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## Trip to the Panhandle.

Elkhart, Texas, May 12.—Thinking a description of my trip to West Texas and the Panhandle would interest some of you readers I hereby send you a description of some of the things I saw. Going from Palestine to Mineola I noted the blighted condition of the Elberta peach trees in the enormous orchards adjacent to the railroad. A great number of the trees seem to be killed, as a result of the mild winter and cold spring.

The tomato crop seems to be fine, also noted the potato crop, although a small acreage is good. Corn and cotton present at this time a sorry prospect. I traveled from Mineola to Fort Worth in the night, so I had no chance to make observations. Leaving Fort Worth the next day about noon on the T. P. railroad the country presented a gloomy prospect so far as crops are concerned. Corn is up only in spots but were planting over since the rains. The green bugs have played havoc with the wheat and oats in that section. After crossing the Brazos for several hours run the only thing to be seen was mountains, rocks and cedars on the high bluffs. Speeding westward we soon reached the edge of the plains at Abilene, where the country presented a different appearance. Thrifty towns and fine farms, everybody looking healthy and prosperous. This part of the country is developing fast.

I reached Midland, 307 miles west of Fort Worth, at 10 p. m. Going to a hotel I took a much needed rest. On the morning of May 2, on the streets of Midland I met Mr. John Walker Hollingsworth and his oldest son, and spent the next two days with him and he took pleasure in showing me about the town and country around. He lives in Gaines Co. about 70 miles from Midland. He sent his regards to his relatives and many friends of old Houston county, and longed to see them leave the brush and come to "God's country."

Leaving Midland on Friday, the 3rd, I went up to Abilene, there taking the Wichita Valley railroad for Wichita Falls. On this part of my trip I saw some of the finest farming country in the state. This is a wheat country but the crop this year was totally destroyed by the green bugs. From Wichita Falls I went to Clarendon in Donley Co., where my sons, Louis and John Walling reside. I found them and their families well and doing well. They were finishing planting their corn and prospects are good in all that section that I saw. It has rained lately in all the

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country which I visited on the trip. The boys and I have decided to go west in the near future and will probably locate in New Mexico on the line of Gaines county adjoining the lands belonging to J. W. Hollingsworth.

Returning home I found everything alright, and will shove my saw-mill business as the demand for lumber in the west far exceeds the supply. Charlie Walling.

### Two Run Aways

Becoming tired and weary of country village life, and having an over anxious desire to seek their fortunes in pastures that are greener, George Howard and George McClelland left Sunday without their parents' consent for West Texas to grow up with the country. The boys are 15 and 16 years old respectively. Immediately after learning of their departure a search was begun for capture. Tuesday evening Mr. Howard received a telegram from an officer in Hill county stating the boys were being held on suspicion, and he left immediately to bring them home.

No doubt the boys will receive a warm reception when they are once again under their parental roof.

### Hays Spring Items

May 4.—After a long siege of rainy weather we had a few days of sunshine which we appreciated very much, but this morning it is raining again. Some of our neighbors have been a little blue on account of the excessive rain and crop conditions, but I think we have been blessed when we think of the destructive tornado that visited north Texas and the heavy hail storms that visited different sections of our county, entirely destroying many crops, besides the damage done to other things. We should feel that everything is well with us.

J. E. Price is just up from a severe spell of illness.

W. J. Clark has about recovered from the operation performed on him and is doing his regular work.

At a meeting of the patrons of our school the following men were elected for the ensuing year: W. M. Brown, J. L. Ward and M. L. Lively. The prospects for our school is bright, as the enrollment will reach forty or more.

Digging potatoes and hauling to market is the order of the day. The potato crop is fine this year and so far is bringing a fancy price. If the good prices con-

tinue we will all wish we had planted a patch of potatoes.

JULIUS.

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Miss Ida Lee Woodard visited relatives in Salmon Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kennedy of Augusta visited relatives here Sunday.

The cemetery association realized about \$15.00 net on the supper last Friday night.

Prof. J. B. Zimmerman is off on his vacation and is now visiting his sister at Saron.

The protracted meeting which was scheduled for this week at the Methodist church has been postponed.

Miss Cora Smith who has been visiting Misses Zuma and Corine Anthony returned to her home in Hunterville Monday.

The man who appreciates style, fit and workmanship in suits are suited in I. & S. Bing suits. Shipper.

### Oriole Warbles.

Oriole, May 11.—The Messenger for this week has not made its appearance yet owing to so much rain and bad roads.

Crops here have been considerably damaged by the rain, especially the cotton crop. Corn is doing tolerably well and I hope we will make a good crop.

Sorry to hear of so much killing in the county and elsewhere. We have too many desperate men loose among us. They should be put where they cannot harm anyone and kept there.

Shaver & Luce are still running their saw mill and turning out some good lumber.

J. N. Tyer & Son have moved their grist mill back to the old stand and will grind every Saturday. They also intend to run their gin in the fall.

Mr. Billy Sharp, who was in the employment of the I. & G. N. railroad at Palestine, died at that place lately from appendicitis and was brought here and buried in the Parker graveyard. A large crowd of relatives and friends were present. Rev. Ken Lively made some impressive remarks at the grave. We are reminded by that of the scriptural injunction, "Be ye also ready."

I am just up from a spell of sickness, having been confined to my bed for a few days and had to call in the services of Dr. Puntch, who has got me to feeling better. This is the first sickness I have had in a good while and hope I will not have any more soon.

Our tax assessor had some good ideas in the Messenger. I think he is the right man for the office and I hope to have the pleasure of putting in another vote for him if he should run for the office again. A. K.

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Mrs. S. T. Anthony left Saturday night for Kirbyville in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her grand child.

M. C. Thomas of Route 3 was a pleasant caller Saturday and sent the Messenger to his brother, Mylie Thomas at Ashburn, Ga., and to his brother-in-law, Jonie Barfield, at Henderson, Fla.

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Some folks spend two-thirds of their time hoping for the best, and the brief balance in working for it.

Our people are scratching for a living this week. Every man and boy that is able to bend his back is in the potato patch harvesting the Irishman's crop. Two cars were shipped Saturday, and the shipping was resumed Monday. The crop will move as fast as possible, and very good prices are being realized. It is estimated that ten or twelve cars will be shipped

Occasionally we hear of some one complaining because the Messenger is one dollar per year. If there is a man in this country who believes one dollar is too much for the Messenger as compared with other papers of its class, and thinks we are growing rich, let him come forward and take charge of the outfit for the next three months. We want a vacation any how.

The Grapeland Messenger is an exceptionally good paper, full of interesting news of a local nature, and we are pleased to note our young friend at its helm is receiving substantial support from the merchants of that town.—Alto Herald.

Thanks, Bro. McClure. That is a nice boquet and we appreciate it. The business men of Grapeland who patronize us have learned that a newspaper is a necessity, and so long as they furnish the ammunition we'll stay on the firing line and send good tidings unto all the world.

Rev. H. E. Harris of Lovelady passed through Monday night en route to Richmond, Va., to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. Bro. Harris will also visit the Jamestown exposition.

The two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams died last Saturday afternoon from congestion. Interment took place in the city cemetery last Sunday evening. The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

### Mr. Cain in San Francisco

San Francisco, Cal., May 8.—I halfway promised to speak to my Grapeland friends through your columns last week, but at that time I did not know that I would have an opportunity to talk with many of them in person. Hence a letter would have been a repetition of what I had to say Saturday night.

Before leaving home, I was requested many times to write something about what I might see. As I seldom, if ever, refuse to write when people are willing to read, I shall offer the first installment before stepping off America's shore.

I saw nothing unusual until we had passed San Antonio some 200 miles. Then I noticed the country was extremely dry. In fact I saw a large area of country where the grass had caught on fire and burned off as clean as you ever saw in the winter time. The burning of the grass killed the mesquite bushes and gave the whole country the appearance of a desert. Those who have any trouble in swallowing the narrative about Samson's 300 foxes with firebrands on their tails burning up fields of grain and vineyards might be rendered more credulous by taking a look at this country.

We crossed Devil's River and the famous Devil's River country. The country does its name full justice: not so with the river; its waters are as clear and sparkling as those of the San Marcos. We also crossed the noted Pecos River bridge. It is 321 feet high—the highest railroad bridge in the United States. The Pecos country west of the river is almost a barren waste. For miles and miles you see only the scantiest signs of life, either animal or vegetable. By and by we reached El Paso. This is a beautiful and substantial city in the midst of a vast solitude.

New Mexico and Arizona are almost as arid and worthless as the Pecos country. It was in Arizona that I saw the wonderful optical delusion known as mirage. Looking out across the desert, I saw a beautiful lake of water. I saw it as plain as I ever saw a lake. There were even the inverted images of the trees and mountains in the water—but behold, when I got to the "lake" there was no lake there. Not one drop of water nor anything else except burning sands. I have often read about mirage but I always regarded it as a ghost story. Now I believe it since I have had the Missouri test.

We next crossed the foaming Colorado River at Yuma, Ariz. Very soon we came to the Salton Sea. As you have already learned from the newspapers, this vast basin of water is the youngest member in the family of seas. It

was made by turning the Colorado River from its course into a great basin. The sea comes right up to the railroad track and it is said that it sometimes covers the track.

This morning we awoke to find the snow capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada looking down upon a smiling California valley. Their icy breath caused me to hug my overcoat close about me and thank Mr. Selkirk for causing me to bring it.

All day long we rode up the beautiful valley of the Golden Gate. This was a sight worth beholding. I saw more oranges and lemons on the trees to day than I had ever seen before, both on and off the trees. In Los Angeles oranges were selling at three dozen for 10 cents. All other semi-tropical fruits and berries were as plentiful as oranges and lemons. I saw a single vineyard that contains 3000 acres.

To night we, with a few others, are domiciled in the sleeping car. A great street car strike is on. Hotels near the car shed are over run. Carriage men hold you up for \$5 for taking you to a hotel, if you undertake to go on foot you will be held up for all you have. At a pitched battle to day 25 people were killed or wounded in the streets.

To morrow we shall have our baggage transferred to the steamer, and will sail on the Siberia at 1 o'clock p. m. Friday.  
 A. W. CAIN.

### Oak Grove Happenings

Oak Grove, May 14.—Still the rain continues to come and the prospects for a crop is very gloomy. Such is the case in all countrys and we need not complain. It is an evident fact that the producers have all this to contend with and then be fleeced of his honest toil in the wind up. Now since President Harvey Jordon of the Southern Cotton Association and President Chas. S. Barrett of the Farmers' Union have gone to Europe to attend the great cotton association, it is expected that they will bring back good news to southern cotton growers.

The next meeting of the Farmers' Union for the Grapeland district will be held at Oak Grove June 1, at which time they will have an open door meeting in the afternoon, and everybody is invited to attend. There will be dinner on the ground and a nice program has been arranged. They are expecting Joe A. Johnston of Anderson county, who has the honor of being called the "silver tongued" orator of that county.

Health of this community is good at present. OLD TIMER.

S. H. Lively went to Crockett Monday on some business.

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HAY, chops and bran at Shipper's.

Jas. O'Keefe of Mt. Selman was in the city a few days last week looking after truck business.

Mr. W. C. Rawls of Percilla was in the city Monday and had his name placed on our list.

We have any kind of Stock and Poultry food you want.  
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Attorney Jno. I. Moore of Crockett was in the city Saturday between trains.

Dave Leaverton went to Willis Saturday on business, returning Sunday.

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Raise Cane

Buy sorgum seed from Shipper.

Oeta Hollingsworth was down from Palestine Sunday to see his Grapeland friends.

Mr. R. B. Edens was in to see us Wednesday exhibiting some cotton plants which the boll weevils had been working on. Mr. Edens says beyond a doubt the weevils are prevalent all over the country. His idea of exterminating them is to gather the punctured squares and bugs into a sack and burn them. This is a sure way and if every farmer would do this we would soon be rid of the pesky things.

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See R. L. Brooks for your cleaning and pressing, at M. L. Clewis' store.

Quite a number of gentlemen have been suited in Bing's suits at Shipper's.

Seven cars of cattle were shipped out of Grapeland last Saturday night by M. D. Murchison, Kennedy Bros. and Tom Dailey.

Several farmers of the Reynard community were in town Saturday and Monday attending to potato shipments.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shipper are entertaining a young "Buster Brown," who arrived at their home last Friday night.

Miss Ada Caldwell has gone to Houston with her sister, Mrs. Marx, and will visit in that city several weeks.

Mrs. E. Payne of Crockett visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves, near town, Saturday and Sunday.

Maurice Totty came up from Crockett Sunday to see his many friends. Maurice is now night operator for the I. & G. N. rail road in that city.

It has been too dry and too cold all spring for any progress much in the way of farming, and now it is too wet and pretty soon we look for it to be too hot, but with all these drawbacks we look for good crops this fall. You never can tell what Texas will do, and it is only the new comer who even predicts. The Texan who has lived here a number of years holds a stiff upper lip during drouth, flood or pest, works on while he can work, and hardly ever fails.—Florence Viditte.

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People want to make a living too easy. Just sow and reap without any special effort. The man who works and toils, goes up against misfortune, uses bad judgement now and then, but in the end succeeds, has lived a life of interest.—Huntsville Post.

Wonder if it is not in order for the legislature to pass a law providing for the establishment of a board of examiners to examine all farmers before allowing them to enter the board and useful profession of agriculture, requiring them to be able to analyze all the different kinds of soil; to know the food properties of all plant life; to know the genealogy and habits of all insects, and even to be well versed in the science of astronomy so as to determine to a nicety the future probabilities of the weather, and also in what part of the moon to plant and harvest the various crops? Now isn't this really a serious proposition, and one that has long been neglected? But we predict that the legislature will get to it after awhile—give 'em time.—Florence Viditte.

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# The Messenger.

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GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

**Health of School Children.**  
The medical inspection of school children—a subject now provoking general discussion in this country, and particularly in this city—is the topic of a book recently published in London, "The Health of the School Child," by Dr. W. Leslie Mackenzie. He notes that in England, as in certain countries on the continent (and here also, we may add), the physical examination of children is "no longer a question of doubtful politics;" it has "passed into the region of administration." A point of great practical interest which he brings out is that, by a little cooperation among the teachers, the amount of work thrown on the doctors and the consequent cost of the inspection may be considerably lightened. Dr. Kerr, for example, of the London county council, found that, with a little care, the teachers were able to find out almost all the children that suffered from eye defects. This testimony will not surprise casual and unofficial school visitors—among whom we reckon ourselves—who are often amazed at the indifference of teachers to defects of sight or hearing that are a manifest handicap to pupils. Boys and girls who are half-blind or deaf will move slowly from grade to grade, without a word of warning to parent or guardian from the unobservant teacher. We hope that the growing attention to this matter will, even where there is no formal medical inspection, quicken teachers to a duty that is too often neglected.

How intensely practical and sensible is much of the modern missionary work is shown by Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the medical missionary of the Labrador coast. In a recent address descriptive of his work he said, "We paid more attention to benefiting the poverty-ridden people by aiding in their physical welfare than by preaching and prayer. We established hospitals to care for the sick, opened stores where clothing and food and tobacco could be obtained at a lower price and of a better quality than in the regular stores. We helped to teach the fishermen more about their business of fishing and the conditions under which they lived, and how they could better the conditions; and by so doing we accomplished a greater good than might have been wrought by a host of preaching and praying missionaries who ignore men's bodies in the cure of their souls."

An American clergyman who has recently returned from Venezuela reports that soon after he reached Caracas he was arrested on the charge of violating a law which forbids foreign clergymen to enter the country. Through the intercession of the American consul he was released on the promise that he would leave within seven days. The reason for excluding clergymen is not evident, for ministers of the gospel are rarely inciters of revolution, at home or abroad.

Women in Great Britain are well represented in the professions and trades, and about 4,500,000 earn their own living. There are 124,000 who teach; 10,000 are bookbinders; over 3,000 are printers, and nearly 500 act as editors and compilers; 1,300 are engaged in photography; civil service clerks number nearly 2,300; 3,800 are engaged in medical work and nursing and 350 women are blacksmiths.

The conductor of a Boston street car who returned \$5,869 to a woman who had lost it in his car was rewarded with a smile. Boston must have remarkable street cars. Is there one in any other city where a passenger could smile, even when handed \$5,869? And it shows, too, that there are women in Boston who can smile.

Among the interesting things shown in the Longfellow exhibit in the Cambridge public library, in honor of the hundredth anniversary of the poet's birth, was the first manuscript of "Excelsior." The poem was written on an invitation, the poet evidently having used the first piece of paper that came to his hand.

Col. Watterson furthermore remarks that half the people of Spain live on olives and air, while the other half wears cloaks and sombreros. Fortunately the colonel in traveling and taking notes in his private and individual capacity.



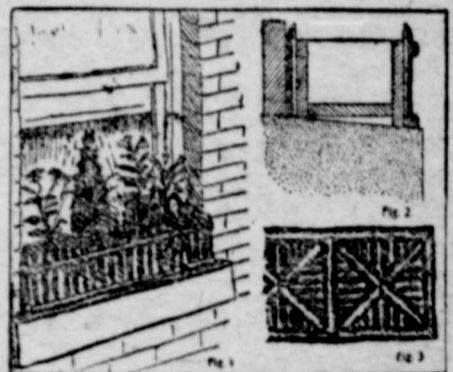
## RUSTIC WINDOW BOX.

Ornamental and Useful Article to Beautify Home.

Instead of using an ordinary green painted window box why not make an artistic one in which the color does not clash with the plants contained in it, but rather harmonizes with them and brings out the beauty of the foliage to the most advantage, asks a writer in Popular Mechanics.

Such a window box can be made by anyone having usual mechanical ability and will furnish more opportunities for artistic and original design than many other articles of more complicated construction.

The box proper should be made a little shorter than the length of the window to allow for the extra space taken up in trimming and should be nearly equal in width to the sill, as shown in Fig. 1. If the sill is inclined,



Plan of the Window Box.

as is usually the case, the box will require a greater height in front, to make it set level, as shown in Fig. 2.

The box should be well nailed or screwed together and should then be painted all over to make it more durable. A number of one-half inch holes should be drilled in the bottom, thus allowing the excess water to run out and prevent rotting the plants and box.

Having completed the bare box, it may be trimmed to suit the fancy of the maker. The design shown in Fig. 1 is very simple and easy to construct but may be replaced with a panel or other design. One form of panel design is shown in Fig. 3.

Trimming having too rough a surface will be found unsuitable for this work, as it is difficult to fasten and cannot be split as well as smooth trimming. It should be cut the proper length before being split and should be fastened on with brads. The half-round hoops of barrels will be found very useful in trimming, especially for filling-in purposes, and by using them the operation of splitting is avoided. After the box is trimmed, the rustic work should be varnished, in order to thoroughly preserve it, as well as improve its appearance.

## SETTING OUT TREES.

Yearly Practice of Planting Trees a Good One.

On our farm we have made it a practice every spring to set out some trees. We choose this season of the year because we have had better success in getting them to grow than we have by planting them in the fall. This holds good not only with forest trees, but also with fruit trees and even strawberries.

Of late years we have been putting our trees along the highway and now we have some beautiful trees growing there. Some of those we set our first are now six or seven inches in diameter, having made this growth in the last 15 years. And these, too, be they hard or sugar maples, have grown as slowly as any trees, almost, that one might choose to set out. In our state, New York, writes E. L. Vincent in Farmers' Review, there is a state law providing for certain tax deductions for setting out trees along the highway, but we have never taken advantage of it, being very well satisfied with the added beauty, as well as the prospective usefulness to us of the trees.

Not far from our place there is a farm with so many trees of the variety mentioned, the sugar maples, along the road that the owner can tap quite a sugar orchard right there if he wishes to. The trees have gained a good size now, so that they would not be materially injured by careful tapping. There is this great advantage in a sugar bush of this sort. It is easy of access. One need not travel around over rough roads to do the work. It is always neat and clean and the work of gathering the sap is not hard. Some day we will all pay more attention to this matter of setting out trees than we do now, and it will be a great thing for the country when we do.

## SOWING GRASS SEED.

Timely Suggestions by Prof. W. J. Spillman, U.S. Department Agriculture.

The importance of good seed can hardly be overestimated. A good many failures in seeding down the grasses result from insufficient preparation of the land, but many failures result also from the use of seed which has lost much, or all, of its vitality.

Other things being equal, rich land requires more seed than poor land and wet land more than dry. A well prepared seedbed requires less than one poorly prepared, because a larger proportion of the seed finds a chance to germinate. A single pound of timothy seed to the acre, if every seed produced a thrifty plant, would give 27 plants on every square foot of land. Since 12 to 15 pounds of timothy are usually required to secure a good stand, it is evident that only a small proportion of the seed sown on even the best prepared land produces plants.

On rough, cloddy land the proportion is much smaller. No absolute rules can be laid down for determining the amount of seed to sow. One must consider all the circumstances and be governed accordingly. A beginner will do well to consult those who have farmed in his locality for many years, and if such experience is not available, to use a liberal allowance of seed until he has learned the proper amount.

When mixtures are sown, a number of considerations govern the amount of each kind to use. In sowing grasses and clover together it is customary to sow enough of both for a full stand. But if several grasses are used in the mixture, the amount of each is usually somewhat reduced. In parts of the timothy region, it is customary to add more or less redtop to the timothy and clover, except when the hay is grown for sale; but the amount of timothy seed is not thereby reduced.

The amount of each kind of seed to be used depends partly on how much of each kind of grass is desired in the hay. Redtop is usually added as a filler to increase the yield, rather than because of its desirability in the hay, and hence the proportion of its seed is small. Some authorities recommend that nearly as much of each seed be used in a mixture as if it were to be sown alone, and this is a very good rule if one is not sure of the quality of the seed. A general rule is to reduce the amount of each kind of seed in proportion to the number of kinds in the mixture. This rule should be used with much caution, yet it is a guide of some value.

## HANDY SACK HOLDER.

Will Really Hold the Mouth of the Sack Open.

Take a heavy piece of plank 32x12 x2. This should be a good solid piece without any cracks in it. Now mortise two holes four inches long across the plank 26 inches apart. Now nail or bolt cross plank inside the holes. Make spring standards from oak or



Home Made Sack Holder.

elm boards four inches wide and 48 inches long come out from the inside of these standards so they will form a spring not too stiff. Be sure to place them in the mortised hole firmly. Now explain The Farmer, make iron holders as shown in cut from three-eighths inch round rod 18 inches long. Curve the ends so they will hold one-half inch below hem of sack. Use a flat clip to hold iron arm on spring standard. Plane off all sharp edges from woodwork.

## NOTES.

The farmer "pays the freight" on the San Jose scales.

Many flower seeds are very small and will not do well in rough, lumpy soil.

A new insect—the apple leaf miner, is getting in its evil work in some parts of the country.

It is a mistake to keep food continually before the hogs after they have been put on full feed.

No hog can be healthy or produce meat of the best quality if compelled to drink putrid water.

Suppose you sit down and tell us of an industry that will not be helped along with any help given to agriculture.

Has the winter suggested any new ideas in household conveniences? How are your women folks cared for in regard to drying the family washing?

# Washington Day by Day

News Gathered Here and There at the National Capital

## FAT AND SLIM FOLKS GET UNCLE SAM'S HELP



WASHINGTON.—There are too many fat people and too many thin people in the country, and the government, through the agricultural department, is conducting experiments to show them how to strike an average. C. F. Langworthy, chief of the division of nutrition investigation, is conducting investigations which include dietary studies, digestive experiments and various other things in connection with food. "How to get thin and how to get fat" are being experimented within a course of dietary studies at the University of Maine, at Orono, in that state, under the supervision of Prof. C. D. Woods, and at the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, by Prof. E. C. Waite.



It has developed that the Perry Belmonts have suffered a rebuke in their attempt to "break into" Washington society. Mr. Belmont has been rejected as a member of the Chevy Chase Hunt club, and this action has brought to a climax a sensational social situation.

The fact that there has been all winter a social campaign for and against Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont into which all their New York connections—the other Belmonts, Sloanes and Astors—have been drawn, makes this social tempest of wider proportions than those which are ordinarily discovered in teapots.

What is, perhaps, the most curious part of the situation lies in the fact that Mr. Belmont is an active member of many clubs far and away more exclusive than the Chevy Chase. He is not only a member of the Knicker-

To fat ones the government says: "Eat little, sleep little and drink less." To the thin man it says: "Drink all you can, eat all you can and sleep as much as you can."

The thin man who wants to get fat must eat and drink everything that he can stomach. He must eat plenty of potatoes, bananas and bread; most important, he must drink before and after his meals.

Above all, a thin person who wants to spread out must sleep ten or eleven hours a day. A nap after each meal is offered as an excellent inducement for fat to come and stay. On the other hand, the man who is trying to lose weight is advised that he keep moving after a meal to thwart the dread adipose.

## SWELL SOCIETY BARS THE PERRY BELMONT'S

bocker, Manhattan, New York Yacht club, Metropolitan, Army and Navy, Jockey club, Turf and Field, Coaching club, and similar organizations in this country, but he is a member of the Reading room at Newport and was one of the two Americans elected to the Paris Jockey club.

The divorce records of the Belmonts is believed to have something to do with their rejection. Mrs. Belmont was formerly Mrs. Henry T. Sloane. Sloane secured a divorce from her in 1899, and she was married to Belmont the day the decree was granted. Perry Belmont also has a divorce record. He married a Miss Sarah Whiting when he was a young man, and the two went to Paris on their wedding trip. Mrs. Belmont came back alone and secured a divorce. A baby was born after the divorce was granted.



## WRONG MAN, BUT HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE SMOKE

AMONG the numerous employees of one of the government departments in this city are two men whose names, though they differ in the way of spelling them, are not altogether unlike in the manner of their pronunciation. Both of them have the good fortune of being close friends of a prominent druggist, and the elder of the two has frequently obtained from the medicine man a supply of medicated cigars, which he finds to be of value in giving him relief from a catarrhal affection.

Recently he called on the druggist and requested him to have prepared for him a box of the cigars. After a few days, not having received them, he wrote a note inquiring as to the cause of the inattention and received word in reply that the medicated stogies had been sent to his office several days before.

The next thing was a call made at the drug store by the man with the

catarrh, who was disposed to be indignant, and the porter who had been dispatched with the cigars was called up. He said that he took them to the office and handed them to a messenger, who promised they should be delivered without any delay. They had not been, however, and it became necessary to investigate the mystery.

An explanation came next day, when the other friend with a name sounding like that of the sick man called on the druggist and thanked him for what he thought had been a present to him. He wanted to find where he could procure another box, as he had used all of these. There was a peculiar flavor to the tobacco, he said, that he liked very much. He didn't know they were medicated cigars until the druggist told him, and the matter was set straight by the other gentleman being promptly supplied with his catarrh remedy.



## NEW YORK WOMEN OUT AFTER ENVOY'S SCALP

MRS. IDA M. VON CLAUSSEN, who came all the way from Stockholm prepared to upset Uncle Sam's diplomatic corps because Minister Graves would not present her at King Oscar's court, even when Oscar, whom she had "jollied" at Wiesbaden, was "just crazy" to see her—got as far as the waiting-room at the White House with her complaint the other day.

She couldn't even get as far as Secretary Loeb, who sent an assistant out to meet her and direct her suavely to the state department. Thereupon Mrs. von Clausen retired from the White House, after leaving a communication requesting that the president appoint a commission to inquire into her sanity before she proceeds further.

"Mr. Graves stated a deliberate untruth when he said I did not offer evidence of an invitation to be presented to King Oscar and that I did not have the proper credentials," declared Mrs. von Clausen, when shown the dispatch from Stockholm to the effect that Minister Graves had written an open letter explaining the controversy. "He knows I was invited to be presented to the king, and he says what is false when he states I had nothing to identify me. I had a cablegram from President Stires of one of the leading trust companies of Mrs. von Clausen intimated strongly that perhaps Mrs. Graves was jealous of the gowns Mrs. von Clausen wore, and that that fact might have operated to prevent her husband presenting an American visitor to the Swedish king."



### Snap Shots.

Man was made to mourn—not to roar.

Do not raise a rumpus unless you know how to dispose of it.

Faint heart never won fair lady. A bachelor girl is about all it can hope to achieve.

Cupid has no use for a bow and arrow in this country. What he needs is a stock of muzzles.

Too many beaux sometimes make a fool of a girl, and she takes the worst runt in the whole pack.

It will be noted that when a majority of the jury want to hang a man, the minority proceeds to hang the jury.

Many a girl who can play the piano and sing at the same time finds it extremely difficult to wield a broom and hum a tune contemporaneously. — Galveston News.

When your food has not been properly digested the entire system is impaired in the same proportion. Your stomach needs help. Kodol for Indigestion and Dyspepsia not only digests what you eat, it tones the stomach and adds strength to the whole body. Makes rich pure blood. Kodol conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

### Dr. Robertson's Philosophy.

Not all the hypocrisy of the world is in the churches by no means.

No man has a right to complain at the misdoings of politicians who does not qualify as a voter and then do his duty.

The man who starts out with the idea of getting something for nothing generally winds up with nothing more valuable than a large assortment of vain regrets.

Evidently the weather dispenser has got his cases mixed this spring. One day our mind turns in fancy to fourth of July oratory, the next we dream of explorations in the arctic regions.—Pear-sall Leader.

Cascasweet for babies is the best remedy for colic, summer complaints, diarrhoea and sour stomach. It is especially good in cases of teething when irritation affects the stomach and intestines. Cascasweet is a pleasant, safe remedy, containing neither opiates nor narcotics; all the ingredients are printed plainly on the wrapper. Endorsed by mothers because it acts so quickly. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Olan Davis went to Corrigan Saturday night to spend Sunday with his brother Clyde. Clyde has a position as operator with the H. E. & W. T. railroad.

For a cold or a cough take Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It is better than any other cough remedy because its laxative principle assures a health, copious action of the bowels and at the same time it heals irritation of the throat, strengthens the mucous membrane. Contains Honey and Tar, pleasant to take. Children like it. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Miss Nannie Howard visited relatives in Crockett this and last week.

No Need of Scratching  
Other afflictions may be more painful, but none more annoying than many forms of itching trouble. The quickest and most reliable remedy for itching diseases of any character is Hunt's Cure. One application relieves—one box guaranteed to cure.

### Excursion Season Opened

The I. & G. N. railroad announces their first excursion of the season to Houston and Galveston for Saturday, May 25.

The bathing season has opened and the Electric Park and all the beach attractions that were so popular last year are again delighting the populace.

The usual popular low rates will prevail.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve does not merely heal on the surface; it penetrates the pores and promptly relieves pain, caused by boils, burns, scalds, cuts and skin diseases. It is especially good for piles. Beware of imitations. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

### The Tail of a Dog.

The pup that gallops round and round

And seeks to catch his tail  
Is not, in truth, so very wise,  
But still he beats the man who lies

Around and whines and never tries  
Because he fears to fail.—Ex.

"Here's to your health and happiness"—DeWitt's Little Early Risers—famous little pills. Nasty, sick headache or biliousness may come on any time; the cure is an Early Riser. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Douglass Beazley came in from San Francisco, Cal., last Monday, where he has been for three years in the U. S. navy. Mr. Beazley went by the way of Shreveport, La., where he was married to Miss Dean. They are now at Reynard with relatives.

### Do not Suffer

No use suffering from Itching Piles when one box of Hunt's Cure is absolutely guaranteed to cure any case. One application will convince you of its merits.

W. H. Norris of Crockett was here Tuesday on business.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leaverton happened to a very serious accident Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Leaverton was out driving and in passing another buggy the front wheels collided, throwing the baby out of Mrs. Leaverton's lap between the wheels, and cut a large gash in its head.

Mrs. W. C. Rawls of Percilla left Monday for Huntsville, where she will visit relatives.


### What's the Use?

Aches, Pains, Burns, Cuts Sprains, and all similar afflictions are always instantly relieved; often entirely cured by an application of that unequalled remedy, Hunt's Lightning Oil. Don't suffer. Don't delay. What's the use?

Misses Ora Sue and Arline Howard and Eva Lou Farris went down to Crockett Tuesday to attend the closing exercises of the High school this week.

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