6 1/2 size. The sizes of men's hats are 6 1/2 and 6 3/4 generally. "Sevens" hats are common in Aberdeen, and the professors of our colleges generally wear 7 1/2 to 8 sizes.

Heads wearing hats of the sizes 6 1/2 and smaller, or being less than 21 inches in circumference, can never be powerful. Between 19 and 20 inches in circumference heads are invariably weak, and, according to this authority, "no lady should think of marrying a man with a head less than 19 inches in circumference."

People with heads under 19 inches are mentally deficient, and with heads under 18 inches "invariably idiotic."—Young Woman.



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There are two classes of purchasers; those who are informed as to the quality of what they buy and the reasons for the excellence of articles of exceptional merit, and who do not lack courage to go elsewhere when a dealer offers an imitation of any well known article; but, unfortunately, there are some people who do not know, and who allow themselves to be imposed upon. They cannot expect its beneficial effects if they do not get the genuine remedy.

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The Dark Side

of a woman's life is seldom seen by anyone but herself. What agonies, what misery, what fits of melancholy and the blues, the poor, miserable sufferers from female disease have to endure, one month after another! What wonder so many thousands of women cannot truthfully say that they are happy! Are you? Happiness cannot be called complete without health, and health is best obtained by

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which has made many thousands happy in restored health and strength. "The doctors said I had nervous prostration, but gave me no relief," writes Lizzie Matthews, of Mt. Vernon, Ga. "I was sick for nine years. I could hardly eat and could not sleep. My back and hips ached, I was very irregular and would have to stay in bed two or three days. I have used 3 bottles of Cardui, and now I can say that my health is better than for the past nine years." Cardui relieves pain, regulates fitful functions, strengthens your weakest organs, makes you well and HAPPY. Try it.

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Makes Son Private Secretary.

In appointing his son, Lord Bruce, as his private secretary the earl of Elgin only followed the example of the late William E. Gladstone, who, when he became prime minister in 1889, appointed Herbert Gladstone, then a young man of 20, to a similar position.

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

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Octa Hollingsworth was down from Palestine a little while Wednesday.

Nat Patton and Miss Mattie Taylor of Belott were married in Crockett on new year's day by County Judge John Spence. They left immediately for Haskell, where Mr. Patton is teaching school. These young folks have many friends over the county who will join us in bestowing best wishes. Mr. Patton was a candidate for district clerk during the last campaign.

Those who have remembered the Messenger since the price has been raised to \$1.00 are as follows: W. M. Weisinger, W. C. Howard, Grapeland; Mrs. Denora Paris, Palestine; Joe Adams, Crockett; W. H. Howard, Troupe, sent by W. C. Howard; Hight Almond, Colorado, sent by Howard Anthony; Zack Harmon, Coleman City.

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