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## Thrilling Sto of a Kiddaped Lass.

The total disapperance of child from this city about nine years ago caused considerable excitement at the time and many theories were advanced to a ount for it.
There was considerable mys-
tery connected with the case that tery connected with the case that the authorities were never able
to clear up, nor were they able to to clear up, nor were they able to
restore the child to its mother Mrs. Anna Stevens.
A telegram announcing tha? the little Stevens girl had been found at Danville, Indiana, and her was received had kidnapped John Sneed of The Herald with the requc st that details of th disappearance of the child be sent in by wire. Nine years had elapsed since the child was stolen and thos
once deeply interested in the ease had ceased to think of it and the mystery promised to become as deep and to remain as
long unsolved as the historic kidnaping case of Charley Ross. It was with difficulty late last
inight that any one could be found who remembered the details of the disappearance with sufficient distinctness to relate them accurately, but finally the main facts were obtained from Frank Carr, who had not entire-
ly forgotten the circumstances. ly forgotten the circumstances.
Mrs. Anna Stevens, mother of the lost child, was it is said, the widow of a man who had held a responsible position with the
$\&$ P. railway. Stevens died un\& P. railway. Stevens died
der peculiar circumstances and der peculiar circumstances and after his doath, a cattleman, who was subsequently indicted for alleg.
ed train robbery and died shortly after.

## For a long time after the child

 disappeared Mrs. Stevens wasdistracted with grief. Some say her grief was sincere and that she spent hundreds of dollars in
endeavoring to locate the child endeavoring to locate the child
and made several long journeys but to find that the clue was $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { a false one. On one occasion } \\ & \text { the child was positively identified }\end{aligned}\right.$ the child was positively identified
in Denver and the mother hastin Denver and the mother hast-
ened there only to meet disappointment.
As the years wore away al hope of ever finding the child again was relinguished and those most interested in the case failed to give it any further at tention.
Kutch having died his widow lived here for a long time and
subsequently removed to Mexico where she is now residing. One of the now residing. One of the children by her
first marriage, Mrs. Victoria first marriage, Mrs. Victoria
Clarke nee Stevens, is still living Clarke nee
in the city.
She is a comely young woman of about eighteen and was marPaso. The incidents of the case in the district court a short time ago, wherein she sued to recover ago, wherein she sued to recover
possession of her infant, have not yet been forgotten. In her petition to Judge Walthall she al
leged that she had separated hip and side and the latter Pert ious to regain possession of her the side of the jaw. Mr. Pruitt babe which was in tne custody talked interesting about times oi a hired nurse, with whom it he hauled a century ago, when had 100 to 200 Judge Walthall aider its birth. miles and sold the same at $\$ 10$ to issue Walthall did not hesitate per 1,000 , or $\$ 8$ more than it cost restored to its math the babe be at the sawmill. At that time he
was somewhat of an ox-wagoner. Bridgers was sent out with
he earned by hauling lumber
with a borrowed ox team. The
first thing he did was to brand
Mis arst thing he did was to brand
Miss heifer with L P; and Miss heifer with L P; and he
has the brand ever sinc, the
brand being placed on the left was somewhat of an ox-wagoner
but now he is a big cattle owne -Chicago Drovers Journal
L. H. Pruitt, of Snyder, Texas
with ranches in Scurry, Kent
and Garza counties, was among with ranches in Scurry, Ken
and Garza counties, was among
the interesting cattlemen attend
ing in the cattle business about
forty-five years. He started forty-five years. He started
with only a dollar mark, but now
he has the dollar mark he has the dollar mark with six figures added. His beginning
was with a yearling heifer which was with a yearling heifer which
he earned by hauling lumber g int
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## Opp. U. . P. paten Office, washlugron, 0. . .

young mother's arms in the presence of the court and she left
with happarent happiness. Another Theory
While the disappearance of the little Stevens child caused a sensation at the time of its occurence yet there was always a doubt as
to its having been stolen Then
The people who had possession of the little"girl announced their intention of training her for the
profession of a bareback rider or profession of a bareback rider or
for the stage. Mrs. Stevens for the stage. Mrs. Stevens
made an effort to recover the child, but the abductors refused to give her up, alleging that the mother had transferred the child to them for life. They disappeared from the city soon
obtaining possession of the one and were last heard Denver a short time later.
had befallen the little Stevens girl, who must at present be a miss of about 15 years of age, remained a mystery until last night, when the dispatch came announcvill she had been found at Danville, Indiana, with an actress.
If
If the relatives of the missing girl are desirous of having her returned to them the fact_could not be ascertained today.
Mrs. Victoria"Clarke, a sister, who had been boarding at 719 Texas street, left for Durango a week or so ago to visit her elder
sister who is teaching sehol sister who is teaching school siding at Rosario, state of Sina -

Sheriff Simmon's Story. Frank Simmons who was an attache of the sheriff's office at the time of the disappearance re-
lates the most accurate account of the disapperance.
"The child," he said, "was a ry pretty little he sal " per six years of age. Her mother was not in affluent circumstances and was persuaded by Mrs. Taylor, the wife of a brakeman, to permit the child to leave home
and live temporarily with her. 'Thive temporarily with her. cuple Taylors were a childiess much attached to the littlr one so much so that they apparently decided not to return her to her mother.
"One day the Taylors left town very snddently taking the Stevens child with them. No one knew
their destination no were they heir destination nor were they ver heard of again.
"I am positive that Mrs. Stevens made every possible efwas almost frantic abductors. She was almod the ficers and
urged the officers to assist. I
to trace the missing kídnapers be to no avail. They had disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed them up and left no clew behind by which they could be traced We have never to this day learned what became of the child Mrs. Stevens had but little money and was unable to proseoute a widespread investigation -El Paso Herald
Since the foregoing was re eived the lost child has been estored to her mother. On the morning of March the twentyfirst a peace officer arrived in El Paso accompanied by the wand-

## erer. The

The mother and married sister, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Clark were awaiting the train and weled arms and full one with open Stevens and full hearts. Mrs. Carrie was quite small May named Taylor fell very much in
ove with the little one and spent much of her time playing with her. The little one had a when sufficiently wen sufficiently recovered to avel Mrs. Taylor begged to
ake her on a visit to Valentine Texas, with herself, permission was given and the child return ed much improved. Soon dis Mrs. Taylor asked to after her on a short visit to Albuquir que and again vistarted off with the child, but this time there was no return. Letters and telegrams failed to bring news of the absent. The case was turned over to the authorities, still she was not recovered and after searching vainly for several years all hope wrs given un Thi mother went
live and returne, ive and returne' ler the rec stating thed
Mrs. Taylo. Mrs. Taylo. years and Ma.
in the Hadle in the Hadle she was_kindly teeated and 1 pleasant $1 \mathrm{j} \%$, , however, she rejoices over ner restoration and
prefers a home of her own, Stevens a hays she will probably settle in El Paso where her daughter will enter school. She ears the excessive heat of the climate in Mexico would prove injurious to May Carrie's health so she will not return to what for some time has been her home.

Lucky Dor
A dutchmar
dog, said: a schnap.
und I vas a
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mineself und my vife $\mathbf{v}$
und scolds me; den the
cries und I hap to valk him und down; den maybe vers
shust go to schleep its time to get oudagain. Ven you get up you stretch yourself and scratch yourself a couple of times und you vas up. I have to light the fire und my vife alretty, und maybe met ome breakfost You play around all day und haf plenty to eat. I haf to work all dey und haf plenty of trouble. Von you
die yous dead. Ven I die I haf to go to hell yet." -Tarrant county Citizen.

A young fellow somewhat "sporty" inclined struck Gail Sunday and remained over until Tuesday. He made the saloon
his headquarters and was drunk all the time he was here. To hear him tell it he was worth endless wealth and had closed the deals for all the leading left Gail "broke" and had to beat his board bill.-Borden Citizen.

Smith, Scurry county's jol-
Oz Smith, Scurry county's jol-
y fat cattleman, who went to San ly fat cattleman, who went to San
Antonio to the big convention, returned here this morning, having, spent a week at Okalla in his parents. He took the stage his morning for Snyder, reportvention a splended time at the conention and a pleasant sojourn

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Mrs. John Gardner and childrea spent a day and night here
last week with relatives. They to her sister Mrs. Kit Wilson, an f howard of Scou

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all. His pants may bag at the the long run.-Hondo News. knees and he may not be acquainted with the latest style in chin whiskers, he may not know The following cases were dis the thrilling joy of having a posed last week after the pape orand of cigars named in his $\begin{aligned} & \text { was out. J. C. Erwin vs Eugene } \\ & \text { Long et al. Judgement for Er- }\end{aligned}$ honor, but as he pulls along win for the land.
through life he gets about as

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no crank waiting around the Gregg Kinchên vs A. C. Wilcorner to shoot a hole through meth. Judgement for wilmeth his anatomy or bury a cheese for the land and clearing the
knife up to the hilt in his person. He knows that when he sits down clowd from the title.
to his frugal meals that he eats W. H. Wellborn vs. Greg Kinhis pie with perfect impunity for chen. Judgement for Wellborn there is no danger of its having for his debt and an order of sale been spiked with rough on rats by the cook. No doubt it is a The case of Lane var Joe Womlot of fun to have yourself mis- ack continued for the term. The quoted in the newspapers and case of J. E. Tomlinson vs. Andy for the night and crawl into your the 3rd.
luxurant rat dough that the po- The ease of Lon Smith vs.
lice force is standing in your Winfree and Green continued till front yard to keep the admiring. Thursday 4th of April.
public from throwing briekbats Judge Sanders inet for home through your window; but not-
withstanding all theseardent joys, Saturda".
the comon, everyday chap who $\mid$ Bro having




[^0]:    J. M. Bailey of
    town last Tuesday

    Rev. Burt is among the latest arrival and will cast his lot wit
    people of Snyder.
    and family moved to their ranch Tuesday They are located five miles
    South-West of town.

    Mr. George was in town after cotton seed last Tuesday from
    Scott Greene's ranch, near Iatan, Scott Greene's ranch, near Iatan, and reports cattle doing nicely

    Mrs. L. C. Darby has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, also Mrs. Kemp of the
    Wheat community. She spent rom Snnday till Tuesday with them.

    ## Real estate has been on th e lately, and can be had <br> e lately, and can be had fo

    long as the dry westinues to blow. We ral parts of the
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