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APPRECIATION

We thank our customers for their generous patronage during the year just closed. We appreciate your helping us to have rounded out a most successful year's business. We expect to follow the same policy which has won friends in the past and hope to retain all old customers and secure many new ones. We wish you one and all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

B. L. BOYDSTUN

MARRIED.

Monday evening, December 30th, at 6 o'clock Miss Grace Sheffield, of Bangs, Texas, and Mr. Lem Mahan, of Big Springs, were quietly united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Maggie Sheffield, Bangs, Texas, with only the family and a few intimate friends present. Rev. W. A. Neill, officiating. Among those from other cities were: Mrs. A. T. Campbell and daughter, Miss Ruby, and Miss Lela Collins, of Balingier; Miss May Medley, Rochell; Miss Hattie Bruton, Misses Katherine and Stevie Roysen, Brownwood; Miss Annie T. Austin; C. H. Mahan, of Baird, uncle of the groom. The young couple left on the even-

ing train for Ft. Worth and Gainsville. A large number of the young people were at the station to see them leave, and shower them with rice in the customary manner.

Miss Sheffield has lived in Bangs all her life and has grown to womanhood among friends who love her. She is a beautiful and lovable young woman, held in high esteem by all who know her. She is a sister of Mrs. C. H. Mahan, of this city and is well known here, having attended school here, where she won many admiring friends.

Mr. Mahan resides in Big Springs and holds a responsible position with the T. & P. at which place they will make their home. Mr. Mahan is well known in Baird having resided

here a number of years. The many friends wish this happy young couple much prosperity and happiness in their journey through life. ***

Sheriff Felix Rains and wife, of Callahan county, were in the city Friday afternoon. At the request of Penitentiary Agent, J. V. Cunningham, Mr. Rains went to Pecos to take in charge four convicted men. He will take them to Fort Worth and deliver them to Mr. Cunningham.—Abilene Reporter.

Mrs. H. H. Gregory and children who have been spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy, returned to her home in Fort Worth. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Carrie McCoy.

MISREPRESENTATIONS OF SOUTHERN HISTORY.

The University of Texas has made a special effort to train men able to study and interpret the historical records of the State, of the South, and of the Southwest, and write unprejudiced history. Adequate provision for such training rather than mere protest, is by far the best safeguard against the historical misrepresentations from which the South has so frequently suffered. An understanding of the history of Texas involves the exploitation of the archives of our State and of Mexico, and even those of Spain, England, and France; and the development by that means of the

history of the great Southwest, which includes as one of its important parts the history of our own State. Because of its large resources, the University of California has already done much, more than has been done by this University, in exploiting the Mexican archives. The University of Texas has, however, made a good beginning in this important work and has already published decidedly respectable contributions to the history of Texas and the Southwest. Many of these studies have appeared in the Quarterly of the State Historical Association. The fifteen completed volumes of the Quarterly contain from 300 to 360 pages, wherein is to be found much of the history of Texas. Perhaps the most in-

teresting material contained in the Quarterly consists of the diaries and letters of famous early Texans, who wrote down day by day their thrilling experiences amid grinding hardships.

Mission Society.

The Mission Society will meet at the Methodist Church, Monday afternoon, Jan. 13th at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. Mrs. R. D. Green,

Pres.

Mrs. J. C. Barringer, Sec'y.

Fur Lost.—A black fur some- where on New Year's eve. Return to Mrs. Ferd Driskill. 5-1



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NOT QUITE THE SAME

WANDERER FOUND THAT GIRLS DIDN'T STAY GIRLS.

Lamentable Fact That Time Does Unkind Things to the Sweet High School Graduate Had to Be Admitted.

"I got an invitation the other day," said Abe Peters, "to attend the commencement exercises of the high school in the little old town where I used to live. It sort of brought back old memories. I recollect a commencement exercise that I attended in that town when I was in the going age. I should say about sixteen or seventeen. There were several girls that were doing the graduating act, but there was one in particular that I thought was altogether the nicest thing in the way of girl that ever wore dress goods.

"She read an essay on the subject, 'Beyond are Alps Lies Italy.' She was really in dead earnest about it, too, having practiced on that essay for three weeks before the commencement night, and she had it down fine. Maybe she didn't write all of it. Maybe she didn't really compose much of it, but she had practiced on it till she believed it. She told that crowd how everybody had Alps to climb and how they could scale the snowy heights by effort and perseverance, and how, beyond lay the fruitful valleys of the Italy of success. Oh, she was a peach, all right. I felt at that time that without her life to me wouldn't be worth living. But somehow or other the dreams of my youth didn't come true.

"I wandered off west and she married a country doctor. I didn't see her for more than twenty years. Then I happened to be back at the old town and concluded I would look up the girl who climbed the Alps that night in the long ago. Well, I found her. She would weigh, I should say at a rough guess, in the neighborhood of 175 pounds and had a double chin. Her waist line was, I should say, more than forty inches. She was gray headed and a grandmother, and so short-winded that he couldn't have climbed an Alp that was over ten feet. We sat there and talked and lied to each other. I told her how young she looked and how she hadn't changed a bit and that I would have known her anywhere, and she, like a dear good soul, lied back to me and told me that I looked almost as young as I did that night of the commencement. Both of us knew that we were lying to each other, but it was the only thing to do.

"I met another of the girls who sat on the stage that night and read an essay on some subject or other. I don't remember just what it was. She had grown thin instead of fat. She was wrinkled and had lost a tooth or two, and had developed a hairy mole on her chin, and she seemed me to cackle when she talked. I have always been kind of sorry that I went back and hunted up those girls."—Topeka Capital.

Japan's New Art.

While Japan has been forming her soldiers after the German model, her navy after English and American models, her inventors are following Edison, her bacteriologists are students at the Pasteur institute at Paris, and her painters have modified their art after French and Italian masters. In sculpture she has been ridiculously inefficient, but she is not blind to that fact. The other day the Japanese minister at Paris presented to the illustrious sculptor, Rodin, a young artist who in a carton carried photographs of his own work. These strongly resembled the sculptures of Rodin, who exclaimed that they were so well done that he himself would not be ashamed to sign them. Rodin then learned that many young artists in Japan were influenced by his work. This gave the sculptor so much pleasure that he promised to send a number of his drawings and sculptures to an exposition at Tokyo.

Distinction Without Difference.

Mayor Gaynor of New York said recently that, as long as rich men were permitted to drink in their clubs on Sunday, it was hard to stop the poor from drinking in saloons.

"Too many of us," he said, "incline to see a difference between the rich drinker and the poor drinker.

"One evening at tea o'clock or thereabouts two men were seen to lurch arm-in-arm through the iron lodge gates of a mansion. They zig-zagged up the curved driveway, fell, rolled down the sloping lawn and finally came to a stop in a bed of tall and gorgeous tulips.

"Who's that?" one passerby asked another.

"That's Gobsa Golde and his chauffeur," the other answered.

"What's the matter with them?"

"Mr. Golde has been dining, and that blasted chauffeur has been drinking again."—Detroit Free Press.

Perplexed Parent.

"Did you ever try to be a kind husband and an indulgent parent?" asked the man whose hair is thin in front.

"Why, sir," replied the hearty individual, "that should require no effort."

"No effort! Well I want to tell you that in my case it's a superhuman undertaking. My wife wants to smoke cigarettes, my daughter wants to marry a nobleman whose title has lapsed and my son wants me to buy him an aeroplane."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We extend sincere wishes for your Happiness and Prosperity all through the coming year. We greatly appreciate the liberal patronage you have given us during the year just closed. We hope, with your cooperation in the way of continued patronage, to increase the volume of business and continue to sell you the best goods at the lowest prices possible during the year 1913. We at all times keep a full line of fresh fancy and staple groceries and give you prompt and courteous service.

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I am soliciting subscriptions, both new and renewals, for the following magazines and would appreciate your orders. If I do not see you phone either No. 6 or No. 8, and I will call for your orders:

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- The Saturday Evening Post
- The Country Gentleman
- Pictorial Review
- Woman's Home Companion
- McCall's Magazine
- Holland's Magazine
- Farm and Ranch.
- And several Club offers.

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NOTICE.

All persons are hereby notified that they must keep their stock out of my wood lot. E. H. Nelson, 3-3 Jan. 3, 1913

NOTICE—The public is hereby notified that I have rented my place to D. L. Teague. All others must keep off it. E. H. Nelson, 4.3t Jan. 3, 1913.

NOTICE SINGERS.

The U. S. A. will meet with the Dudley Class on Jan. 11th and 12th 1913. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend. A premium will be given to the best Quartette rendered by any class within the county.

The subject of the "Staff" will be discussed by Prof. S. W. Jones and others. H. C. Norsworthy, Pres.

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TEXAS A DOUBLE TRACK STATE.

Commission Pleads for Better Railroad Service. Some Radical Improvements in Texas Roads are Needed.

Houston, Texas.—The Texas Welfare Commission in its report on Railroads and Railroad Securities makes the following plea for higher standards of service. Those who have suffered inconveniences in travel or have endured delays in movement of freight will readily appreciate the statement of the Commission:

"We are pleased to declare that the time has come in Texas when some of our most important railroads should construct second tracks.

"The passing of Texas out of the list of states characterized as capable of sustaining only single track lines will mark an epoch in her history. That time has come.

"And further the time has come when our public is entitled to and should demand higher standards in railroad service. The day for passenger trains that joggled and bumped along over high and low joint at a leisurely gait of fifteen miles an hour has passed; the day for interminable and unexplained delays while weary people sit in dusty stations hour after hour waiting, wondering and swearing, has passed. The day of lethargic freight handling has passed—Texas dare not content herself with a transportation system characterized by such defects while beyond her boundaries in every direction modern methods of transportation conducted on standards of efficiency, safety and speed such as the untraveled Texan never dreamed of on rates equally favorable to our own are affording to our sister states advantages in life and business that nothing in our situation otherwise will enable us to compete with.

"It is the opinion of your commission that the hour has come when in the name and behalf of Texas and for her prosperity and further progress radical changes for the better must be brought about in our Texas railroad situation. New lines must be constructed; old lines must be improved; additional yards, terminals, sidings and depots must be constructed. Safety signal devices should be installed particularly on side track lines; second track should be built; grades should be revised; wooden bridges should be superseded by steel and masonry; heavier rails should be laid.

No Need to Worry.

A lovely woman who lives on Roxford road, East Cleveland, is the proud mother of two boys. Reginald is six years old, while Ronald is not yet two. Both children are active and inquisitive, so it has become necessary to employ a young girl to watch them.

Mamma is subject to headaches, and mamma has discovered the sort of proprietary pills that will relieve them. One mustn't take more than one per hour. And the other afternoon mamma had a headache, took a pill and went to rest. After a while she got up to repeat the dose—and found the pill box empty. She summoned the maid.

"Frida!" she cried. "Did Reginald swallow all those pills. Answer me!"

"No'm," answered Frida, with a smile. "Don't be scared none. He's a chenevous kid—he gafe half of 'em to der baby!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE MELON CUT THAT HURTS



An investigation made by the Wisconsin Legislature disclosed the fact that it required \$82 to carry \$18 to an end employe.—Texas Welfare Commission.



GREETINGS

I wish to thank my friends and customers for the success of the past year. I more than appreciate the liberal patronage that has been given me and expect to make it to your interest to continue to be one of our satisfied customers, as well as add many new ones. May the Year 1913 be a Prosperous and Happy one for all is our sincere wish.

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If you swore off on New Year's stick to it.

Many politicians are pretending to favor woman suffrage hoping to thus boost themselves into office when women obtain the ballot.

The democrats threaten to put leather goods on the free list. Good! If they do this THE STAR has no objection to hides remaining on the free list; but we will bet a jug of butter milk that the democrats don't put leather goods on the free list. Just wait and see if they do.

Of course, as a contemporary says to the people did not elect Wilson just to give a lot of hungry democrats office, but just the same if he don't distribute all the offices at his disposal at the earliest possible moment he won't have much peace of mind, and probably won't have if he does, so there it goes.

The plant of the defunct Baird Bulletin was sold at public auction a few days ago, and was bought in by W. H. Ross, who holds a mortgage on the plant. This is the second time Mr. Ross had to buy in the same plant which was first used by the Callahan County News. Mr. Ross is anxious to sell the plant to some one who will keep it.

Senator Jeff Davis died suddenly at his home in Little Rock, Ark., January 2d. He was 50 years old, had served as governor of Arkansas and his first term as United States Senator would have expired March 4th, but he was nominated for another term. He was a picturesque character and won considerable notoriety by his radical speeches in and out of congress.

Forty miles of macadam roads built in Baird precinct will mean a whole lot for Callahan county. That would mean that Clyde, Putnam, Cottonwood and Cross Plains would have to follow suit whether they wanted to or not. If we don't build and the others do, Baird will be in the soup for sure. But we ought to build good roads regardless of what other precincts or counties may do, because we need them and need them bad.

Some of the women, in states that that have adopted woman's suffrage, are kicking like bay steers because they are required to serve on juries. Just wait until war breaks out and the dear women have to shoulder a musket and march away to the war, just as an ordinary man soldier has to do, and then you will hear Rome howl. Votes for women has its drawbacks as well as its advantages. Few women really care anything about voting, but women suffrage is coming just the same.

Col. Johnston is not "progressive" enough to suit Bob Henry. We suppose Senator T. P. Gore is Mr. Henry's ideal as a "Progressive Democrat." Senator Gore has never changed one iota of his populist principles since he was fighting the democratic party in Texas and Col. Johnston through his great paper the Houston Post, was defending it and Bob Henry, too. If Gore is an ideal Democrat he beat Bob Henry to the goal by twenty years. Gore has not changed and Col. Johnston has not changed, so Bob must have abandoned the ancient faith.

THE STAR hopes to see at least ten miles of new concrete sidewalks built in Baird (we really out to build fifty miles) and we hope to see that road bond issue carry and not less than forty miles of macadam roads built in Precinct No. 1, and last, but not least we hope to see plans perfected and work started on that big dam on the Mexia we have been talking about so long. These three projects would be worth more to Baird than another railroad and we certainly ought to strive hard to secure all of them. Then too, Market street ought to be paved and a sewer system, at least for the business part of town, put in. If we will all pull together we can and will make 1913 a red letter year in the history of Baird.

W. D. Cleveland, a prominent business man of Houston, died suddenly a few days ago. Mr. Cleveland has been prominent in the business affairs of Houston since the civil war and had a wide circle of friends throughout the state. He was a Confederate soldier, a member of the famous Terry Rangers, that went through some of the hardest fought battles during the civil war. After the war he became a wholesale merchant and cotton broker in Houston, where he remained until his death. It is with sincere regret that we learned of his death; though but slightly acquainted with him personally, having met him only a few times, but he was so well known as a successful merchant and so affable in his intercourse with visitors to Houston that some how we always felt toward him as a personal friend.

Gov. Colquitt made his promise good to appoint Col. R. M. Johnston of the Houston Post, to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Bailey. Senator Bailey resigned on the 3rd and Gov. Colquitt immediately appointed Col. Johnston. The legislature will have to ratify the appointment if Col. Johnston holds until March 4th when Morris Sheppard will take his seat in the senate. It is believed that the legislature will elect Col. Johnston and the only reason for any doubt on this subject, if there is any doubt about it, is the prohibition question. But for prohibition we doubt if there would be a half dozen votes against Col. Johnston in the legislature. Col. Johnston is, and always has been, a loyal democrat and it would be one of the most ungrateful acts of the democratic party in the history of Texas should Col. Johnston be defeated. Through his great paper, The Houston Post, one of the greatest daily papers in the South, Col. Johnston has ever stood loyally by the nominees of the party, state and national, while practically every other daily paper in Texas was either lukewarm in support of the party nominees or openly hostile to them. We have known Col. Johnston personally for near a quarter of a century; we have often differed with him about men and measures, but there is not a truer friend or a more loyal democrat than Col. Johnston in Texas. He was not for Bryan in 1896, in fact few democrats expected his nomination, but when he was nominated Col. Johnston supported him loyally and raised money in Texas for the national democratic campaign every time he ran. So with Wilson, Col. Johnston supported Gov. Harmon, but when Wilson was nominated Col. Johnston supported him just as loyally as if he had been his first choice. That is the kind of a democrat Col. Johnston is; always for his party nominee after the party speaks. It is men like Col. Johnston that makes a party strong and virile. If he were a bitter, narrow minded partisan like some who assail him, and all democrats in Texas that way the party would have gone down in defeat before the onslaught of the populist in 1894. Because Col. Johnston did not favor Wilson in the first place, and because he is an anti-prohibitionist, some who call themselves "progressives" and were fighting the democratic party nominees in years gone by when Col. Johnston was supporting them, would like to see him humiliated by having the legislature refuse to ratify his

appointment. A party that would treat a loyal veteran fighter, one who never asked anything for himself, that way deserves defeat, but the Texas democrats will never do this. No party ever became so strong that it can afford to treat with contempt and contumity the men who unselfishly fight its battles as Col. Johnston has always done for Texas democracy. THE STAR feels confident Col. Johnston will not meet with serious opposition in the legislature. His election would be a just recognition of the unselfish and valuable services he has rendered the democratic party in Texas.

Senator Bailey delivered his farewell address in the senate January 2d and resigned next day. Whatever may be said of Senator Bailey, he is the peer of any man, past or present, who ever held a position in either branch of congress. As an orator and as a debator he has few equals and no superiors in this country. His retirement is a loss to the state and to the nation, and there is not a man in sight at present to take his place. Our readers know we were never a partisan of the Junior Senator from Texas, but we have always acknowledged his great ability. We can do this and then not agree with him on many things. His speech was against the present political fads of direct legislation and the recall. These he construes, and we believe correctly, to be directly opposed to representative form of government. The country has gone hog-wild over a lot of political "isms" that were roundly condemned by both democrats and republicans a few years ago, when these same isms were advocated by the populist, and it is time the people were waking up to the many Tom fool isms that are put forth in the name of democracy. Advocates of these isms call themselves progressive democrats and by Ned some of them have progressed so far that they are about to crowd the socialist off their reservation that that party preempted when the populist party went dead. These "progressives" denounce Senator Bailey and every man who agrees with him in condemnation of these socialistic-populist fads as a Tory and a Reactionary and unworthy of public trust. We are glad Senator Bailey hit these isms a punch before he left the senate. If we had more men in public life with Bailey's courage to combat these popular fads they would soon disappear, at least, men calling themselves democrats would not have the gall to stand up before an intelligent audience in Texas or elsewhere and advocate the old exploded theories of the populist and call themselves democrats. They might do this but the people would not be deceived. If direct legislation and the recall are good democratic doctrine now they were good democratic doctrine when every democratic speaker and every democratic paper in Texas and other states opposed these things when advocated by the populist in 1892, '94 and '96. Such Tommyrot was ridiculed out of of countenance then, and after the poor old populist party died; killed by the ridicule of such democrats as Congressman Bob Henry and others, here he comes and swipes the grave clothes of the dead populist party and parades them as true blue democratic raiment. Bob is so much infatuated with this "progressive" democracy that he thinks it an outrage that Gov. Colquitt should appoint Col. R. M. Johnston Senator to succeed Senator Bailey. Shame on such gall! Col. Johnston has done a thousand times more for democracy than Congressman Henry has ever done or will do if he stay in congress fifty years longer. Col. Johnston is a reactionary according to Congressman Henry, that is, he stands today where he and Bob Henry stood twenty years ago when both fought populism. Everything called progressive was advocated by the populist twenty years before Bob Henry and his bunch in Texas discovered that it was "real democracy." Real rascals and likewise rodents! Bob and his Texas crowd of so-called progressives will have a time answering Bailey's speech, and that is some satisfaction.

LEGISLATURE CONVENES TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th.

Dr. R. G. Powell, representative elect from the 18th district, will leave for Austin, probably tonight, to be present when the Legislature convenes Tuesday, January 14th. Dr. Powell will probably stop over in Dallas until Saturday.

A MAN AND HIS SON.

Every boy is going to have a confident, some one to whom he can tell his secrets and whisper his hopes and ambitions, which he would not breathe to others. This friend, this confident, should be his father. Any man would be horrified at the suggestion that he would ruin his boy by neglect; that his absorption in business would result in the undoing of his own son. But it is the easiest thing in the world to forfeit a boy's confidence. It will only take a little snubbing, a little scolding, a little indifference, a little unkind criticism a little nagging and unreasonableness to shut off forever any intimacy between him and his boy. One of the bitterest things in many a man's life has been the discovery, after he has made his money, that he has lost his hold upon his boy, and he would give a large part of his fortune to recover his loss. It is a most unfortunate thing for a boy to look upon his father as a task-master instead of a companion, to dread meeting him because he always expects criticism or scolding from him. Some fathers constantly nag, find fault, and never think of praising their sons or expressing any appreciation of their work, even when they do it well. Yet their is nothing so encouraging to a boy, especially if he finds it hard to do what is right, as real appreciation of his effort. This is a tonic to youth. Boys thrive on praise. That is why most of them think more of their mothers than their fathers—because their mothers are more considerate, more appreciative, more affectionate, and do not hesitate to praise them when they do well. The confidential relation between a father and his son is one of the most precious things in life. One should never take chances of forfeiting it. It costs something to keep it but it is worth everything to the father and to the boy.—Austin Tribune.

CITY BUILDING NOTES

When home people lose confidence in you, its time to move.
Talking public highway is one—Building good roads is another.
General development is necessary to a city as well as to the private institution.

The progressiveness of a community is measured by the development of the city.

A well lighted city has an attractiveness not soon forgotten by the visitor.

The growth of a city depends on many things—the most important is co-operation.

From bad to worse is not a calamity when you are striving to go from bad to good.

Big buying bank rolls do more for a city than large deposits lying idle in the money vaults.

There is no such thing as standing still in city building—you are either progressing or retrograding as the cast may be.

Loyalty to the home factory is very commendable and in the long run will promote your own prosperity by increasing values in every line.

A newspaper generally reflects the sentiment of a community. A live paper means a live town but a dead paper usually indicates an indifferent citizenship.

A slow growth doesn't necessarily mean no growth for unless you have abundant resources, it is better policy to just linger along in a small way until you are equipped to handle a large proposition. No matter how small your city is though, it should maintain a commercial club, for by so doing you show the world you have awakened and are ready for development.

HINTS TO BUSINESS BUILDERS.

Improved roads mean improved morals.

A good road is a standing invitation to progress.

Bad roads mean isolation. Isolation means demeritation.

The standard of greatness is gauged by actual accomplishments.

Distance lends enchantment when you are traveling over and improved highway.

Big business is merely a combination of big ideas, big standards and big motives.

A man that does not get enjoyment out of his business will soon find that life hold very little pleasure.

Good crops are poor crops when means of transportation are lacking and the cost of marketing and handling consumes the profit.

Boys and girls would not be apt to leave the farm if the roads were in condition to enable them to make the trip to town and return in comfort and safety.

Broad-gauged men like broad-gauged railroads do more to develop a country than any other factor, and sometimes are given the least credit for their achievements.

Dreams and theories, while sometimes not practical, go a long way towards solving the difficult problems confronting the people and pave the way for future accomplishments.

TURKEY CREEK NOTES.

Jan. 6th.—Every one had a nice time Xmas. Both Xmas trees were a success.

Several are sick in this community but not serious.

We are having some real cold weather here now, plenty of snow and ice.

Our singing was well attended Sunday. Odem Ford was present from Burnt Branch. Come again Odem.

The Misses Lively visited at Mr. Arvin's Saturday.

We had several parties last week and they were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. Crow has returned from his hunt in Shackelford county. Said he had good success.

Charley Coats who has been in school at Ft. Worth, visited home folks Xmas.

Sallie Wilkey, of Cottonwood visited in this community Xmas week.

Mr. Chatham has moved to Adm. Mr. Lofton, from the Bayou has taken his place.

Mr. Bibb, of Rowden has moved in this community.

Doc Kelly and family, who have

The are enough uncertainties about life without guessing at the title to real estate—be on the safe side, demand an abstract of title—we offer you a prompt accurate and reliable service.
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Abstractors
Baird, Texas

been here from Trent returned home Monday.
David Anderson spent Xmas at home.
Our school is progressing nicely with Miss Strayhan as teacher. She is one among the best teachers in Texas.
Ola.

T. & P. APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments are announced by Division Supt. A. G. Whittington:
Effective January 1st, 1913. Mr. E. Wilson is appointed Trainmaster Ft. Worth, Sub-Division, including Baird Yard, with headquarters at Baird, Texas; vice Mr. J. A. Hillis transferred.
Mr. W. H. Homan is appointed Trainmaster Baird and Big Spring Sub-Divisions, with headquarters at Big Spring, Texas, vice Mr. E. Wilson transferred.
Mr. J. A. Hillis is appointed Trainmaster Toyah Sub-Division, including El Paso and Toyah Yards, with headquarters at El Paso, Texas vice Mr. W. H. Homan transferred.
Mr. J. H. Turner is appointed Assistant Trainmaster Ft. Worth Sub-Division with headquarters at Ft. Worth, Texas.

Eastern Star.

Callahan Chapter No. 242 Order of the Eastern Star will meet in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 14th. All members urged to be present.
By order of the Worthy Matron.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the postoffice at Baird, Texas, for the week ending Jan. 6, 1913. When calling for same, please say "advertised."
Mr. W. H. Bardick
Mrs. Maymie Price
Mr. Basil Williams
Geo. R. McManis, P. M.
For Sale.—A few work horses, mares and mules. Frank Alvord, 3-4tp. Baird, Tex.

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W. S. Hinds, Cashier. J. W. Turner, Asst. Cashier.
W. A. Hinds Tom Windham

New Year's Greetings

THE YEAR 1912 is gone never to return and with its going comes the beautiful new 1913. The past year's business was all we could expect and I wish to thank my many customers for their liberal patronage. The new year opens with bright prospects for a season of good trade, which we are in a position to take care of. Our greatest New Year's Resolution is to continue giving you "Honest Values" at "Honest Prices."

We find in taking our yearly Inventory that we have made a "Clean Sweep" in many lines of merchandise and have less "Hard Stock" in our house than you will find in any store of this size in West Texas. During the coming year we will make a special effort to keep a complete stock of staple merchandise, in short to manage the most complete Dry Goods Store in Baird. In taking Inventory we have made many remnants which we have placed on the bargain counter with many other articles of merchandise which will be closed out at "Hot Prices" We are quoting extra low prices on all our Men's and Boy's Clothing as long as winter lasts. See this line before buying.

Dry Goods

WILL D. BOYDSTUN
The Store With A Conscience.

Millinery

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Mrs. Elmer Walker entertained the Question Club on Friday afternoon. Several interesting games of Bridge were played, then the hostess assisted by her sister, Mrs. F. L. Driskill, served pimento sandwiches, pickles and tea to Mrs. W. R. Ely, Mrs. H. D. Driskill, Mrs. S. P. Randolph, Mrs. L. M. Hadley, Mrs. W. P. Kershner, Misses Edith Collier, Marguerite Seale, Lora Franklin, Lelan Wheeler, Maud Wilson.

Miss Lora Franklin entertained Thursday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. D. Driskill. "Bunco" was played and after several exciting games refreshments of fruit salad and nabiscos were served to Misses Jean Powell, Ethel Hinds, Afton Wheeler, Anna Mae Wristen, Cora Neil Boydston and Laura Brock. Messrs Tom McClure Olbern Russell, Fred Wristen, Finis Watts, Frank and Harold Austin, Farley Bell.

COOL WEATHER.

A blizzard struck this section Saturday night, Monday was colder with about half to three-fourth inch of snow. Tuesday was colder and Wednesday morning was the coldest of all, with the mercury down to 8 above zero. The weather moderated considerably Wednesday, but yesterday the south wind was cold though the temperature was rising. This was the coldest weather of the winter, not only here but all over the country. The loss of the fruit crop in California is estimated at forty million dollars.

Lee Champion of Cottonwood, came in with a party in his auto, yesterday.

L. C. Thompson, of Cottonwood was in town, yesterday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smalley of Belle Plaine, Dec. 30th, 1912, a boy.

The registration in the Main Department of the University of Texas at Austin is 2025; in Galveston, 230 total, 2255.

CHEAP HOME.

My home place for sale cheap. Can give perfect title.

5-4t. Mrs. M. E. Moon.

Purse Lost—A black velvet purse, containing a pair of gold framed glasses in case, small purse containing some money in silver, receipt from H. Schwartz to Alex Williams. Lost between Henry Lambert's residence and Market street. Finder please leave at H. Schwartz' store.

BELLE PLAINE LOCALS.

Jan. 5th.—The weather was below the freezing point yesterday, had plenty of ice.

When we were in Baird last our little friends wanted us to tell them something more about Mike. Well we will say that Mike's general repute is some better than it was during election times. His keeper built a wire fence 5 feet high and put Mike in and since then he has been very quiet until last Friday when his keeper went into the lot to feed him and failed to shut the gate and while he was getting corn out of the crib Mike saw his chance to have some fun, so out he went and you ought to have seen him run, he sure made the sand fly until he got to Mr. Smalley's where his keeper followed him and brought him back, put him in the lot and fed him and Mike now looks like he is very well satisfied.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smalley Monday night, Dec. 30th, 1912, leaving a fine baby boy.

Miss May Carlisle spent the day with Mrs. J. L. Denham Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Rice visited Mrs. Denham last Friday.

Pomp Cutbirth visited J. L. Denham one day last week. E. Bruton also made Mr. Denham a short call.

The Belle Plaine School commenced last Monday with Mr. Mays as Teacher and so far as we have heard he is giving satisfaction.

Jackie you may look for Uncle Dick about the 18th.

We are getting impatient about Wilson's Cabinet. We want to know what states will be honored. If Nebraska is to be honored we hope he will be a man that has some honor in the Democratic party, a man that accepts instructions from his state and vote as his state instructs. We think both wings of the Democratic party should be represented in the cabinet by conservative men. We do not wish to see radicals on either side.

"Peter."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mann, Baird, Dec. 24, 1912, a boy.

A. M. (Mace) Sprawls from near Scranton, former County Commissioner, spent Tuesday night in town. Mace says he made a fine crop last year, most of his neighbors ditto, and everything is in fine shape.

No Star Christmas Week.

Notwithstanding we announced that we would not issue a STAR, Dec. 27, Christmas week, we have received a number of requests for extra copies of that date. This will explain why no subscriber received a STAR dated Dec. 27.

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

| East Bound. | |
|---|-------------|
| No. 2 arrives | 11:35 p. m. |
| " 4 " | 1:00 p. m. |
| " 6 " | 1:43 a. m. |
| " 8 " | 9:50 a. m. |
| West Bound. | |
| No. 1 arrives | 2:20 a. m. |
| " 3 " | 4:00 p. m. |
| " 5 " | 3:55 a. m. |
| " 7 " | 3:17 p. m. |
| Trains No. 1. and 2. stop at Sweetwater. | |
| Trains No. 7. and 8. stop at Sweetwater. | |
| Trains No. 3. 4. 5. and 6. are through trains to El Paso. | |
| J. H. Rowley, Agent. | |

Jeff Buckels, an old time railroad in Baird, now living in Ft. Worth, is visiting his mother and sister.

Mr. P. H. Heeger, principal owner of the Baird Light and Ice Co., spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Two Avery Sulky's, weather beaten, good as new, worth \$40 will sell at \$25. B. L. Boydston. 5-tf.

Miss Jean Powell left Sunday night for Sherman to resume her studies at Kid-Key College.

Miss Ruby Hill spent several days in town last at the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. Franklin.

Miss Elsie Cheek, who has been spending the holidays at her home in Abilene, has returned to Baird.

At present there are forty-four Texas men and women on the Faculty of the University of Texas.

Henry Preston and Ed Burleson, of Tecumseh, were in town Monday and Tuesday.

Former County Judge C. D. Russell, now living at Plainview, stopped over in Baird Monday on his way to Eastland to attend Court.

Mitchell Tisdale, who is recovering from a long illness, left a few days ago for a visit to his father at Denton.

Mrs. Alice Windham, of Tecumseh, came in Saturday from Fort Worth, where she spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Henry Price.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ray, of Shaw Miss., who came out to spend Christmas with Mrs. Ray's sister, Mrs. Lamar Smith, left Saturday for their home.

Oscar Lambert left the first of this week for Brisco County where he will make his home. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Lambert have been there for sometime.

Miss Ellen Smith, who has been spending the holidays at her home in Denton, returned to Baird Sunday to resume her duties as teacher in the Public School.

Mrs. M. W. Uzzell left yesterday for her home in Canddian. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. Cook, who will spend the remainder of the winter there. Mrs. Cooke is recovering from quite a severe illness and we hope the change will benefit her.

Mrs. C. M. Mills left Wednesday for Ft. Worth to attend the bedside of her little grandchild, Charley Laurie Wright, who is ill with diphtheria.

For very best Colorado Nigger head Coal, Call on B. L. Boydston.

The newly-established School for Business Training in the University of Texas is already crowded with students.

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5-8t. L. L. Blackburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Mahan arrived in Baird the latter part of last week and after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mahan left for Big Springs, where they will make their home.

I have money to lend on land, or to buy Vendor's Lien notes.

5-8t. L. L. Blackburn.

Miss Daisy Powell, who is teaching school in San Antonio, came in to spend the holidays with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Powell. Miss Mary Bringham of Alexander, La., an old schoolmate of Miss Powell was her guest while at home.

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T. E. Powell Cashier

F. L. Driskill, Asst. C.

Will C. Franklin, Asst. C.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell were in town the first of the week.

Jim Jones, of Oklahoma is visiting his mother and other relatives.

Lee Champion and others from Cottonwood, were in town yesterday.

Dan McCollister, from the Bayou, left a few days ago for a visit with his brother at Thurber.

Be Happy!

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NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



The levelness with which a horse walks is one of the best evidences that his legs work in harmony.

To thoroughly clean milk utensils they first should be rinsed with cold water to remove all particles of milk.

Gather up the dead branches and burn them, as they are apt to harbor bark beetles, one of the worst orchard pests.

Move the colony houses and brood coops on fresh ground every day or two, and the chicks will grow faster.

A chicken takes naturally to having feed handed it, but the turkey is almost self-supporting until cold weather.

Turkeys always find a ready sale and are almost clear profit. There is always a demand. The market is never glutted.

The little chicks do best on corn bread made of sour milk, soda and cracked corn. They should be fed on something else.

The eggs from the matured hen will hatch better and produce stronger chicks than the eggs of pullets. They are usually larger, too.

Unlike other poultry, the turkey never has been thoroughly domesticated, but has remained practically a wild bird in its requirements.

The meat of yarded poultry is always more tender than that of fowls having free range, due to the extreme muscular development of the latter.

Never let young chickens perch until their breast bone can endure the strain, as a crooked breast bone decreases a fowl's market value, as well as breeding value.

A yield of 12 tons of silage may easily be obtained from one acre of corn. Allowing 30 pounds of silage as a daily ration, one acre of corn will furnish four cows with silage for 200 days.

New England dairymen find it profitable to feed grain to dairy cows even when they are on June pasture. Cannot we afford some corn fodder for our western cows now that pastures are drying up.

Chickens should have good, sweet feed to make good eggs, the same as a cow should have sweet grains to make good sweet milk. How quick a dairyman moves his cows when he finds garlic in his pasture.

Breeding poultry may serve a good purpose in the pot, but they should not be permitted to propagate their kind. Scrub hens should be mated to pure bred males so that the breeding has an upward rather than a downward tendency.

The cow that sucks herself is in almost every case a good milker. If you have one of this kind, try this before you sell her: Ring her as you would a bull and in this ring hang another, forming two links of a chain. It stops the sucking in most of the cases.

The KITCHEN CABINET

TODAY is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole, we may not understand, but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know; it is a part of action, not whining. It is a part of love, not cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness. This we know, for we have learned from sad experience that any other course of life leads toward weakness and misery.

WHAT TO HAVE FOR LUNCHEON.

As variety is the spice of life, we are always on the lookout for something new, or odd, or unusual in the eating line. There is no excuse for monotony in the summer months, when there are such good things from farm and garden.

Cheese Omelet.—Soak a cup of bread crumbs in two cups of milk; add a pinch of soda, half a teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of cayenne and a teaspoonful of melted butter. Beat two eggs, add to the bread and milk and add a small cup of grated cheese. Bake in a hot oven until light brown.

When one has a few pieces of leftover steak, cut in small pieces and add to a good-sized onion which has been fried in hot fat. Dredge the onion with flour before frying. Add a cup of tomatoes and sufficient water to keep from burning. Season with paprika and cook slowly two hours.

A pretty way of serving eggs on toast is to cut half inch slices of bread with a large biscuit cutter. With a smaller cutter stamp out a circle half way through the slice, then hollow out the place and brown the bread in butter. Drop an egg in the hollow and place in the oven to bake. Season and garnish with parsley.

Golden Rod Eggs.—Prepare toast, cut in squares or circles. Cook a few eggs in the shell until hard; the number will depend upon the number to serve. Make a cup of rich white sauce by cooking together two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour, adding the flour when the butter is bubbling hot. Then add a cup of milk or thin cream, a half teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of paprika. Chop the whites of the eggs, add them to the sauce. Butter the toast and pour over the white sauce. Put the egg yolks through a ricer and sprinkle over the white sauce.

Nellie Maxwell.

Astrology. It would be futile to attempt to determine the time and place of the origin of astrology. It is as ancient as history itself. When we first hear of human society we find along with it the "excellent foppery of the world," as Shakespeare called astrology. Astrology was cultivated by the Chaldeans, Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and all other ancient peoples. So strong was the art, or science, that it refused to go down in the general smash-up at the close of the old Roman rule, but held on and was powerful all through the middle ages. It was only with the advent of modern science and enlightenment as to nature's laws that the old science of the stars and fates declined.

His Art Instincts. Jones had invited a friend to dinner and asked him to carve a chicken that was placed before him. The guests set to work with a good will, but after a deal of muscular exercise was compelled to acknowledge himself beaten. "Where in the name of leather did you get that bird?"

"I don't know," replied the host, "unless it should prove to be the offspring of some hard boiled egg."—Chicago News

Caffeinless Coffee. The American consul at Tamatave, Madagascar, has sent to Washington samples of a natural caffeinless coffee growing in that island. It is locally known as "mantaka" or "cafe sauvage," grows to a height of 12 to 20 feet and resembles the ordinary coffee tree, but has smaller leaves and a yellowish berry.

INDIGNATION MEETING

BY JAMES HARDING.

"Well, wouldn't that make you tired!" called Mrs. Brill as she came out on her back porch and slammed the door sharply behind her.

Her neighbor, Mrs. Graves, looked up in surprise, for Mrs. Brill was of a most unruffled demeanor ordinarily. Sitting back on her heels in the grass, she abandoned her pursuit of dandelions long enough to inquire sympathetically, "What would?"

Mrs. Brill's prettily frilled dust cap fairly stood on end with indignation. "I've been trying to get Raymond's school by telephone for at least half an hour. You know my sister and her little boy are coming up for the day, and, of course, Raymond wants to stay at home. Well, he's in the entertainment next week and I wanted to tell his teacher he'll be absent today and I wanted to find out about his costume. But do you suppose I could get that school? No, indeed! And I tell you, Mrs. Graves, the phone service we have here now is something awful. There is a phone at the school, for I saw it one day. There is no number in the book and all I could get out of those girls was 'We have no record.' I tell you our improvement association ought to get after the phone service instead of putting up any more fancy street lamps."

"Now, Mrs. Brill," expostulated the woman two doors away, who had suspended operations on her clothesline to listen and who stood drooping gracefully over the fence and rattling the clothespins in her apron pocket. "It isn't the fault of the telephones at all; it's the schools, or the school board, or something. Listen to what happened to me the other day."

"I wanted to go down town early and get at the sales before the bargains were all picked over," related the woman two doors away. "I hurried so that I forgot to take the pig feet off the stove that were cooking for my husband's supper. He likes them once in a while and they have to be fixed just so in order to suit him. These were awfully nice ones and I wanted to cook them as long as possible. On the car I remembered that I hadn't removed them, but the gas was turned low, so they couldn't burn very soon. Well, I hurried to the nearest phone to call up Bobbie at his school and tell him to run over at recess time and turn out the gas."

"But do you suppose I got any satisfaction?" Well, I didn't. Oh, I was mad! Here I had planned on those sales for a month, you know, to get some furniture and hangings cheap for the porch. I didn't half look at what they had, just bought some things in a hurry and then rushed home. I was hardly in time either, for those pigs' feet were scorched."

"Then my husband got mad. You know, John is awfully particular about what he eats. And I had to send the furniture back because it wasn't at all what I wanted."

She paused a moment for breath and to enjoy the sympathetic comments of her neighbor. Then, with a coquettish toss of her head, she continued: "Well, I just told John how it all was. You see, my husband knows the superintendent of this district real well. They go down together on the 7:45 train real often. So he'll just fix it up at headquarters. The idea of not being able to phone to one's own child in a city of this size!"

Mrs. Brill nodded emphatically at Mrs. Graves, who had gone back to hunting dandelions. Though ostensibly talking to the woman two doors away, she directed her next remarks straight to Mrs. Graves, whom she considered more or less a party to the misdemeanors of the city school, because Mrs. Graves had once taught in them.

"That's just it," declared Mrs. Brill. "Now, in Splashtown, where my sister teaches, you can phone to anyone in any school at any time about anything. That's how it should be. Suppose somebody should die suddenly, or break an arm or something. You couldn't get word to the child in any way here."

Mrs. Graves answered the accusation as she picked up the mutilated dandelions preparatory to going into the house. "Surely, every kind of message should be given and to every one of the thousands of youngsters in the schools just because some one might die some time. It would take several clerks just for that and the classes would be continually disturbed, but what of that?"

"Well," pouted Mrs. Brill, "what do we pay taxes for?"

"That's right," insisted the neighbor two doors away. "Anyway, my husband's going to see about it."—Chicago Daily News.

Admire American Fashions. American fashions have recently become very popular with the young men of Belgrade, Serbia. There is an unprecedented demand at the local shops for hats, boots and other wearing apparel similar to that in vogue in the United States, and the American style of their cutting has come into favor. These innovations, according to the American consul, are the result of the exhibition of moving pictures of American origin.

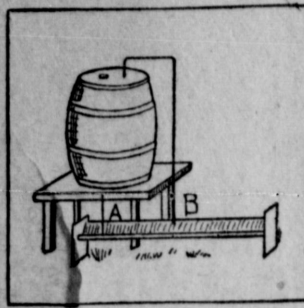
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HANDY IN A POULTRY YARD

Water Device, Shown in the Illustration, Works Automatically—How It Is Made.

The illustration given herewith shows a handy device for watering chickens, writes Richard Lee of Neosha Falls, Kan., in an exchange. Set an airtight keg or barrel on a stand or box with a small pipe A leading



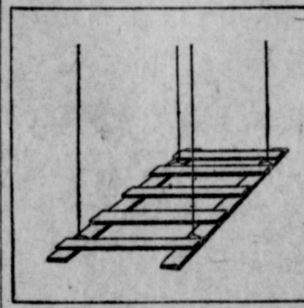
Automatic Chicken Waterer.

from the bottom of the keg to the bottom of the trough, while another pipe B extends from below the upper level of the trough up into the head of the barrel. Fill the keg and cork up tightly, then remove cork from bottom of pipe A and the water will run into the trough until it rises high enough to shut the air off at the lower end of pipe B, when the water will stop running. When the water in the trough is lowered enough to admit air into pipe B the water will again run from A.

RAT-PROOF CHICKEN ROOST

Ample Protection Afforded Against Predatory Animals by Device Suspended from Roof.

The accompanying illustration shows a convenient chicken roost which is proof against rats, minks and weasels. This roost is made of two pieces of plank four feet long, four inches broad and one inch thick; five pieces of plank three feet long, two inches broad and one thick; four pieces of wire about eight feet long.



Chicken Roost.

As shown in the illustration, the three-foot pieces are nailed crosswise to the four-foot pieces and a wire attached to all four corners. It is then suspended from the roof in the chicken house with the front end of the roost about sixteen inches from the floor while the back should be twenty-seven inches.

POULTRY NOTES

The caponizing season is at an end.

Start the trap nests if you are keeping a record of your winter layers.

The battle with vermin is a never-ending one, because the lice never quit.

The early pullets are beginning to lay, but, as a general thing, eggs are very scarce.

The best remedy for sick fowls is the ax, but with proper precaution they won't get sick.

Two or three applications of kerosene to scaly legs makes as sure a remedy as can be found.

There are those who begin with scrubs, intending to keep purebreds later on, but they seldom do.

It is possible for the hens to lay when shedding their feathers, but not when growing the new crop.

Chaff about straw stacks makes good scratching litter and the sooner it is hauled up the better it will be.

If the poultry-house is overcrowded, kill off some of the older birds. Keep stocked up with young thrifty layers.

Those old hens may be valuable as "keep sakes" but the young and vigorous ones will produce the most eggs.

Do give the later summer-hatched chicks a chance to eat their meals without being run over by older birds.

Excited men and women make excited birds, and that has a bad effect on the egg-producing mechanism of the birds.

Sell all the old hens that you do not intend to winter. At this season they command a reasonably good price in market.

Get in your winter supplies and utensils—this includes the incubators and brooders, and what new stock you must purchase.

You may think you know a good deal about how to raise poultry, but the deeper you go into it the more surprises you will find.

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| Bill & Hill | Quart \$1.25 | Gallon \$5.00 |
| Casco | " 1.00 | " 4.00 |
| Restora | " 1.25 | " 4.50 |
| Geronimo | " 1.25 | " 4.50 |
| Walnut Hill | " 1.00 | " 4.00 |
| Guckenheimer | " 1.25 | " 5.00 |
| O. F. C. | " 1.25 | " 5.00 |

CASE GOODS.

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| International | Quart \$1.25 | Gallon \$4.75 |
| Carlisle Rye | " 1.25 | " 4.75 |
| Martin's Best | " 1.50 | " 5.50 |
| Murry Hill Club | " 1.50 | " 5.50 |
| J. C. W. | " 1.00 | " 4.00 |

BARRELL GOODS.

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|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bill & Hill | Quart \$1.00 | Gallon \$3.75 |
| International | " 1.00 | " 3.75 |
| Parker Rye | " 1.25 | " 5.00 |
| Stone River Bourbon | " 1.00 | " 3.50 |
| Pure White Corn | " .75 | " 3.00 |
| Arkansas Apple Brandy | " 1.00 | " 4.00 |
| Maryland Peach Brandy | " 1.25 | " 5.00 |
| Black Berry Brandy | " .75 | " 3.00 |
| Apricot Brandy | " 1.00 | " 3.75 |
| Grappa Brandy | " 1.00 | " 4.00 |

WINES.

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|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Virginia Dare | Quart 1.00 | Gallon \$3.50 |
| Port | " .75 | " 3.00 |
| Sherry | " .75 | " 3.00 |
| Zinfandel | " .75 | " 3.00 |

BEER.

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| Lemp Beer per Keg | \$3.75 |
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MARK OF CAREFUL AND INTELLI-
GENT HOUSEWIFE.

No Delicacies From the Store Can
Take the Place of Those Which
"Mother Makes"—Some Things
to Remember.

Nowhere can the correct measure of
the careful housewife be so readily
and easily taken as in the jelly or pre-
serve closet. Too many families de-
pend upon the grocer for such things,
losing both in expense and in quality.
Pickled and preserved fruits and veg-
etables go a long way in giving vari-
ety to the home table in the winter
when native fruits and vegetables are
no longer to be had, except in this
form. Children, and the men folk as
well, prefer the jams and jellies
"which mother makes" to any which
can be bought at the store, and though
their preparation involves intelligent
thought and hard work, later enjoy-
ment ought to be an ample reward.

Berries and small fruits are about
done in the markets, but fruits and
vegetables suitable for pickling and
preserving are now in their prime.
Modern ingenuity applied to house-
keeping problems has gone far beyond
the old-time preserves and sweet
sauces of a generation or so ago.
First on the list come the jellies, and
for this purpose currants, apples,
grapes, quinces and cranberries are
the favorites. Currants are now out
of the market, and it must be as-
sumed that the housewife took advan-
tage of the market supply when the
fruit was in season. Both white and
red currants make delicious jelly, and
a mixture adds variety in color and
flavor.

All fruit intended for jelly should
be tart and not too ripe, as in the lat-
ter case difficulty may be experienced
in getting the jelly firm enough to
set. The making of jelly requires
much sugar, and if the fruit used is
mild in flavor or ripe the result will
be insipid. Apples lend themselves
very readily to the use of the jelly
makers, whether table fruit or of the
crabapple variety. Fortier apples and
Gravensteins are especially recom-
mended, but a good, firm Baldwin,
not too ripe, and in fact any firm, tart
apple of pleasant flavor can be used.
Crabapples are universal favorites for
jelly making, the color depending
somewhat upon the variety of apple
used, but more on the cooking, espe-
cially the time the jelly is boiled
after the sugar is put in.

Grape jelly is well liked, but for
this wild grapes, picked while still
partially green, are needed, though a
mixture of wild grapes and Concord
makes a very good jelly. Quinces also
make a beautifully colored, spicy
jelly, economical housewives often
using the quince parings when the
fruit has been prepared for preserv-
ing. Other seasonal material is to
be found in barberries, picked before
the frost comes while some of the
fruit is still green, damsons and cran-
berries. The latter is possibly the
simplest and easiest to make, as the
fruit jellies readily and less care is
necessary to keep out the mashed
fruit.—Boston Transcript.

Indianapolis Salad.
Place in a salad bowl six table
spoons cooked cold fresh peas, and
two cold boiled potatoes, two pickled
beet roots and three slices of a bo-
logna sausage cut in small square
pieces, six chopped anchovies in oil
one tablespoon of capers, twelve
sliced, stoned olives and two cold
chopped hard-boiled eggs. Toss well
for a minute, season with five table
spoons French dressing, thoroughly
mix; neatly wipe the bowl around and
serve.

Chocolate Sauce.
Take one cupful of milk, two table
spoons of grated chocolate, three ta-
blespoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoonful
of cornstarch and one teaspoonful of
vanilla. Combine all the dry ingredi-
ents. Moisten with the milk to form
a paste. Heat the remainder of the
milk, stir in the paste and let boil un-
til it thickens. Add flavor, then cool
beating from time to time as it
cools.

Cole-Slaw.
Put a teaspoonful of melted butter
in a stewpan and add to it a teaspoon-
ful of flour. Mix, then put in a half
teaspoonful of vinegar. Beat an egg
and add to it a teaspoonful each of
mustard, sugar, salt and a half tea-
spoonful of pepper. Beat all together
and stir in boiling vinegar; boil
one minute. Pour over chopped cab-
bage, toss and chill before serving.

Royal Dessert.
Cut a stale cake in slices an inch
and a half in thickness, pour over
them a little sweet cream; then fry
lightly in fresh butter in a smooth
frying pan. When done, place over
each slice of cake a layer of pre-
serves or you may make a rich sauce
to serve it with. Delicious.

Removing Ink Stains.
Ink stains may be removed from
linen by putting it for twenty-four
hours in raw linseed oil and rinsing
out in hot turpentine, repeating the
process till clean, or wash in ho-
soda and water and soft soap.

Crisp Lettuce.
Prepare the lettuce for use. Shake
all the water from the leaves and
place in a tin pail with a very tight
cover. Then set in a cool place and
the lettuce will be crisp and fresh the
next day.

DISK HAS IMPORTANT PLACE

When Land Is Broken in Spring Im-
plement Should Be Used Rather
Than Plowed for Crop.

(By PROF. THOMAS SHAW.)
The disk has a more important
place in dry than in other areas. It
may be used betimes in preparing
land for sowing in the absence of the
plow. It has a place on the summer
fallow. It also has a place on stubble
land, sometimes in the autumn and
sometimes in the spring.

When land is broken in the spring
in growing areas, the land should be
disked rather than plowed for the
next crop. The reasons for this are
first, that the sod buried by the first
plowing will more effectually decay
when it is allowed to lie two years
buried than when allowed to lie but
one. Second, that the sods are thus
kept out of the way of the cultivable
processes that follow, particularly of
the harrows until they have reason-
ably well decayed. Third, on blow
land disking does not completely bury
the stubbles, and this is a decided ad-
vantage in holding soils that might
otherwise blow through the action of
the wind. The stubbles thus left in-
corporated with the surface soil tend
so far to prevent blowing. The seed
bed is left firm below and in a very
dry year such a condition is favorable
to the retention of plant growth, and,
therefore, is so far favorable to the
retention of moisture. It would prob-
ably be more accurate to say that be-
cause the process is more favorable to
the retention of moisture, it is also
more favorable to successful plant
growth.

On the summer fallow the disk may
have a place betimes as well as the
harrow. First, it may have a place
when weeds become so rooted that the
harrow cannot dislodge them, and, sec-
ond, in areas where the rains are tor-
rential in the manner in which they
fall in the summer season. Weeds fre-
quently become so deeply rooted that
the harrow will not dislodge them on
summer fallow land. This is espe-
cially true of wild oats, and of nearly
all perennials. It is also true of cer-
tain of the volunteer grains in western
areas. To dislodge these, it is neces-
sary to use the disk, and in many in-
stances the disk will not prove suffi-
ciently effective. It is necessary to use
some kind of an instrument that will
cut off the weeds below the surface of
the ground. The best implement for
this purpose has yet to be invented,
notwithstanding the disk on summer
fallow land will destroy many weeds
that cannot be destroyed with the har-
row.

Again, where the rain is much liable
to be torrential in character, that is,
when it is much liable to come in the
form of downpours, the disk may be
used with much more advantage than
the harrow. The harrow when persist-
ently used makes a mulch so fine that
the rains which come in the form of a
dash do not penetrate it. They run
away over the surface. This may in a
large measure be prevented by disk-
ing the summer fallow land first one
way and then another. The disking
is single rather than double. It
creates an innumerable number of lit-
tle pockets or basins which catch the
rain of the downpour, or much of it,
and holds it until it sinks into the
soil. No more effective way can be
devised of arresting these downpours
when they occur than by the handling
of the land as indicated.

The place for the disking of stub-
bles in dry areas is an important one.
As soon as the crop has been removed
much good may result from the disking
of the land under many conditions.
In the first place it opens up the com-
pacted surface soil, so that the rains
may enter it when they fall later. In
the second place it destroys weed
growth that would otherwise produce
seeds, and in the third place it makes
the plowing of the land subsequently
much easier than it would otherwise
be. It would not be correct to say that
in all instances the disking of the
land after harvest is helpful, but it
is helpful in many instances. It is
not greatly helpful when there is vir-
tually no moisture in the soil after
harvest, and when none fall later,
which sometimes happens. But it is
greatly helpful in destroying weeds
when these are growing numerously
in the soil. It prevents many of them
from seeding and it destroys many of
them outright. The effect which it has
upon the easy plowing of the land sub-
sequently is very marked.

When soils blow, it is usually bet-
ter neither to plow or to disk the
land in the autumn. In the spring it
may be disked. The stubbles that are
mixed with the surface soil will so far
prevent the land from blowing. The
use of the disk, however, has often
times been abused by using it when
preparing the land for sowing, when
the plow should be used instead.

Alfalfa Commandments.
Thou shalt not sow alfalfa seed on
wet or undrained land.
Thou shalt not sow alfalfa seed on
acid or sour land, but shalt apply
calcium in the form of lime or ground
limestone rock.

Thou shalt supply alfalfa land with
an abundance of stable manure.
Thou shalt thoroughly prepare the
alfalfa seed bed.
Thou shalt sow only good alfalfa
seed, free from noxious weeds.
Thou shalt inoculate the soil if
thou wouldst reap the best benefits
from the alfalfa crop.
Thou shalt not sow in the late fall,
if thou wouldst obtain a creditable
stand.

Treatment Counts.
It does not matter so much about
the breed as it does about the method of
treatment your hens receive.

NIAGARA'S MIGHTY STRENGTH

Hard to Estimate Power That Has
Been Wasted Since Hennepin First
Described the Falls.

In the autumn of 1678 a Franciscan
friar, Hennepin, set out alone—the
first solitary figure of the expedition,
a gray priest—from the gray rock of
Quebec, in a birch canoe, carrying
with him the "furniture of a portable
altar." Along the way up the St. Law-
rence he stopped to minister to the
habitants, too few and too poor to
support a priest, saying mass, ex-
horting and baptizing. Early in No-
vember he arrived at the mission at
Fort Frontenac, which he had two
or three years before helped La Salle
to establish in the wilds. Soon La
Salle's lieutenants appeared, with
most of the men, and while some
were dispatched in canoes to Lake
Michigan to gather the buffalo fleeces
against the coming of the ship whose
keel had not yet been laid, the rest
(La Motte, Hennepin and sixteen
men) embarked for the river by
which the upper lakes empty into
Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence.
That is, the Niagara. To this priest,
Hennepin, we owe the first descrip-
tion and picture of Niagara, probably
now more familiar to the world than
any other natural feature of this con-
tinent. He has somewhat magnified
the height of these falls, but they are
impressive enough to acquit him of
falsification and powerful enough to
run virtually all the manufacturing
plants in the United States, if they
could be gathered within reach. As
it is, less than four per cent. of the
water that overflows from the four
upper Great Lakes into the lower
lake once known as Lake Frontenac
and now as Ontario, is diverted for
utilitarian purposes, and yet it sup-
plies the American and the Canadian
almost equally between the two
shores over 300,000 horsepower. What
the conversion of the strength of this
Titan, for ages entirely wasted and
for a century after Hennepin only a
scenic wonder, means or may mean
to industry in the future is intimated
in some statistics furnished by a re-
cent writer on the Great Lakes show-
ing the relative cost per month of a
certain unit of power in a number of
representative American cities.—John
Finley, in Scribner's.

Uses of Uranium.

There is considerable popular inter-
est in uranium in the United States on
account of its connection with radium.
Very little uranium is mined
in this country, except as it is inci-
dentally taken out in mining carnot-
ite for vanadium, according to the
United States geological survey. In
1911 the uranium mined amounted
to about twenty-one and two-tenths
tons. A few hundred pounds of pitch-
blende was mined from the German
mine, at Central City, Colo., but this
material was not sold, as it was said
to have been used in experimental
work. The extraction of radium has
been attempted in the United States
by several persons and firms. Some
of these have given up their efforts,
but others are still at work. Uranium
is employed principally for making
yellow glass, for yellow glazes on
pottery, and in a less degree as a
chemical reagent. Yellow glass made
with uranium oxide is known as
"opalescent." Direct light shining
through it gives a yellow color and
indirect light a greenish yellow.
Some of the firms which have at-
tempted to use uranium in the man-
ufacture of steel have abandoned such
experiments, the claim being made
that it apparently imparts about the
same properties as tungsten, and is
very much more expensive.

Fiddle With a Brain.

The latest invention is a violin that
plays itself. People who have heard
it say that it possesses the delicacy
of touch and sweetness of tone of a
finished player, Pearson's Weekly
states.

Really the mechanical violin con-
sists of three instruments. The bow
is a circular hoop of horsehair which
travels around continually. Standing
on end inside the hoop are three viol-
ins.

Along the neck of the instruments
stretch a row of uncanny fingers that
run up and down the strings just like
real fingers. The violins stand back
about an inch from the moving hoop
of horsehair, against which they are
pushed at the right moment when the
note is struck.

The hardest tunes to play present
no difficulties to this marvelous fiddle.
It is not likely to replace the human
player in the orchestra for some time,
at least, as the cheapest kind costs
\$2,000.

Like most machines, however, it
lacks one thing; it cannot tune itself.
When any of the notes get flat the
strings have to be tightened by mere
man in almost the same way as an
ordinary violin.

Still There.

Robert had just received a whip-
ping from his mother, who afterward
angrily burst in upon his father as he
was quietly reading the evening pa-
per.

"I don't know where that child got
his vile temper from," she exclaimed,
throwing down a book; "not from me,
I'm sure."
Her husband looked sadly and re-
sponded:
"No, my dear; you certainly haven't
lost any of yours."—Harper's Bazar.

Too Swift.

Billy—If you'd have me I'd marry
you in a minute.
Milly—In a minute? Why, the very
idea! It takes at least three months
to get a trousseau ready.

**New Year's Greetings
To All**

We have had an unusually prosper-
ous business during the past year. We
wish to express our appreciation for
your patronage, and express the wish
that we will continue to receive a liber-
al share of same, assuring you at all
times good goods and courteous treat-
ment. Wishing you all a Happy and
Prosperous New Year we are

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One and all for the very liber-
al patronage that you have given
us during 1912 and for making
our Christmas business the best
we ever had. We hope to retain
you as a pleased customer during
the coming year. Your patronage
has been appreciated, and we ex-
pect to make it to your interest to
continue as a patron of this store
We hope you had a Merry Christ-
mas and wish you Happiness and
Prosperity throughout the com-
ing year.

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All parties who have parts of
Ice Books left will please turn
them in at once and get credit for
same as we want to close up the
Ice business for this year.

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TEARS ALWAYS CLOSE

SEEMED STRANGE MINGLING OF HAPPINESS AND PAIN.

How the Tiniest Bridesmaid and the Athletic Usher Came to an Understanding in Just 2 Minutes and 21 Seconds.

He was the very largest and most athletic of the ushers, and she was the tiniest and most feminine of the bridesmaids. He was very tall, very self-assured and very strong. She was very slight, very shy and full of trembles. She had trembled all through the wedding, from the time she pink chiffoned maid of honor took the first step, at the organ's signal, and now she was trying bravely to keep back the tears.

She was not sorry Adele was married—it seemed a good match; she was not sorry she was to walk with the biggest usher, for she—well, she always thought him very grand, and now that he was out of college, and a real doctor—

And yet she wanted to cry! That is like a woman, especially the kind who are very slight, very shy, and full of trembles.

The biggest usher had not trembled during the ceremony. He had occupied himself chiefly in wondering why in thunder people have church weddings in July, and calculating as to whether or not his collar would last until he got back to his room.

But when the ceremony was over and all the other bridesmaids had paired off and began pacing down the aisle, the tables were suddenly turned. As his arm felt the touch of the smallest bridesmaid's hand he suddenly realized that he was trembling.

As soon as the smallest bridesmaid felt this trembling her own stopped and she no longer felt like crying. She realized this dimly and wondered if it were not on the principle of homeopathy—"like cures like." But no—he was the other kind of a doctor. At least she had stopped trembling and she wondered vaguely and happily why it was.

It is so sometimes with women who are very slight, very shy and full of trembles.

The master of ceremonies, who had been timing everything with his watch in hand, afterward stated that the procession from altar to door took just 2 minutes and 21 seconds. But the biggest usher and the smallest bridesmaid would have sworn it took an hour—so much happened during that period!

And yet, what took place during that 2 minutes and 21 seconds was so very insignificant when one tries to set it down. It consisted of a few breaths, some in the form of sighs and others subvocalized; a slight movement of a black coat sleeve against a sleeve of white mousseline de soie; an almost imperceptible movement of the muscles of two pairs of eyes; a few nerve quiverings—and that was all.

At the close of the 2 minutes and 21 seconds of Mendelssohn marching, when the tallest usher was helping the smallest bridesmaid into the carriage, he whispered one word to her—and then, strangely, she wanted to cry again. She wondered vaguely and happily why it was.

It is so, sometimes, with women who are very slight, very shy and full of trembles.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Library of Artemus Ward.

As we sat on the old-fashioned porch at Waterford, Me., and talked with "Uncle Daniel" Browne, a cousin of "Artemus Ward," he revealed many quaint glimpses of his own career as village justice of the peace. His daughter owns the library of "Artemus Ward." In his will it was awarded to the brightest girl in the old Waterford schoolhouse, which he attended, and the prize was won by an eye cousin. Thereon hangs the love romance of his life. The blue-eyed girl died a few years after the remains of Charles F. Browne had been brought to the old Elm Vale cemetery in Waterford, and thus ended the earthly love of the cousins. Today in the quiet cemetery the gravestones stand in stern military array and carry dates reaching back for more than a century. Under the granite shaft, beside his brother and mother, sleeps "Artemus Ward" under a simple slab on which the inscription reads: "Charles F. Brown, known to the world as Artemus Ward."—"Along the Androscoquin," Maine Edition, National Magazine.

No Nose for News.

The new reporter turned in his story about the church bazar, his first assignment. It was the usual story, with the usual names of committee women.

He lingered around the city editor's desk as the hour for the paper to go to press drew near.

"Funny thing happened at that bazar tonight," he said casually, as conversation lagged.

"What was that?" asked the city editor.

"Oh, nothing much—one of the booths caught fire and they put it out with lemonade."

He never knew why he was fired.—Judge.

Soaking Sapsleigh Again.

Sapsleigh—I shall never have the courage to propose to a girl, never. Miss Pert—Well, you will be saved one disappointment in life, anyway, Mr. Sapsleigh.—Boston Evening Transcript.

IMPORTANT DRY FARM CROP

Plant Has Been Found Capable of Withstanding Long Dry Spells and Withering Winds.

(By DR. C. K. FRANCIS, Chemist, Oklahoma Experiment Station.)

Kafir corn, a species of sorghum named after the Kafirs of South Africa was introduced into this country by the United States department of agriculture about 1885, and within a few years became an important crop. A native of semi-tropical Africa, the plant has been found capable of withstanding long dry spells and hot winds to a remarkable degree. The amount planted increases every year, and in cattle in the United States it is solving the feed problem, especially where cured as ensilage. When properly ground it produces a meal which is equal to cornmeal, and it is also used in the preparation of breakfast foods.

Kafir corn furnishes a suitable raw material for the manufacture of denatured or industrial alcohol. At 50 cents a bushel for the grain it would cost about 20 cents to make one gallon of the alcohol. It will pop, and in this form serves as a good material for candy popcorn bars.

If very dry conditions exist at the time when ordinary corn is in tassel the pollen and silk shrivel, with the result that the seed is not fertilized, and no grain is produced, no matter how favorable the conditions may be later. This is not true of Kafir corn, for the plant has great vitality and possesses characteristics which are especially favorable for the production of seed. It may remain stationary with curled leaves for days and even weeks, but after a favorable rain recovers rapidly and produces a good crop of grain and fodder. The reasons for this are that the plant is not as tall as corn; its nodes are shorter and the leaves closer together, so that there is not as much surface exposed for evaporation, and in this way the moisture is conserved. The kernels or seeds are borne at the top of the plant in an elongated head, bringing the flowers close together, thus making conditions favorable for fertilization.

Kafir corn is one of the most important crops grown in the southwestern states. Even in poor years yields of from 15 to 30 bushels to the acre are common. Last season when the corn crop was a total failure in the dry districts, Kafir corn yielded on the Oklahoma state experiment station farm as much as 76 bushels per acre, and the entire crop averaged 52 bushels. For the season 1911-12 the grain easily sold for an average of over 50 cents per bushel, which makes it a valuable crop, even at a yield of only 20 bushels to the acre.

For a time Kafir corn was not planted in some sections because it was said to be injurious to the soil. No support has ever been given to this idea by agricultural authorities. A crop of Kafir corn, say 70 bushels per acre, will remove 6.5 pounds of potash, 10.4 of phosphoric acid, and 30.2 pounds of nitrogen. Such a small crop of corn as 35 bushels to the acre will remove 7.3 pounds of potash, 12.88 pounds of phosphoric acid and 25.2 pounds of nitrogen. It appears, then, that Kafir corn removes more of the essential plant foods, with the exception of nitrogen, which may easily be replenished by a proper rotation of crops or by planting cowpeas between the rows during the summer.

KEEPING DAIRY COWS CLEAN

Main Thing Is to Keep Animal's Digestion Well—Feed for Purpose Cow Is Worked.

(By R. L. OWENS, Missouri.)

Some cows are naturally clean; some dirty. The main thing is to keep the animal's digestion well. Some feeds are easily digested. Get feed suitable to her and the purpose for which she is worked. Find feed that is adapted to her. The work of a dairy cow is to convert that food into milk, not to lay it upon her back. Have a share for every cow; a ration for every cow. She has got to be kept well. A dairymen should be a careful student, and watch the cow. Watch the cattle. Never feed them more than they eat up clean. Kale and vetch are splendid things to keep a cow in good condition. In this country you don't have the cold weather like prevails in the eastern states, and the cows don't require so much. We haven't to contend against cold weather. Corn is heating. You don't need corn. Feed more vetch and kale and alfalfa. It doesn't require a heavy feed to warm the system.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Good pasture is an essential to success in hog raising.

Sheep are unharmed by intense dry cold, but cold rains are injurious.

To be a good shepherd one should understand well how to care for lambs.

Lambs, wool, mutton and manure are the four cardinal points of sheep raising.

The squarest built and the best shaped hogs are the ones to keep as breeders.

The greatest profit in feeding sheep for mutton is gained while the animals are young.

The manure carrier lightens the labor and tends to more sanitary conditions in the stable.

The best feeding sow is always a good milk and a poor milk is always a poor sow.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM



Turkeys relish green feed.

Dig holes for trees in the fall.

Vetches make good sheep fodder.

The scrub purebred is the greatest failure.

Cattle scarcity is still with us and will remain for the next two years.

Your horse may intend to please you, but does not understand your wishes.

Corn and alfalfa make a combination that cannot be equaled on the dairy farm.

Whenever hogs are confined to one feeding place a feeding floor should be provided.

A lump of sugar or a bite of apple will do more in the training of a colt than a whip.

Farming on a business basis eliminates small mules just as it displaces small horses.

A lamb that is large and strong will stand weaning better, and also winter better.

Many practical hog raisers are now using artificial wallows, built of either cement or lumber.

For aphids on sweet peas, use insect powder or tobacco dust, applying with a small bellows.

Five or six pounds of corn are usually required to produce a pound of pork in dry-rot feeding.

If pigs are well fed they will usually wean themselves at the proper time, without any trouble.

The key to the bee business is bee forage and the best bee forage known at present is sweet clover.

If a man cannot feed hogs as well as they should be fed, he ought to sell them to a man that will.

Sheep are a persistent agency of improvement to the soil of the farms on which they are kept.

As a rule, it will not pay to hold the pig crop for prices to rise, unless they are being held. While a few feeders win out in playing the market game, many more lose.

Mushrooms, on account of the amount of nitrogen they contain, approach nearer to animal food than any other vegetable product. An analysis made by Prof. Attwood shows that mushrooms contain 3.5 per cent. proteins.

Anything that will destroy weeds is worthy of the farmer's attention; anything that will maintain the fertility of the land demands his attention. Sheep will do both, and are therefore entitled to the attention of every farmer.

The dishonest poultryman may palm a dozen bad eggs off on the lady of the house, but the cook will expose the dishonest practice. Better keep on the right side of the cook by marketing none but strictly fresh eggs, besides incidentally adding some to your reputation.

It has been demonstrated to be an almost universal fact that topping cotton does not do the work it is intended—to check the growth of the leafy upper portion of the plant. Instead, in most cases, it has a tendency to cause the renewal of this growth and in the very place where it will do the most harm by shading the bolls in the middle of the stalk.

Spinach Soup.

Cook three quarts of spinach in eight cupsful of water forty minutes. Press through a sieve. Blend three tablespoonfuls of butter with three tablespoonfuls of flour, add three cupsful milk, stir till boiling; cook five minutes, add salt, pepper, celery salt, red pepper, one chopped onion and a mixture; cook eight minutes. Garnish with whipped cream.

World's Largest Index.

On Beacon Hill in Boston, under the golden dome of the state house, is one of the largest indexes in the world. In fact, the Russian public index is the only one known to be larger. More than nine million names, giving births, marriages and deaths in Massachusetts from 1843, make a complete record, showing not only where people were born and where they died, but also statistics which are vital in making up calculations. Before this time the records were kept in the different towns, but now they are all concentrated in the state house in Boston. In a relatively small space all these records are preserved, and as births, marriages and deaths come in, different forms of cards are used, and a great variety of names, Grecian, Assyrian, Italian, and others now mingle with good old New England names that have been on the records since the landing of the Mayflower.

The Camel's Peculiarity.

The camel alone among animals does not perspire with its entire skin. It perspires only in the back of the neck, and so when traveling in extreme heat does not require a continual supply of water in order to replace the moisture evaporated through the pores.

A curious consequence of this singularity is the fluctuation, within four degrees, of the blood temperature of a healthy camel. That is a rise of temperature of four degrees, which in a human being and in other mammals would be a sign of fever, is a normal function with the camel.

Honesty in London.

Montenegro has a law ordaining that any found valuable shall be placed where the loser can find it. The fact suggests an anecdote told of Garibaldi's grandfather in Dickens' life of the famous clown. On one of his visits to Legdenhall market with nearly \$2,000 in gold and silver upon him, "he found that his shoe had become unbuckled, and taking from his pocket the bag, he placed it upon a neighboring post, and then proceeded to adjust his buckle." Having afterward to pay for a purchase, he missed his bag of gold, and hurried back to the post where he had buckled his shoe. Although more than three-quarters of an hour had elapsed there it remained safe and untouched on the top of a post in the open street! That was in eighteenth century London.

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