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HARRINGTON'S Jollne Building, Corner 9th and Indiana Avenue

DISTURBED AUCTION SALE FINED THIS MORNING

Is Tried in City Court and Found Guilty—Two Versions of Affair Given.

Leonard Hicks, the man who was arrested Saturday night for disturbing a jewelry auction on Ohio avenue, was found guilty on a charge of disturbing the peace by Judge Rye in the city court this morning and was fined \$5. The complaint was sworn to by Chief Hall on information by the man who is conducting the auction.

Different versions of the affair were told on the witness stand by the man who was conducting the auction and by the defendant but Judge Rye held that Hicks was guilty under his own testimony. The auctioneer testified that when he was auctioning off a piece of jewelry he was interrupted by Hicks whom he declared said: "Don't buy it, boys. Don't buy it; it ain't worth a ——" He said he told Hicks that he couldn't permit him to interrupt him in that manner and ordered him to leave the room. Hicks refused, he said, and he had to declare the sale off and send for an officer. Before he did so, however, he said he went around the counter and ordered Hicks to leave. Hicks pulled off his overcoat, he said, and threw it into the street and announced his intention of staying right there and breaking up his business. The defendant's version.

Hicks said that he was walking along the street when he heard a man on the outside shouting: "Great auction sale now going on inside; Elgin watches, diamonds, jewelry at your

own price." Hicks in repeating this gave a good imitation of a "barker." He said he stopped at the door and was pushed on inside by the "barker." Getting inside, he said, he recognized the auctioneer as a man from whom he had bought a piece of jewelry several years before. While testifying he held a brass bracelet in his hand which he said was the piece of jewelry he had bought. He said a friend of his was about to bid \$5 cents on a piece of jewelry when he held up his hand to arrest attention and said: "Don't buy it, it's no good" and then went on to explain that he had bought jewelry from the same fellow that had turned out to be no good. He denied most emphatically that he had used any profane language up to this time and said that the auctioneer was the first to use a "cuss" word. The latter he said shouted: "You're either mistaken or else you're a ——" Later, he said, the auctioneer came around the counter and ordered him to take his hands out of his overcoat pockets. He said he took off his overcoat to show the man that he had no weapons.

He admitted having declared that he intended to break up the auctioneer's business at the time of his arrest and repeatedly since. He said the auctioneer had proposed to pay his fine or withdraw his complaint if he would go on and leave him alone. He said that he wasn't built that way; that when he saw a fakir he wanted to expose him. He said that he had a wife and two children and was a poor man and that he knew that he couldn't afford to pay a fine but that he couldn't stand to see other people imposed upon.

After he had been fined he wanted to swear out a complaint against the auctioneer for disturbing the peace. But City Attorney Horace Nutt told him that he would not take his complaint.

FASHION HAS FLED FROM USUAL HAUNTS IN PARIS

Rue de la Paix Presents Dismal Appearance Compared With Former Gay Scenes.

Paris, Dec. 15.—American women accustomed to come here annually to worship at the shrine of Dame Fashion would grieve at the change that has come to the Rue de la Paix. Fashion has fled.

The luxurious limousine and the busy taxicab have gone to war. In their places are cars drawn by horses too stiff or feeble to carry troops. The gowns that used to scintillate behind plate glass windows and the silk ruffles and dainty lingerie that tempted the glances of passers-by have disappeared behind iron shutters that were put up with the coming of the moratorium.

Shop keepers are not agreed that all of this caution is necessary. Many of them believe there would be business if there was credit. The moratorium means spot cash. Said one of them: "It is madame who buys and monsieur who pays. When credit disappears the life of the Rue de la Paix goes out."

Some of the artistic designers who in the past have clothed feminine Paris and are well known in America are now making uniforms. One of the conspicuous apostles of recent eccentricities in women's wear (Poirot) is superintending the work in a government uniform shop. One of the largest dressmaking shops (Worth's) is occupied by a very complete and comfortable auxiliary hospital. The aristocratic hospitals are blank and dismal, and Napoleon looks chilly and

lonesome at the top of the column of Place Vendome.

The moratorium is death on gaities as well as the foe of credit. It has chased away the frolicsome midnights who used to dance out of the fashionable Rue de la Paix shops at noon, arm in arm, by twos, threes and fours, to trip away lightly to the creameries, noonday lunches and cheap restaurants. Some of them are sewing soldiers' clothing; most of the others are at home living on the small allowances made by their employers.

TEXAS FOOTBALL PLAYER ON "ALL-AMERICAN" TEAM

Anglin, Texas, Dec. 15.—Otto Jordan of Fredericksburg, for the past four years one of the guards on the University football team and this year captain of the eleven, was chosen by Walter Camp as a member of the sporting authority's second All-American team. In other words Camp estimates that only two guards in the entire country are better than the big Texan. Jordan's wonderful showing at his position was the talk of all who saw him play and while Camp never saw him play, he was easily convinced that Jordan was entitled to be named. This is the first time a Texan has ever been chosen for the All-American team and University students are jubilant.

Cataract Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a special medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best known ingredients combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing cataract. See it for yourself. Free.

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LINEUP FOR CHRISTMAS DAY GAME IS ANNOUNCED

Number of Former Players Will Oppose High School Eleven on That Day.

The line-up for the University All-Stars and the High School football teams which will meet on Christmas Day at the City Park has been announced. The game will be called at 3:30 and the proceeds will go to the Belgian relief fund and the High School Athletic Association. The line-up follows:

All-Stars	H. S.
Jerome Stone	V. Junk
B. Hawthorne	B. Taylor
L. Scheurer	H. Erwin
E. Trotter	E. Mathis
J. Ward	H. Erwin
Sommerville	L. Cooper
Tevis	L. Bentley
C. C.	R. Coleman
Robertson	W. Lea
Brown	L. Bell
Mathis	L. E.
B. Ward	B. Ward

Corner of the High School, Gorsline of Kemper Military Academy and Skeen of the High School will also take part in the game. In several instances brothers will be on opposing teams.

STUDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT NOW A REALITY AT BAYLOR

Special to The Times. Waco, Texas, Dec. 15.—Self-government at Baylor University has become a reality after efforts lasting for three years. A students' association, with an executive council, has been organized and will have charge of all student activities.

MANY LONDON PUGILISTS QUIT GLOVES FOR RIFLES

Several Championship Holders Are Among Those Who Have Gone To Front

London, Dec. 12.—Somebody's complaint about the lack of patriotism among the pugilists has brought out a spirited letter from a boxing editor, who says that were he to give a list of all the professional boxers who have joined the colors since the declaration of war he would have to fill several newspaper columns. He gives a few names of men who have exchanged the twenty-four foot ring for a less circumscribed arena. They are worth recording:

"Dick Smith, our lightweight champion; Bandsman Blake, who may be said to have a really sound chance of annexing the middleweight belt; Pat O'Keefe, the actual holder; Tom McCormick and Johnny Pasham, both of whom have been promised chances of contesting for the welterweight title; Petty Officer Curran, one of our leading heavyweights; Seaman Hayes, the famous featherweight, with a host of engagements; Symonds of Plymouth, a practical certainty for fly-weight honors."

NEWS OF MALCOLM TRAWEEK IS DESIRED BY FATHER

Postmaster Bacon has received a letter from L. M. Traweck of McConell, Alabama asking for information concerning his son, Malcolm Traweck whom he says was in Wichita Falls two or three years ago. Mr. Traweck writes that he will greatly appreciate any information addressed to him on Route 1, Box 18, McConell, Alabama.

BELGIAN CYCLISTS GIVEN DECORATION FOR BRAVERY

Blew Up Bridge That Checked Germans' Advance on Calais. Ran Great Risk.

By Associated Press. Furness, Dec. 15.—By order of King Albert, the cross of the order of Leopold was conferred on every member of the little band of cyclists who crossed the German lines and blew up a bridge near Mohs, which cut the German communication for three days and allowed the allies to assemble the force necessary to check the advance of the Germans toward Calais.

This company of cyclists, from which the men were taken for this piece of hazardous work, is composed of 300 members, sworn to give their lives to the country. Only ten were taken from each regiment of the many who volunteered. The corps is used in operations which often mean certain death. In the present case, the destruction of the bridge cut off the Germans' supplies and is considered by the King to be directly responsible for the failure of the Germans to break through the line of the allies in the critical days of the first week of November.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure

The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Foster's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 2c. Box, \$1.00



Attractive Specials for Wednesday

Economical buyers will find in the specials we are offering for the Holidays, articles both attractive and serviceable, at the same time priced so low that no one can overlook the opportunity. Our stock is full of Holiday Goods suitable for every member of the family. We cannot begin to enumerate everything, but invite your inspection before buying elsewhere. We call your attention to the following reductions as giving some idea of the opportunity for saving.

CARVING SETS AND TURKEY PLATTERS			
Three-Piece Carving Set, values \$4.00, on sale Wednesday at	\$3.75	Turkey Platters, worth regularly \$3.00, Wednesday only	\$1.25
Three-Piece Carving Set, \$2.50 value, Wednesday only	\$2.00	\$2.50 Platters, specially priced for Wednesday sale only	75c
\$5.00 Three-Piece Carving Set, on sale Wednesday at	\$4.00	Patter, worth regularly \$4.50, will be sold tomorrow for	\$1.25

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IN THE SPHERE WOMEN

Where wee fe Of Want and Where wee e call Upon a drea Or where a And turns her From where t To dream wit

God, hear the and rain Or walling w Let it not be To find their sweet, Let it not be Shall look in tears And find be The hurt—the

God, answer t Or clasp a dr That Christin wraith To those wh night Or one to co O, Father of Give them t dream!

Where love is Where life's their p Give them t Which guides Give them fo All absence f And through feast The heart to

Recipe For (By M Mix one c sugar, one t add one cup unswetened of vanilla. F ly, adding th little as poss

The officers who received both the cross of honor and the rank of chevalier of the order of Leopold were Captain Delfosse, Captain Courbois, Lieutenant de Rode, Gervois, Flebus, Parthen and Rolers, while the cross was given to twenty-four non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.

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IN THE SPHERE OF WOMANKIND.

A Christmas Prayer. Where wee feet patter down the hall Of Want and Wretchedness and Woe...

Recipe For Chocolate Pecan Cake. (By Mrs. A. C. Friberg). Mix one cup of flour, one cup of sugar...

WESTMINSTER GUILD MEETS MONDAY AFTERNOON. The Westminster Guild met Monday afternoon in regular session at the First Presbyterian Church.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN LADIES AID MEETS MONDAY. The Ladies Aid Society of the Central Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Berry.

WOMANS ALLIANCE ELECTS OFFICERS MONDAY AFTERNOON. The annual election of officers of the Baptist-Woman's Alliance was held Monday afternoon.

SINGING CONVENTION TO HOLD ALL-DAY SESSION. The Wichita County Singing Convention will hold an all day session Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Pleasant Valley school house.

EPISCOPAL GUILD MEETS IN BUSINESS SESSION. The Guild of the Good Shepherd met Monday afternoon in business session at the rectory.

All members of the U. D. C. are requested to send their contribution to the Christmas box for the old ladies in the Confederate Home at Austin to the home of Mrs. J. W. Lee not later than Friday.

An unusually beautiful display of fancywork will be on exhibition at the Academy of Mary Immaculate from Thursday until Monday, Dec. 21.

In the place of the usual meeting of the Home Economics Club Wednesday afternoon a lecture on home economics by Miss Mary Gearing will be heard.

Be Weatherwise. When you work in the rain wear the FISH BRAND REFLEX SLICKER. Waterproof through and through.

for Santa Rosa, Cal., where she was called by the serious illness of her father, Judge Ware.

An Appropriate Christmas Gift. Nothing would be more appropriate or more appreciated by the boy or girl at school than a nice traveling bag or suit case for their use returning to school from the holidays at home.

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9 More Shopping Days- THEN CHRISTMAS

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Ribbons! Over 1000 yards of all kinds of fancy ribbons for making up your many Christmas gifts, values up to 50c yard for 23c

Ladies' H'dk'ch'fs! Our showing of these is quite complete. All styles are here. One special line of-pretty embroidery styles for Christmas at 6 for 25c

Bath Robes and Blankets! Nothing is nicer for Christmas gifts. See our many pretty styles, also our line of bath robe blankets with cords to match, special at \$3.95

Ladies' Waists! One lot of about 20 waists made of silk and lace values up to \$10.00, your choice of these for \$2.50

Furs! Every set of Furs in our house in both ladies and children's sets 25 Per Cent Discount

Smoking Jackets! Just received express shipment of smoking jackets for Christmas.

DOLLS! DOLLS! DOLLS! See our line of beautiful character Dolls.

Lamb's Wool Insoles! We have just received another shipment of these for men, women and children.

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\$12.50 overcoats are now \$10 00
\$15.00 overcoats are now \$12 00
\$20.00 overcoats are now \$16 00
\$25.00 overcoats are now \$20 00
\$30.00 overcoats are now \$24 00



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ALLIES GAIN IN BELGIUM; SERBS RETAKE BELGRADE

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resources of men may prove unavailing unless existing methods of communication are improved. On two occasions Russian forces approaching the German frontier have been driven back by reason of the remarkable system of German railroads which enables Germany to move her troops expeditiously and it has been suggested that Russia should begin at once the construction of new transverse lines in Poland and the improvement of existing lines.

"While it seems clear German is using her main army in Poland there is still no outward indication of a general advance on the part of the allies to the west. That General Joffre, commander-in-chief, is feeling out the situation, seems apparent, but so long as artillery duels continue to constitute most of the fighting only slow progress has been made as it has been a military maxim that guns alone cannot bring a decision.

IDAHO SOON TO HAVE JEW AS HER GOVERNOR

Special to The Times. Boise, Idaho, Dec. 15.—Moses Alexander, who will become governor of Idaho in January, is said to be the first Jew to be chosen chief executive of an American State. Mr. Alexander was born of Jewish parentage in Germany sixty-one years ago. He removed to Chillicothe, Mo., when a lad of 14 and was soon in business and later in politics.

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space and few tangible and direct benefits.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

THE FOOL QUESTION OF 1914.

"What country have you in mind that we would be likely to have war with?" asked Representative Hensley of Missouri.

"Dahomey," replied Dr. Daniels amid laughter.

Such is an interesting bit of the Associated Press story of the examination of the secretary of the navy by the house naval affairs committee.

Mr. Daniels' answer was a wise reply to a foolish question.

How in the world a man of sense such as we suppose Mr. Hensley is could have asked such an asinine and dangerous question it is hard to see.

The question was undiplomatic, unneutral, it deserves to be ranked, perhaps, when the events of the year are chronicled as the fool question of 1914.

Yet if it differs in questions already put to naval men by this same committee, the difference is but in degree and not in kind.

Thus the questions directed at Rear Admiral Fisher caused answers that are far from being diplomatic, answers that bring in the names of the warring countries of Europe and in a manner that is about as tactful and diplomatic as a country gawk stepping on the foot of the belle of the ball.

In fact, we are inclined to agree with Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, who declares that too much publicity has been given to the military affairs of the nation.—Dallas Times-Herald.

STOP THE FIRES.

I want to try to impress upon the citizens of Wichita Falls the importance of preventing fires for the balance of this year.

As you know, we are constantly bombarded with the cry of high rates of fire insurance, and I want to call attention that under the present mode of rating in this State the people of each community make their rates higher or lower, as they in proportion keep the fire waste down.

When some little improvement in the waterworks system, the streets being paved for a few blocks, etc., is made, so as to warrant a small reduction in the key rate in the city, this fact is heralded to the people.

As you know, the present law provides that the Insurance Commission may give credit to any city, town or village for a good fire record, and the Insurance Commission have ruled that one year's record is not sufficient, but if a good record is maintained for a period of three years, that the locality where this record is maintained is entitled to credit in proportion to the losses sustained; hence, when we gathered the statistics of the three years above enumerated the commission found that our loss was low enough that we were entitled to a reduction of 9 per cent off the published or tariff rate on all policies issued during the year 1913.

I appreciate that some people will say that, because I am a local fire insurance agent, that I have a selfish motive in suggesting that the fire waste be kept low, and that I am working for the interest of the companies, but to the contrary I will show you that I have only the interest of the people in mind.

tem, because if they are kept low the Insurance Commission make them return it to the public in reduced rates in the succeeding years, while the local agent, from a selfish standpoint, would want to see the rates high all the time.

Now, it so happened that during 1913 we had one of the largest fires the city has ever had to contend with, when the several business houses burned on the corner of Eighth and Ohio, and on account of this and other fires during 1913, we were unable to get any reduction on the tariff rates for 1914, but thus far this year I think that we have a favorable loss ratio.

Let the slogan be, "Safety First and Reduce the Fire Waste," and the people will receive the greatest reduction in fire insurance rates that it is possible for them to receive, and at the least cost to them.

Postmaster General Burslem's annual report shows that the postal department of the National government is self-sustaining.

LABOR COUNCIL FAVORS MEASURES NOW PENDING

Urges Texas Senators to Vote for Bills Now Before Congress— to Hold Smoker

The Wichita Falls Trades and Labor Council at its meeting last night instructed its secretary to write to Senators Culberson and Sheppard urging them to support labor bills now before the Senate.

Announcement was made that a postmaster had been selected for the smoker that will be given by the council on the first meeting night in January.

Delegates from several of the locals reported at last night's meeting that their locals had assented their members for the building fund for the labor temple.

J. T. Vance, international organizer for the Painters and Paperhangers' Union was a visitor and made an enthusiastic talk. The meeting was well attended.

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\$28.50 suit or overcoat reduced to \$21 35
\$27.50 suit or overcoat reduced to \$20 65
\$25.00 suit or overcoat reduced to \$18 75
\$22.50 suit or overcoat reduced to \$16 90
\$20.00 suit or overcoat reduced to \$15 00
\$18.50 suit or overcoat reduced to \$13 90
\$15.00 suit or overcoat reduced to \$11 25

Hundreds of New Holiday Gifts too Numerous to Mention.

Market Reports

Chicago Futures.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 15.—Firmness at Liverpool and buying by leading houses here brought an upward turn today in wheat.

New Orleans Cotton. By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton steady. Sales on spot 290. To arrive 2300. Middling 7.

Kansas City Grain.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Wheat No. 2 hard 1.11 1/2 to 1.12 1/2; No. 2 red 1.11 1/2 to 1.12. Corn No. 2 mixed 62 1-2 to 63. Oats No. 2 white 46 1/2 to 47.

ATLANTAN IS KILLED IN DUEL WITH BURGLAR

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Charles B. Reynolds, a lawyer, was shot and instantly killed here today in a revolver battle with a burglar in his home here.

LEAD MINES IN BURNET COUNTY TO BE WORKED

Burnet, Texas, Dec. 15.—The lead deposits in this county, unexploited for many years, are to be worked soon by a company recently organized with \$100,000 capital.

New York Cotton.

New York, Dec. 15.—Cotton opened steady today with prices two to four points higher. Port receipts today were the heaviest so far for the season amounting to over 100,000 bales.

OFFICIALS DEFENDANTS IN OKLAHOMA DAMAGE SUIT

Oklahoma City, Dec. 15.—The damage suit against Gov. Cruce, Adm. Gen. Canton and Major Scott, instituted by the lessees of the Tulsa Fair Grounds, was to come up in district court here today.

REVISION OF SANITARY STATUTE IS PROPOSED

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15.—Complete revision of the sanitary code and sanitary laws of Texas is to be recommended to the next legislature by the state board of health.

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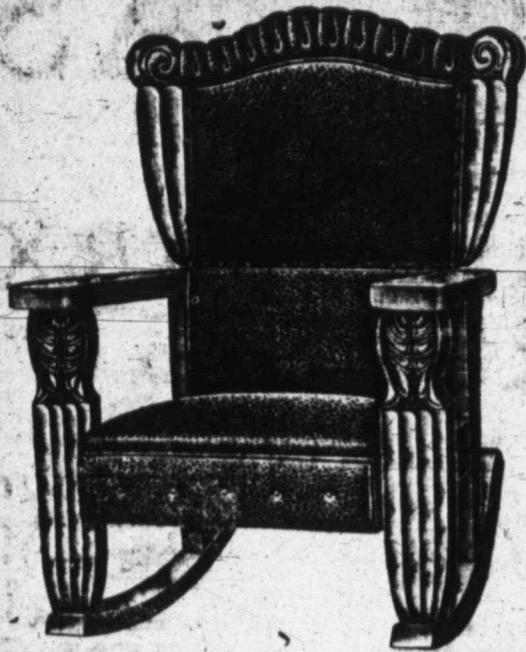
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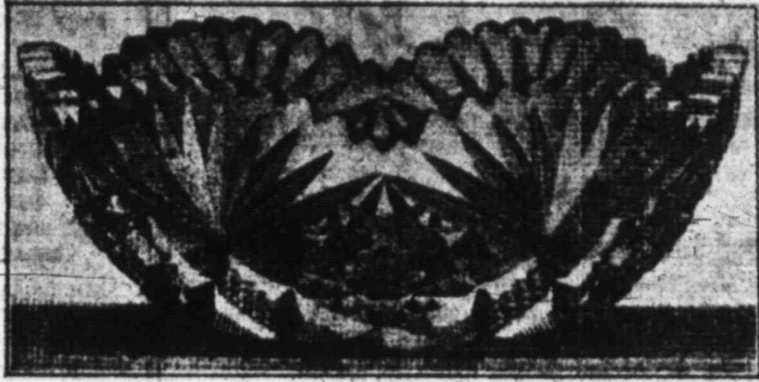
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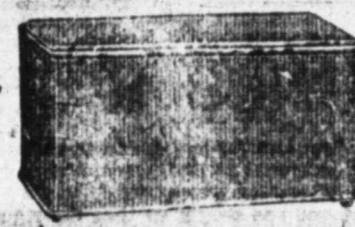
Genuine cut glass, 8 inch bowls, \$7.50 value, special cut price **\$1 95**



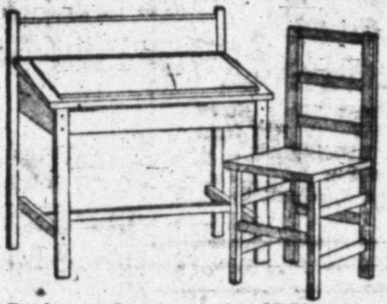
Doll carts, \$2.50 kind cut in price to **95c**



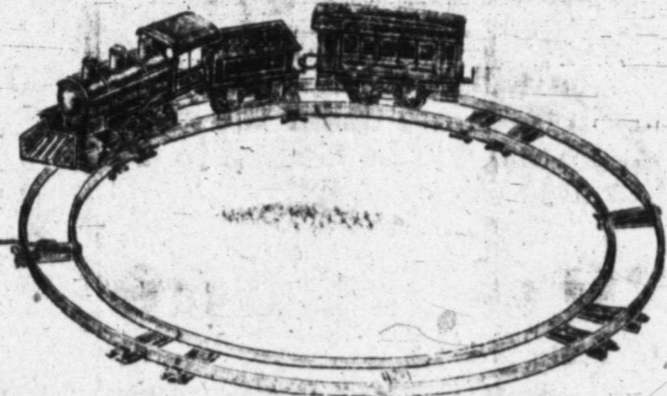
Beautiful hand made reed rockers, finest quality, \$12.50 to \$15.00 values, cut in price to **\$3 95**



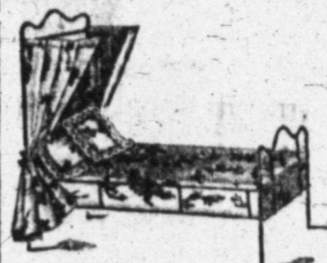
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Rent that spare bed room while the times are hard. A Times Class Ad will find you a reliable person at once. Phone 107 and we will be glad to write the ad for you. 83 tf c

Through a typographical error one too many "8's" crept into the figures in an item relative to the report of Demonstration Agent J. W. Campbell reporting profits in hog raising making the sum of \$3886.65 in one instance where \$386.65 was meant. It is learned that the demonstrator who raised one and five-sixths hales of cotton to the acre was R. M. Hall who lives near Iowa Park on Route 2. Mr. Hall picked eleven bales of cotton from six and a half acres. W. C. Myers, another demonstrator, harvested an average of 42 1/2 bushels of corn from 180 acres. One tract of forty acres averaged 50 bushels to the acre.

Announcement
Don't miss the opportunity to learn the latest ball room dances during Miss Usery's short stay in our city. Those interested are urged to see Miss Usery at once at Westland hotel. 85 1c

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M. A. Bundy, agent for the Fort Worth and Denver, and A. B. Maples, agent for the Katy, left yesterday for Aspermont, where they were summoned as witnesses in a law suit. Mr. Nelson left for Aspermont as a witness this afternoon.

NEW AUTOMOBILE ENGINE TESTED THIS AFTERNOON

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A test of the new automobile fire engine is being given at the corner of Indiana avenue and Ninth street this afternoon. At a demonstration yesterday afternoon the engine pumped and threw water at the rate of 900 gallons per minute. The rated capacity of the engine is 750 gallons per minute.

The new engine which was made by the Seagraves Co., at Columbus, Ohio is a much larger and apparently stronger machine than the one that has been in use for the past four or five years. Its motor is 104 horse power. The machine equipped weights between 13,000 and 14,000 pounds. It is the only machine of its kind in Texas. Charles Johnson of Dallas, southwestern representative for the Seagraves Co., who is here looking after the delivery and testing of the engine says he sold two similar engines at Alexandria, La., yesterday. C. O. Lanthorn is here from the Seagraves factory to see that the engine is in good working order.

LONGER NAVY TRAINING RULE IN EFFECT TODAY

Newport, R. I., Dec. 15.—Beginning today, the period of instruction for apprentice seamen in the United States navy is extended to six months. The new order of the Navy Department cancels the four months' training period, which was deemed by naval experts totally insufficient for the men to become proficient in the several branches of their work. The new order will increase the number of men permanently stationed here from 900 to approximately 1300.

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Plenty of Proof

By O. F. WOODRUFF

EDDY sat upon the top step of the stairs that led to the street and rested his chin in the palm of his hand. Some of the fellows came along and hulked to him, but Teddy didn't answer. He didn't want to play with the fellows just now, for he was battling with a great sorrow.

Tom had said it, so it must be true, for Tom was eight years old and didn't have to go to bed until 8 o'clock. Teddy's hour for retiring was half past 7, and he realized that the extra half hour made a man of the world out of Tom, while it left the unfortunate Teddy still a baby.

Tom had stuck his hands into his pockets—Tom's trousers were lovely and rough, just like his father's—and had swaggered around telling all the fellows that there wasn't any Santa Claus! When questioned further, he had said that there used to be, but that this year there wasn't going to be, and there never would be again.

No Santa Claus! If Teddy hadn't been six years old, he might have cried, but of course one as old as he never cried.

Teddy wondered if he'd better tell his mother. He decided he wouldn't. Why should his mother, whom he loved so dearly, be made to suffer any longer than was necessary?

It was hard, though, during the next two weeks, which seemed like years, not to tell, and when Christmas eve came and his mother gayly brought out his biggest pair of stockings and



hung them up at the end of the mantle he could hardly keep back the tears. How disappointed he and his mother would be when they got up in the morning and found the stockings empty! She leaned over and kissed him tenderly. "Are you tired, dear?" she asked. "You don't seem as happy as usual!"

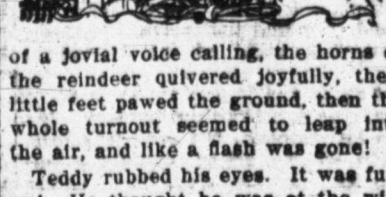
Teddy assured her, as well as he was able for the lump in his throat, that he was perfectly well. His mother, like the wise one that she was, didn't press the question. She merely drew up her low rocking chair and sat beside the bed until she thought Teddy was asleep and then she crept quietly down stairs.

Teddy lay for a long time after she went, watching the firelight flicker on the walls. He couldn't go to sleep and besides what was the use, when there wasn't anything to wake up for? A good many tears rolled out of the corners of his eyes, but he didn't care now.

He must have lain there for about four or ten hours, he thought, and had just shut his eyes to rest them from the light, when he heard a sound, a very little bit of a sound. He sat up quickly in bed and listened eagerly, because it sounded, it really did sound, as if it might be sleighbells. In a minute, he didn't know just how, he was leaning out of the window.

He didn't feel as if he had walked there at all, but more as if he had just skimmed along without any effort on his part, as if he had been some sort of delightful fish bird. He leaned away out of the window, not feeling a bit afraid of falling, and looked down upon the street.

Yes, down there on the street, as plain as day, he could see the reindeer shaking their long horns and prancing until the bells that seemed almost to cover them filled the air with their musical jingle. And then there was a gleam of red. Somebody was climbing into the sleigh! There was the echo



of a jovial voice calling, the horns of the reindeer quivered joyfully, their little feet pawed the ground, then the whole turnout seemed to leap into the air, and like a flash was gone!

Teddy rubbed his eyes. It was funny! He thought he was at the window, but here he was in bed.

He sat up and looked around the room. The fire in the grate had gone out, but the gray light of the morning was beginning to steal through the curtains. Teddy slid out of bed and crept softly to the fireplace.

The stockings were bulging in all directions, as had been their exhilarating wont in other years! He put out his hand and touched one of them gently. It was no dream! The stocking was full to overflowing!

With a little sighing, whispering wheeze of joy and relief Teddy clasped his hands until the knuckles showed as white as the snow outside. Then with a cry of absolute delight he dashed into his mother's room.

She opened a pair of sleepy eyes at the sound of the pattering little feet. Teddy threw himself upon her, laughing and sobbing.

"Oh, mother, mother, mother!" he cried. "He come after all! Santa Claus did come! Santa Claus did come! He did, he did, he did!" Chicago Daily News.

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EYE WITNESS TELLS OF TSING TAU SIEGE

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MANY DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

Japanese Display Marked Bravery and Give Good account of Themselves

By Associated Press. Tsing Tau, Oct. 12. (By Mail).—Almost two months have passed since Japan entered the war against Germany and demanded the evacuation of this fortress in North China. In that time the war ships of Japan and the allies have successfully prevented Tsing Tau harbor from being used as a naval base. Japanese soldiers have been landed and brought with their equipment and artillery to the borders of the leased territory, and at the present time they fill the ravines and gullies back of a range of hills hemming in the German positions, which lie across a peninsula from Kiao Chow Bay to the sea.

Facing the attacking forces across a three mile front is the German garrison, a mere handful of men in comparison with the forces opposed to them, but in a strongly protected position. Behind the German infantry and light artillery are the heavy guns of the fortress commanding the approaches by land and sea.

Many Exciting Episodes. It took the Japanese three days after they had brought up a division to the borders of the leased territory to push the German advance detachment of five companies, eight machine guns and ten field pieces back to the present position just outside the city. The Japanese advance began on September 25. The engagement that followed was full of exciting episodes and picturesque incidents. For instance, on the German right wing high up at the top of Prince Heinrich mountain, in what is called the Eagle's Nest, sixty German volunteers were stationed.

The position was valuable as an observation point. So steep were the rocks that led up to it that soap could be used to grease them and make the access of the Japanese difficult. The Japanese surrounded the mountains in force and climbed the steep slopes. A heavy fight of half a day took place. Many were killed and wounded. One German sergeant and eleven men succeeded in breaking through the Japanese lines. The rest, about twenty men, finally surrendered.

On the German left wing, where the fighting was most severe, two machine guns failed to get the order to retire on the night of the 27th, and on the morning of the 28th found themselves in the rear of the Japanese. Approaching along the coast to Tsing Tau, a Chinese town eight miles from Tsing Tau, was a column of Japanese who were marching along with no idea that there were Germans in the vicinity. The Germans opened fire and raked the column from the flank. The surprised Japanese fell back a few rods and thereby exposed some land mines. At this the Japanese retreated, and the machine guns got back to the German positions along the dry course of the Litsun river.

Japanese Poor Marksmen. The German casualties during the three days fighting were only 107 dead, wounded and missing. The small losses are attributed first of all to the very poor infantry fire of the Japanese and to the orders which the Germans got to retire without sacrifice of many men. The Japanese on the other hand advanced along the three roads through the territory to Tsing Tau in massed columns. They subjected themselves to a heavy fire from the gunboat Jaguar and the Australian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, the ships pouring shrapnel into the column advancing along the bay. The machine guns of the Germans also did great execution. The bullets of the Japanese are much smaller than those of the Germans, and many of the Germans who have been wounded are again back in the lines.

Since the 28th there has been a constant artillery fire, mainly directed by the defenders who have been scouring the hills and the slopes behind, dropping shells even as far as the town of Litsun, ten kilometers distant, in order to render the operation of artillery positions difficult for the Japanese.

On October 2, two companies of the garrison made a sortie to drive the Japanese from a little hill over a mile away from the inner works. The infantry was supported by artillery. The Japanese were present in force, however, and caught one of the companies with a flanking machine gun fire. This company retired, leaving its captain dead and 24 men missing, and the other company had small losses. The sortie was made at night, and the crackling of musketry, the pumping of machine guns, and the bright sheets of flame that sprang from the hills opposite as shrapnel from the Germans' guns exploded, made the scene an exciting one.

In the midst of the engagement the Germans sent up two rockets which lit up the surrounding country. The sortie, even though resulting in losses to the defenders, was of value to the garrison by putting it for a brief time in the position of the aggressor.

Bravery of Japanese. Thus far in the investment of Tsing Tau and the engagement between the hostile forces both sides have observed scrupulously the rules of international law and etiquette that apply to the situation. The Japanese soldiers have made a reputation for fanatical courage and at the same time humanity. There are no dum-dum bullets, but on the contrary there are little courtesies reported by the Red Cross workers. The Japanese commander, in response to a communication from Governor Meyer Waldeck, giving the name of a Japanese officer

Foreign Countries Pay Tribute to Texas

From all over the world, from Europe, North Africa, Egypt, Asia Minor, Portuguese East Africa, German East Africa, Zanzibar, West Africa, South Africa, Arabia, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, South America, Central America, Canada and the West Indies, buyers of oil pay tribute to oil products manufactured in Texas by The Texas Company.

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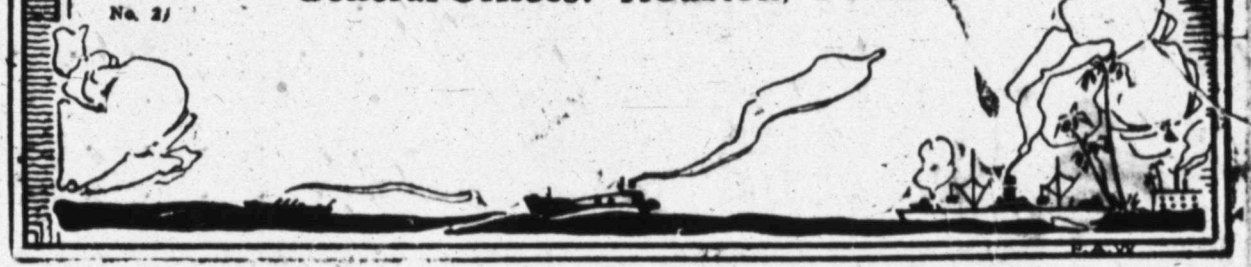
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whom the Germans had killed in a patrol skirmish, replied with the names of all the officers and men who are at present prisoners of the Japanese.

The work of the aeroplanes has been picturesque. The Japanese are using American-built hydroplanes which fly splendidly. There seem to be two sea planes and two land planes. Altogether since their first visit to Tsing Tau on September 5, over twenty reconnoitering flights have been made over the city. In nearly every case the aviators have brought five or six bombs with them. The missiles come down with an ominous swish and boom, but the total ineffectiveness of them so far indicate that the aeroplanes are still of little value except for scouting purposes. Two Chinese coolies have been killed and a soldier wounded.

Work of Aeroplanes.

At first the aeroplanes were received with only infantry and machine gun fire. But now shrapnel fire from guns specially mounted has taken the place of that from rifles and maxims, and is very noticeably becoming more accurate, as practice improved the ability to gauge the height and speed of the aircraft. Yesterday a shrapnel burst directly in front of a seaplane, which drove it as if attempting to dodge the shell and then turned directly back. The shrapnel kept the aeroplanes at a height of 3,000 or 4,000 meters, a height from which detailed observations of infantry and artillery works is almost impossible.

The German monoplane has been of great value to the garrison in finding the forces of the Japanese. The garri-

son also has used to advantage a great yellow observation balloon.

Each day brings its train of incidents to remind one of the closer network which the allies are drawing around the fortress. This morning it has been the firing of the Japanese artillery on the Austrian cruiser, the gunboat and the diminutive torpedo boat S-90, which cruise about in the bay with now and then a great waterpout leaping up beside them.

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East Prussia, Scene Of Much Strife, Is Source Of World's Amber Supply

Washington, Dec. 15.—The National Geographic Society today gave out the following statement concerning the amber bearing district and the lake district of East Prussia, which affords a picture of conditions in one of the most important parts of the eastern theatre of the European war.

"Samiand is an unsung strip of cheerless plain from which the whole known world has purchased for centuries. It is the heart of ancient amberland, and it has remained unknown to the ultimate consumers of its product from early Phoenician times down to the present day. It still supplies the bulk of the world's amber and the pipe stem or cigar holder or jewel that is of this fragrant, translucent substance, was likely gathered in its unmanufactured state on the beaches, in the sand mines or from low water around this peninsula. Samiand is an oblong arm of East Prussia, eighteen miles in

breadth and reaching out forty-three miles toward the Baltic Sea. It lies some 100 miles from the Russian frontier and the soldiers of Russia who recently crossed its flat southernmost stretches first drew attention toward it.

"Konigsberg, the capital of East Prussia and the central amber market, is situated at the southwestern corner of the amber producing territory upon the Pregel River. Much of the amber produced is worked in Konigsberg and quantities are sent to Vienna, where it is manufactured into all sorts of smoking appliances. Amber beads form an especially large item in the Konigsberg trade and are chiefly sold to the Poles, Russians and people of the East. There is a superstition among the folk of Russia and Poland that amber beads worn by an infant make teething easier, and that amber beads worn by the baby's nurse draw all contagious dis-

seases to them and away from their charges, thus guarding the baby's health. So it is that one hardly ever sees a Polish or west Russian nurse without heavy chains of these ornaments.

Superstitions About It.

"To its uncanny or at least mysterious virtues, the value of amber has been largely owing. According to ancient lore, it was the substance of the tears of the sisters of the incompetent sun chariot, Phaeton, who after their brother's death, were changed to poplars. The old Greeks and Romans set an immense value upon it, and in the days when Scythia and the Alps marked the ends of the earth, Greece and Etruria traded with Samiand's amber fishermen.

"Even today amber is sold because of its mystic qualities. The people of the East value it as a stuff of proper potency for amulets and amber charms against death, disease and the devil are made in practical Prussian Samiand for the Eastern markets. The Greek philosopher, first of the physicists, established the mystic powers of amber and incidentally dabbled in electricity, when he found that it would attract things after a little rubbing. From history's dawn to the present day, many people have had faith in amber's curative properties. As a medicine, it has been worn around the neck and taken dissolved in alcohol. It is needless to say that modern medicine takes little note of amber "cures."

"Amber was one of the principal things which served to keep a sturdy curiosity alive in the breasts of the Phoenician, the Greek and the Roman concerning the dreary north. The greatest supply of this product is found on the coasts of the Baltic, where the coniferous trees of amber resin greets the sea, and most of it comes from Samiand and other places along the southern Baltic coast. It occurs in the sands and in shallow waters in the form of lumps or in drops. Very rarely lumps have been gathered weighing as much as twelve pounds or more.

Origin of Substance.

"Insects, leaves and flora of a long decayed world are preserved in many pieces of amber. Pieces containing these insects are very valuable, one perfect leaf having sold for \$250. A museum at Konigsberg has a priceless collection of amber preserved specimens, containing more than 50,000 specimens.

"A tangled land of marsh and brake

of forests of pine and fir and birch of canals and sluggish rivers; sprinkled over all with lakes of every size and figure, lakes similar to the glacier scooped basins in northern Ohio where summer vacationists go; big lakes, little lakes, frog ponds; this is the Masurenland Lake district which makes up the southern part of East Prussia, and which forms one of the most difficult of military districts to be found upon the war map. Masurenland is a great natural barrier of marsh and water against the Russian border and a natural defense of her eastern frontier. It is, however, not the dismal country of damp and depression which so many have pictured it to be.

"On the contrary, Masurenland is of such beauty as to deserve many more tourist visitors than have ever wandered there. In summer it is a region of continuous, unexpected pleasures; an intimate land of little lakes and even country, bathed in an air spicy with evergreen tang; of delightful waterfalls drives, miniature islands in the midst of forest darkened pools, of wild, wood fringed, larger waters and, altogether of endlessly interesting combinations of water, woodland, sequestered villages and reclaimed fields.

Lakes of East Prussia.

"East Prussia's lake region is worth a visit. It has nothing of the impressive grandeur of the Alps, where one never does get upon familiar terms with surrounding nature, but it is a place and, in this characteristic, it stands in sharp contrast to the rest of East Prussia—which receives the stranger upon the easy term set old friendship on his first day out.

"There are many bright pleasure resorts in Masurenland, but the bulk of the visitors come from neighboring Silesia, and the cities of Prussia and Posen. The Berlin vacationist goes to the North Sea baths, where he meets his fellows in the capital and where fresh out of doors may be enjoyed with a proper stir and clamor, reminiscent of the State of Connecticut, with some 4,000 square miles of area and its thousand lakes, draws few visitors from east of Danzig or south of Posen.

"Masurenland is frozen over now, freezing occurring between November 16 and December 16. Ice holds on until sometime in March, and normally attains a thickness of a foot or more."

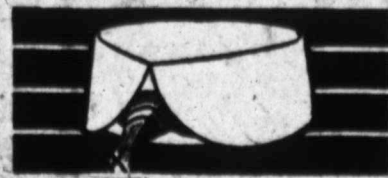


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The Gem.

Robert Conness, Herbert Prior and Mabel Trussell are featured in "Bootie's Baby" a two part picturization of the famous novel of the same name by John Strange Winter.

Thoroughly at a loss to account for the feeling, all of Gilchrist's companions felt a certain restraint whenever he came around. Broody and melancholy, he diffused an air of gloom that was very depressing. Gilchrist's life had become embittered by an unhappy marriage (which was unknown to his intimates) and despite the fact

that his wife and child were in want, he had thrown them both off with contempt.

Grace Gilchrist made one last appeal, and then realizing that she would have to make her way in the world, decided to impress Gilchrist with his responsibility by leaving the baby girl for him to care for. She crept into his quarters and left the sleeping child on his bed, pinning a note on her sleeve, saying that he would have to provide for her until she could secure a position.

The unexpected sight of the child startled Gilchrist but after reading the note he decided to shift the burden to someone else and so he placed the child and the note in Bootie's room and returned downstairs to watch the result. Words hardly expressed Bootie's astonishment when he discovered the child. Adjutant and Mrs. Gray arrived while he was explaining matters to his comrades and as Gilchrist had made an sneering remark about sending the baby to an orphan asylum, Bootie welcomed the chance of seeking Mrs. Gray's advice. Her motherly heart caused her to take a great fancy to the child and it was arranged that she should find a nurse for the baby. In the meantime Grace had secured a position as companion with Countess Gorbolova.

"Bootie's Baby" became the talk of the garrison and Bootie came in for a nice bit of gossip while Gilchrist fanned the flame. Countess Gorbolova was invited to a houseparty given by one of the garrison ladies and as Grace accompanied her she was suddenly confronted with her own child. Her emotion was very evident and Gilchrist smiled sardonically as he watched Bootie assist her into the house.

Bootie became greatly interested in Grace, a fact noticed by Gilchrist and when she made another appeal to him he taunted her with Bootie's attentions.

Matters were in this state and Bootie had even proposed to Grace, when the day of the regimental race arrived. Gilchrist's horse made an awful fall and before anything could be done for him, the young officer expired.

Grace decided, a short while after to send for her baby, and when Bootie brought the child to the hotel, he was greeted with a surprise in finding out Grace's real identity. Bootie renewed his suit and was made happy this time by Grace's blushing assent never to separate Bootie from his baby.

The Lydia Margaret.

"Peg of the Wilds" a two part feature, is the principal movie offering on today's program. The same vaudeville bill which appeared last night will be on the boards again today. A criticism of "Peg of the Wilds" follows:

Mrs. Violet Mercereau enacts the little role and invests the role of the little wild girl with a gracious witchery, a subtle capriciousness that is at once rare and captivating. She is indeed "Peg of the Wilds;" a mass of tangled, golden hair surrounds a face of innocent beauty; underneath the one piece dress there are lines which suggest a rugged, well developed body. Peg climbs trees and jumps streams with the same ease that she runs and laughs. Of society and men she knows nothing; her world has been the woods of her only companion her old, half mad father. Her first encounter with "the man," her awakening to the meaning of love, her right to save her old father from the law and the final reconciliation with her mother are all interesting developments of the play. William Welsh, without making the long whiskered hermit stagey, gives an unusually vigorous, impressive interpretation. The wild retreat of the old man through the woods, in the final scenes, the abject fear expressed in every wrinkle of his wrinkled face and feeble body, the manner in which he bares his breast to the detective's gun and last, but not least, his pathetic death are all indicative of Mr. Welsh's exceptional ability and finish as an artist.

The Majestic.

"The Hopeless Game," two part Lubin, featuring Harry Myers and Rosemary Theby is here today.

Herbert Murry, a broker's clerk who has been dabbling in stocks, receives a letter from Mabel Borden, who is returning from abroad and plans a marriage with the wealthy girl. On shipboard Mabel meets Jack Thorp and they find themselves engaged. On the last night of the voyage Jack gets into an altercation over a game of cards and is denounced by the captain as a steamship gambler. Mabel is heartbroken, but Jack promises he will win an honest name and return to her. In the West he is unfortunate at getting work and takes up card playing again. Luck is with him and one night he breaks the bank and finally wins from the proprietor of the gambling hall. In the East Mabel is courted by Murry, but remains true to Jack. A man is killed in Jack's gambling room and the grief of the widow induces him to sell out and give the money to the widow. He then takes a job as stableman on a ranch. Murry sees the account of the killing in Jack's hall in the paper and shows it to Mabel, and she believing that Jack is still unworthy, consents to marry Murry. Two years pass and Mabel has lost her fortune by her husband's speculations and he has become an embittered, Jack who has become a partner in the ranch returns and hears Mabel's story. Not having money enough to square Murry's debts he goes to a gambling house to win it. There he plays a desperate game and wins. He takes the money to Mabel and she goes out to find her husband. They enter the gambling den and there find Murry a suicide. Jack looks into his face and recognizes the man who had lost to him in the game.

"His Wedded Wife," a Vitagraph featuring Lena Barré and William Humphrey and "Mother O' Dreams," Essanay drama, featuring Gerda Heilmose and Richard Travers and "The Beloved Adventurer," series No. 6, "The Girl From the West" complete the program.



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