

INDICTMENTS AGAINST ELEVEN MORE LOCAL OPERATORS MISSISSIPPI-LOUISIANA STORM TOLL IS ESTIMATED AT 34 NEW YORK CRIME WAVE MOST SERIOUS IN HISTORY OF CITY

THREE MEN KILLED THREE ARE WOUNDED HOLDUPS NUMEROUS

CHRISTMAS EVE IN NEW YORK FEATURED BY CRIME WAVE.

NINE MAJOR ROBBERIES AND MANY SMALL ONES

Aged Man Is Murdered When He Resists Bandits, Wife Is Wounded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—On Christmas eve, New York is combating one of the worst crime waves in its history.

Carl Moller, 44, and his wife were sitting in their home in the Bronx today when a bandit entered and tried to hold them up.

Gilber O. Wright, treasurer of the Lighter Captains union in Brooklyn was speaking his accounts in his office when a bandit entered and robbed the safe.

Leon Scott, Bronx saloon keeper, was killed when he resisted bandits who raided his bar room.

Henry Edson drove two robbers away from his father's jewelry shop with a fusillade of shots.

DENY MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL FOR SACCO-VAN ZETTI

DEHAM, MASS., Dec. 24.—Motion for a new trial for Nicola Sacco and Bartholomeo Van Zetti, convicted murderers and communists, was denied by Judge Webster Thayer in a decision announced late today in superior court here.

SUPPOSED MURDERER SIGHT BY MICHIGAN POLICE

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 24.—Police in Chicago and a number of Michigan cities were requested today by Seattle authorities to take up the search for Mrs. Clara Skarin Winborn, ward of Ferdinand Hochmuth, wealthy industrialist, whose body was found in a room in his home here December 21 with a bullet through the head.

GOVERNOR PARDONS EIGHTEEN CONVICTS MAKING TOTAL 88

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Eighteen Christmas pardons were granted by Governor Neff today to convicts in the state penitentiary. These added to those heretofore granted by Governor Neff make an aggregate of 88 granted since he became governor.

ITALIAN DELEGATION IS NOT FAVORABLE TO PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Italian arms conference delegation spokesman press the belief that Italy contemplates to accept the American proposal for limitation of submarine tonnage as outlined at today's session of the full naval committee of the conference.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR COMING WEEK

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GREAT BRITAIN HAS ACCEPTED PROGRAM AS TO SUBMARINES

AGREEMENT COMES OFFICIALLY AND WITHOUT QUALIFICATION

FRENCH DELEGATES ASK TO CONFER WITH BRIAND

Japan Files Objection And Italy Agrees to Spirit of the Program.

By CARL D. GROAT United Press Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—America's Christmas proposal for drastic reduction and limitation of the submarine tonnage of the world naval powers was accepted late today by Great Britain, officially and without qualification.

The American proposal cuts the submarine tonnage of Great Britain and the United States to 60,000 tons and leaves that of other nations at the present status.

France in the arms conference meeting today stated it would prefer the new plans to Premier Briand at Paris.

Italy was agreeable to the spirit of the new American program but stated she desired to be on a parity with France.

Secretary Hughes then announced that a resolution against illegal practices in submarine warfare would be formally placed before the conference at the proper time.

This attitude of the various powers was made known officially tonight following America's presentation of the Christmas spirit message that she was willing to lead the way in furthering a complete agreement.

The American proposal calls for 60,000 tons each for America and Great Britain, whose fleets now stand at about 86,000 and 42,000 respectively.

For the other nations the submarine tonnage would be as follows: Japan 21,464 tons; France 12,532 tons; Italy 21,000.

The American proposal of the disarmament committee Great Britain formally put before on record as opposition to submarines. Secretary Hughes immediately informed the meeting that America would be very glad to take up the question of abolition of submarines.

The French and Japanese positions offered new difficulties in the way of a settlement, but Secretary Hughes tonight real progress had been made and did not manifest any pessimism as to a final settlement.

The Italians suggested that 21,000 tons might be satisfactory figure for both France and Italy. The French agreed that Italy should have a parity with France, but the delegation in London refused to accept the Hughes figure, even though it gives France a better ratio than under the original Hughes program.

The figures presented for future submarine tonnage, given tonight, differed slightly from those in the day report as there had been some error in calculation.

The French had suggested 30,000 as the minimum tonnage for any practical use for any nation.

Members of the French delegation declined to comment on the proposal and although they received yesterday full instructions from Paris on the subject of submarines, they called immediately to Premier Briand the full text of the American proposal.

11 MORE OIL MEN ARE CHARGED WITH MISUSE OF MAILS

FOUR INDICTMENTS, AFFECTING 5 CONCERN, MADE PUBLIC.

ALLEGES FRAUDULENT PROMISES TO INVESTORS

One of Defendants Alleged To Have Made Special Stock Offers to Ministers.

By CARL D. GROAT United Press Staff Correspondent.

Stonewall Brown, doing business as Stonewall Brown Oil Interests, Texas and Louisiana, Lewis L. Johns and William F. Dreher, doing business as Drillers & Producers Oil Co., and J. T. Harris, George F. Barton and F. B. Dunn, doing business as the Congressional Oil Co., and Fortner Gales, E. C. Johnston, Anthony Giordano, F. E. Routledge, F. M. McCarthy and James T. Childs, doing business as the Society of American Inventors.

Four indictments, returned by the recent federal grand jury in which, using the United States mails to defraud is charged in connection with the promotion of certain oil stock companies were announced by federal officers Saturday.

Charging that he directed his literature mainly in the direction of preachers, educators and chautauqua workers and that he made false and fraudulent claims, a bill was returned against Stonewall Brown, who was one of the best known oil promoters in Wichita during the boom days. It is alleged in the indictment that he did business under the name of the Stonewall Oil Interests of Texas and Louisiana.

Letters to Ministers. The indictment contains several paragraphs which are set forth in a letter written to Rev. Walter Jennings, care of T. C. U. Fort Worth, Texas, and Rev. F. N. Calvin of Waco, Texas, and the Honorable W. B. Wilson, care of the U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C., in which the defendant is charged with having misled the ministers.

It is charged that he represented that he would make a lot of good money and other things too lengthy and voluminous to set forth. He is charged with the representation that he would make a lot of good money and other things too lengthy and voluminous to set forth.

The bill charges that the defendant was not interested in preachers, educators and chautauqua workers and that he did not drill in a 2,000 barrel well; that in fact he was not carrying investors but would induce them to invest in the United States mail.

In a letter to Rev. Mr. Jennings, purported to have been written by (Continued on Page 16, Column 1.)

GRAIN DEALERS FINED \$500 AND COST EACH ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—T. W. and Wilbur Keelin, and W. C. Keelin and company, grain dealers, were fined \$500 and costs each on conspiracy charge today.

The action was taken after the surrendered \$25,000 in cash and assets valued at \$19,000 as partial redemption of a \$25,000 note.

Because of the advanced age of the defendant, Harry Fisher, was placed on probation, providing they confessed obtaining by fraud.

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Christmas Spirit GREAT is the change that has come over the world since last Christmas. War hatreds are evaporating. Nations are disarming.

COLOMBIA RATIFIES TREATY MADE WITH THE UNITED STATES

PROVIDES FOR THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.

WAS RATIFIED BY U. S. SENATE ON APRIL 20

Outgrowth of Difficulties Over Acquisition of Panama Canal Route.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The treaty between Colombia and the United States has been ratified by the Colombian congress, according to a cablegram received today by the American International corporation.

The treaty, which provides for the payment of \$25,000,000 to Colombia by the United States, was ratified by the United States senate on April 20 of this year, and by the Colombian senate on October 12.

The Colombian treaty is an outgrowth of difficulties between the United States and Colombia in connection with the acquisition by the United States of the Panama canal route and of recognition of the Panamanian republic by the United States government during the Roosevelt administration.

ARMORE KILLED SECOND CHRISTMAS MURDER SENSATION

ONE YEAR AGO CLARA SMITH HAMON RETURNED TO FACE CHARGE.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL RESUME HEARING TUESDAY

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Ratification of the treaty between the United States and Colombia in connection with the Panama canal route, which was suspended for several months by the exchange of ratifications which were the result of the Panama revolution, was resumed today at Bogotá.

The controversy over this treaty had on for seven years, having been suspended by President Wilson in June, 1914, and was ratified in April, 1920 at the recommendation of the United States senate.

The principal change in the treaty as negotiated and ratified by the Panama congress and the American senate, was elimination of the paragraph whereby the United States would have expressed its regret for the loss of Panama.

The state department today was without advice as to completion of ratification by Colombia.

BANKER AND FARMER OF LOCKHART KILLED HIS WIFE SUICIDES

LON GBREACH, CAL., Dec. 24.—Jewell Thomas Connolly, 52 years old, said to have been a prominent banker and farmer of Lockhart, Texas, was shot and killed here today by his wife, who then turned the weapon on herself, dying almost instantly of self-inflicted wounds, according to reports to the police.

Connolly, it was said, arrived last night to spend Christmas with his family. According to his daughter, Lanier, he was taking a nap when Mrs. Connolly seized a revolver and shot him through the temple.

MRS. CONNOLLY, who was said to have undergone an operation some time ago was believed to have been mentally deranged, the police said.

KINGS COUNTY, N. Y. DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELECT IS SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Everett Caldwell, district attorney-elect of Kings county, killed himself tonight in his home.

MANY GATHER FOR WELCOME PLANNED FOR EUGENE DEBS

VANGUARD OF ADHERENTS ARRIVE AT THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

HUNDREDS OF TELEGRAMS RECEIVED AT TERRE HAUTE

Thousands of Miners Prepare To Join in Homecoming Celebration.

By CARL VICTOR LITTLE (United Press Staff Correspondent) TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, Dec. 24.—The night before Christmas was batty day for American socialists.

The vanguard of adherents of Eugene V. Debs arrived at the old homestead on the eve of his release from Atlanta prison.

Mrs. Debs, who left behind her a wife and three children, was greeted by the Debs homestead on the eve of his release from Atlanta prison.

Mrs. Debs, who pulled herself from sick bed to be on occasion and whose appearance was that of a rare cameo, read hundreds of telegrams from Gene's pals who could not make the pilgrimage to Terre Haute for the home-coming.

Some of the wires were from humble comrades and kept well within the word limits set down by Debs from men of wealth and position, and were spread over a page.

Thousands of miners, whose favorite story about Debs concerns the time he took off his overcoat on Main street on Christmas eve and gave it to a man who had none, prepared to welcome Debs who is supposed to get in sometime Monday.

She vividly remembers when Debs came home from jail back in '35. He led a railroad strike then.

By JACK R. HORNADAY United Press Staff Correspondent. ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 24.—Eugene V. Debs, released from Atlanta tonight, tomorrow he expects to be homeward bound.

Debs, according to reports at the Atlanta federal penitentiary, has been confined for more than two and a half years, is ready to leave for home at Terre Haute, Ind., immediately upon securing his release.

No official announcement as to the time of his release has been made tonight.

THREE ARE SHOT TO DEATH BY BANDITS AT TORREON, MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 24.—Ramon Echeverria of Atlanta, here, has been advised that his three brothers, Juan, Felipe and Eugenio, were shot to death by Mexican bandits near Torreon, Mexico, December 17.

After the killing the bandits robbed the store of the brothers and fled. The information was contained in a letter from Echeverria's brother-in-law.

Ramon Echeverria says all his property was confiscated by Pancho Villa several years ago, after which he came to Atlanta.

THIRTY-FOUR DEAD AND MANY INJURED IS TOLL OF STORM

TEARS THROUGH UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA SATURDAY.

WIRES ARE DOWN OVER THE DEVASTATED AREAS

Virtually All Communication Have Been Shut Off By The Storm.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24.—A total of 34 lives were taken by a storm which swept the lower Mississippi valley last night and today. More than 75 were injured, several probably fatally.

The village of Clarkdale, Ark., and Spencer, La., were almost completely destroyed, reports stated.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 24.—Twenty-nine dead, scores injured and huge property damage is the toll of a storm which struck eastern Arkansas last night and tore through upper Mississippi and Louisiana during the early hours of today, according to incomplete information from the devastated areas tonight.

The village of Spencer, Union Parish, La., about 15 miles from Monroe, was almost entirely leveled with a loss, it is reported, of one life. The home of E. L. Shean on Bayou Hardensome, four miles northwest of Bastrop, was completely demolished.

William Turner, a well known planter, and four negroes, were also killed on a plantation near Marka, Miss.

The storm is reported to have started in Crittenden county, Arkansas, late yesterday where about a dozen farm houses had been blown away. Payne Harrison and eight negroes were reported killed in that county when a store in which fifty negroes were gathered was blown from the storm.

In addition to the seven killed in Moorhouse Parish, at least two others are said to be near death. The reports of living at Moorhouse and furniture and other contents scattered for miles on both sides of the railroad at Spencer, and him wife are reported to be missing.

ARREST DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARGING COMPLICITY IN MISSOURI BANK ROBBERY

JOPLIN, MO., Dec. 24.—Burt Reed, a deputy sheriff of Barry county, was arrested at Cassville today, charged with complicity in the robbery of the bank at Exeter, Mo., Thursday of \$2,000.

He was released on \$10,000 bond. Robert Amos, a farmer taken into custody over the robbery, and Sheriff Edward Roberts said that other arrests would probably be made. None of the stolen money has been recovered.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT THE CONVENTION ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—Governor Neff will be one of the principal speakers at the state convention of the anti-saloon league of Texas to be held at Fort Worth on January 17 and 18. Atticus Webb, superintendent of the organization, announced here today that the purpose of the convention was to select anti-saloon league candidates for state and county offices in Texas.

The purpose of the convention is to discuss plans for law enforcement in Texas, Mr. Webb said. He denied that the purpose of the convention was to select anti-saloon league candidates for state and county offices in Texas.

MALTA, Dec. 24.—Two British regiments here, it is understood, are being held in readiness to proceed to Egypt.

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"FARM BLOC" IS UNDENIABLY A GROWING INSTITUTION GAINING BOTH STRENGTH AND PRESTIGE

By MARK SULLIVAN. National Political Correspondent of The New York Evening Post and The Wichita Daily Times. (Copyright, 1921, by The New York Evening Post.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The "farm bloc" has come to have here in Washington at least a term with a meaning quite as definite as the term "Republican party."

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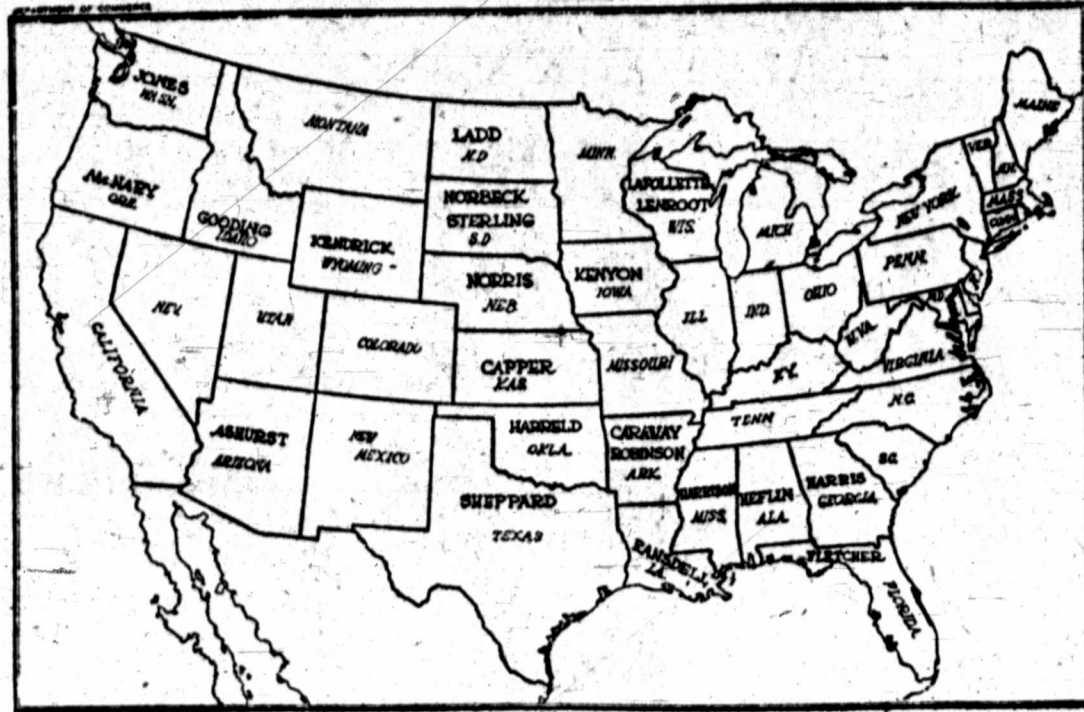
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"BLOC" DEFILES HARDING AND WEEKS



Geographical map of the "Agricultural Bloc" in the United States senate. Geographically it appears not merely a "bloc," but the main trunk of our national tree.

By HARRY HUNT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The senators who have been fighting the cause of agriculture will continue their battle.

That is the answer of Senator Capper of Kansas, one of the leaders of the "agricultural bloc" in the senate, to the plea of President Harding for party solidarity in congress.

Some of the measures it will oppose, even though made party issues by the administration: 1. Ship subsidy.

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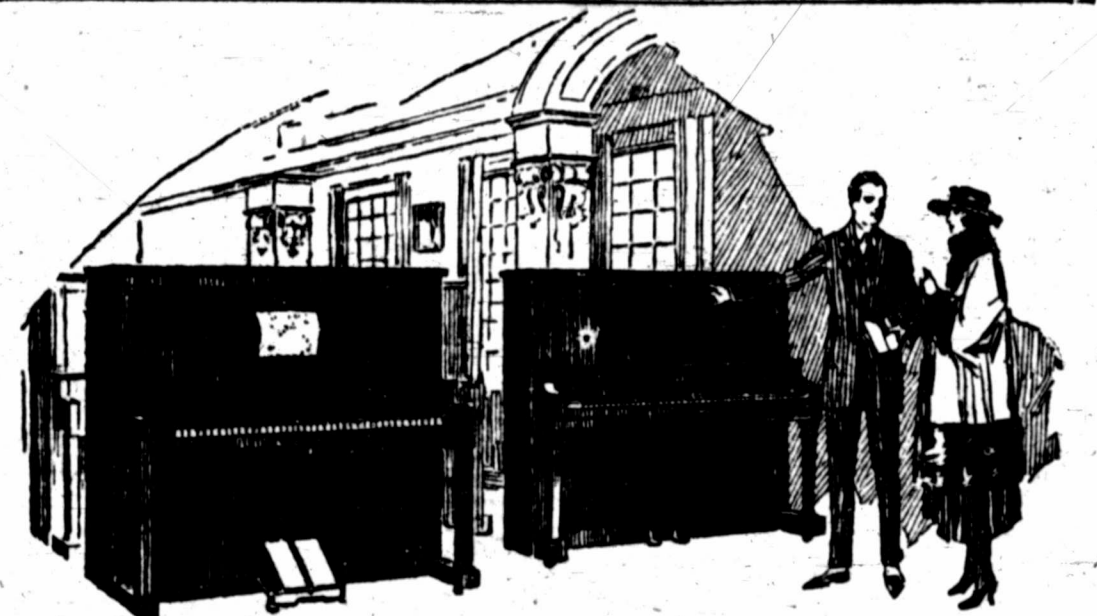
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Notice To My Friends. In line with the business trend of today I wish to announce charges for mechanical labor at my shop, 1005 Lamar Street, will be one dollar (\$1.25) and twenty-five cents per hour on and after January First. Brown's Auto Service Shop 1005 Lamar

A Merry Christmas. Illustration of a Christmas tree and gifts.

Frank Collier Sporting Goods—Cleaning and Pressing 807 Indiana

PART ONE FEW COMPLAINTS ARE REPORTED FOR HOLIDAY NORTH AMERICAN IS PRINCIPAL

Production For Whole Shows Preceding. Completions were slow throughout the district last week. The most important was that American Refining near South Bend, Ind., and apparent deeper pay sand.

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SANTA CLAUS BRINGS AUTOS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR AT LEAST 35 WICHITANS

Telling the youngsters that Santa Claus is not a myth is all right at this time of the year and it would be a specimen unworthy of the name of Man who, on Christmas morning, dared tell his turbulent offspring that St. Nicholas had nothing to do with the tantalizing array of bundles crammed in the toes of Christmas stockings or piled high in happy confusion beneath a glittering tree.

Expounding such a belief to young America would be little short of sacrilege, but according to information gathered last week by The Times there are a number of Wichitans who had their doubts this morning explaining how Santa Claus was able to carry certain gifts to other Wichitans found in their stockings, and from the door which amounts to the same thing.

For instance, how would you explain that the time-honored Santa carried a whole automobile to Wichita Falls from the North pole? We fancy that it would be a convincing argument if it were even the most glib of youngsters would accept as fact. Yet by actual count there are 31 persons in Wichita Falls who have received territory who must paint Santa as a veritable Hercules or else admit that they themselves were responsible for the new car.

Yes, Clarence, you guessed it. There were 25 new automobiles given away as Christmas gifts in Wichita Falls this year. In an effort to ascertain as nearly as possible just how many new machines did make their appearance in local homes this morning a Times representative called on every auto dealer in town last week. The data given below represents the information gleaned by these visits, and if any one is slighted we hereby humbly apologize for the oversight since there are auto men who failed to report the name.

Several local dealers declared that while they were not intended as gifts of recent sales were intended as Christmas presents, they could not give positive assurance that such was the case. Deliveries were ready to be made on these sales, they say, so it is not feasible to include them in the list.

However, the gifts given below are bona fide Yuletide presents and although they stack up something like this:

The Cadillac family heads the list, numerically at least, as an even dozen of these cars were sold by the Manger Automobile company as Christmas presents. Many of the ready been delivered, while some were held for delivery Christmas morning. Cadillac sedans were sold to Mrs. O. T. Bacon, 1829 Tenth street; Mrs. C. W. Gilliland, 2615 Ninth street; Mrs. T. R. Boone, 2516 Ninth street; and Mrs. H. D. Cowden, 1811 Eleventh street.

WRITER CLAIMING TO BE KLAN MEMBER PLEADS FOR THE "WHITE MAN"

The Times has received the following communication: "Here is another letter for you that does not bear the distinguishing mark of an official communication from the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Nevertheless, it is from one individual of the Klan and is intended to express my approval of the communication recently received at your office.

"I am glad someone has come to the front through your columns in the interest of the unemployed white man. I believe anyone ought to employ white men in preference to blacks. We are living in a white man's country but there are many here, claiming themselves as one hundred per cent Americans, yet they are giving the negro preference over the white.

"Something is wrong. Steps ought to be taken to correct this evil and I am glad that some brother has started the ball a rolling. I am sure other brothers will come forward, put fear aside, and keep it going. "I am one of these, also a democrat but in favor of preference for the white race and placing the white man where God originally intended him to be. There are establishments and individuals in this town that prefer negroes to whites and it is for the benefit of that number that I am writing this letter which I hope you will include in your paper. Respectfully, (Signed) "One Member of the Knights of the K. K. K."

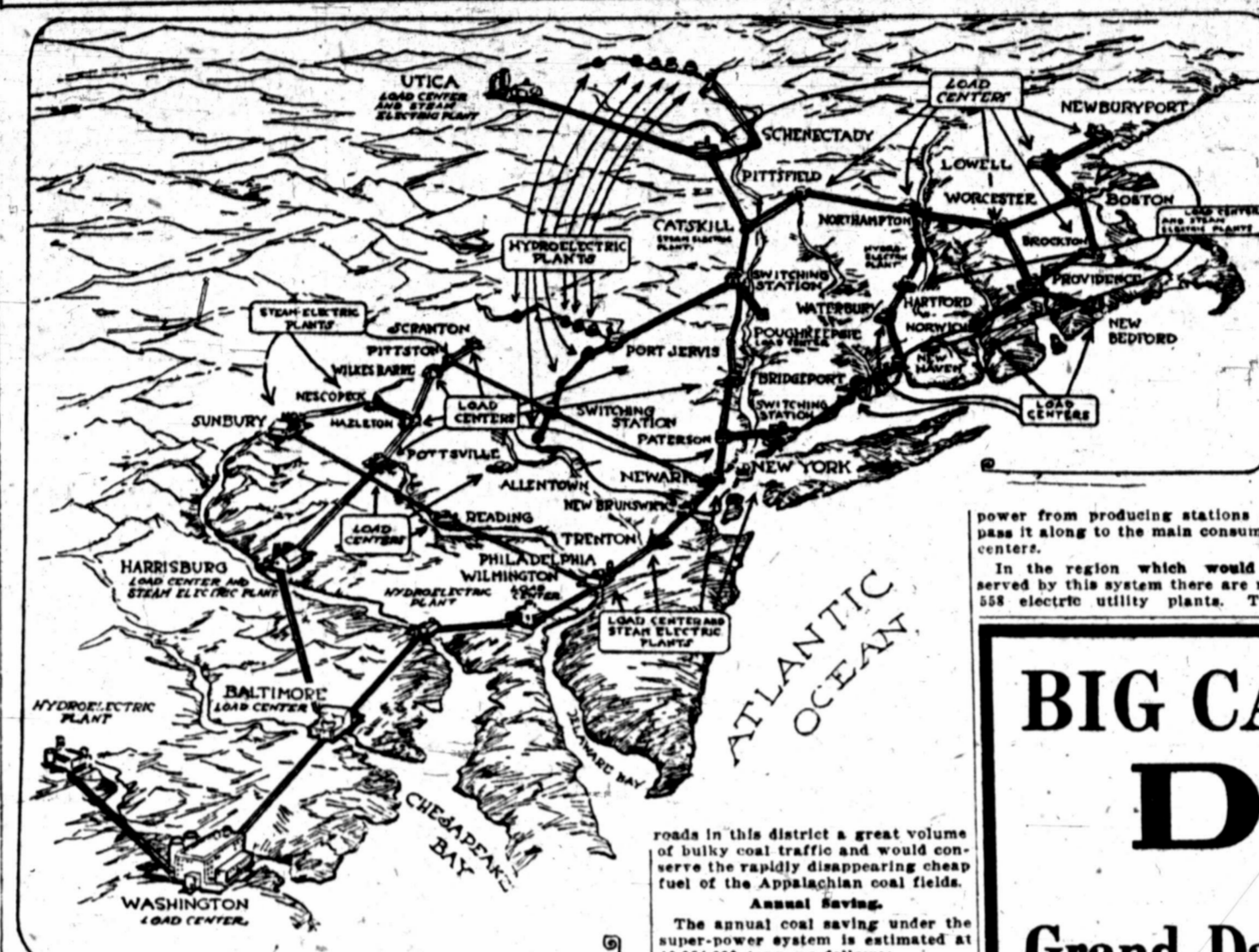
GORDAN GETS GOOD WELL FRIDAY ON GOEN TRACT JUST NORTH OF EASTLAND

Late Friday night the No. 1 well of Robert Gordon of the Goen farm, about five miles north of Eastland, came in natural, flowing around 200 barrels. The top of the sand was encountered at 2200 feet, which was drilled a few feet when it started flowing.

The States Oil Corporation are preparing to drill an offset in their oil tract. The bringing in of this well proves up a large territory to the east and north, and will have a tendency to cause a revival of drilling in this section of the county.

The city National Bank of Commerce which has worked with and West Texas business men for more than thirty years, can help you to make the most of your opportunities during 1922. Come in now and establish your banking connections for the New Year.

"RIVER OF POWER" PLAN TO SAVE THE NATION \$510,000,000 A YEAR



This map shows the "River of Power," extending from Washington to New York and Boston, which would supply industrial power for the great manufacturing cities of the east, under the super-power plan. Into it feed minor streams of power from steam generating plants located at the sources of coal supply or from water power plants. From these plants, or from the main "River of Power," 90,000 industrial plants and 19,000 miles of railway could be operated.

By HARRY HUNT WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An annual net saving of \$510,000,000 in the cost of power for railroads, public utilities and industrial plants in the Atlantic coast industrial zone can be accomplished by the efficient coordination of power sources in that district into a river of power. Such is the finding of a board of expert power engineers which, working under the direction of the United States geological survey, has made a detailed study of the advantages and savings that might result from the development of a super-power system to serve this section.

These savings would be divided as follows: Electric utilities, \$229,000,000. Manufacturing industries, \$190,000,000. Railroads, \$91,000,000. Such a system, W. S. Murray, consulting engineer in charge of the investigation, points out, also would take from the over-congested railroads in this district a great volume of bulky coal traffic and would conserve the rapidly disappearing cheap fuel of the Appalachian coal fields.

Annual saving. The annual coal saving under the super-power system is estimated at 49,984,000 tons, as follows: Electric utilities, 19,149,000 tons. Heavy traction railroads, 16,210,000 tons. Manufacturing industries, 29,825,000 tons. The system calls simply for the conversion of coal into electric power at plants located close to the sources of cheap coal supply and the development of hydro-electric power plants at points where dependable waterpower is available.

The power thus produced would be fed into the principal load centers and distributed from there to the individual plants requiring power. A main transmission line, or power belt, extending from Washington to New Haven, Conn., would receive

average capacity is 7,900 kilowatts. Under the super-power system the number by electricity needed to supply the entire zone by 1920 would be only 272.

Steam Plants. The capacity of base-load steam plants, located at sources of coal supply, would range from 60,000 to 300,000 kilowatts. No generator would be installed with a capacity of less than 30,000.

Factories Served. Within the proposed power zone are 90,000 manufacturing establishments. It would cost these plants \$185,000,000 to provide motor equipment sufficient to carry on all their processes by electric power. But at the estimated power rate, these concerns would save in power costs yearly \$190,000,000 above the fixed charges on this motor investment.

Electric Railroads. Also, within this zone are 36,000 miles of railroad track. Of this about 19,000 can be profitably electrified, so as to yield an annual saving of \$81,000,000 as compared with cost of operation by steam. The capital

necessary for this electrification of railways would be \$470,000,000, of which the saving would return \$12 per cent.

Potential hydro-electric power that could easily be made available in such a system is to be found on the Potomac river, at Great Falls, near Washington; on the Susquehanna river, on the Hudson, Delaware, Raquette, Black and Connecticut rivers. Later, additional power, if desired, could be brought in from the St. Lawrence, the Niagara river and the rivers of Maine.

Princess Stephanie of Hohenzollern has reported the loss of \$50,000 worth of jewels and \$1,000 in cash. She was on a shopping tour and had just taken the jewels and money from the bank vault.

This is to advise that we will sell on the 3rd day of January, 1922, at the court house door at Wichita Falls, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., one dynamo manufactured by Erie National Co. All parties interested in this sale are requested to be here on that date! J. L. Osborn.

Friendly co-operation is a characteristic of the City National Bank of Commerce that attracts to it a steadily increasing number of customers. The spirit of courtesy and readiness to serve will appeal to you as it does to thousands of others in Wichita Falls and West Texas.

BIG CARNIVAL DANCE MONDAY NIGHT Grand Dansant Dancing Academy 705 Travis Plenty of Horns and Confetti for a Real Christmas Celebration—Admission \$1

HERE'S TO YOU AND YOURS A Pleasant Christmas A Healthful and Prosperous New Year Mr. Waggoner's Land Condemned Bountiful Rains "The Irrigation Dam Completed in Nineteen Twenty Three" Greever, Wynne and Mackechney Insurance and Bonds 816-17 City National Building

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO \$110,000,000 AMERICANS AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD The Sun Never Sets On BEACON SHOES They Are Sold In Every Country 1920 Prices Dec. 25th, were: \$8 to \$12 1921 Prices, Dec. 25th, are now: \$5 to \$8 BEACON SHOE STORE 614 Eighth St. AN INSTITUTION OF SERVICE

With Santa Claus peeping around the corner, and everybody thinking of everybody else, we want to pause long enough to extend to you our very best wishes for a merry, merry, Christmas and a happy New Year. And we feel that something had been left undone were we to overlook this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for the patronage with which you have so kindly favored us during 1921. We have striven to merit your confidence with our service and with the coming of another year, we look forward in the hope of again being able to number you as a friend and customer. We trust this Holiday Season will hold for you a real share of good cheer and happiness, and that the New Year may bring to you and yours all the good things of life. Sincerely, DeLuxe Dry Cleaners

A Merry Christmas To you whose business helps ours toward success we send cordial appreciation. May your Christmas be merry and your New Year prosperous. MARTIN PRINTING & STATIONERY COMPANY

Merry Christmas To All Our Friends and Customers The Parisian FOR SMART STYLES

Merry Christmas Harry Baum Co. "Gentlemen's Wear" Hotel Kemp

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OVER \$34,000 IN TAXES ARE TAKEN IN DURING WEEK

COLLECTOR M. L. TITTLE HAS BIG DAYS AT ELECTRA AND IOWA PARK.

\$339 POLL TAXES PAID MAKING TOTAL OF 2140

Automobile Owners Are Slow in Securing New 1922 Licenses

During the past week, Tax Collector M. L. Tittle received \$34,000 in taxes, establishing a new record for a week's collections this year.

From 25 to 30 members of the Southwest Railroad Development Association will gather here Tuesday, January 10, for a two day session.

WILL MEET HERE JANUARY 10 FOR TWO DAY SESSION

Epworth League Entertained

The Epworth Leaguers held an institute at the Methodist church Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ella Fancher entertained her music class Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. C. Brown.

Miss Cecelia Cooper is here from school in Dallas to spend Christmas with her parents.

YOUR ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

At this Holiday Season we like to look back over the past year of service and think of our Customers as our friends.

Your Electric Servant WICHITA FALLS ELECTRIC CO.

Seymour Social Items

Attractive Party Mrs. T. C. Irby and sister, Mrs. F. E. Irby of Fort Worth, were hostesses to the U. D. and Know Nothing clubs and about 30 guests last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. Irby.

Christmas Tree Mrs. T. Irby's home was very attractively decorated with Christmas bells, holly wreaths, poinsettias and a Christmas tree, making all realize the approaching holidays were near.

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SIX WOMEN IN IRISH DAIL EIREANN HAVE PAID HIGH TOLL FOR FREEDOM



By DORIS STEVENS (Copyright, 1921, by NEA Service.) DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Six women who sit in the dail eireann will help to guide the destinies of the new free Ireland.

Dr. A. English of Ballinasloe, County Galway, is the young, unmarried, direct type of professional woman with which we are familiar in the United States.

Kathleen Daly Clarke, widow of Thomas Clarke, the first signatory of the republican proclamation of Easter, 1916, who was executed by the British for this offense.

Miss Geneva Wisdom, who for the past several years has been principal of the National School of Business, within the past few days has sold out her interest to Mrs. Patriona Bryant.

Miss Wisdom took over the entire school, later taking into partnership Mrs. Bryant.

Christmas 1921 May it be the happiest ever and may the coming year bring you health, wealth and happiness. Lewis-Jones Hardware

A Merry Christmas To All From This Man's Shop Wright's Clothes Shop

A MERRY CHRISTMAS May Happiness and countless Gifts be yours on this festive occasion. Could there be any better wish? GILDHOUSE FASHION STORE

Wishing You A Merry Christmas May this glorious occasion find you and yours enjoying Life's bountiful gifts in more abundance than ever before. Shain Loan & Jewelry Co.

The Season's Greetings This is our first Christmas in business and the success we have achieved in this short time is very pleasing to us. UNITED BARGAIN BASEMENT

WICHITA DAILY TIMES
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
PUBLISHED EVERY WEEKDAY AFTERNOON AND ON SUNDAY MORNING

The gradual growth of the spirit of Christmas tide is one of the truest indications of the increasing strength and spread of Christianity.

Men must erect some kind of symbol to which they turn. The followers of the Christian religion are not alone in this practice.

But our Christian religion has found something better and bigger. Even our worst skeptics have to admit that the teachings of Christ are the soundest ones by which a civilization may be guided.

Because they are so closely intermingled in our lives, because the golden thread of Christ's teachings runs through our every act we have come to recognize and acknowledge them.

"Oh, but he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, was old Scrooge—a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching covetous old sinner," says Dickens. Scrooge stood well at the counting house.

Scrooge, and every one who did business with him, knew that his check was good for whatever sum was "cashed" to write on it. But to him Christmas was a "humbug."

hearts of all of us at this time the complexities of life seem to have disappeared and life becomes simple. This is more and more certain as the years and decades and generations pass one another on the highroad of time.

Georges Carpentier, who helped make Jack Dempsey pay a big income tax for 1921, will be made a nobleman January 1.

Apparently this elevates Carp to equal social standing with the Earl of Doltle and the Knights of the Golden Frunce.

The French are a subtle people, adepts and past masters at delicate irony. On the surface, this making pugilism the doorway to nobility appears to be likarar. But—

The Frenchman who conceived the scheme probably was "kidding" the nobility of France's less democratic neighbors.

The queen surrounded herself with a bodyguard of 200 prizefighters. They kissed their swords, swore to defend the queen with their lives. In exchange, they were knighted.

The aristocracy of public service eclipses the knights, dukes, counts, barons, earls. That is progress.

It is doubtful if anyone will ever recite, "The Face on the Doctor's Floor"

COMMON SENSE WAYS TO KEEP WELL
BRONCHITIS
By DR. R. H. BISHOP
The season is just beginning when bronchitis starts to claim its victims.

100 YEARS AGO
By DR. WM. E. BARTON
In 1821, flour, which had been selling at from \$10 to \$17 in 1817, went down to \$6 and even \$5 a barrel.

YOU AND I
Cannot Explain the Mystery of Lawyer Webb's Dog, Nero.
Daniel L. Webb, Denver lawyer, shipped his pet dog, Nero, in a crate and put him to a friend in Nevada.

ADAPTION
Ever see a woman sew with her toes? Bessie can. She's a pupil at the Massachusetts hospital school, in a class that trains how to overcome physical disabilities.

ARENA
The Yankees will build, in New York, the world's greatest baseball stadium. It will have three decks, seating 80,000.

SMILE A WHILE
By TOM SIMS
To be or not to be is also the disarmament question.

Bughouse Fables
DOES YOUR LITTLE GIRL EVER SAY CUTE THINGS?
NO—I THINK SHE IS TOO DUMB!

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME
OH LOOK WHAT I GOT!
Illustration of a woman and children with a large gift box.

DO YOU KNOW—
WHO discovered the South Pole? WHY are battleships called "dread-noughts"? WHAT is a ferret? WHEN did the last emperor rule over France? WHERE is the pancreas?

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS
—HIT AIN' A BIT O' SENSE O' ME TRYIN' T' DODGE COLLECTUHS, NO HOW, CASE DEYS GINALLY GOT ME SURROUNDED!

THE NUT BROTHERS
(Chees. & Wal.)
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF HANGING UP YOUR GARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS?

SO SANTA CLAUS WILL GIVE ME A PAIR OF STOCKINGS!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVIE!!! GO OUT IN THE DINING ROOM AND SEE WHAT SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT YOU!

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK
By LEE PAPE
THE PARK AVE. NEWS
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Enter! Big Reward! Fuds Sinkins offers 2 cents reward for the dead or alive capture of whoever offgiggled up the holes in his mouth organ with puddy.

Christmas Night, Sunday, Dec. 25th
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CHURCH BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED
SPECIAL FEATURES
Music in Double Quartet Duet

Miss Juanita Kinsey Will Read "Christmas in a Mining Camp"
Note—The work of Miss Kinsey last summer as a reader was notably recognized among the educators of the great summer school of the University of California. Don't fail to hear her.

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ALL THE NEWS OF ALL THE SPORTS ALL THE TIME

ALL TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TEAMS CHOSEN BY PROMINENT AUSTIN OFFICIALS

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Dec. 24.—At the request of Mr. Joe Gray, editor of the official football guide, Dr. H. J. Ettinger, of Austin, who has officiated in a large number of Texas games, has selected the following all-Texas interscholastic league teams:

WORLD'S CHAMPION ATHLETE IS ALSO A CHAMPION HOUSEWIFE



By BOB DORMAN. BROOKLYN, Dec. 24.—For 14 years Ida Schmitt has been the world champion all-around woman athlete.

These all star teams have been picked from the eight final teams, with one exception, of the league competition. The stars were chosen in a meeting of the interscholastic league held in the city of Austin.

WILL PITCHERS CAUSE WALSH AS MUCH TROUBLE WHILE UMPIRING AS HE DID WHEN HURLING?



By BILLY EVANS. Big Ed Walsh is to be an American league umpire.

Billy Evans says

Judge Landis made a very wise and popular move when he cast the deciding vote in favor of a seven-game world series.

SPORTS by Paul W. Barkin

Players' Daze? Banned! An interesting point that has been raised with reference to the recent ban placed on bonuses, etc., for minor league players is whether the "players' daze" which has become an annual affair with many clubs toward the end of the season will be tabooed in such contests.

McGraw Purchased Heine Groh in 1911 But Traded Him

By HENRY L. PARRELL. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—If Bam Ruth continues his patented act next summer the fans will have to look on him as the greatest of the major league's players.

SPORTS a la CARTE by GROVE

If John McGraw wants to buy something, why doesn't he buy Babe Ruth?

COMBINATION OF FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND SOCCER IS LATEST FAD IN SPORTS

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 24.—New athletic games are few and far between nowadays, but one originated and tried out at the University of Michigan bids fair to have more than a temporary vogue.

TYRUS CANNOT GET ALONG WITH PHILADELPHIA FANS

Ty Cobb dislikes Philadelphia more than any other city on the American league circuit. He has had trouble there ever since he spiked Frank Kelly in the memorable contest of 1909.

TODAY'S Sport Angle

Minor league baseball had a rather strenuous year of it in 1921. Most of the leagues, in an effort to provide better baseball, carried a salary list that made it impossible to show a profit at the close of the season.

A Merry Christmas

to all the outdoor folks the world over. Little Sporting Goods Co.

Advertisement for Little Sporting Goods Co. featuring a Christmas message and the company name.

### QUIET CHRISTMAS IN PROSPECT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A quiet Christmas at the white house was in prospect tonight for President and Mrs. Harding. The president is expected, will attend services tomorrow at Cavalry Baptist church and entirely private and informal. Parcels and packages which have been received this week, however, are evidence that the thoughts of many will be with the Harding household. A huge turkey gobbler, left over from Thanksgiving gift, which has held a status of pet in the white house grounds during the intervening weeks, dining sumptuously every day from table scraps and lunch from the post office department and police interested in his fate, was in good shape tonight for a sudden demise. In roasted form, according to the kitchen squad, he will have the place of honor tomorrow at the white house dinner.

### Husbands No Bar To Postal Service, Says New Ruling

Lady employees of the postal department have just been given a new lease on life, according to Postmaster Ed Howard. "Heretofore," he said Saturday, "no feminine member of the department has been allowed to remain in service after acquiring one of those things commonly known as a husband, but a recent order from the post office department has rescinded the previous instructions and their conscience is all that remains to guide them." Mr. Howard told a reporter that some of his clerks, feminine gender, were paying him fifteen cents a week to invite eligible young bachelors into the postal sanctums—but the charge was denied by a certain clerk who happened to be in the room.

### "JUST ONE DAY LONGER" REQUEST OF PRISONERS, WANTED TURKEY FEAST

DALLAS, TEXAS, Dec. 24.—"Just one day longer" was the astonishing request made local authorities by four inmates of the city prison farm whose sentences expired today. The prisoners made this request as a special Christmas favor. When the reason for this unprecedented attitude was found to be the fact that a huge turkey feast will be given city prisoners on Christmas day, the request was granted.

### STATE TROOPS SENT TO THE 'WAR FRONT' IN KENTUCKY STRIKE

NEWPORT, KY., Dec. 24.—State troops detoured today in Newport and through a drizzling rain marched to the "war front" maintained between the officials of the Newport rolling mill and striking steel workers. City officials said they did not expect that the rifles of the soldiers would be needed, but thought their presence would have the effect of quieting the situation. Gunners and light armor in which mill officials and strikers charge the other with being the aggressor, caused the call for the troops. On their march from the detouring point to the Newport rolling mill, a distance of eight blocks, great excitement prevailed among the men, women and children, who hooted and jeered the soldiers. The men marched on, paying no attention to the rifles of the soldiers. As the soldiers proceeded into the mill several shots were fired from the outside. The troops were halted and a machine gun was set up. The gun remained about 10 minutes and as all became quiet on the outside, it was dismantled and taken inside the plant. Adj. Gen. Jackson Morris said the guards inside the mill would be disarmed and that no shooting from either side would be permitted.

### Valuable Book Received as Gift By Local Golfer

W. E. Norton, the most assiduous, if not the most expert, of local golfers, received a much appreciated Christmas gift Saturday. It was a book entitled "How to Play Golf," written by a national authority. The book was the gift of M. W. Stanforth and L. T. Burns, frequent golfing opponents of Mr. Norton, and therefore best qualified to judge his need for golfing literature.

### SHRINE BAND GIVES SHOES TO OVER THE CHILDREN

The Shrine band has had an important share in Christmas benevolence this year, giving more than 100 pairs of shoes, through the Salvation Army, and helping with the army's Christmas program. The shoes have been distributed through "Ma" Burdick, and will be supplied until her list is complete. K. E. Busch Jr., president of the band, and J. V. Lawler, director, have been in charge of the activities, and on behalf of the band they asked The Times to express their appreciation to those who aided them in their Christmas undertakings.

### FORTY WACO FAMILIES TO ENJOY GROCERIES AND OTHER GIFTS FROM KLAN

WACO, TEXAS, Dec. 24.—Forty Waco families, who otherwise might have had a lean Christmas, are enjoying tonight groceries and other things sent by the local branch of the Ku Klux Klan. The Klansmen in company with the Waco branch of the W. O. W. are sending out about 25 to 30 gift parcels at each family.

### DEMPSEY ITCHING FOR ANOTHER FIGHT

Wants To Break Stage Contract As It is "Getting On His Nerves."

By HENRY L. FARRELL, United Press Staff Correspondent. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Jack Dempsey is wantin' a fight so bad he's getting the nerves. The heavyweight champion who has been doing his stuff on the stage out west is fighting now to get out from under a contract. The heavyweight champion is on the verge of a nervous breakdown and has to get away from the footlights, Jack Kearns wired to friends here today. Which might indicate that another bout for the crown of the big fellows is in the making. Other evidence points that way. Floyd Fitzsimmons, Benton Harbor promoter and friend of the champion, is going to Honduras early in January to tell a club of millionaire sportsmen there how much they will have to put out to get the next championship fight, it was learned today. Fitzsimmons has been appointed matchmaker of the club and has been treated to some of the things down there in his official capacity. If it can be done for a million dollars.

### COMSTOCK SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS HERE

"Speck" Comstock, who tried out with the Spudders last spring and was sent to Abilene by Sam, is spending the holidays in Wichita Falls. He declares emphatically that he will stick this spring and he plans to get the jump on the rest of the boys by getting in a couple of weeks' preliminary work. "Speck" is looking fit as a fiddle and says he feels the same way.

Fletcher's Declares. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—William F. Fletcher, president of the Philadelphia National League club, gave out a statement today that he had no information that Arthur Fletcher, former shortstop of the Phillies intends to return to baseball. The report that the Brooklyn club was negotiating for Fletcher, Mr. Baker said, was news to him.

### 2 CARS DAMAGED IN COLLISION AT TENTH AND GRACE

Two automobiles were badly damaged and one man slightly injured at 7:30 Saturday night when a car driven by Lee Cooper, 1516 Fifteenth street, and a smaller machine piloted by J. W. Reesor, 1767 Kemp boulevard, collided at the corner of Tenth and Grace streets. Mr. Reesor was cut about the face and his nose broken, according to reports to the police. The Cooper car was running west on Tenth and the Reesor machine coming in the opposite direction, according to Mr. Cooper. The right hand side of Cooper's car was stripped clean, fenders and running board being demolished. The front wheels, axle and radiator also suffered considerably. Reesor's machine lost a front wheel and sustained considerable damage about the motor and steering gear.

### FIFTY SOLDIERS ARE RELEASED FROM PRISON

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 24.—Christmas will indeed be a merry one for 15 of Uncle Sam's soldiers, members of the second division who, until today, had been prisoners in the stockade at Camp Travis. In accordance with an old army tradition these men who had served weeks more to serve, were released today by order of Brigadier General M. Lewis, commanding.

### CARPENTIER'S GREETINGS. MAIDENHEAD, ENG., Dec. 24.—George Carpentier and his manager, Francois Deschamps, who are here in preparation for Carpentier's boxing match with the Australian heavyweight, George Cook, in London, January 12, today sent the following Christmas greeting through the Associated Press: "We send to the American sportsmen our best wishes for Christmas and for the New Year. (Signed) "George Carpentier, Francois Descamps."

### CHRISTMAS POSTAL BUSINESS BREAKS ALL RECORDS HERE

"This has been the heaviest Christmas season the local postoffice has ever experienced," Postmaster Ed Howard declared Saturday afternoon in announcing that the big rush was practically over. Both in point of mail volume handled and in postal receipts the season just ended exceeds any other holiday period, Mr. Howard said. Outgoing mail had dwindled down next to nothingness Saturday but incoming shipments were still heavy. The postoffice will be open Monday, with the windows open for one hour in the morning—from 9 till 10 o'clock. One city delivery will be made by carriers in the morning and the mail wagons will run all day to care for the late arriving bundles. Natives of Borneo are the greatest bead lovers in the world.

### Make Your Christmas More Enjoyable—

By Partaking of the Unexcelled Cuisine at Hotel William & Mary Cafe

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Oyster Cocktail	Green Olives
SOUP	Cranberry Sauce
Tomato Royal	
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Roast Turkey	
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Hot Chocolate and Whipped Cream	

SERVED FROM 12 P. M. TO 8 P. M.

## Pre-Inventory Sale

# AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES

Bumpers, fit any make of car ..... \$5.00

Weed Passenger Car and Truck Chains ..... 10% OFF



Osgood No-Glare Lenses, set ..... \$1.50

Glass Windshield Wings, ..... 25% OFF

Tire Covers ..... 10% OFF

## Overland Motors Co.

Ninth at Travis Phone 6616

# Holiday Greetings

## HUDSON AND ESSEX AGAIN REDUCE PRICES

—Read the following telegram

### WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

RECEIVED AT: Detroit, Michigan, Dec. 24, 1921.

LLOYD WEAVER AUTOMOBILE CO., Wichita Falls, Texas

Effective immediately list prices on Hudson and Essex, f. o. b. Detroit as follows:

Hudson Speedster	\$1695.00
Hudson 7 passenger	\$1745.00
Hudson Cabriolet	\$2295.00
Hudson Coupe	\$2570.00
Hudson Touring Limousine	\$2920.00
Hudson Sedan	\$2650.00
Essex Touring	\$1095.00
Essex Roadster	\$1095.00
Essex Coach	\$1395.00

HUDSON AND ESSEX MOTOR CAR CO.



This Reduction Amounts to \$150.00 to \$200.00 on the Hudson Line and \$100.00 on the Essex Line

—At these prices what other fine cars match their value?

## LLOYD WEAVER AUTOMOBILE CO.

—Open Day and Night

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TIMES DAILY MARKETS

LOCAL MARKET

Tomatoes, California, large, 14.25... Fresh Vegetables... Canned Vegetables (Per Dozen)...

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The short session of the stock exchange today was a traders affair...

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Despite the double holiday in prospect prices continued their upward movement...

SECOND ARTICLE OF FOUR POWER TREATY STARTS DISCUSSION

RAISE QUESTION WHETHER IT APPLIES TO JAPANESE MAINLAND.

NEW AMMUNITION FOR JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS

More Important Journals Take a Rational View of the Phrasology.

By Associated Press. TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The divergence of opinion as to whether article II of the four power treaty...

Whether the Japanese delegates have given their approval to the opinion that the Japanese...

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

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G. L. Holt, alias Walter Sailer, arrested at Oklahoma, Oklahoma...

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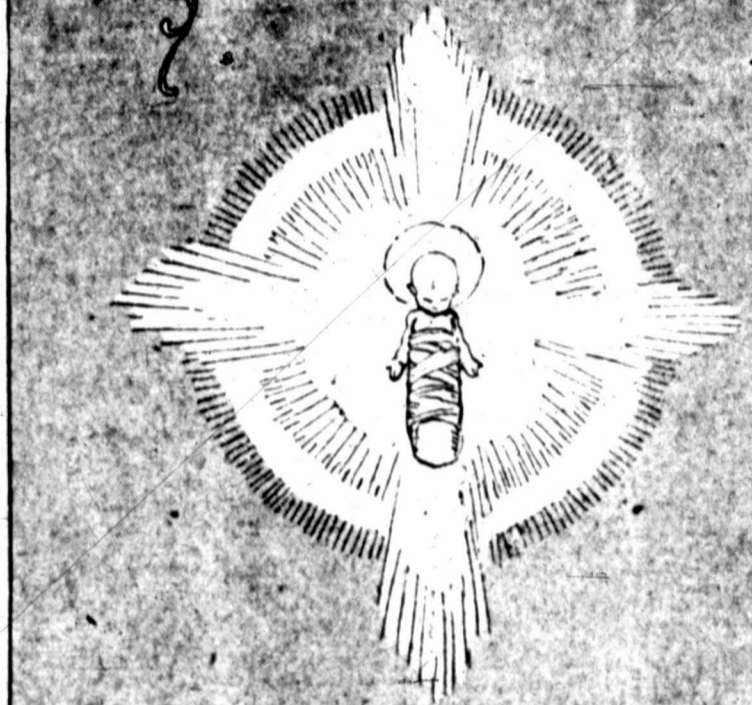
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# Christmas



From Martin Feuerstein's Famous Painting THE HOLY NIGHT



HIS Christmas "dawns" while the roar of guns still faintly echoes in the ears of men. The fields are still scarred where warring armies passed, and huddled mounds of bricks, now choked in a wilderness of weeds, still tell the story of yesterday's unforgetten agony. But the tinkling of bells and the sound of many voices singing, the crackling of open fires, the rush of tiny feet down the carpeted stairs, the scarlet wreaths and holly berries, the riot of silver tinsel among the fir and the balsam—all signify that Mankind still hopes for the Peace that was promised that first, far Christmas day.

When the three Wise Men followed a star and came to a cradle a new light broke on the world. Somehow the old human hatreds seemed to soften and another, deeper meaning was read into life. For tens of thousands of years—since the birth of life, men had seen no way to live except by battle. But the Carpenter who came out of Nazareth propounded a new thought. He laid down as a rule of life, the principle of reciprocal fair dealing. He gave voice to that growing sense in the world, of a common aspiration in men.

In the nineteenth centuries and more that have passed, the Christmas thought has been

expanded into that vast and complicated organism that human life has become. Only by some sort of trust in one another could men have got this far; only by some sort of joining of hands could they have prevented those early social groups from falling back to the life of the cave and the cliff.

But the faint echo of the guns still sounding in their ears is an insistent reminder to men that the Christmas thought is but imperfectly realized after all. The better understanding is yet to come.

The latter-day Wise Men know that Humanity can still lose what it has so slowly gained unless hatreds and aggressions between nations give way to a more decent order of things. And with a new Christmas, these Wise Men now look to the West instead of the East. Out of the welter of blood and bitterness the New World has emerged as the new land of hope. America, today, holds the balance of moral power. Whether consciously or not, she has become the protagonist of the earth's afflicted peoples—the custodian of their highest expectations for a better faith among nations.



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Henrietta SOCIAL ITEMS.

Neighborhood Club Meets. Mrs. Alf Ohlem was hostess to the Neighborhood club Tuesday evening. The house was artistically and appropriately decorated in Christmas colors and ideas. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Glen Younger and Miss Jim May Norman, served refreshments at a late hour to the following guests and club members: Messrs. and Madames O. B. Bragg, Will Stagg, W. L. Stone, J. B. Ohlem, Glen Younger, J. W. Xarberry, Alf Ohlem, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Atkinson, Madames Bremer, J. Wiley, J. C. McKensie, Misses E. L. Picketts and Jimmie Norman.

Public School Entertainments. Mrs. ...? Maxwell and Misses Orieta Payne and Catherine Hall gave an entertaining and high school auditorium Wednesday night for the benefit of the school library. The following program was well rendered: Mrs. ...? Maxwell, choral; first grade; readings: Winnie Wilson; chorus, second grade; violin solo; Rachael Brown; debate: "Resolved: That Immigrants Should Be Prohibited for a Period of Two Years." Affirmative, Lois Mangum and Swain Burkett, negative, Thelton Franklin and Harry Forse; chorus, fourth grade; reading, Mary Allison; violin solo, Viola Grace Doern; reading, Roberta Taylor; piano solo, Mrs. Maxwell; chorus, seventh grade; reading, Lois Mangum; vocal solo, Miss Catherine Hall; reading, Miss Orieta Payne; chorus, Glee club.

Haskell News

Mrs. Murchison's Luncheon. Mrs. W. H. Murchison, president of the Magazine club, gave a most beautifully appointed luncheon in honor of the members of the executive board and Mrs. J. U. Fields, state chairman of citizenship. The living room with its cheerful log fire, beautiful Christmas decorations, pot plants and carnations made a pleasing picture; also the dining room with a Christmas tree with lighted candles for a table centerpiece. The place cards were Santa Clauses.

Hamlin, Texas

ITEMS OF INTEREST. HAMLIN, TEXAS, Dec. 24.—T. H. Westbrook has moved to Colorado City, Texas, where he expects to engage in farming. He was formerly in the grocery business here. Rev. J. H. Edmonds, pastor of the First Baptist church here, received a call to the pastorate of the Oak Lawn Baptist church in the city of Dallas, but he is undecided as to what he will do about accepting the call.

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Joyous Christmas Greetings

Once more the merry bells rang out this Christmas Morn as they used to ring in the many years that have seen us grow up from childhood. Years which to some have been happy and prosperous—to others sad and filled with reverses and disappointments. But let us all at this happy Christmas Season feel that we are rich in the blessings of the Christ Child, who more than two thousand years ago came to make His dwelling in our hearts and minds. We wish for you the joys of this and many a happy Christmas yet to come.

Perkins-Timberlake Co. Ninth and Indiana. Illustration of a nativity scene with figures in a stable, a manger, and a landscape with a church in the background.

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PART TWO

## CITY COMPLETES \$700,000 SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM

FINAL WORK DONE ON PROJECT DURING PAST FEW DAYS.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE LATE IN 1920

Believed To Be Adequate For The Needs of City For Many Years to Come.

The city of Wichita Falls gets a completed \$700,000 engineering project as its largest Christmas gift from us," remarked City Engineer Julian Montgomery last week in announcing the completion of the new sanitary sewer system. The Grace street diversion of the Southland line was connected and placed in operation Thursday and the same thing done with the Fourteenth street diversion Saturday, thereby completing the work started in October, 1920.

Over thirty miles of mains and laterals have been installed in the new system, according to Mr. Montgomery. The total cost of the project has been a little less than \$700,000, which amount was voted in a bond issue last year.

With the completion of the new system this city can boast of a thoroughly complete sewage disposal outlet, one that will be adequate to care for its needs for years to come. It traverses sections of the townsite that have heretofore been deprived of such facilities and in improving conditions in these additions it will, Mr. Montgomery believes, stimulate even further settlement.

During excavations for the main and laterals, engineers encountered a number of unforeseen difficulties in the way of geological formations that materially slowed up the work. Near Holiday creek, water was encountered to such an extent that a bed of lean concrete was necessary to anchor the mains. And in other sections of the Sibley-Taylor and Fairview additions hard strata of rock were found that had not been counted on in the original plans.

Only one serious accident occurred, however, during the entire period of work. A big cave-in on the main line just above the river outlet took place late last summer following an exceptionally heavy rain. This has now been repaired, the entire line cleaned out and the affected section "pointed up" ready for use.

Incidentally, it was necessary to tunnel under railroad or street car tracks no less than five times in order to carry the mains, which range in size from 6 to 29 inches in diameter, through to their destinations. Thirty-five or forty easements, permits to cross through private property, were also obtained during the course of construction. Most of these were given the city without cost.

The engineering features of the

## Times Presents Handel, Massenet And Raff to Children This Week Music Contest Is Growing Daily

The Times presents this week a short sketch of the compositions of Handel, Massenet and Raff which are included in the music memory contest—Handel's pastoral symphony and his hymn, "Joy to the World"; Raff's Cavatina (violin), and Massenet's Elegie.

Reports from schools over the Wichita Falls district, comprising nine counties in the memory contest work, are splendidly encouraging. Locally, nothing could be finer than the way the children—little tots and all—are working at the music test. The school children's familiarity with the great music of the world is almost a marvel, and their interest in the classroom music work is an inspiration.

**Handel.** Handel as a man, listen, with ecstasy to the ringing of the church bells and the singing of Christmas chorales. His father forbade any music being near him, hoping to make a lawyer out of him. However, a sympathetic aunt smuggled a harpsichord (an old fashioned piano) into the garage for the child. You are familiar with the famous painting by Margaret Dicksee, of the "Child Handel," showing where at midnight, near family discovered him, when he had stolen away at midnight his "nightie" to play on his harpsichord.

When a man he wrote operas, but his oratorios that have made him great. His Messiah has become the property of all English speak-

work afford an interesting study for those so inclined. In discharging their sewer into the river the two main lines, one known as the south side line and the other as the north side line, are carried to the middle of the stream on low concrete piers. The north side main has been in use for about a month, most of its sewage coming from the American Refinery.

Near the outlets, which are located three quarters of a mile up the river from the old outfalls, a series of powerful pumps are to be installed to guard against flood water of the river backing into the sewer mains. Normally these pumps will not be needed, but in case the stream should record a perceptible rise the river water would flow into the big pipes and cause trouble over the entire city. The new pumps, however, will eliminate this danger.

At Second and Live Oak streets another pumping station has been installed by the city engineer department, the purpose of this being to lift sewage from an old 15-inch main up to the new line. A twenty by sixteen foot well was constructed and the pumping and power machinery put in place by city workmen.

In concluding his explanation of the line Mr. Montgomery urged that property owners located along the new system and who have as yet not "connected on" do this at once. "It has been put in for their benefit," he said, "and it may as well be made use of now that it is practically complete."

ing people, and is now given at Christmas tide all over England and America, because the text is that of the great Messiah. You are familiar with one of the grandest choruses ever written. The Halleujah Chorus form the Messiah, for which many audiences pay tribute of rising to their feet while it is being played or sung.

**Pastoral Symphony.** During Handel's time the word "symphony" meant an instrumental something between acts or parts of an oratorio, so pastoral symphony comes in the Messiah after the mighty chorus "For Unto Us a Child is Born" and before the aria, "There Were Shepherds." Its preceding the latter, is the cause of the pastoral character.

**Joy to the World.** This hymn is sung at Christmas time by every people of Christian faith all over the world. It is sung with great physical ease because of the descending scale. Note that all its themes are scale-wise, with no skips until next to the last phrase, where is an octave skip. This skip is according to true melodic laws, approached from within the octave.

as me-re-do do—then downward skip to la and stepwise. A famous violin number by Raff, though some report it as originally for the piano. The old Italian opera was often stopped to let a singer express himself in a more or less elaborated manner. The most popular solo form was the Aria—usually in a movement—A-B-A. Less pretensions forms were called Arietta, Romanza-Cavatina, etc. Thus we see that the form of this Cavatina of Raff's is in A-B-A.

**Elegie—Massenet.** This is considered the finest art song by a Frenchman. It is a despair of the soul when the heart is dead. Even the spring returns, the leaves are not green, the birds seem not to sing, the water ceases to sparkle, the flowers have no fragrance, the sky is not blue, the sun is not warm—there is not a friend left, "all are gone, withered and dead for ever more." A song of such abject melancholy will be written in what mode, do you think?

Now play it and listen to see if you can observe the above. Next play and observe how Massenet approached his ending, with a descending scale. Apply the syllables to the first theme in Eerie-la-sol-fi-fa-mi-la-do. You will see the sad effect is produced by the whole step skip-la-sol, the three half steps sol-fi-fa-mi then the constant reoccurrence of la-do throughout.



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## GREETINGS

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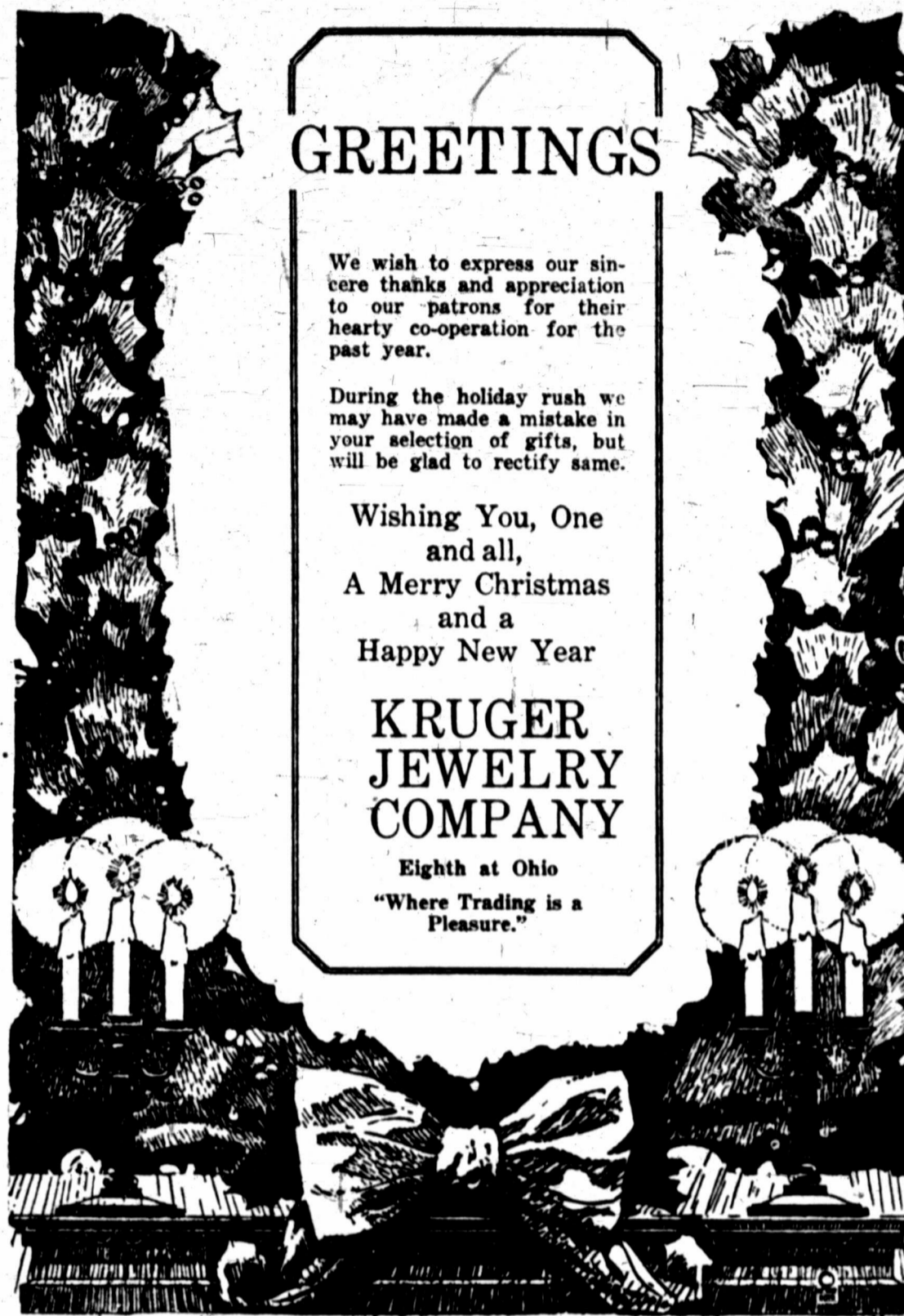
During the holiday rush we may have made a mistake in your selection of gifts, but will be glad to rectify same.

Wishing You, One and all,  
A Merry Christmas and a  
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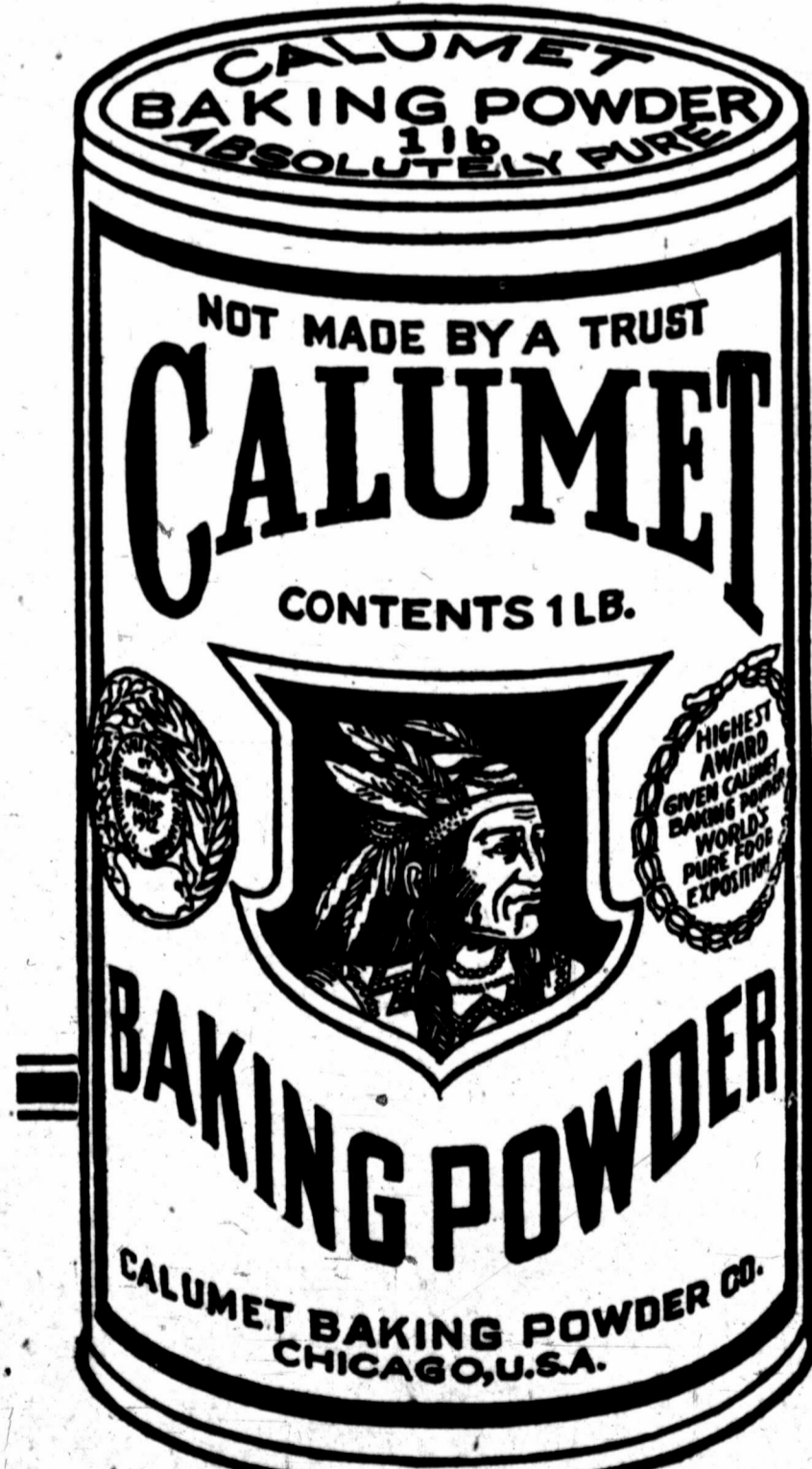
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### HERE CHRISTMAS IS, AND THEY REMIND US OF INCOME TAX

"With the approach of the period for filing income tax returns, January 1 to March 15, 1922, taxpayers are advised to lose no time in the compilation of their accounts."

The cheerful information contained in the above statement is merely the beginning of a lengthy announcement just released by Henry Wampler, head of the local internal revenue office which is bustling off its desks and making other varied and sundry preparations to accommodate the mad rush expected when tax returns are "due and payable."

The full text of the announcement follows:

"A new and important provision of the revenue act of 1921 is that every person whose gross income for 1921 was \$5,000 or over shall file a return, regardless of the amount of net income upon which the tax is assessed. Returns are required of every single person whose net income was \$1,000 or over and every married person living with wife whose net income was \$2,000 or over. Widows and widowers and persons separated or divorced from husband or wife, are regarded as single persons.

"Net income is gross income, less certain deductions for business expenses, losses, taxes, etc. Gross income includes practically all income received by the taxpayer during the year; in the case of the wage earner, salaries, wages, bonuses and commissions; in the case of professional men, all amounts received for professional services; in the case of farmers all profits from the sale of farm products, and rental or sale of land.

"In the making of an income tax return for the year 1921, every taxpayer should present to himself the following questions:

"What were your profits from your business, trade, profession or vocation?

"Did you receive any interest on bank deposits?

"Have you any property from which you received rent?

"Did you receive any income in the form of dividend or interest from stocks or bonds?

"Did you receive any bonuses during the year?

"Did you make any profit on the sale of stocks, bonds, or other property, real or personal?

"Did you act as a broker in any transaction from which you received commissions?

"Are you interested in any partnership or other firm from which you received any income?

"Have you any income from royalties or patents?

"Have you any minor children who are working?

"Do you appropriate, or have the right to appropriate, the earnings of such children? If so, the amount must be included in the return of income.

"Has your wife any income from any source whatsoever? If so, it must be included in your return or

### BOILED CUSTARD WAS CHIEF FEATURE OF WICHITA FALLS FIRST CHRISTMAS, IN 1880

reported in a separate return of income.

"Did you receive any directors' fees or trustees' fees in the course of the year?"

"Do you hold any office in a benefit society from which you receive income?"

"Answers to all these questions are necessary to determine whether a person has an income sufficiently large to require that a return be filed, and may be the means of avoiding the heavy penalties imposed for failure to do so within the time prescribed."

### TEACHERS OF YOUNG AND JACK COUNTIES VISIT OIL DISTRICT

GRAHAM, TEXAS, Dec. 22.—The tour of the Bunker oil field which had been heretofore planned for the joint teachers' institute of Young and Jack counties held in Graham this week was very successfully carried out Wednesday afternoon.

Details of the trip were worked out by Judge Walker of the chamber of commerce and Deputy State Supervisor Mike McNamara of the Texas railroad commission. Mr. McNamara explained to the teachers just before starting many of the things of special interest to which their attention would be called after they reached the oil field.

The 230 teachers were loaded into 46 automobiles and driven to the south. At a point some three miles south of Graham on the Bunker road, from a high elevation overlooking the Brazos river, the teachers caught the first glimpse of the Bunker pool some four miles farther to the south, bristling with derricks in the distance. On reaching the oil field the teachers found many things of interest to attract their attention and were enabled to gather for themselves a great deal of first hand information, which will no doubt be valuable in their profession.

At the Lynn well on the Russell lease, located on the east side of the pool, a well that had just come in, the teachers were massed about the derrick, where a typical oil field picture was made of the group. Although the day was disagreeable and the weather somewhat threatening, the expedition was carried out without a single hitch, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the teachers. With the closing of the joint institute Thursday evening came to an end one of the most important meetings ever held in Graham from the standpoint of public education and will likely result in a permanent north Texas teachers institute being held annually at Graham.

Forty-one years ago, December 25, 1880, Christmas was observed and celebrated in Wichita Falls in an altogether different manner than today. Christmas that year fell on Saturday. There was no suspension of business and the banks didn't close. There weren't any banks.

No tumultuous or turbulent noises rent the air. No bursting of fire-crackers disturbed the peace and quiet of the small settlement, which changed to be the nucleus of "The City That Faith Built."

Santa had but little trouble in descending the chimney on Christmas Eve as his pack in those days contained no toys and nicknacks. All that he brought and left was perhaps in the form of a sweet cake which probably some boiled custard.

On Christmas Day, 1880, Wichita Falls' population was sparse, in fact the entire city was composed of the families of Judge J. H. Barwise, A. H. Harris, T. E. Williams, Judge Sealey and Steve Reynolds.

W. T. Harris, the county clerk of Wichita county, was a lad of fourteen years of age and in reminiscence tells of Christmas Day, forty-one years ago.

Steve Reynolds was the proprietor of the only store here, and in addition to supplying the residents here with their general needs he acted as postmaster and mail carrier. The mail for Wichita Falls was delivered at Henrietta, then the frontier town of Texas from Gainesville by Coach and Mr. Reynolds drove to Henrietta twice a week on Tuesday and Fridays for the mail.

Mr. Harris' father and mother arrived here in March of 1880 and Christmas Day was nothing out of the ordinary from any other day that year. The only extraordinary

thing that occurred on that day was that Mother Harris served a cake and some boiled custard. This was a great treat. Mr. Harris stated, that year. The only noise of the day, he said, were perhaps the echo from a revolver shot that swept across the prairie from some distant point where a cowboy had perhaps spied a coyote near his herd.

There was another incident, however, that year that Mr. Harris remembers distinctly. On Friday evening, Christmas Eve all the young boys of Wichita county and the cowboys from the Waggoner and Burnett ranches met at the home of J. T. Craig for a dance. Mr. Craig lived seven miles west on the river from Wichita Falls.

Mr. Harris attended this affair and states that this was his first step into social life. In view of the fact that all the cowboys attending the dance came equipped with rifles and sidearms, Mr. Harris said that he did not take any of the space on the dance floor but confined his activities to the back porch. Later, however, he stated one of the young ladies led him onto the floor and this was where he danced his first square dance with a lady.

Christmas Day the following year, in 1881, was a more joyful occasion for the families of Judge Barwise, Mr. Harris with several other boys including Joe and Marshall Barwise, met behind one of the buildings in the town and after investing all their money in gun powder loaded all the shells they had with powder and plugged them with wooden pegs.

On Christmas day the boys departed from the main part of the village to a cut north of Seventh street and built a fire. After the

fire had subsided a bit one by one the loaded cartridges were thrown into the fire and then all would retreat to hear the explosion.

At this juncture, Mr. Harris recalled the idea that a good scare might chase the boy to his house as he lived just a short distance from the scene of the fun.

The next time that a cartridge was thrown into the fire Mr. Harris held the blacksmith's son close to the pile of coals. Shortly there was a report and simultaneously there was a cry of pain that rent the air and the little fellow scampered for the house with a live coal housed just under his shirt on his chest.

Within the next few minutes, the mother of the boy spelt: the fun at this sport for the winter day. She had fully intended to give some one a lashing, but the boys and especially Mr. Harris stayed out of her reach. The tongue-lashing was severe, Mr. Harris stated.

all have drawn capacity crowds when exhibited in other theatres.

Total of 102,184,724 barrels of oil were produced from 94,567 proved acres of California fields during 1920.

After trying off the coast of Scotland more than 300 years a galleon of the Spanish Armada has recently been partly salvaged.

A lifeboat made of basket work has been invented by a Rotterdam man.

Scientists say grasshoppers are highly nutritious and native American Indians have been known to eat them, roasted, as a delicacy.

A Mauritius two-penny stamp sold for \$12,000 at a recent auction sale in Paris.

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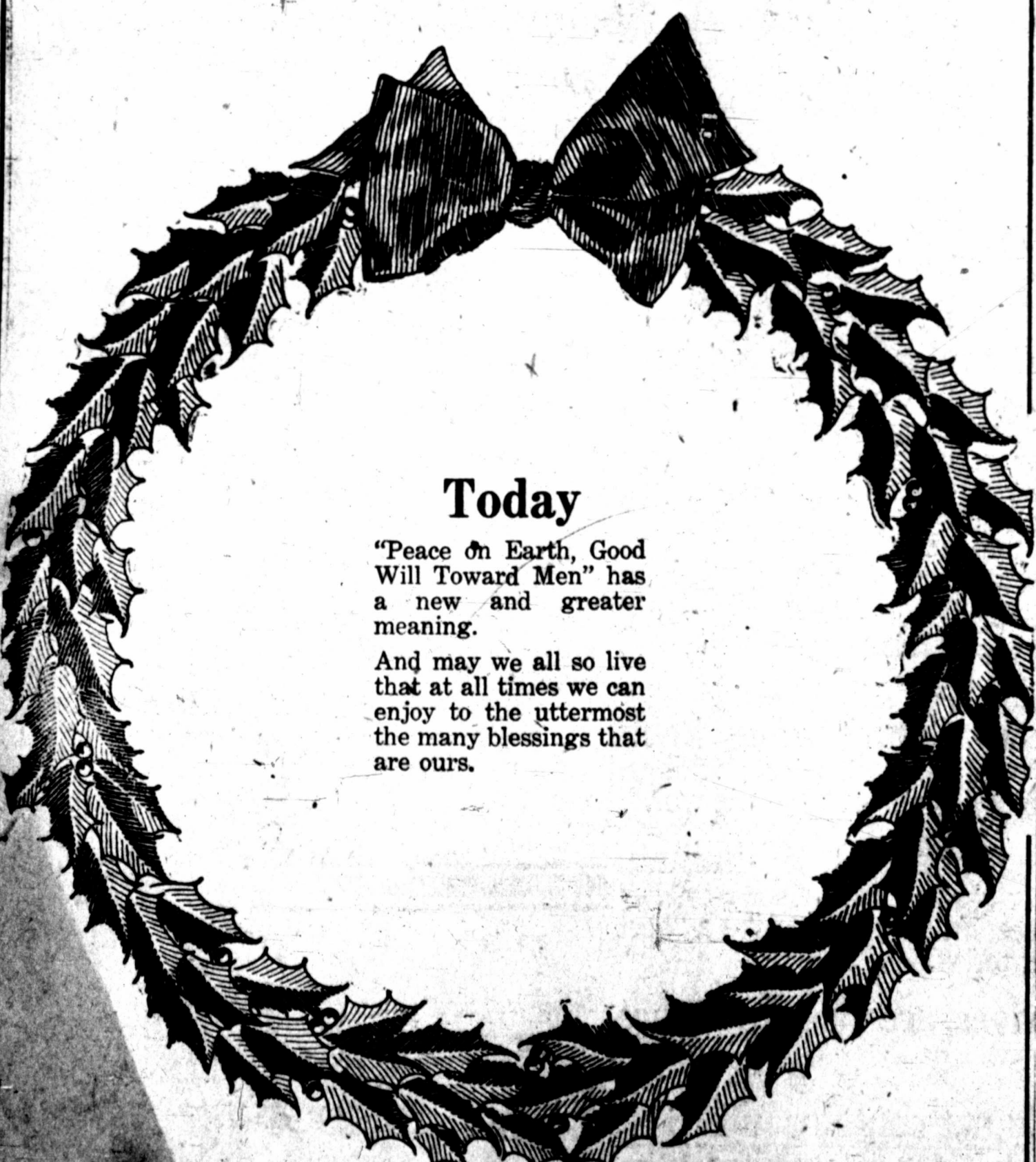
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



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"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" has a new and greater meaning.

And may we all so live that at all times we can enjoy to the uttermost the many blessings that are ours.

BACK to childhood, and with hearts opened to happiness let us greet the Morn— 'TIS CHRISTMAS DAY

Heaven directed your coming And Earth gazed from afar Then Wise Men saw your meaning Blessed Bethlehem Star.

High above the cauldron wherein seethed all the masses of materialities affecting the destinies of Man, the Star of Bethlehem held by the Angel of Love, cast upon the Earth the glorious light that never has disappeared. Its beam announced God's greatest gift—they have remained to shed their radiance upon the happiness that girdles the earth today.

The members of our firm wish our friends and customers and our loyal employees a very merry Christmas.



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### YOU'RE IN LUCK IF YOU'RE INCLUDED IN YEE HOW'S GIFT LIST

Months before even the most earnest of early Christmas shoppers had thought of this year's lists of gifts, some strange and odd were already being received in tea and novelty shops in China in order that some half dozen citizens of Wichita Falls might receive the timely greetings of Yee How and Jim Kwa.

Shops in China each year send packages of Lai Gee Not, one of the most important Chinese nuts, for gifts to friends of Yee How here. And there are many packages of a fine Chinese tea, not for sale in America, which make a part of the Christmas festivities of Jim Ywa. Hand embroidered silk handkerchiefs and handsome table covers are on the list and these things, all rareties of value here, are collected in the office of the Majestic cafe, owned by the two Chinamen, and distributed to their friends. There are the laggers who have managed things successfully, and even the assistant district attorney and other figures about the local bar who have helped Yee How over rough places in his business career, who head the list of the annually remembered.

It wasn't so long ago that Yee How and his then nine partners were struggling with the American income tax regulations, and the experience has left him appreciative of legal services. Yee How says he'd be a millionaire in China, but after thirty years of America, only two of which he has spent in Wichita Falls, he isn't planning to assume that proud position across the Pacific.

His heart's still with the old country, though, and all his arguments, sadly incoherent from his lack of command over English pronunciation, are for the thwarting of Japan's schemes for annexing Shantung, Shantung, belongs to China, says Yee How, and it is only the disadvantage of speaking in a difficult tongue that keeps him from telling why more convincingly.

Yee How and Jim Kwa know nothing of the Christmas we know, but they have their friends, and no celebrations of the birth of Christ are more prompt in their observations than these hearty Chinamen, who have adopted the customs of their American friends and use the Christmas tradition for an expression of esteem in the terms of their adopted country.

### Frisk Yourself And See If You Are Equipped, Too

Mirror, a few coins, check book, handkerchief, fragrant odor, complete artificial complexion, cigarettes, chewing gum, mints, matches and a hair pin.

Keys, pencils, matches, toothpicks, theatre seat checks, denture book, a letter that the wife had given him to mail three days ago and a business letter signed "Lovingly, Peggy."

The first set was the contents of four ladies' purses and the last set in the pockets of three men.

What do you carry?

What's in your pockets?

**MIKADO.**

The greatest spendthrift in history was Caligula, Roman emperor. Finally he went altogether mad, got into the national treasury and shovelled gold to the delighted populace until some radical slipped a dagger into him.

Extravagance has dethroned more monarchs than any other cause.

Not so in Japan. Out of every 10,000 yen spent by the Japanese government, only 24 yen go to the imperial household. The Mikado family must be posted on history.

The greatest zinc mine in the world, in Sussex county, New Jersey, has been worked almost continuously since colonial days.



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### MAKING HOOKEY UNPOPULAR IS TASK JUVENILE OFFICER YATES HAS SET FOR SELF

"A boy in school is a boy out of trouble," is one of Juvenile Officer R. L. Yates' chief professional axioms, and that's the reason the rolls of Wichita Falls public schools this year more nearly tally with the number of scholars in the city than ever before. Choosing rather to prevent and to check juvenile incorrigibility and criminality than to wait until the offenses become punishable by law, Officer Yates watches school rolls and finds a lurking truant for practically every unexcused absence. School principals are cooperating, as are most parents, and the result is the rigid enforcement of the compulsory school law, and in many cases the attendance in schools of boys not within the limits of the law who have been prevailed upon by the official to continue school work voluntarily.

The habitual truant is finding constantly increasing difficulty in keeping out of sight during school hours, for the juvenile officer has a way of suddenly appearing in an automobile from around the corner with always plenty of room for a youngster or two somewhere in the car. The truant is usually a boy who has been seeking the public library for safety only to be torn from their readings by the jovial but persistent Officer Yates who is illustrating the advantages of regular attendance at school by making any other schedule exceedingly unpleasant. Officer Yates keeps tabs on the boys each day, and has an uncomfortable habit of appearing at the homes of truant boys in the evening if he has failed to find them on the streets during the day.

Some six hundred of the students enrolled in the public schools here have an irregular attendance record. All of these students are receiving special attention, their absences being immediately reported to Officer Yates for investigation. To all boys under eighteen who are not reached by the compulsory school law, Mr. Yates has an ultimatum. "Go to work or to school here, or go to Gatesville." This rule is being enforced with the cooperation of parents, and the boys are coming to accept its finality.

For instance, there is Billy. Billy is fifteen and in the seventh grade at school. He's a handsome, well-dressed lad, very small for his age, but decidedly averse to going to school. He couldn't find a job and his parents were alarmed at his idleness but unable to make him go to school. So they called for Mr. Yates. In his home, Billy sat in state, defiant, confident.

"I can't get a job and I won't go to school," was his very definite declaration.

"Then I'll take you to Gatesville," the official replied.

"No you won't. You can't take me to Gatesville. I'm all right. I'm not going to school or to Gatesville."

Billy's parents and Officer Yates had an understanding that Billy should go to Gatesville if it became necessary, so Billy if necessity went with Mr. Yates to consult with Judge Jones, to whom the boy again expressed his defiance. Then Billy and the juvenile officer started for the third floor of the county court house where the juvenile jail is. The officer inserted his key into the door, and Billy wavered.

"What school do you want me to go to, Mr. Yates?" he questioned.

"The Austin school," was the answer.

"Well, I'll go—every day."

"All right, Billy. You better go tell Judge Jones about that. And tell him you're going to apologize to your mother about the way you talked to her in my presence."

Billy agreed, and his declaration of good intention was fully as def-

inite as his defiance had been a few minutes before.

So the juvenile jail door was not unlocked for Billy, who is now in regular attendance at the Austin school.

During his five months service in the office, Mr. Yates has sent five boys to Gatesville and put seven men girls in training schools in Dallas and Gainesville. He accounts for the discrepancy in numbers by the fact that he is handicapped in dealing with the girls until it is too late to prevent serious trouble.

"When you see a boy slipping, you can talk to him and check him up almost every time, but it's accounted an insult to a girl until after her offenses have gone too far for help."

There are other boys who are to go just after Christmas.

"I'm leaving him at home with their mother until after Christmas dinner," the official explains. "But I'll have to take them by the first of the year."

Incidentally, Mr. Yates is very much for the school at Gatesville and for the resigned superintendent King. He, together with school officials, is watching several boys who have returned from the school and who are more than making good here now. One boy in particular is becoming a leadership sort of way and has been known to influence the younger ones to and from school in an egotistical sort of way and has been known to influence the younger against the petty thieving which is already being charged against him.

School officials are with Mr. Yates in approving the results of the school at Gatesville, but Superintendent Lee Clark has ambitions for the establishment of a similar institution on a smaller scale here. He is compiling statistics showing the need and value of such a school and considers it a most important step in the development of the city public school facilities to complete efficiency.

### THEY'RE EXPECTED TO MARRY



Lady Rachel Cavendish, daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, their engagement will be announced as soon as the prince gets back from India. It is unofficially reported.

The other is that of Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, and Viscount Lascelles. Their engagement already has been officially announced.

**Romances Alike**

Both romances have these points in common: They're love matches. In both cases, the mate picked by a member of the royal family is a Briton—and wealthy.

Both Lady Rachel and Lascelles are of rank far beneath that which a son of the royal family formerly has expected to marry.

What does that mean?

Just this—that the British reigning family doesn't dare marry its children to the offspring of decadent royal families abroad who may, by chance, sometime be enemies of Britain.

A diplomatic marriage of the old type made a British princess the mother of the Kaiser; it made the deposed German leader a first cousin of King George.

**British on Guard**

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they don't want it to happen again. And the royal family follows the wishes of the British people—that's why it stays on the throne. There's a distinct advantage, too, in royal alliances with families of wealth.

Lady Rachel's father is one of the richest landowners in England.

Viscount Lascelles, likewise of a land-owning family, has inherited a fortune of \$12,000,000.

What brought the prince and princess and their fiances together?

In Wales' case, intimacy between the Duke of Devonshire and the royal family. The duke once was

treasurer of the royal household. The duchess was mistress of robes. So naturally Wales saw a great deal of Lady Rachel.

Princess Mary admired Lascelles' war record. She met him when he was on leave from the front, because of wounds. The whole affair grew from that.

### MAN WANTED AT ROBY IS ARRESTED AT DETROIT, MICH.

**ROBY, TEXAS, Dec. 24.**—Sheriff Lambert left Wednesday for Detroit, Michigan, in answer to a telegraph message from the police department, after Stephen F. Broome, who is wanted here for murder. He was indicted for killing a young man about four miles southwest of Roby, November 11, 1919. He was arrested at the time but later made bond and when his trial was called he could not be found. The sheriff's department has run down several cities without result.

The Roby school has been suspended all this week and the teachers are attending the Tri-County Teachers' Institute at Sweetwater. There are about 120 teachers in the county.

J. B. Green, aged 70, died at his home in the south part of town Wednesday night at 9 o'clock. Mr. Green had lived in Fisher county for many years, coming here when the county was a frontier country, and had raised a large family here.

Lady Rachel Cavendish and Prince of Wales.

By MILTON BRONNER

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Loveless marriages, hatched by groups of wily diplomats behind the barred doors of council chambers, are gone forever so far as British royalty is concerned.

That's the only conclusion to be drawn from the inside story of two royal romances which have set England a-gog.

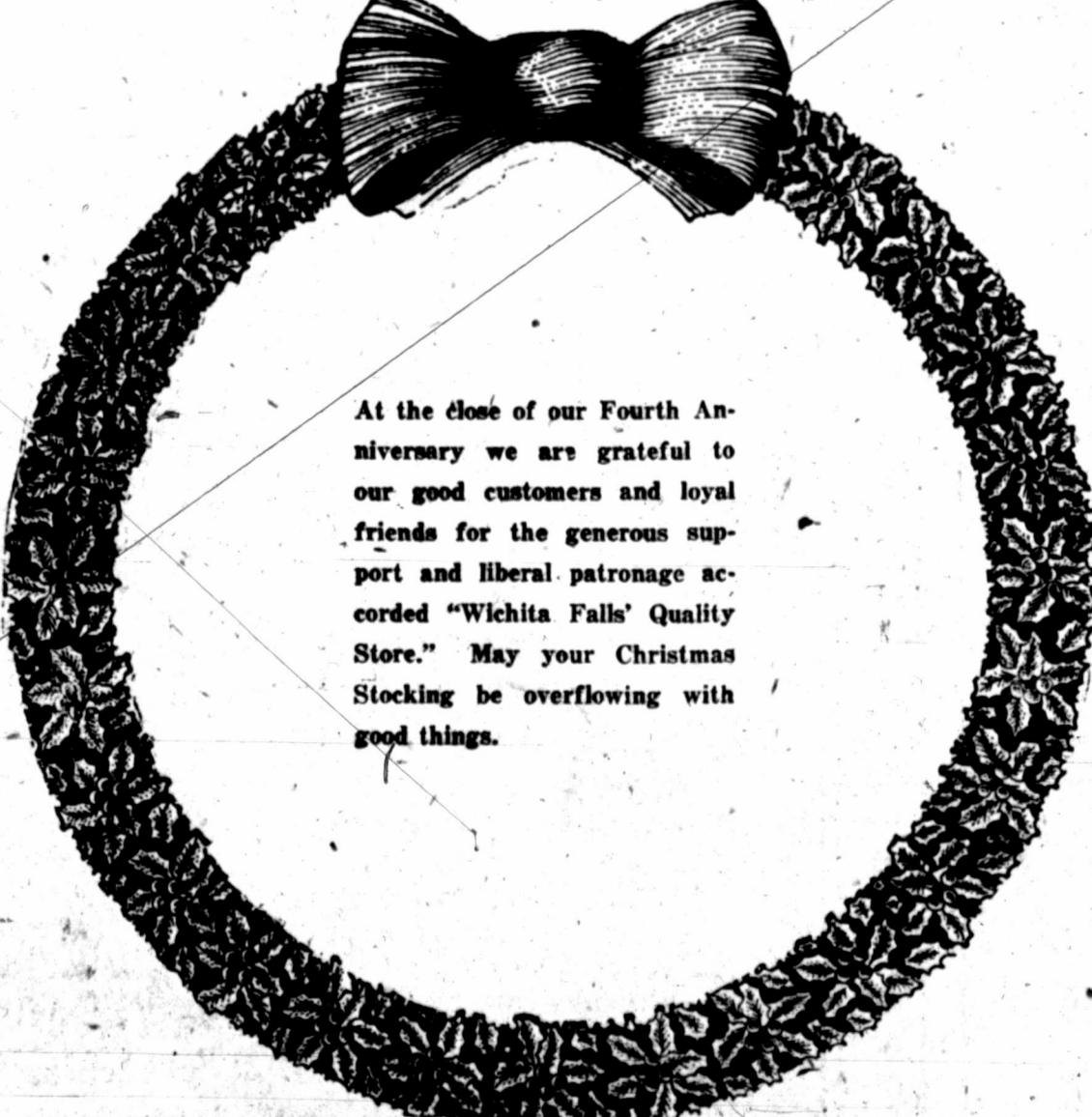
The latest to become public is that of the Prince of Wales and

most of whom survive him, two sons and two daughters living in and near Roby.

The Sunday schools of the different churches of the town will give a union Christmas tree at the school house auditorium Saturday night.

The sheriff's department continues to pick up illicit stills over the county, thus interfering with the Christmas arrangements of quite a number of our citizens. One day last week the officers found a large quantity of mash over near Royston, but failed to find the still or any "finished" product. One day this week Deputy Basham went over and found the machine and its operators, four in number, and about five gallons of fire water.

### Merry Christmas



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**YOUR CHRISTMAS SNIFF OF CORN CHEAPER THIS YEAR, AND REPORTED PLENTIFUL**

**CHRISTMAS QUOTATIONS**

WHISKEY (Case)	
Per Pint	1.20
Per Quart	2.40
Per Drink	1.00

WHISKEY (Case 'Nuts)	
Per Pint	1.50
Per Quart	3.00
Per Drink	1.20

Having received the promise that the formation they would give would be without incrimination, the above market quotations were received from local dealers, wholesalers and retailers and standing customers.

Prices of whiskey, both corn and malt, have kept up with the period of reconstruction and there is a fifty per cent reduction for holiday drinks this year over that of last year. It was stated by a certain individual who is in a position to know, that it is not the law of supply and demand that has brought about the general reduction in prices as the demand is by far greater than the output of the local stills and the importations.

Wichita Falls is well supplied with Christmas liquor, was the statement made by a certain officer who estimates that were it possible to induce all the possessors to place at a certain point, it would require at least five big trucks to move it.

This same officer was of the opinion that fully two-thirds of this amount was corn liquor and that only a portion of the remaining third was of the same quality as the days of yore. A portion of the red liquor that will be used in Wichita Falls during the holiday season is adulterated and not actual corn liquor. He was informed that Bill Sunday's "Lutenants of the Devil" are much in demand in the city this year in such places where Tom and Jerry and the other choice drinks will be served. Incidentally there has been quite a run on ginger ale supplies.

One of the city's foremost citizens stated Thursday that there would be more whiskey used in Wichita Falls this year than during pre-prohibition times. He was informed that he would have some visitors Sunday afternoon but he replied that he wouldn't be at home as he and his wife had been invited out. It would have been entirely too rude to have asked him where he was going, and would have been a violation of reasonable ethics, even though he would have been delighted to have furnished the information to the readers.

Shakespeare says:

And as imagination bodies forth,  
The forms of things unknown,  
The writer's pen,  
Turns them to shapes and gives to airy nothing  
A local habitation and a name.

As we sat before these hosts, faced with ivory and a nickel plated edge, we strolled down the street in order to secure information as to the quality of the corn that is being retailed and utilized in the city. We suddenly found ourselves at the "Black Mouse" or the "Destroyer of Emptiness," at any rate at a certain place where fifty cents was exchanged for a bit in the bottom of a glass.

"It's not quite as clear and not quite as active as it was a month ago. You know it?"

"Well no, of course not. You see a month ago there wasn't quite the demand that there is now and in order to have the supply it is impossible to run it more than twice. You see we used to have three and four-run stuff but now the best we can get is two-run and all the old stuff is gone."

"Yes, I see." And about that time we wrinkled our face and felt the first kick and we suddenly opened our eyes to find ourselves before the Underwood. Thus endeth the journey.

When leaders of the T. E. L. Sunday school class of the First Baptist church announced the resolution that wealth is a greater stumbling block to faith and Christianity than is poverty as the subject for debate, and called for round table participation, they brought out in a burst of spontaneous emotion much of the mixed bitterness and sweetness which has been experienced in the hearts of innumerable Wichita Falls women since the Burkburnett oil boom brought unexpected fortunes to many.

"Wealth has been a curse to us, to me and to my husband and family." Such were the direct words of more than one woman who was moved to speak of personal experience during the heat of the debate which for two Sundays has enlivened the meetings of the organization. Stories of sudden wealth followed by a weakening of moral stamina were on the tongues of several Wichita Falls women who have regretted the prosperity that fortune unexpectedly offered.

"Until my husband became wealthy, he had a sincere respect for my own religion, though he himself was not a Christian, but now he is intolerant of my activities and without any feelings of Christian charity. Once I hoped to eventually convert him to my own beliefs but now he seems to have forgotten there is a Supreme Being." The hopelessness of this wife's story was reflected in others who had watched worldly goods harden a doubting husband into indifference.

"The oil boom was a curse to Burkburnett, to every family there which obtained sudden wealth," was the embittered declaration of one member of the class who was herself a resident of Burkburnett at the time of the boom, and who declared that she has watched the disintegration of moral forces among the so-called fortunate citizens of that place until she has come to regard the boom as a venomous curse, especially to children of families there.

The debate was not formally conducted and no decision was announced, although a preponderance of evidence has been accredited the affirmative side. Other stories there were which told of a mere broadening of religious activities with the extension of opportunity through wealth, the conclusion in the end putting the responsibility upon the individual man.

Mrs. Fred Carter is president of the T. E. L. or Timothy-Eunice-Lois class. Mrs. W. W. Murphy and Mrs. C. C. Jones Jr. were leaders of the debate.

Since the first year of the boom in Wichita Falls, the T. E. L. class has annually chosen this same question for discussion, by way of a trial of faith and of extending an opportunity for close at hand study of a situation which offered every chance for an analysis of the question of the first of Christianity with worldly temptations. Where debaters on one side of the question have excited Job and his test by adversity, others have called upon the wealth of personal experience to point to prosperity as the time of the real test of faith.

The question, important everywhere, has had a peculiar application to local conditions and has aroused an interest and discussion among women here which reflects in its own way the vital place such considerations have come to hold in the experience of women who have studied conditions and watched the reaction of husbands, brothers and friends to the joys of unusual prosperity.

**FRIENDLY HANDS MAKE CHRISTMAS FOR THIS FAMILY**

Over in No Man's Land, north of the city, a bit of a little woman, fragile and prematurely aged from privation, burdened with the support of two small children, is learning that the essence of Christmas is not prosperity, nor even happiness, but rather the touch of a warm friendly hand, the tremor of sympathy in the voice of a friend who is experienced in the same cruel school of hardship.

The little woman and her children will get their Christmas basket from the Salvation Army, and they will live more comfortably than they have in months, but those are not the reasons for the tears of gratitude and relief in her tired eyes.

A few days ago the woman, her husband and children drove into No Man's Land in their covered wagon, pulled by two lean horses. The husband was ill, too ill to go any further along the unending road they had followed in search of work and sustenance for months. They drove the wagon close to a tiny shack, almost as desolate and devoid of comfort as their own wagon and there they found friendship. Within a few hours the news of distress was in the hands of the Salvation Army, Chief of Police R. W. Morgan having notified Ma Burdick and a physician at the same time.

The physician found the man very ill with pneumonia, and as the ambulance carried him away to the hospital, Ma Burdick and her assistants were busy with the wife and babies. The new found friends in the already crowded shack offered hospitality, and there the woman and children are being cared for while physicians and nurses are helping the father fight death in the hospital.

There is a new name on the list of beneficiaries of the Salvation Army Christmas activity and three more mouths to feed and beds to provide in the little makeshift home of hospitality. But nobody complains when the little stranger baby cries at night, or when the four-year-old boy reveals his man size appetite. The entertainers have been too close to the same margin too often to scorn a neighbor's misfortune.

**OBVIOUS.**

All sailors dread Rockall, most dangerous rock in the world. It's 250 miles north of Ireland. Though it rises out of the sea like a black iceberg, and its exact location is known to all navigators, ships are constantly being wrecked on it. Rockall is symbolic of life. Most of us see everything except the obvious. That's why it's so hard to find anything "right under your nose," or which "if it had teeth, would bite you."

A British company claims that chalk can be used as a coal substitute.

The primitive weights and measures of the Chinese were made of jade.

**WEALTH THAT COMES QUICK NOT AN UNMIXED BLESSING, BIBLE CLASS MEMBERS FIND**

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"The oil boom was a curse to Burkburnett, to every family there which obtained sudden wealth," was the embittered declaration of one member of the class who was herself a resident of Burkburnett at the time of the boom, and who declared that she has watched the disintegration of moral forces among the so-called fortunate citizens of that place until she has come to regard the boom as a venomous curse, especially to children of families there.

The debate was not formally conducted and no decision was announced, although a preponderance of evidence has been accredited the affirmative side. Other stories there were which told of a mere broadening of religious activities with the extension of opportunity through wealth, the conclusion in the end putting the responsibility upon the individual man.

Mrs. Fred Carter is president of the T. E. L. or Timothy-Eunice-Lois class. Mrs. W. W. Murphy and Mrs. C. C. Jones Jr. were leaders of the debate.

Since the first year of the boom in Wichita Falls, the T. E. L. class has annually chosen this same question for discussion, by way of a trial of faith and of extending an opportunity for close at hand study of a situation which offered every chance for an analysis of the question of the first of Christianity with worldly temptations. Where debaters on one side of the question have excited Job and his test by adversity, others have called upon the wealth of personal experience to point to prosperity as the time of the real test of faith.

The question, important everywhere, has had a peculiar application to local conditions and has aroused an interest and discussion among women here which reflects in its own way the vital place such considerations have come to hold in the experience of women who have studied conditions and watched the reaction of husbands, brothers and friends to the joys of unusual prosperity.

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# At the Churches Today

**League Program.**  
(Under supervision First department.) Following the Star, "What Do Men Find?" Leader, Elizabeth Peyton. Song service led by J. W. Akin Jr. Scripture lesson, Matthew 21:15-17. Prayer, vocal solo, Gerald Bonney. The Angel and the Star, Miss Zula Stokes. Viola duet, Misses Ross. A Child's Dream of a Star, Miss Helen Sander. Vocal duet, Mrs. J. W. Akin Jr. and Miss Margaret Kove. Following the Star, Minnie Mae Payton. Piano duet, Ruby Edwards and Elizabeth Peyton. Christmas in Palestine, Mr. Elfar. Announcements: Benediction.

**Intermediate League.**  
Subject, Following the Star. Leader, Doris Hagland. Song service, Prayer. Scripture lesson, Matthew 21:1-12. Christmas story, Thelma Cain. How Does God Guide Us? Zena Bachman. Piano and violin duet, Katherine and Lily Clark. Hitching Your Wagon to a Star, R. W. McCulloch. Announcements: Benediction.

**First Christian Church.**  
A special program will be rendered at the Sunday night services. Mrs. Lee Clark has arranged for special music in double quartet and duet. Miss Juanita Kinsey will read "Christmas in a Mining Camp." The work of Miss Kinsey last summer as a reader was notably recognized among the educators of the great summer school of the University of California. Everybody cordially invited to cordial service. The program will also enjoy the treat of the special music. Special sermon to be preached by Rev. J. W. Akin Jr. subject being, "The Day—A Retrospect: the Day—an Interpretation: the Day—a Prophecy." All visitors to the city are cordially invited to attend all services. Bible school starts at the usual hour, 9:30, Sunday morning.

**Lutheran Trinity Church.**  
Fourteenth and Bluff streets. There will be no Sunday school on Christmas day. Morning services at 10:30 a. m., conducted in the German language. After sermon occasional services will be held and the Lord's Supper administered. Come and worship with us.—H. F. MUELLER, Pastor.

**Christian Science Society.**  
Church edifice, corner Tenth and Van Buren streets. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Lesson services at 11:00. Subject: "Christian Science." Testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. Reading room located in room 11, Journal building, 614 Seventh street, is open from 1 to 5 p. m. daily, except Sundays and holidays. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

**International Bible Students.**  
Room 7, Labor Temple, 792 Travis street. Sunday at 3 p. m. the junior class will study "The Ephesus and Dispensation as Marked in God's Plan of the Ages." The seniors will study "The Bible as a Divine Revelation." At 4 p. m. the seniors will have a prayer, praise and testimony meeting. At 7:30 a Bible talk, "The Song of the Angels," by B. R. Kent. The public is cordially invited. No collection will be taken.

**Lutheran St. Paul's Church.**  
Eleventh and Holiday streets. Tonight at 7 o'clock we shall have the children's service with special Christmas program. Sunday morning at 10:30 special Christmas services in the English language. No Sunday school nor Bible class on Christmas day. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us and give honor to our new born savior, the little child in Bethlehem's manger.—C. M. BEYER, pastor.

**New Thought Truth Center.**  
A message of Christian unity. Subject "Ye Are Born Again" time, Sunday evening 7:45; place, Jewish Temple Eleventh and Burnett; speaker, Daisy Levi. Freedman. Thursday evening talks on health and prosperity at the same place. All are welcome.

**First Baptist Church.**  
R. Y. P. U. program, Dec. 25. Subject, "The World Today." Miss Leslie Merrill. Leader. Scripture reading, Matthew, second chapter. Miss Ethel Covington. "The Peace of Christ." Mr. Denny. "The Old Religion of China." David Covington. Dues, Madames Wilhite and Barbell. "The Head of the Christian Religion in China." Mr. Richardson. Reading, Mrs. J. M. Broncushio. Song Union.

**East Side Presbyterian.**  
Sunday school at 2 p. m.; preaching at 4 by Rev. M. W. Rogers of Canadian. The Community Christmas tree Monday night, 8th. Prayer meeting Tuesday night 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.—C. C. DOOLEY.

**Federal Heights Presbyterian.**  
1701 Kamp boulevard and Avenue G.—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. M. W. Rogers of Canadian. Texas. The organization of a U. S. A. Presbyterian church was completed last Sunday and will be served by C. C. Dooley of First Church as pastor. We welcome the public to our services and help us in this work.—C. C. DOOLEY.

**First Presbyterian Church.**  
Miss Veale will sing Sunday morning. The subject of the pastor's Christmas will be, "Good Made Flesh." An opportunity for church membership will be given at the morning hour. Parents wishing their children baptized will bring them early. At night Miss Teresa Veale and her choir, assisted by soloists, will give the annual Christmas concert. A rare treat is in store for all music lovers. The program appears in this issue of The Times.—N. F. GRAYTON, Pastor.

**Church of the Good Shepherd.**  
(Episcopal). Services for Christmas Day. Midnight Eucharist Christmas Eve, 12:00. Holy Communion Christmas Morn 11:00. The special music will be from Berthold Tour's "Office in C." Christmas anthems will be sung at both services. The church is beautifully decorated and we extend the season's greetings and invite you to welcome the Christ at these services. At the midnight service the rector's sermon subject will be "The Son of Man and the Sons of Men"; at 11 o'clock the "Feast of Heaven and Earth." Evening, 7:15. Olympic theater. Christmas hymns will be sung and the rector will preach a Christmas sermon, "The Friend at Midnight." Doors had to be closed at 7:30 last Sunday. Don't miss your worship and inspiration.—FRED T. DATSON, Rector.

**Old Time Revival.**  
Beginning Sunday night, December 25, Rev. W. H. Phillips, assisted by Rev. J. W. Hipp of Altus, Okla., will open revival services at the Church of the Nazarene on the corner of Fifth and Bluff. We invite all who would like to hear the simple gospel preached and to attend these services. Further notices will be given as the meeting progresses.—The Pastor.

**First Methodist.**  
A good program of splendid Christmas music has been prepared by Mr. Elliott and the choir, and the pastor will tell the story of the "Children of the World" at the morning hour, 11 a. m. and ask that we give a free will offering for the care of the thousands which our church has taken into our homes and schools for the orphan in the devastated regions of Europe. Duplicate your presents to your friends and send the offering to these suffering ones. Epworth league will render a special program at 8:15 p. m. Christmas sermon Sunday night by the pastor. The pastor wishes all the members and friends a most merry Christmas and Happy New Year.—T. S. PITTSFINGER, Pastor.

**First Baptist Church.**  
Sunday school 9:45. W. C. Ashford, Supr. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. by the pastor; subject, "Waiting for Jesus." Vocal solo by Mr. Anglin. Evening service at 7:30; subject, "Who Were the Wise Men?" Vocal solo by Miss Katherine Cook. Surely it is very fitting that everyone should attend services on Christmas day. Let us not leave Christ out of our Christmas. We hope to have a packed house at both services, because this is the day that we celebrate the birth of Christ. Everyone is given a cordial invitation.

**Lamar Avenue Baptist Church.**  
Lamar and Fourth streets.—There will be a Christmas tree at the church Saturday evening at 7:30.

**"WHITE GIFTS FOR THE KING" TO FEATURE SUNDAY SERVICE AT N. E. CHURCH**  
"I wonder how many people really like for Christmas to come on Sunday? I think I see a number shaking their heads, and yet what more appropriate day than the Sabbath for the celebration of the Christ's birthday. Because Christmas came on Sunday and because we wanted a service that grown people and children alike could take part in, we have planned a 'White Gifts for the King' service at our church Sunday night. The gifts are service-substance-sets. Gifts of substance in the form of groceries may be brought to the church if you know of a family to whom such gifts will be welcome. If you do not know where they can be distributed, please do not bring such gifts but bring money instead. Everyone can offer a gift to the King in this form. The offering of money will be sent to the orphan's home at Waco. The pastor will make an appeal for service and set by singing his initial words in illustration from nature, the story


of 'The Homing Pigeon.' Another feature of the night service will be the baptism of a score of beautiful babies. All parents who have not had their babies baptized are urgently requested to be present. Still another feature of the night service will be a twenty-minute Christmas play, 'The Empty Stocking' under the direction of Miss Alzada Knickerbocker. This Christmas play, with a beautiful theme, was received most heartily and enthusiastically by a large audience last Wednesday evening." At the morning service, now beginning at 10:30, Dr. Knickerbocker will preach on "St. Paul and St. Oral Jones." He will link in his characteristic graphic style the old with the new, the ancient with the modern, and find a universal lesson in the application. He may even tell us how he thinks St. Paul would meet modern conditions of living or describe the genial Oral Jones astride an ancient donkey. Special Christmas musical treats are planned for the morning service. Dr. Knickerbocker gives a special invitation to each member of the board of stewards to be present at the morning service so he can present a little Christmas gift in person.

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**BARGAINS IN USED CAR KEEP DOWN NEW SALES, DEALERS SAY**

Much Attention Being Given The Complex Situation At This Time.

The used car problem has become so complex that manufacturers and dealers are devoting most of their attention to its solution.

There are about 3,000,000 used cars in the country, figuring on the basis that a year-old car is "used." And each year about 10 per cent have been turned in for new machines, or scrapped, leaving few new-car buyers.

Manufacturers have come to realize that the greater part of their annual production goes to the person who turns in used cars and get an allowance for them.

This allowance, it has been decided, is to be a year-old car "used." The owner, rather than the sales agent, has been pocketing the profit.

Three solutions to this situation have been offered:

1. Each manufacturer, in advertising his new car should quote the market price of his older models. Agents giving a greater allowance would know the risk they are taking.

2. Public appraisers, paid by the dealer, to give the value of any car submitted by a prospective new-car customer. In such cases, there would be no bargaining and the dealer would have a true knowledge of the car's value.

3. Formation of a national used car company, which would buy and sell all used cars from only those owners buying new automobiles. There would be set prices for all models, which would be part payment on the new car sold to the owner.

Action will soon be taken on this problem. That is the promise of Arthur Reeves, general manager of the national chain of automobile commerce. That is certain, for it is realized that the new car market will be slow until a practicable solution of the used car situation is obtained.

When the battery is discharged the plates within it absorb the acid.

Reckless driving will put a car in the junk pile in short order.

The cold air opening of the inlet manifold can be closed almost entirely in cold weather.

When there is a small quantity of oil used the tendency to heat will be greater.

A worn clutch brake is a common trouble, not stopping the swiftly moving clutch quickly enough after it is disengaged.

By using a solution of soda and water, rust that has accumulated in the jacket will come, to a large degree, be removed.

If the driving gears of the speedometer drive are lubricated once a week they will operate for a longer period and more quietly.

Always see that the spark is retarded about half way when in high gear and traveling slowly and quick acceleration in the car speed is essential.

Never try to drive the car by spinning the wheels when stuck in the mud. To do so only makes it all the more hard to get out of the hole. By turning the wheels slowly they will grip the surface more readily.

When it is necessary to clean the vent valve it can sometimes be done with ease by removing the little cap which it is equipped with, and blowing through it. By giving it a few turns with a screwdriver will help reset it.

A tire, the tread of which is well worn but firmly attached to the carcass and which has no deep cuts, pieces gouged from it or sand blisters, and which has not been standing idle for a long period, is safe for retreading. Others are not.

The presence of tar on painted surfaces is not serious if care is used in its removal. Scraping with a metal tool succeeds only in marring the paint. An easy method is to dip a piece of cheesecloth in crude oil and applying, allowing it to remain a few minutes before wiping off.

To remove the hunting link, turn the chain until the hunting link is on top of a wheel. Then with a cold chisel held in a vertical position and the edge of the blade at right angles to the plane of the washer, strike sharply with a light mallet until the washers are split sufficiently to allow them to drop off.

If the engine will not hold the car at a reasonable speed and the speed begins to go up to a dangerous point, shift to second gear, speeding up the engine with the accelerator to make certain of engagement as you make the shift. If you should miss this shift, jam the lever hard over toward the second speed position and then step on the accelerator. The gear will instantly slip into place. This will make a terrific noise, but under the circumstances noise can be disregarded.

Case hardening is a process of putting a hard shell or surface on soft steel to enable parts to resist extreme wear and yet retain toughness. It is a process which gives a glass hardness to the outside and still retains the strength and resistance to breakage of low carbon steel. A common method of doing this is to heat a piece of rod hot, quench it in a piece of cyanide of potassium, allowing the cyanide to run over the surface of the metal and then, while the piece is still hot, dip it into cold water. This transforms the outer shell of the part from a low carbon steel to a high carbon steel and changes the crystal formation to a very fine formation.

Protecting Boots. Leather boots for joints of drag links, shackles, tie rod arms and the like are good protection against mud and water. They are simple enough to be made by the motorist himself, although they can be bought at the accessory store. Before fitting them to the joints a liberal quantity of grease should be smeared on.

**THE MOTORISTS' PROBLEMS**

By WILLIAM H. STEWART, JR.

**Motor Department:** I wish to ask you the reason why my engine is over-heating when traveling at 25 to 30 miles per hour on the level highway and also climbing grades. The water boils out of the radiator and the lubricating oil boils out of the crank oil. It comes out where you put it in. There is no space under the cover which you screw down after filling with oil. I use Mobil oil for lubricating. My car is an Overland 11 model 90. I have had it for two years and time in the first time it has been over-heated. I have only had the valves ground.—A. L.

There are many causes of over-heating. The usual cause is poor water circulation or defective radiator. You must see that the water circulates freely and that none of the hose connections are clogged. Quite often the hose connections collapse on the inside, but appear all right on the outside. Carbonized used cylinders is another cause. A heavy coating of carbon on the walls of the combustion chamber will retard cooling. Discharge with spark retarded or an over-rich mixture also aggravates the trouble. See that the fan belt is tight, and the oil in the crank case every thousand miles. Thin oil causes greater friction of all working parts and friction induces heat. If you have already tried the above suggestions without results, then try cleaning the cooling system. Dissolve a couple of pounds of washing soda in hot water and add this to the cooling system. Use the car as usual for several hours and the drain and thoroughly flush with clean water to remove all traces of the soda. This process will remove much sediment and deposit which may be retarding the cooling especially in the radiator. It hardly seems possible for the lubricating oil of the crank case to boil. The best position for the pistons and piston rings are at fault. Regrinding the cylinders and fitting of new pistons and rings will be necessary to properly overcome such trouble. If the cylinders are true, then oversize pistons and rings correctly fitted will answer the purpose.

**Motor Department:** I have been advised not to reset the oil level of my foot on the clutch pedal, but have not been able to find out why. Kindly explain what harm this will do, when the engine is running, for the foot while driving.—G. C.

At the lower end of the clutch pedal is a bearing which sets in a collar on the clutch shaft. Pressure on the clutch pedal causes the bearing to wear making it noisy and hastening the time when it should be replaced. The best should rest on the floor boards. When wanted the pedal can be found immediately. Some people sit with eyes closed, which is about the worst thing possible. If they have to use both pedals suddenly they may not be able to locate them quickly enough.

**Motor Department:** Have read much of the aid for motor car owners. Have a 1918 Ford car. It is in good running order, but it makes a lot of noise when starting and running on low. Please tell me where the trouble might be and how to fix it. I had all new bushings put in a year ago. When the engine is running idle it seems to lack a lot of speed to keep it going and is therefore rather noisy. Please tell me how I can overcome this.—O.

The noise in the planetary gear set can only be removed by installing new gears with new bushings. The engine may be weak from incorrect

mixture, but it is probably due to loss of compression. New piston rings might help, but the cylinders may need grinding as well.

**Motor Department:** I have trouble in cranking my car in cold weather. Engine starts easily in summer on one turn of the crank, with Bosch high tension magneto, but in cold weather I have to pour hot water on carburetor and intake manifold, after which car starts with a jump. Some trouble last winter. Have been told to prime cylinders with a drop or two of ether. Is this safe and advisable? Priming with cold gasoline is not effective. Engine is also difficult to start in cold weather after engine stalls or is allowed to run down, even though cylinders are still hot.—L. K.

This is a usual cold weather trouble, but may be aggravated by loss of compression. Either is excellent for priming, but should not be used with the gasoline for regular running. Have compression adjusted to and you will find it easier to start engine.

**Motor Department:** I would like to find out what the trouble is with my car. In order to climb a hill I have to speed up 25 or 30 miles per hour to make it. My engine is timed to fire before dead center. If I retard the spark I lose out altogether at any speed. She quiets down to a standstill in the center of the hill but when I advance my spark the

engine has a knock in it at all times. I would like to know what is wrong.—B. C.

The knock on a hill would indicate carbon, although it may be piston slap due to a badly worn piston. After cleaning out the carbon and grinding the valves, have carburetor inspected by a competent repair man, as there seems to be trouble there also.

**Motor Department:** Had new rings replaced in car due to the fact of them pumping oil and have run about 500 miles since then, compression is not as good as it should be. Will it get better after more running? In testing compression with crank I notice a slight blow-back noise. Valves ground in good shape. Oil seems to be thin after running a short time, evidently gas working down past rings cutting lubricating quality of oil. Am I slight—OVERSEER.

Your cylinder walls may be out of round or scored—the only remedy is to have them ground. It is doubtful if they will improve after more running. The hissing noise must be located and remedied. The gasoline working down the side of the cylinder points to defective cylinder walls, as mentioned.

**Motor Department:** After overhauling my car I am having trouble with the motor backfiring in the carburetor. The garage man said it was due to a lean mixture, so, after having the carburetor adjusted with no improvement, I have purchased a new carburetor, but still have the same trouble. Your advice will be greatly appreciated.—READER.

The causes which may bring about backfiring in the carburetor other than a defective adjustment, are faulty valve closing, which permits the flame to reach the carburetor, or the short-circuiting of one of the primary wires, which causes the firing of one of the cylinders on a wrong stroke. It may be well to examine the valve timing and which—whether the valves close properly before making any further adjustment of the carburetor.

**Motor Department:** What tests can I apply to an oil to tell if it is suitable for my engine? There are several oils on the market that I do not know how to choose among them.—READER.

Buy an oil from a manufacturer of established reputation, using the grade he recommends and you can not go far wrong. A good test is to clean out the old oil and fill up with the new, then see if it carbonizes. A thorough test of an oil can only be made in a properly equipped laboratory.

**Motor Department:** Is there any way to tell to advance and retard spark and throttle on different gears? How does a driver know what to do when he starts a strange engine?—PUZZLED.

If he is not familiar with that particular model he removes the cover of the circuit interrupter and

cranks the engine to note which way the interrupter shaft turns. The rule is to manipulate the spark lever in such a manner that the outside of the breaker mechanism shall turn in the same way as the inside. This retards the spark; as required for starting. There is no run for the throttle. If you cannot determine by inspecting throttle at carburetor, then set lever half way between its extreme positions. After engine has started it will be easy to determine which direction opens it and which closes it.

**Motor Department:** Please advise through the motor department whether carbon can be successfully removed from a Ford motor by pouring certain fluids into the cylinders, and, if so, please state what to use and how.—J. S.

It is difficult to introduce any liquid to remove carbon from Ford cylinders, as there are no compression cocks. Procure a priming cup with a right-angle turn and have it placed on side of inlet manifold about half way up. Water, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide or other carbon removers can be poured into this cup while the engine is speeded up with the throttle. We cannot say that any such fluids will do the work successfully. The only positive way is to scrape the carbon out or burn it out.

**HELPFUL HINTS**  
It is an excellent preventive of rust to rub on bolts and nuts a little graphite. When this is done you have taken out an insurance against sticking nuts.

It is easy to lock a nut securely by having the bolt a little longer than is needed and then rivet the projecting end a little after the nut is screwed in place. When the nut is to be removed it is necessary to file out the rivet part.

One way of removing a bolt that has become rusted in place is to heat an open spanner and let it rest against the nut for several minutes. This will expand the nut without producing corresponding expansion of the bolt, and the nut will come off easily.

When a stud has become frozen in place remove it by screwing on two nuts and turning the lower one with a wrench.

Use Testa Spark. A glass tube fitted with neon gas, an atmospheric element, is a means of testing the spark plug while engaged in the cylinder. The tube is fitted into a hard rubber holder, the tip of which is set against the spark plug terminal. Mere proximity to the high tension current, piled up at the spark gap to cause the spark, produces a glow in the tube. If the gas is filled with carbon or oil, the gas will not glow.

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A long and lonesome hike,  
Don't go without your car repaired  
And get stuck on the pike.  
For if you're wise you'll be alert  
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Also a jack and pump.

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In spite of a Christmas tree, songs and recitations all safely and patriotically Americanized, the Christmas celebration in the little Mexican school east of the railroad tracks Friday afternoon was as warmly and brilliantly characteristic of the native south lands as though the soft, musical, little voices had never heard any but the Spanish accent which still so strangely modulates the most English of words.

CHILlicothe Scouts HIKE TO THE RIVER

Masons at Chillicothe Plan to Erect a Modern Brick Building. CHILlicothe, TEXAS, Dec. 24.—The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Scoutmaster E. F. Judd will take a hike to the banks of Pease river north of Crowell, Texas.

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Special to The Times. WALTERS, OKLA., Dec. 24.—One of the most important wildcat tests being drilled in Cotton county at this time is located in section 23, 28, 11W. It is being drilled by the American National Bank, formerly of Wichita Falls and Burk Burnett, for F. G. Ford and B. S. Coleman of Wichita Falls, the owners of a block of acreage in this vicinity.

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Wichita Falls, Texas, December 22, 1921.

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YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING ON THAT HORN ALL MORNING-- DID YOU GET IT FOR YOURSELF OR FOR ROSCOE?

# Mr. and Mrs. -

By Briggs

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AFTER ALL JOE CHRISTMAS IS FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS-- IT SEEMS MORE LIKE CHRISTMAS WHERE THERE'S CHILDREN

MERRY CHRISTMAS ROSCOE

EVERYBODY HAPPY AND EVERYBODY REMEMBERED

YES I'M SO GLAD WE'VE REMEMBERED ALL OUR FRIENDS

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO COMPLIMENT YOU VI ON YOUR WONDERFUL GENIUS IN REMEMBERING ALL OUR FRIENDS WITH SOME APPROPRIATE GIFT--

HERE COMES --?

I DON'T SEE HOW YOU DO IT

FOR GOODNESS SAKE JOE HERE COME THE BROWNS!

WHAT OF IT VI-- DON'T GET EXCITED

COME HERE! QUICK!

WHAT OF IT VI!!? SUPPOSE THEY ARE COMING WHAT OF IT!!?

THEY'RE LOADED DOWN WITH PACKAGES AND I FORGOT TO GET SOMETHING FOR THEM-- GO AND FISH OUT ONE OF YOUR NECKTIES QUICK!

I THOUGHT YOU'D THOUGHT OF EVERYBODY

I'M GIVING MRS. BROWN A LACE HANDKERCHIEF I DON'T CARE ABOUT-- ANY OLD TIE WILL DO-- HURRY UP

HERE'S ONE I NEVER WEAR-- I'LL GIVE IT TO BILL

NOW GO AND GET ONE OF ROSCOE'S BOOKS TO GIVE TO WILLIE-- FROM ROSCOE

THIS IS A CHEAP WAY TO DO VI-- IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT

NOW SIT DOWN AND WRITE SOME CARDS WITH LOVE AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS! THREE CARDS

HURRY-- THEY MUST BE AT THE FRONT DOOR BY THIS TIME

-- FROM VIOLET TO LUCILLE-- WITH LOVE

WHY THEY'VE GONE ON BY-- THEY DIDN'T STOP HERE AT ALL

IN CASE THERE'S ANYBODY WE'VE FORGOTTEN-- MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!



# PA'S SON-IN-LAW

By Wellington

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IF THAT TAILOR THINKS I'M GOIN' T' PAY 150 BUCKS FOR THIS SUIT, HE'S CRAZY!



I'M ALL THROUGH WITH THEM FANCY-PRICED DUDS, BY JINKS!



MY WORD - THESE CLOTHES ARE IN REMARKABLY GOOD CONDITION FOAH FAWTHAW TO BE THROUGH WITH THEM!

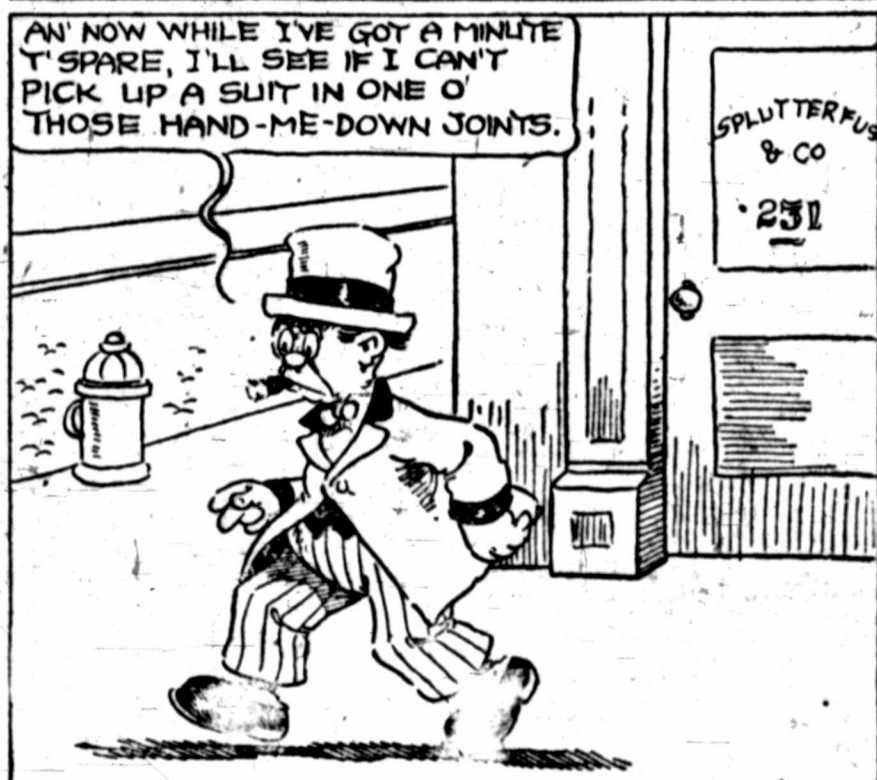


I SAY, ME MAN - LOOK HEAR A MOMENT!

SOON'S I GIT T' TH' OFFICE I'LL 'PHONE THAT BIRD T' SEND UP T' TH' HOUSE AN' GET THAT SUIT! HE MAY STING SOMEBODY ELSE WITH 'EM, BUT NOT ME!



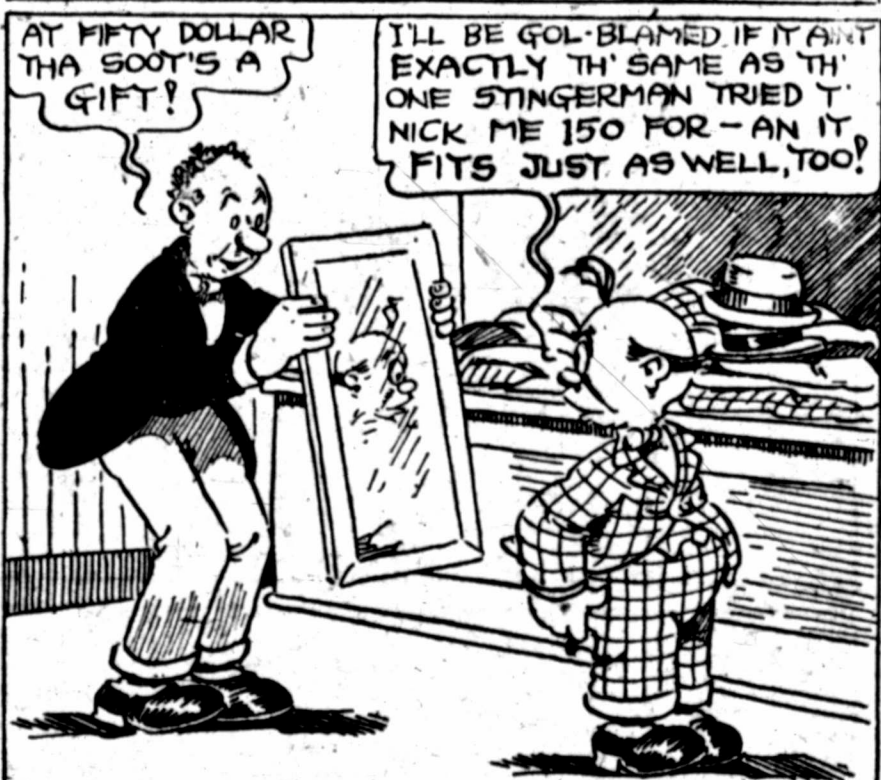
I AIN'T GOIN' T' ARGUE WITH YA! I SAY THAT SUIT DON'T LOOK LIKE \$150 T' ME, SO SEND AN' GET 'EM!



AN' NOW WHILE I'VE GOT A MINUTE T' SPARE, I'LL SEE IF I CAN'T PICK UP A SUIT IN ONE O' THOSE HAND-ME-DOWN JOINTS.



HM-M! THAT AIN'T A BAD-LOOKIN' SUIT RIGHT THERE



AT FIFTY DOLLAR THA SOOT'S A GIFT!

I'LL BE GOL-BLAMED IF IT AIN'T EXACTLY TH' SAME AS TH' ONE STINGERMAN TRIED T' NICK ME 150 FOR - AN' IT FITS JUST AS WELL, TOO!



GOSH, WHAT A PROFITEER THAT GUY STINGERMAN IS! I'M GOIN' BY HIS SHOP AN' SHOW HIM THIS SUIT, JUST FOR SPITE!



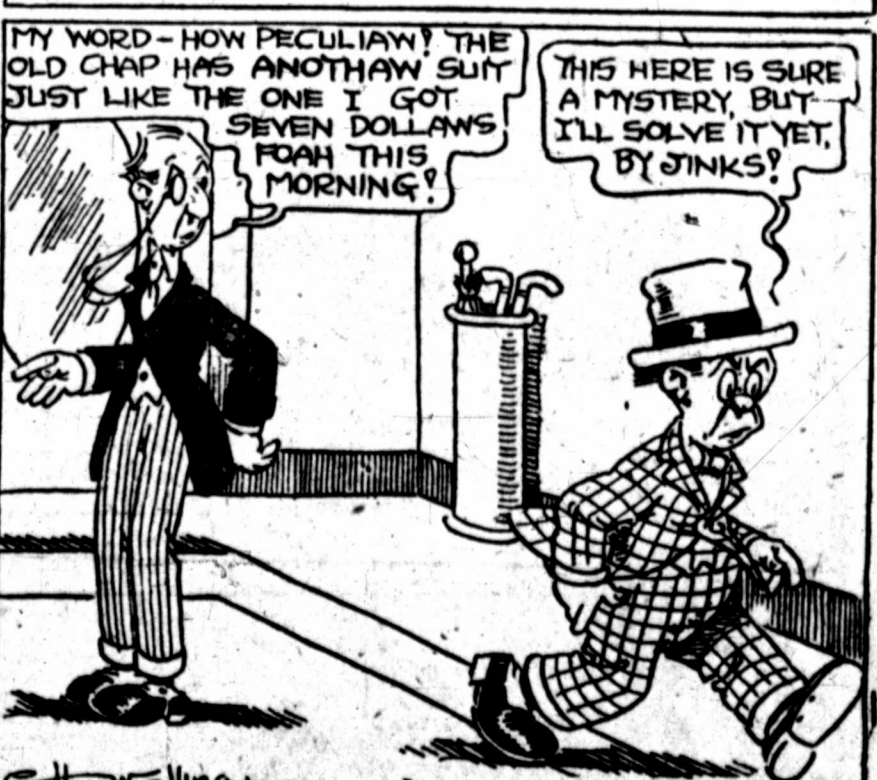
I JUST STOPPED IN T' SHOW YA THIS SUIT, AN' I DARE YA T' TELL ME IT AIN'T EVERY BIT AS GOOD AS TH' ONE YOU MADE ME!

BUT - MY DEAR SIR - IT IS THE ONE I MADE FOR YOU! LOOK AT THE LABEL IN THE POCKET!



ER-UH - WHY - BY JINKS YOU'RE RIGHT!

ONE CAN USUALLY RECOGNIZE ONE'S OWN WORKMANSHIP, SIR.



MY WORD - HOW PECULIAR! THE OLD CHAP HAS ANOTHAW SUIT JUST LIKE THE ONE I GOT SEVEN DOLLARS FOAH THIS MORNING!

THIS HERE IS SURE A MYSTERY, BUT I'LL SOLVE IT YET, BY JINKS!





# CLUBWOMEN PLAY A PART IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

## Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President of the General Federation and One of the Four Feminine Advisers of the American Delegation on Disarmament, Discusses Work Done by Organizations Over Nation

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By William Atherton Du Puy

I WENT to the woman who, it seemed to me, is just now one of the outstanding feminine figures in the life of the Nation, Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and one of the four women advisers to the American delegates to the Conference on Limitation of Armament, and asked her to lay down the fundamental principles for the guidance of American women anywhere who have the ambition to be useful beyond their own home circles. Mrs. Winter gave me four major principles which she believes are most important to such a woman. They are as follows:

Base the judgments that you form upon sound information.  
In whatever you do, submerge the personal element in the interest of the thing that is to be accomplished.  
Establish for yourself a high sense of honor and live up to it.

Have no fear of declaring and fighting for the idealism which is within you.

When the President selected Mrs. Charles Sumner Bird, of Boston; Mrs. Katherine Phillips Edson, of California; Mrs. Eleanor Franklin Egan, globe trotter and journalist, and Mrs. Winter, as the woman advisory delegates to the International Conference on Limitation of Armament, the only woman delegates from all over the world to sit at that Conference, he singled those four women out for positions of as high honor as has ever come to the members of their sex. Of them all it is probably true that the



Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs



name of Mrs. Winter is more widely known among public-spirited women than any of the others, for Mrs. Winter has attained that position which bears the same relation to woman club life in America that the position of the President of the United States bears to political life. She reached the highest post within the gift of club women in America when she became president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. I wanted to know something of the road a woman travels to reach a position of this sort among her fellows, so I went to see Mrs. Winter.

Immediately in front of the White House in Washington is Jackson Square, with the dignified figure of the irascible and fighting President of that name seated in its center, hat in hand, upon his notoriously grotesque hobby horse. Facing the White House just across this square is the American Association of University Women, housed in a historic building in a row where long dwell the great of the land.

I found Mrs. Winter to be a sprightly, quizzical, wide-awake woman in that phase of life where the children are out of the way and there is abundant time and energy remaining which one, if so inclined, may devote to public service. The end served by the General Federation of Women's Clubs is largely that of utilizing the otherwise wasted time and energy of just such women. Mrs. Winter is small of stature, blue-eyed, semi-gray haired, a bubble with health and enthusiasm.

How does a woman find her way into the sort of club work you have done? I asked her. "And how does she get ahead in it?" "I think," she said, "that my father may have had something to do with my interest in club work by being the sort of an individual he was. I was born in Albany as Alice Ames, and my father was the Rev. Charles G. Ames, of the Church of the Disciples, of Boston, a church which has had but three pastors in nearly a century of its existence. My mother was one of the women of the Nation who got an early start at civic betterment work. She was, I think, the first woman factory inspector in the United States. My father was an ardent Abolitionist and spent himself so completely during the war period that he was forced to hurry away to California at about its close to rebuild his health. I was born at Albany after he had left for California, and my mother and I soon followed her to the years of my childhood were spent on the Pacific Coast. My education, however, was finished at Wellesley, where I took a master's degree and for two years thereafter I taught in Mrs. Quincy Shaw's School at Boston. I married Thomas G. Winter, who was of English birth, and we immediately went to Minneapolis, where all the rest of the years of my life have been spent.

The first interest that I developed in Minneapolis that led toward club activity was an interest in the introduction of kindergarten in the school system. Kindergarten were new then and there was opportunity for campaigning in their behalf. In

any community there is at any time some worthwhile thing to be done for the betterment of the community, and any woman who wants to render service can find an opportunity for doing so with little difficulty.

"Later we formed the Minneapolis Women's Club, of which I became president, and it was here that I served my period of longest service. I think this club went about the accomplishment of its purposes in a very practical way. We took up one matter after another which meant the betterment of the conditions under which the people of Minneapolis lived and drove for results.

"Those were the pioneer days of playgrounds for the children. The Minneapolis Women's Club believed in playgrounds. Instead, however, of asking for the establishment of a playground, which it would not have secured, it asked for a school ground and this was freely given. This ground was in the congested section of the city, where breathing spaces were greatly needed. At our own expense we converted this lot into a playground with all the appliances and attractions that appealed to the hearts of children. We maintained it, kept it working. By the end of a season we had demonstrated its popularity, had proved that there was a falling off of juvenile delinquency in this part of the city, that it had proven a municipal boon. We were now ready for our campaign for broadening the playgrounds idea. We were fortified with knowledge which is the first stepping stone to success.

"After the playgrounds idea was established we campaigned for medical inspection in the schools. In this case also we demonstrated our theory. We got permission to have the children in two schools inspected at stated intervals by physicians. The incidental expenses were paid out of club funds. At the end of the year we were able to show results in these schools that were convincing. Inspection gained headway rapidly after that.

"I was down at Atlanta not long ago and found the women of that city very active. The issues are different in these days from those in Minneapolis a decade and a half ago. In Atlanta just now they are fighting for a city market. The problem in many cities now is woman in industry. The delinquent child is occupying much attention. At different places situations call for different sort of campaigns.

"Can you give me more concrete exam-

ples of specific tasks women's clubs are performing?" I asked. "Here is a very pretty case," she said. "I stopped off once at the little mining town of Salda, Colorado. The population was made up largely of foreigners whose men folk worked in the mines. There had been much feeling among the different foreign groups which sometimes led to open warfare.

"The women's club of the town tried to find some common interest that would draw these groups together and develop friendships as a substitute for race hatred. Eventually they hit on the idea of musical entertainments which developed into performances so ambitious as the rendering of 'Aida,' 'La Traviata' and 'Rigoletto.' Surprising musical talent was discovered. The results were such as to attract attention from the great outside. The community was so isolated that it greatly needed the entertainment. It filled a community want. Out of it grew much community of interest and enthusiasm. Friendships took the place of animosities. The whole community profited and was bettered.

"Over in Nevada I found a women's club successfully conducting quite a different experiment. The state reformatory was located at this point and there were some forty boys in it. Each member of the club was made responsible for one of these boys. She was to mother him. She was to establish for him a wholesome contact that would develop him toward a proper adjustment to the community of law-abiding people. She might have him come to her home, get the benefit of its influence. The mothers might be entertained at the institution and often were. The effect of this sort of thing upon these forty boys who had gone wrong is not hard to imagine. The sort of thing that women's clubs can do are without number.

"There is a new and quite outstanding development in woman club work that is most interesting. This is the organization of such clubs in rural districts. With the development of the telephone and the growth of the good roads movement and the use of the automobile it has become practicable for rural women to meet almost as conveniently as do those who live in towns and cities. These gatherings are likely to mean more to rural women because of the disadvantage of isolation which has hitherto tended to make their lives unattractive.

"But to get back to Minneapolis. It was my work in the women's club there that finally brought me the post of representative of my State in the Federation of Women's Clubs. The governing body of the federation is one woman from each State. That governing body farms out the different tasks. It early fell to me to take charge of the department of literature, which required me to write many letters giving information. I received inquiries from all over the United States, often forty or fifty letters a day. I handled each inquiry conscientiously, tried to give each woman all the information she needed. I afterward found that many women considered that they were under obligation to me and anxious to do me favors in return. I had been playing good politics without knowing it.

"In this department of literature it was my duty, among other things, to classify the information that was available on the

I would, therefore, say that a real sincerity is a prime asset to a club woman who hopes to grow in usefulness and prominence."

"Do women in their club work," I asked, "practise feminine blandishments upon each other such as they sometimes use in getting their way with men?"

"When I recall the women whom I have known and who have been successful in club work," replied Mrs. Winter, "I am led to the conclusion that this sort of thing is not likely to be resorted to. I remember very well one club woman who had a way of reminding her associates very bluntly of their shortcomings. She was honest, however, and her reprimands were just. They were consequently taken in good part and she continued a very useful and popular club woman. She would have failed, of course, if her criticisms had not been based upon proper judgment.

"It is true, I think, that it helps a club woman to be properly groomed, but as soon as she crosses the line and begins to evidence vanity in her dress and over-attention to it, she is likely to lose ground. I remember the case of a club woman in Minneapolis who said to a reporter that he might set it down that Mrs. Blank wore the gown with which she has been so long and constantly associated. This admission of an extended use of a single costume in no way detracted from her popularity. I think that women who are engaged in betterment work are advancing more and more toward the adoption of a manner of dress which is utilitarian and inconspicuous and at the same time correct. They are making a marked approach toward the principle upon which men clothe themselves, the

Winter, "to make for herself a chance for usefulness, to benefit the community in which she lives. The first requisite is to find a task that may be properly handled by a group of women—a thing in the community that needs to be done that is not being done.

"I remember a quite dramatic circumstance which was the foundation upon which an effective organization of women grew in an isolated community up in Minnesota. A farmer's wife, who was a foreign-born woman, not even master of English, was walking down a country road one evening when she found in the dust of that road a boy, crippled from infantile paralysis, who was actually crawling from the schoolhouse to his home in his endeavor to acquire an education. So pitiful, so tedious and so painful were the journeys of this boy to the school and back to his home that this foreign woman called together the women of the community and asked them to join her in doing whatever was possible for the aid of this crippled boy. The result was that he was given medical attention, was provided with the proper crutches and other aids to locomotion, was helped in his schooling and was finally taught a trade which he could affectively follow despite his infirmities, and was developed into useful manhood.

"Out of the combined interest of the women of this community in this crippled boy grew an organization which took up other community problems and needs and worked them out. I hold that there is no community anywhere, rural or urban, in which there does not exist a crying need for just such work as an organization of earnest women can perform. The community may be a farm village where the country women drive in to do their shopping and the need may be a place where they may leave their children while they are doing it. The need may be a properly administered motion picture theatre at a country crossroads where people may gather for wholesome entertainment. The need may be a reform in the method of instruction in the public schools of a great city or a demand upon the officials of a middle-sized town for a greater municipal cleanliness.

"I hold that any woman anywhere may



principle of correctness and comfort coupled with an absence of display."

"Just what are you aiming at in the Federation?" I asked.

"There are in the United States 11,000 clubs which are members of this organization. In those clubs there are 1,780,000 women. These women are the leaders in their communities. They are the best possible agency through which certain work can be done. There is no other group of intelligent women as large in all the world so closely bound together.

"The quarter century during which the club movement has been gaining headway now looks as though it had been merely a time of preparation for a service to our country based on the study of her human needs and now crowned with the power of citizenship—if club women have the vision to stand together—Nation-wide—with a clear understanding of what are the things of major importance and an equally clear determination to make of themselves a compact body of American womanhood whose purpose is nothing less than the putting of true Americanism into our social and industrial and political life, and the stabilizing of our country as she passes through these years of after-war upheaval. This is a common aim greater than all our differences of party, creed, traditions, education and geography. It is the reason for the Federation's existence.

There are big tasks lying before women—tasks that need such wisdom as we get from combined study; tasks that need the altruism we get from working together; tasks that need the energy we get from combination of effort. We want homes where the big things are made big and the little things are made unimportant, where children can be well-born and joyous and grow up to noble citizenship, where the family income is made to serve the highest family interests, where there are vigorous American bodies and minds. We want communities that are extensions of the home, where we shall be friends with each other, we people of all races and creeds, where good schools, high standards of public health, recreation, beauty, shall tempt the finest type of people to come and live with us and bring up their children.

"Take an average woman, anywhere," I suggested, "who would like to get into club work for the benefit of the community in which she lives. How can she get into the club game?"

"It is possible for any woman anywhere to get into club work," answered Mrs.

survey the conditions that exist in the community in which she lives and may find many opportunities for the improvement of those conditions. If she will select the job which is most in need of being done and drive for this specific accomplishment she is likely to soon find herself in a club activity which is quite worth while.

"The Federation of Women's Clubs has sought to create in every community a group of organized women who can be depended upon to promote all movements looking toward the betterment of life. Where organizations already exist it has sought to direct them toward practical and helpful work. It believes that women's energies so directed mean much to the well-being of the Nation."

### His Explanation

In a certain Western town there was at one time a Justice of the Peace who had been born in the Emerald Isle, and whose blunders occasioned many a smile to the better educated members of the community. At one time a subpoena had been issued from his court to another Irishman to attend as witness in a case where John Smith was the plaintiff, and Henry Johnson et al, were the defendants.

Patrick Clancy, the desired witness, appeared in court before the trial commenced, and during an informal preliminary conversation he asked, bluntly:

"Judge, who in the world is 'et al.?' "Well, well, Patrick," exclaimed his honor, in evident amazement. "I must say that I am a bit surprised that an American citizen and a man of ordinary intelligence should not know the meaning of et al. But for the benefit of the witness and any other gentlemen present that might be as ignorant as Patrick Clancy, I will explain. It is derived from two Latin words and means, in its literal and American sense, at all."

### Tale of a Turkey

A CERTAIN Southern Senator, one of the best orators in his party, is blessed with a fund of humor, and his speeches are frequently spiced with some excellent stories.

A short time ago, illustrating a point to the effect that Congress only helps those that help themselves, he told of a man who coveted a plump turkey belonging to his neighbor. He prayed long and earnestly, but without avail, that his neighbor's turkey might be sent into his backyard. Then he changed his prayer, and asked that he might be sent into the garden where the turkey was. And, curiously enough, the Senator added, the prayer was granted that very night.

# Want to Forget?—Wear Pearls, Says Expert

Strange New Theory of Why It Is

That Losers of the Precious Gems Always Say "I Don't Remember!"

Hebe, Premier Paris Manikin, Displaying Pearl Necklaces Valued at a Million Dollars.



By Betty Van Benthuyzen

HERE is a dangerous forgetfulness in pearls; a cup of Lethe in their luster. This, at least, is the philosophy and the teaching of M. Roumassi, the celebrated Parisian who has spent his life in the purchase, sale and study of these precious by-products of the tortured oyster. Unlike the diamond, the pearl is a life-product. And, unlike the diamond, which will only succumb to extreme heat, the pearl has a fragility that suggests a human being's susceptibility to change and decay. M. Roumassi gives it as a firm belief that the pearl has a quality of life, a sort of electric vibrancy which it can pass on to one who wears it. And it is this quality that induces forgetfulness of surroundings and, frequently, of the pearls themselves.

This theory, of course, sounds fanciful if not downright foolish to practical minds. Many persons, including several prominent American jewelers, have openly scoffed at M. Roumassi. Yet, whether one believes the theory or not, it is indisputably true.

That Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany lost a string of pearls worth \$40,000.

That Miss Barbara Guggenheim lost a pearl necklace worth \$35,000 on the eve of the announcement of her betrothal.

That a purse containing a pair of pearl earrings belonging to Mrs. E. R. Thomas disappeared recently on a trip to Montreal.

That none of these ladies could remember just how she lost them or any of the circumstances connected with their disappearance.

### A Pearl Dealer's Precautions

It was, in fact, an epidemic of pearl losses extending from the Pacific coast to New York, and then over to Paris, that called forth this expression of the expert opinion. M. Roumassi believes that in many cases of alleged robbery of valuable gems, the gems themselves were accessories before the fact, and brought about their mysterious disappearances by affecting the minds of the owners to such an extent that they had no idea when or where they were mislaid, put away, or even stolen.

Pearls, says Monsieur, the expert, are lost much more frequently than any other jewels. And he finds that almost always there is a total lack of idea on the part of the owner as to where they went. One may recall wearing a diamond at a given time and place, and being certain, for instance, that the particular jewel was in place as one left the opera. Not so with the pearl. Its influence is such that the wearer does not remember even the approximate time when it was last seen.

M. Roumassi learned the secret from his own experience. He found that he was often called upon to carry valuable pearls, and that upon such occasions he often found that his mind went into complete eclipse as to what he was doing.

By the simple process of placing the pearls in a lead-lined case, he prevented the "fluid" from being communicated to his own body and

mind, and the insulated pearl had no effect whatever upon him thereafter.

There have been many notable cases in which the theory advanced by the Frenchman might be applied with peculiar interest.

Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany lost a string of golden pearls valued at \$40,000.

"I feel sure that it is just an unfortunate mishap," she said, with the air of one who is not mentally sure what has taken place. "I believe that I lost my necklace and that nobody stole it. I only hope that I will be lucky enough to recover it through the goodness of whoever found it, if it has been found."

Notice the vagueness of the statement; nothing definite, even as to an opinion of the fate of the string.

"The strange thing," she continued, "is that, although it was my favorite possession of its kind, I cannot remember when or where I could have lost it. I only remember that I wore it in the morning when I went to the city, and that when I returned in the afternoon and began to change from afternoon to tennis clothes it was gone."

Seventy-nine beautifully matched pearls, all of a delicate yellow, made up the necklace.

And, take the case of Miss Barbara Guggenheim:

She was on the eve of the announcement of her betrothal, and was a very happy young woman. Among her treasures was a pearl necklace valued at \$35,000. She searched for the pearls and they were nowhere to be found. Inquiry, guardedly made, revealed the loss. She could give no details concerning the possible place or time of loss.

Inquirers found her in the drawing room, discussing her approaching wedding with her fiancé.

"I really have no idea what I did with it," she said. "Of course, I valued the necklace and would like to have it back, but I do not believe that worrying ever brought anything back."

She glanced toward the man she was to wed.

"And, besides," she added, blushing, "I am far too happy to worry about losing anything."

Mrs. E. R. Thomas is another New York society woman who adds a chapter to the study of the mysterious force of pearls. She was in Montreal visiting friends. Mrs. Thomas had a jewel bag which contained, among other valuables, a pair of earrings valued at \$5,000. She remembered having the bag on the train en route, but when she reached her hotel and prepared to put away her jewels for the night, the earrings were gone. Everything else was in its place. Only the pearls were missing.

Pliny says that the pearl of which Cleopatra made a cocktail was worth \$375,000. Is it possible that the other pearls she wore had such an effect upon her that she committed the ruthless extravagance of destroying one under the influence of the evil fluid?

So strongly has the Paris expert's idea impressed his own town that the star dancer of the Folies Bergere, who favors nightly dressed chiefly in pearls, has replaced the real gems which she wore, in addition to the synthetic ones,



Mlle. Godonova of the Folies Bergere of Paris, Fearful of Forgetfulness When Wearing the Stupendously Valuable Pearls Photographed Here, Finally Substituted Synthetic Pearls to Save Them.



At the "America's Making Exposition" in New York City, Mlle. Denays, French Beauty, Wore Pearls Valued at \$500,000.

with a total array of false gems. She explained that there was no danger of forgetting one's technique through the influence of a false pearl, because the false ones have no power over human beings, any more than they have value at the pawnshop.

Much, more to the point, in the study of pearl influence, is the case of the mistress of the world's finest collection of pearls, Aimee Crocker Gouard. She has ropes and ropes of the rarest gems, with every conceivable sort of trinket set with them. Princely rings are hers; stickpins

As for Pierre Cartier, himself Parisian, it was to smile. "Pearls are seldom lost," he said. "They are often stolen. Most pearls which are reported as lost should be classed as stolen. It is true that more pearls are stolen than any other precious stone, because, next to emeralds, they are the most valuable.

"Professional thieves who steal pearls work so cleverly that their victims cannot believe that they have been robbed, and immediately jump to the conclusion that they have lost the pearls through their own carelessness."

Other Americans, not connected with the pearl trade, are disposed to view M. Roumassi's theory rather humorously. "It lends itself, for instance," says one, "to moral reflections as to the investment of so much money in a personal decoration of a rather rude and barbaric sort and one, too, that lacks even the dubious merit possessed by other gems—that of practical indestructibility. Many accidents can happen to pearls, for they are fragile things, and being a life product they carry with them the seed of destruction."

### Do Pearls Become Ill?

It is also suggested that M. Roumassi's theory may have its value in that it furnishes to wearers of pearls an "excuse for carelessness."

The newly-stated theory is not the first that has come with regard to the supposedly mysterious quality of pearls. There is a popular legend, that pearls lose their luster when their wearer is ill. It is not so long ago that the world was startled by another Paris report that the pearls of the famous necklace, given by Mrs. Thiers, widow of a former President of France, were "dying." She had donated them to the Louvre, the great art treasure house of her country.

Experts hurried to the Louvre to view the pearls. They came back with the report that the pearls were not only not "dying," but were not even indisposed.

The agitation of the public mind over the mysterious qualities of pearls will never rob them of first place in the fancy of women who are rich and lovely, and men who admire beauty and worship at the shrine of love. They have always held a first place in the minds of those who dwell upon the twin feminine attributes.

It took Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the world's great industrial corporation, many years and \$600,000 to complete the collection for the collar he gave to Mrs. Gary. The string is composed of thirty-seven pearls, ranging from 18 to 52½ grains each, the pearl of the last size in the center of the string.

Taken altogether, the collection for this ornament weighs 9739½ grains. It is pronounced by experts to be superior to the famous necklace of the Countess Henckels, composed of three strands, each of which represents an historic collection. One of them was the necklace belonging to the late Empress Eugenie, which was valued at \$100,000. Another was known as the "Necklace of the Virgin of Atokla," formerly owned by a member of the Spanish nobility. The third was the property of the Queen of Naples.

Wherever the vanity of woman, or the extravagance of man, has sought its climax, pearls have afforded the medium.

Perhaps they have some sinister, mysterious power over the wearer, but there is no woman in the world who will not assume, gladly, the lustrous risk.

of enormous value. All of her life she has been a worshipper of pearls, and she has written of their influence on her mind and actions.

Could it be possible that they have led her through the strange career that makes her a woman with experience that only fiction characters of Rider Haggard creation ever equalled? Born rich, an heiress to the Crocker millions, she left civilization and went into the jungles of India. There she sought the tiger in his lair, accompanied by a handsome youth, both living in "back to nature" garb and surroundings. From this weird Oriental state she became an inmate in the harem of a prince, and his favorite. From him she got one of the finest additions to her vast collection.

Did the pearls lead her into paths to which the imagination of her own kind would never have pointed?

Now she reigns over a little court in Paris, where she keeps her magnificent collection, and is often seen wearing enough pearls to pay a good part of the war debt of France.

But there is not apt to be any vast amount of comfort for the woman who has lost her pearls to reach the conclusion that they are merely A. W. O. L. from the treasure chest. They might take the wanderlust again, and it is not a peaceful state to possess.

American experts take a colder, more analytical view of the case.

They smile at the Latin notion that comes over the cables that absence of mind, superinduced by the pearls, is responsible for their disappearance.

"Nothing in it," said George F. Kunz, of Tiffany's.

# For the Tea Dance

*Velvet in Lovelier Colors and Softer Texture Than Ever Before, and Platinum Gray Chinchilla Cloth Are Distinctively Appropriate for Afternoon Wear.*



Battleship Gray Chiffon Velvet Forms This Straightline Frock Trimmed in Lace of Silver and Coral and Girdled in Coral.

## By Mme. Frances

*The Famous Creator of Fashions*

THE prevailing mode for velvet will reach its height at the Christmas season. At this time, when evening frocks and afternoon The Dansant dresses hold the centre of the stage, velvet comes into its own.

This year velvet is lovelier and softer than ever before, and adapts itself perfectly to the season's varied interpretations. If I choose an evening dress whose soft folds follow closely the lines of the figure, I can select chiffon velvet as soft to the touch and as pliable as the finest piece of satin. Again, if I am using velvet as a medium for the three-piece suit, there is at my command material equally as fine in texture, but with slightly more body. For a suit, this latter quality contributes to the defined line necessary in the hang of the box coat, and at the same time lends itself perfectly to the graceful folds I may want to introduce by way of skirt draping.

Velvet finds a staunch supporter in the vogue for black, for black is probably more charming in velvet than in any other material. Certainly the soft richness of black velvet is becoming to widely varied types and complexions. Practically the only restriction is that barring the too

sallow complexion, whose owner should never in any event attempt a costume of all black. Nothing serves better to accentuate the loveliness of pretty skin and to bring out the glints in auburn, blonde or coal-black hair than does the black velvet costume of becoming line.

Fondness for black, however, should never induce the person who likes color to give black predominance. In fact, I think the personality of the wearer is better expressed through the color medium than in any other way. Just as a dress takes on its real personality only when it appears on the person who wears it, so does the wearer express her personality in the colors she chooses. There is a veritable riot of colors this season from which to select. They range from live, bright colors to the softer pastel hues, and each seems lovelier than the last.

### Use of White and Neutral Gray

Neither can we afford to forget white and the neutral grays. Both have very important places, and to gray I am giving a position of special prominence on this page, as I am showing two gray models in conjunction with two of black velvet. The straightline frock is of battleship

gray chiffon velvet made with plain front and back effect, and introducing variation in the soft touches at the side opening. The short cape and the sleeves are lined in gray chiffon, edged in silver and coral lace, the lace also edging the foundation skirt which shows at the open skirt seam. These seams are faced back with gray chiffon.

The waist portion of the frock is simply two chiffon-lined, oblong strips, cut at the top to form a bateau neckline. The back strip is left in loose cape effect, while the front part is caught in about the waist and hips to follow the lines of the figure. The ends are brought in about the wrists and caught to form sleeves. Tiny bands of coral beads connect the front and back waist portion at the shoulders, while a flat coral girdle confines the frock at the waistline.

The soft, becoming hat is also of battleship gray chiffon velvet, with matching ostrich feathers which drop down about the face.

Of less defined line is the black chiffon velvet frock with neckline cut straight across. Rows of little dagger-shaped steel drops effectively trim the neck and the sash ends, while a single line of these steel-drops edges the outer side of each panel. These panels are merely continuations of the front and back portions of the dress, one side draped across the figure and allowed to hang free.

At Left, Above—Three-Piece Suit of Platinum Gray Chinchilla Cloth. A Steel-Beaded Chiffon Blouse Posed Over Satin.

Tiny Dagger-Shaped Steel Drops Trim This Black Chiffon Gown of Irregular Line.

Three-Piece Costume of Black Velvet and Chiffon. A Box Coat Banded in Ermine. A Black Chiffon Blouse Over an Underbodice of White Satin.

The gray chiffon blouse portion is cut on simple kimono lines. The steel beading gradually narrows to outline the front slit, while it is in an all-over design at the shoulders of the blouse. The short sleeves are edged in gray fox. A nail-head ornament at the skirt follows the steel bead motif.

This time the hat is of gray duvetyne, showing an onyx and diamond ornament thrust through the front.

### Three-Piece Velvet Suit

The other three-piece suit is achieved in black velvet. The skirt shows a new draped effect, being caught about the waist, except at the front, where it is allowed to drop in "V" opening. This "V" reveals a portion of the black chiffon costume blouse, which also shows at the open side seams of the skirt. This black costume blouse, embroidered in white and gold, is not separate, as is the wont of costume blouses, but is attached to the velvet skirt. It is worn over white satin, which shows the embroidery pattern to advantage. A narrow string belt of black, faced in white, ties about the waistline.

The smart box coat is edged in ermine bands and lined with black charmeuse. The equally smart velvet hat is narrowly bound in black silk. Ermine pompons at the side slits impart a jaunty air.

Wide sleeves are favored for the winter season, and I am featuring chiffon encrusted with embroidery to interpret this caprice of the mode. This type sleeve is lovely in frocks of velvet or satin, the sheer chiffon embroidered with gold thread and tiny beads in gold, blue, coral and other effective combinations. A wide band of satin or velvet to match the body of the frock itself, finishes the sleeve at the hand-portion, giving it weight and body.

Fancy bone and metal girdles, too, come in for their share of attention. I am using girdles in coral, jade or dull gold for both afternoon and evening. In the metal materials, a charming design is worked out in flat, oblong links, alternating with regular chain loops. The oblong parts are beautifully carved, and show at their centres a stone whose color blends with the shade of the dress.

The big hat matches the dress. The drooping brim, slightly elongated at the sides, shows a sweeping paradise plume at the right.

The three-piece suits find two interpretations here. The first is of platinum gray chinchilla cloth. It shows a smart wrap-around skirt, steel beaded gray chiffon waist over pink satin, topped by a gray chinchilla cloth cape of irregular line. This cape again exemplifies the use of the oblong strip of material. Here one end folds together in a wide sleeve, while the other is perfectly straight, sloping in a side point when on the figure.

## THE FASHION FORECAST

Bright colors and vivid trimming motifs will enliven Palm Beach costumes.

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# A WINDOW INTO CHRISTMAS

By Paul Suter

## Andy Dugan, Whose Vocation Led Him to Prowl o' Nights, Turned Santa Claus, Converted a Righteous Judge Into a Temporary Burglar and Won for Himself a New Place in the World

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IN PURSUIT of his regular calling, Andy Dugan left home shortly after midnight, and began threading a tortuous way among the alleys and back streets of the city. Ordinarily, he would have spent Christmas Eve in bed, like other men, with perhaps a long-enough interruption to deck an evergreen tree for the benefit of the younger Dugans; but he had not pulled off a good job, for some time and funds were running low.

He had in mind a certain house toward the suburbs which bore the distinction of being a magistrate's. The fact that the magistrate lived there was incidental, though it had a vindictive interest for Andy; but a well-defined presumption that the household was supplied with plate and jewelry was of the highest importance. Andy figured that if he could effect an unobtrusive entrance, and could withdraw again without being perceived, the empty coffers of the Dugan family would be well on their way toward replenishment.

Strange what trifling temptations come to thwart one's plans! Andy was nearly at his destination. Another square, which had a convenient alley running through it, would have taken him there. But instead of completing the distance, he stopped behind a comparatively mean and insignificant-looking house, merely because the window was open.

Open windows had a fascination for Andy. They were the signs and symbols of his calling. Perhaps a brother operator was at work within. Perhaps—and this was the thought which warmed his heart—the window had been carelessly left open, and a minimum of effort would secure something well worth the trouble. The second possibility was worth testing, anyway.

He placed both hands on the window sill, raised himself with the ease of muscles long grained to that sort of thing, and landed quietly in the room. Here he turned on his flashlight and paused to look around.

It was evidently a bedroom. The window had been left open for air, in spite of the sharpness of the night. The ray of light, traveling to and fro, glanced for a moment upon white bed clothes at the other end of the room. Andy thereupon shut it off carefully and proceeded to investigate the sleepers, with eyes which had somewhat of a cat's faculty of seeing in the dark.

He stepped to the side of the bed, without making any sound. There were two children in it—two little girls. They had kicked off the coverings, which lay in a heap partly at the foot of the bed and partly on the floor, and they were shivering in their sleep.

"Catching their death o' cold, too!" Andy growled to himself. "A nice mother they must have! Window open and blowing down their spines like a knife."



famous—and dreaded—on the bench. Seeing that the burglar did not quail beneath it, he rose again with a sudden determination.

"I'll call your bluff, Andy Dugan, if it is a bluff," he said, coldly. "Bring the dolls and the sled and show me where this house is."

"You're not going there with me?" Andy inquired.

"Bring them!"

Andy chuckled.

"If you get in the way I did, Judge, it'll have to be through the window—and that's burglary."

"If you don't care to know me the way, say so," he said.

Andy picked up the dolls and the sled without further comment and followed his host to the front door. Once they were outside he led the way to the back alley and down it to the open window of the magistrate's house. The Judge was silent throughout and Andy did not presume to speak. Once or twice, however, he glanced incredulously at the big man in the festive garb walking beside him, and but for the toys in his arms he would have been tempted to rub his eyes to make sure that it was not all a fancy of the night.

In front of the window Andy carefully laid down his burdens.

"This is more in my line than yours, Judge," he ventured timidly. "You'd better let me boost you inside and hand up the sled and dolls, then I'll follow after."

"As you say," the Judge returned curtly.

Andy made a "step" with his clasped hands and the Judge scrambled up without such noise. He took the toys as quietly and put forth a hand to help Andy over the window sill.

Andy delayed picking up his burdens to turn the flashlight on the sleeping children for the Judge's benefit, then piloted his guest to the kitchen stove, which was now cold and dead. Here he placed the light so that it would shine full on the three stockings and waited in silence for the Judge to examine them.

"Did I tell you a straight story, Judge?" he asked presently.

The Judge nodded. He had pulled up a kitchen chair and put the two dolls upon it with great care that they should not roll off and be damaged. He had also felt in the pockets of his trousers underneath the Santa Claus costume and had slipped something therefrom into each of the stockings.

"Is this the house next the corner?" he inquired in a whisper.

Andy nodded.

"Then these people are tenants of mine."

"Let me ask you, Judge," said Andy, eagerly, "what kind of a woman is the mother?"

"There is no mother."

Andy drew a long breath.

"That's why the two kids had kicked their bedclothes off. They're covered."

"Their bedclothes?"

"Well, enough when I looked at them, just now," the Judge returned, suspiciously.

"So they were," replied Andy, cheerfully. "You don't think I'd see them shivering and not cover them up? I've got kids, myself, Judge."

The Judge turned toward the door.

"We must go before any one catches us," he whispered, nervously.

HE LAID the flashlight down for a moment and put the bed clothing back where it belonged, then passed out into the hallway. He was taking note, meanwhile, that the furniture and carpets were not of the costliest. This might be near the magistrate's house in disguise, but it was a long way from it in wealth. The hall had no carpet of any kind. He laid to tip-toe with elaborate caution to avoid making too much noise. It was doubtful whether the visit would be worth while, after all, but Andy made a rule of seeing his jobs through. Sometimes unlikely places held out a good reward to the diligent worker.

He had expected to find the grown folks' bedrooms next that of the children. Instead, he blundered into the kitchen. The remains of a meal were lying on the table, which in itself was a bad omen for the wealth of the place. In the stove at the farther side some coals were still smoldering. Andy's quick eye caught three long, slender objects suspended beneath the chimney hole, and his face brought back to him with a start the fact that it was Christmas Eve. The slender objects were stockings. Two of them belonged, evidently, to the little girls he had just covered in their sleep; the other, to another child whom he had not seen—probably a boy.

Andy recognized the importance of the find. What the children were getting for Christmas would tell him pretty well whether it was worth while to go on with the job.

The first stocking had a little popcorn in its toe, as he could tell by feeling, and a little candy stop of that. Above the candy was a brown-eyed doll, which he drew out carefully, and replaced.

"Five-and-ten-cent store," was his verdict.

The next stocking was like the first, except that the doll's eyes were blue.

The third, which Andy had sized up as belonging to a boy, bore out his surmise. It contained popcorn and candy, like the other two, but in place of the doll there was a top.

"A five-center," Andy appraised it, with easy skill. "Twenty-three for me! This ain't the place where Adam Worth stole the Gainsborough."

Andy waited, to assure himself that no delayed buzz was coming; then, with a sudden effort, opened the window to its full extent and shot the rays of his flashlight right and left through the basement to pick-out a landing place.

There was a pile of potato sacks underneath the window—a highly satisfactory condition. Andy squeezed himself through and lighted noiselessly upon them. While he was sliding off the sacks a tool of questionable uses fell from his pocket, but he caught it neatly, in time to prevent its clattering to the floor.

The door leading up from the cellar was locked, but a brief manipulation sufficed to open it. In a few minutes he stood in the darkened kitchen, beyond which all was clear sailing.

IT WAS an axiom with Andy, born of long experience in his profession, that safety should never be taken for granted. Observing it now, he determined to inspect the entire ground floor of the house before getting down to business. He could have secured the plate from the sideboard, but some late member of the family, sitting up in the dining-room or elsewhere, might have heard the clink and have investigated, with unpleasant results.

Therefore, he contented himself with a hasty examination of the plate, and proceeded into the hall. A broad staircase went up from his feet, surmounted by a gigantic moose head. The ray of light revealed a little marble statue on the stair post, which Andy contemplated with hurried appreciation. He glanced into two or three rooms leading from the hall, to find them all deserted and silent. Finally, he came to what was evidently the drawing-room.

The flicker of a fire in this room shone plainly on the polished flooring of the hall-

"Up with your hands," he said in business-like fashion

way, so he peeped cautiously around the door post before venturing within. No one was inside. The flicker came from a huge fireplace at the other side of the room, in which a log was still burning. A very faint aroma of cigar smoke tickled the nostrils, but it would hardly have been perceptible to one not in search of such traces. Andy considered it scarcely strong enough to be of real importance. The smoker must have left for bed fully an hour before.

He chuckled, however, at sight of three stockings hanging above the fireplace. They were well-made stockings, of fine texture, and they swung stiffly with an air of comfortable fullness, almost as if their wearers were inside them. Andy set himself to examine them with more interest than such things usually would have excited in him.

None of the stockings seemed large enough to contain all the presents which their possessors were to receive. Two of them had each a pair of large dolls lying on leather-covered chairs beneath—dolls which could not, to the grossest imagination, have suggested a five-and-ten-cent store. Beside them were sets of dolls' furniture, complete, one for each of the first two stockings. A mammoth bed sled, "knocked down," lay partly in front of all the chairs. There was a smaller sled, too, beneath the third stocking, with a pair of racing skates atop of it.

ANDY inspected all these with gravity, and a slow smile lit up his weather-beaten features.

"I'm not the man to rob a kid's stocking," he said to himself. "But it strikes me that when these kids have all that pile of stuff, and them other kids ain't got nothing but ten-cent dolls and a five-cent top, there's robbery going on somewhere. For two bits I'd do something that Providence seems to have overlooked, and throw the rest of the job over."

He hesitated, and peered into the stockings themselves.

"Here's a fountain pen," he said; "and a stickpin—solid gold—and another pen, in which one's got a two-bladed knife, with a saw and a screwdriver and a nail passer—I wouldn't mind having that, myself, but the kid ain't going to lose it through me. And I'll be pinched, here's pen number three. They're jealous kids, maybe, and if one gets a pen, they're all got to have it. I ain't grudging them a thing, but it don't seem right. Damn it, it ain't right," as concluded.

"Here goes! I'm not feeling for the other job tonight, anyway."

With a sigh of relief, he set himself to the task of selection. A doll from each of the two chairs was set aside, leaving one entire beneath those stockings; and after judging gravely between the desirability of the sled and of the skates, he took the former, and put the dolls carefully upon it.

"That's plenty," he said, taking the three toys in his arms. "These kids won't miss it much, and if them other kids don't believe in Santa Claus after they get it, I'm no prophet."

For the moment, righteous satisfaction had overcome his usual caution. Had it not been so, he might have raised his eyes in time to avert a painful surprise. When he did look up, a big man stood in the doorway, quietly regarding him. The man was clad in a Santa Claus costume, and his arms were folded on his breast.

Andy put down the toys with great suddenness, and drew his revolver.

"Up with your hands!" he said, in business-like fashion.

The big man kept his arms folded.

"Are you going to put 'em up, or ain't you?" Andy demanded.

"When you come before me, Andy Dugan, I'll give you five years for this job!" was the reply. "A man is getting down to pretty small potatoes when he steals toys from children's stockings."

Andy replaced the revolver in his pocket with an air of resignation.

"I might have known you, Judge," he said sadly. "I've seen you often enough, but not in that rig. You say you're going to give me five years; then maybe you won't give me any more for speaking out and saying that if anybody's getting down to small potatoes it's yourself when you have presents like these for your own kids and let kids within a block of you go with next to nothing. You think I was taking these things for myself. Well, I wasn't."

The big man stepped up fearlessly and stood in front of Andy.

"You're not drunk," he said, with a keen glance. "Are you crazy? If so, now is the time to prove it. It may save you a heavy sentence."

"I'm neither the one nor the other," Andy returned, looking him in the face. "If I was, I wouldn't be trying this sort of thing. Maybe I'm a fool because I didn't go off with your plate when I had the chance. This is my second job tonight, Judge. I didn't get nothing at the first house, because there wasn't nothing to get. From all I saw there wasn't enough to eat, let alone to steal. They're neighbors of yours. They live in the same square. There's three kids, two girls and a boy—just like yours—but it's mighty little Christmas them kids are going to get. I looked into their stockings. They're getting two fifteen-cent dolls and a five-cent top, with some popcorn and a little candy thrown in for good measure. That's what they're getting. I was going to play Santa Claus for once in my life and take 'em something worth while when you came in."

"Do you mean to say you were taking those things for some one else?" the Judge demanded.

"For them kids, Judge, s'help me. What would I be wanting with two dolls and a sled?"

"Your children might play with them."

"They're both boys, Judge," Andy declared with brisk finality.

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## Stories to Tell After the Christmas Dinner

HE CREEPT back through the hallway, and passed again by the bedside of the two little girls to ascertain that they were still sleeping and covered, then dropped out of the open window as lightly as he had entered. Once in the alley, he broke into a noiseless dog-trot which brought him rapidly to the magistrate's.

He waited a moment before climbing the back fence, to make sure that no four-fingered watchmen were about. A few kicks against the boards, in imitation of a suppressed scuffle, convinced him that there were not. Any dog would have responded to such a challenge. So he clambered over and made his way quickly to the side of the sleeping man.

The kitchen window was locked, which meant that the other windows would be locked, too; but a few skillful prods of Andy's "outsider" brought forth a satisfactory click from within. He was about to throw his strength against the window when instinct told him that if he raised it a burglar alarm would go off.

So he went to work on the little cellar window in front of him. It was scarcely large enough to admit a man of average size, even with squeezing, but Andy was considerably below the average. Perhaps its narrowness had led the designer of the burglar alarm to consider it beneath his attention. At any rate, no alarm responded.

**Easily Explained**

WHENEVER the Rev. Sparrow Jones called on Aunt Miranda, it was her custom to see a plate of gingerbread before him and then ply him with what she called "ligious spoundings."

"What fo' does de Lawd send epidemics outo de land?" she asked him one day.

"When folks git so bad dey must be removed, some of 'em, Sister Miranda, den de Lawd permits de coming of an epidemic," said the preacher; and he took a large bite of gingerbread.

"Uh," said Aunt Miranda. "Ef dat's so, how come de good peoples gits removed along wid de bad ones?"

"De good ones is summoned fo' witness," said the Rev. Sparrow Jones. "De Lawd gibs every man a fair trial."

**A Lack of Obstacles**

A CHICAGO railway man tells of a Scot who had worked for many years on the railways in the Highlands of Scotland and who came to the United States to settle on a section of homestead land on the plains of our West.

Soon after his arrival there was a project for a railway through the district. The Scot was applied to as a man of experience in such matters.

"Ye canna build a railway across this country," he said to the spokesman of the delegation.

"Why not, Mr. Angus?"

"Why not?" repeated Angus, with an air of affectually settling the whole matter.

"Why not? Dinna ye ken the country's as flat as a floor and ye has nae place whatever to run your tunnels through?"

**Progress of Science**

THE youthful Mrs. Morton, who is forever consulting her doctor, lately called upon him with the statement that she was suffering from insomnia.

"You should," advised the physician, "eat something just before retiring."

"But, doctor," expostulated the patient, "you once told me never to eat anything before going to bed."

"Oh," returned the doctor, not at all taken back, "that was a year ago. Science has made rapid strides since then!"

**Named for Her**

A FAITHFUL old servant in a Southern family had recently become a grandmother. "What does Libby call her new baby, Mandy?" the old woman was asked.

"She name her 'Gabrielle,' miss—after you."

"Why, the idea, Mandy! You know my

name is not Gabrielle. You've called me 'Miss Katie' all my life."

"Yes'm, Miss Katie—dat I does. But when it come to namin' babies after folks, it ain't what dey is called, it is what dey is like dat you name 'em job. You shurely is me like 'Miss Gabrielle' dan yo' is like 'Miss Katie,' jes' like Libby says."

**Neatly Put**

WILLIAMS and Wilkins were talking of a mutual friend, Walker, when Williams observed:

"Now, Walker is civil enough, but to me mind, there's nothing solid in his politeness."

"Nor is there anything solid in an aristocrat's venture," Williams said. "But you must confess that it eases the joints wonderfully."

**Regular Customer**

THE druggist had stopped in the middle of putting up a difficult prescription and gently removed from the woman's eye the cinder that had been causing her great pain.

"Ah, thank you so much!" she gasped.

"How much is it?"

"Nothing at all," he replied courteously.

"Oh, but you should let me pay you something—you really should! I'm sure it would

be only right to pay you for your time. It took all of five minutes—or at least we will call it five minutes, though of course it wasn't really so long—and if your time is worth \$5 a day—and really I think druggists should make that much, though of course they do not work so hard as carpenters or painters—why that would come to—let me see, why, nearly ten cents—or at least we will call it ten cents, though it would really be only about eight cents, wouldn't it?"

"No, madam," the druggist replied firmly. "We are glad to do these little services for our customers, and I recall distinctly that you have bought most of your postage stamps here for a long while."

**Entirely Free**

"I SAY, Mrs. Subbs," the theatrical head of the house demanded impressively, "did you inform the cook that I find her cooking most unsatisfactory?"

"I did," Mrs. Subbs replied gently.

"Yes, of course, since I desired it! And, what did the cook say, pray?"

"She said," Mrs. Subbs reported dutifully, "that so far as she was aware, there were no strings tied to you, and that if you do not like her cooking you are at perfect liberty to take your meals at any restaurant you may select."

THEY turned to go, in the moonlight just preceding dawn; but before they had gone far, Andy grasped his companion's arm and motioned him to stop.

"Listen, Judge," he whispered.

From within the house they had just left came the sound of childish laughter, breathless and hysterical; such laughter as comes only on Christmas morning, and then not to every child of the city. Mingled with it, presently, was the deep, half-sobbing laugh of a man.

The "kids" had found their stockings.

# THE OLD-TIME CHRISTMAS HAD A CHARM ALL ITS OWN

## Then the Festival Seemed One Grand Symphony of Delectable Foods, Toys That Came From a Delightfully Mysterious Source and a Boundless Hospitality Extended to the Less Fortunate

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Every year you children had seen, for a week before the 25th, the busy little mother, who was then so tall and beautiful, making tremendous armies of small cakes. And the poor of the town—don't you remember them?—would come to the kitchen door and depart thence, cookie-laden.



Every Christmas morning you would leap from under the covers, a shivering figure in your cotton-flannel nightgown, and hurry to your bulging stockings.



He came in laughing, his great coat touched with flakes of white and his arms full of mysterious packages and bundles which mother whisked away.



From the foot of the bed you heard your mother's voice saying: "Are you sure he is asleep?" "Certain," responded tones that you knew to be your father's. Tragedy overwhelmed you. You wanted to spring up and go to them and fling your arms about them and ask what it all meant.

By Reginald Wright Kauffman

### CHRISTMAS comes but once a year.

Do you remember that classic remark? It is a quotation, though just what was its origin nobody ever knew. It had passed into the vocabulary of childhood long before the days when you were a boy, and when you were a boy you believed it.

Now, however, things are different. Far from occurring more than once in 365 days, Christmas, you have begun to notice, doesn't come round even so often as it used to do.

Between Christmas and a mere 25th of December the distinctions are many. In the first place, as you so frequently point out, all Christmases used to be "white" ones. It is idle for the United States Weather Bureau to prove that climate cannot noticeably change in thirty or forty years. No doubt the Weather Bureau is scientifically correct; but the human truth, as your life memory affirms, is that, though modern Christmases are green ones, the Christmas days when you were a boy were days of snow.

You know what you are talking about. As you wakened in the gray, cold dawn—a dawn made rosy and warm with the certitude of immediately impending joy—one of the first sounds that always greeted your greedy little ears was the clang of sleigh bells and the quick chug-chug of horses' hoofs on the hard, white road before the house, and always—always—there was yesterday's stalwart snowman in the back yard, which was a romantic sweep of prairie compared to the poor little backyard of today.

Most of all—not to multiply instances—Christmas was then essentially a rural, or at least a small-town affair, whereas it is now rather but a day when the city shops are closed. In brief, in your time it used to be a festival, and now it is merely a sort of extra Sunday.

OH, THOSE Christmases you used to know! There can never be any quite like them. The race may change but slowly, yet the individual—of whom the great law of change takes such small account—changes with every gliding hour, alters with a glancing flash of every passing instant. Today you are what you were not yesterday, but tomorrow you shall be what you never were before.

Every Christmas morning you would leap from under the covers, a shivering little figure in your cotton-flannel nightgown, and hurry, through the vague half light of dawn, to the foot of your bed, where the bulging stockings hung. You remember how, teasing your fancy with delicate delay, you used to take from it one bit of candy at a time until the madness of expectation overwhelmed you and you held that horn of plenty foot upward, so that all its store lay upon the counterpane—and the bulging stockings in the toe and the great, impending "clear-candy toys" that persistently stuck fast to the wool.

There aren't any "clear toys" now, and the children get their candy in pink and purple boxes from Wabash avenue or Chestnut street or Broadway. But when you were a boy those marvelous clear toys were the very sign-manual of the occasion; there were no clear toys save at Christmas, and you would have argued, though could have had no Christmas, by the same token, without clear toys. Marbles, every one of them—clocks and fire-engines and hunter-men on horseback and brave soldiers, muskets in hand, destined to slow dissolution under the pitiless tongue of youth.

Always the same, yet always a surprise, the stocking and the clear toys were the heralds of the real Christmas day. And an integral part of it was the rush into the big bedroom, where you woke with shouts and kisses your father and mother; the wonderful moments when they handed you—those mind readers!—the very gifts you had wanted, and the vision of beauty, the glimpse of fairyland, which was the Christmas tree.

### ancient strains that bid all faithful feet to Bethlehem.

What was the first thing that struck you on your entering your home? Don't you remember that? What, indeed—as your father unlocked and flung wide the big door—but the wonderful odors of the Christmas dinner? Turkey and cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and onions stewed in cream, white grapes and nuts and raisins—however the non-essentials varied, these things were always there.

Christmas! Alas, there comes a day in life when all anniversaries are the gray antithesis of what they once were; when they serve not so much as guideposts pointing to the gold-capped summit of life as milestones to remind you how long the journey has been and how brief it now must be.

Among them all, those many that you now remember, one there is that stands forth in particular—first, because its detail it is typical of all that preceded it, and, second, because in a certain sense it is the last Christmas that you will ever know.

That Christmas Eve your mother was more quiet, more nearly grave than, at such times, you had ever known her to be. Your small sister was taken to bed at 8, but you, as a special concession to your own age and the season, were permitted to sit up till your father came back from an evening shopping excursion. By the time he had returned the stockings had been hung at the bedside upstairs and mother and you were back again in the sitting room before the door admitted him with a flurry of snow. He came in laughing, his great coat touched with flakes of white and his arms full of mysterious packages and bundles which your mother whisked away to him and kissing him, whisked out of sight while he sat and talked you at your urgent request, the familiar blarney of Christmases when he was a boy.

Centuries ago that must have been—centuries ago in a time which was even more of a golden age than even that of—

scientific far-off boyhood of your own. That he told you, and he told you, too, about the first Christmas which he and your mother passed together after their marriage, and of the little sister—not the one upstairs, but another whom you never knew—who saw three Christmases with them and would now see no more.

You were used to his tones in marriage; you were not unfamiliar with them in the pronouncement of judgment, but the quiet note that was in them now was deep and tender with a depth and a tenderness that were new. You looked—as in time of doubt you always looked—toward your mother, but she had walked to the window and was looking out at the darkness, and, facing your first real knowledge of death, you learned then why one of the wreaths that father brought every Christmas was taken out to the little burying-ground on the hill.

BUT there were other stories to be told, and later that same Christmas Eve your mother told you again the two you were never weary of hearing. You remember how you knelt there beside her knee, your little head in her lap and her caressing fingers in your curls. You remember how your fearless voice said "Now I lay me." And—listen!—Surely you can still hear her own pure voice as it joined with yours in the prayer that was our Lord's.

And then—then she tucked you in bed and told you of the little Eastern village on this night, 1000 years and more ago, of the Three Wise Men riding out of Chaldea, of the honest shepherds who saw the blazing star that outshone the multitude of heaven and heard the chorus of the white-robed angels proclaiming the nativity of Christ. It doesn't matter what you have read since then—no story can ever be told so well, can ever seem so vivid or so true as that which your mother, seated on the bed beside you, told you of the baby

### And the mother, for his infant.

"Do you want that, now?" she asked.

"You nodded a head not yet heavy with sleep."

"Of course, I do," you answered.

"But you're getting to be such a big boy," she said, and you noticed that her voice trembled a little and that her fingers under the covers closed very tightly about your wrist—such a great big boy," she in-conclusively concluded.

You couldn't see—how could you?—the impending tragedy, and you boyishly insisted in your plea until, motherwise, she had consented and was busy with the Children's Chronicle. How the good little, fat little saint in furs, the merry, red-checked man of the North, worked in his shop all year long, with his wife to help him, making toys for boys who never grumbled at arduous running, and dolls for girls who ate everything that was on their dinner plate. How, on every Christmas Eve, the big sleigh was laden and the reindeer harnessed. How all the world was visited, until every chimney had been descended and every stocking filled. All this she told you, and all this you accepted quite as you had accepted the holy narrative that had preceded it. And then she tucked you in again, bade you be a good boy and go to sleep, and went away leaving upon your lips a kiss that, after all the years, remains the dearest kiss that you have ever known.

It may have been that your father had said to you, it may have been the new quality in your mother's voice, or it may have been no more than the ancient commonplace of time, but in any case, you that night grew up. At all events, you lay awake far longer than you had ever lain before.

The light was a mere pin-point, but you could dimly discern objects in the room, and so, being really so much older than you used to be, you should have been in no

### sense afraid. And yet, somehow, you were depressed, restless, and, in spite of the joyful day impending, unhappy.

A long while passed—a very long while, it seemed. You had tried honestly and hard to go to sleep, because that is a matter of imperative duty on Christmas Eve, and you were just about succeeding when—

"THE room door cracked on its hinges! You sat bolt upright in bed, your eyes bulging, your hands clutching the sheet. You would have called out, but you couldn't have uttered a sound to save your life.

At first, you see, you had been sure it was a burglar, but now you remembered—this was Christmas Eve; the only open fireplace was in the sitting-room below, and here, of course, was Santa Claus, who had descended by the chimney to the first story and had now made his way upstairs to fill your stocking.

Not that this was much better. You knew that if Santa Claus found any boy or girl awake he would, being a shy gentleman, immediately turn and go, leaving not one gift behind. So you did your best to keep your eyes closed, in spite of a mighty curiosity, while the door swung all the way away, moving footsteps and while, at last, you heard sounds that indicated the loosening of the candle-stream.

But at that juncture perverse human nature interfered. You were nervous and you began to itch all over.

You strove to lie still, yet could not; you tossed fretfully—and from the foot of the bed you heard your mother's voice saying: "Are you sure he is asleep?"

"Certain," responded tones that you knew to be your father's.

Tragedy overwhelmed you. You wanted to spring up and go to them and fling your arms about them and ask them what it all meant. You wanted to know why they were doing this and not Santa Claus. You wanted confirmation or denial of the first great doubts of all your young life. But you could only lie quiet again until the stocking had been filled and the door had closed.

That morning you arose with an unaccustomed hesitancy. The contents of your stocking was matter of small and sad interest, and you did not want to face your

### mother with the new knowledge which, you were sure, was written in your eyes.

However, you did face her, and, at last, got it out. What that cost you—what backing and filling, what stumblings and contradictions—you can never wholly forget. Now can you ever wholly forget the great paroxysm of tears in which it ended, and the cry in which you framed your final question:

"Oh, isn't there any Santa Claus?"

All the worth of a mother is best shown when other things begin to seem worth noting! Can you ever cease to remember how she met that fatal moment of your terminating childhood?

A SANTA CLAUS? Yes, there is a Santa Claus. He came into the hearts of men and women when the first helpless little baby lay smiling on its mother's breast, and brought to this rude world the message of the love that is gentleness and protection and of the faith that is self-sacrifice. He came then, she told you, and he will remain so long as those things last. What matter in whose form he appears to you? Just so long as the laughter of children is sweet to your ears and just so long as the faces of the poor awaken your soul to pity and your hand to help, so long will Santa Claus remain with you.

That was your mother's Christmas sermon, and though it then, perhaps, rather dried your tears because it sent you out among the other children big with a secret which they were too small to share, I submit that, even now, it remains the best of all Christmas sermons. If Christmas is not what it once was, the fault is not in the day, but in you. There is no festival except you make it. If you are too old to receive, be assured that you can never grow too old or too poor to give. The world needs every Santa Claus that it can muster. Be one, and you will find that still, almost as in the days when you were a boy, Christmas—the Christmas of the Golden Days—comes once a year.

### Unlucky Tom

A REAL old-fashioned Yankee was telling a friend of the ill luck experienced by his son Thomas.

"Take the last case, as an example," he said. "Just as soon as he went to Boston to work, Tom fell in love. She lived in one of the suburbs, and directly Tom made up his mind he liked her, he went and bought a fifty-trip ticket to her place and—"

"Well, what happened?"

"What happened? Why, he was turned down at the second call and the ticket was left on his hands! If that isn't hard luck, please tell me what is!"

### A Leading Question

DURING the trial of a case in a Boston court it became necessary to call to the witness stand a lady's maid.

"Where were you at 4:45 on the evening in question?" was the first query put to her by the examining counsel.

"Dressing the hair of madame," was the response.

"Now," said the attorney, very solemnly, with uplifted finger, "think very carefully before you answer. Was or was not your mistress in the room at that time?"

### Garcia's Method

MESDAMES VIARDOT-GARCIA and Manuel Garcia, the wonderful daughters of Manuel Garcia, who was perhaps the greatest vocal teacher of all time, literally "learned in suffering what they taught in song."

The discipline of the Garcia home was extremely severe. It was said that Garcia used to beat his daughters till they screamed. The neighbors, however, did not confuse method with madness, and did not condemn them as they usually do. "It is only Monsieur Garcia teaching his girls to sing."

### How He Handles 'Em

A CHICAGO man tells of the system practiced by a veterinarian in that town with respect to the pet animals entrusted to his care by wealthy women.

## A New Calendar Issued Just All for the Children

HOW many days in the year? Every body knows, but—

Here's a brand-new calendar, just issued by the Child Health Organization of America, and the days in its year are—303.

It's the first of its kind, and the first calendar ever published especially for school children. That is why it so debonairly drops the sixty-two days that don't count, the days that are so part of the children's working year.

Moreover, it is unique in other ways. Besides being a school calendar, it is a health calendar. And it is a health calendar which uses the vernacular of youth even its slang, to point the maxims which constitute, according to the Child Health Organization, a charter of health for the children who follow their teachings.

Health almanacs are nothing new. From the time of Poor Richard, who sang "early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise"—and even before him—it was quite the usual thing to sprinkle almanacs, in between information about the weather, commerce and the signs of the stars, with sage advice about health. But a health calendar of the sort that the Child Health Organization has originated is quite new. And it's as interesting to grown-ups as to children.

For instance, here are some of the mottoes for September:

- Sleep with your windows open and your mouth shut.
- Get the brown bread habit.
- A good life insurance policy is a bunch of spinach.
- Prohibition should include fried potatoes.
- Green apples are the fruit of all evils.
- Girls as well as boys receive advice in the laughing spirit that robs it of half its sting:
- For a healthy complexion, apply one apple to the face and rub in until it disappears.
- A good complexion powder is graham flour.
- A good complexion cream is cream.
- Then spring are temptations of Hesperus, the health spirit of the Child Health Organization, who has with them delighted many thousands of school children all over the country, and has incidentally enrolled these children in the health game which the "C. H. O." in co-operation with the United States Bureau of Education, has so successfully launched through the public schools.



"Happy," the children's court jester, teaching them health rules.

The distinguishing mark of this particular plan to raise up a generation of healthy youngsters is that it tries to capture and to use the child's own interest and imagination. This is done by appealing to his love of a contest, always emphasizing in this appeal the fact that the health contest is a jolly one, a frolic rather than a series of chores.

The health calendar is the latest of the original methods of "getting this message across" to the children devised by the Child Health Organization. There are many others just as unique. It was this organization, for instance, which first thought of sending out Cho Cho, the health clown, to take the place of the staid lecturer who formerly discoursed on health and hygiene. To a roomful of admiring and ecstatic children Cho Cho gives advice which is not only sound scientifically, but is pretty certain to be followed. What youngster can resist a real circus clown?

In the war period, when it was discovered by experts that many of the grave physical defects discovered among the young men of the nation could be traced back to childhood—the outgrowth of malnutrition or of physical defects, undiscovered and allowed to continue and become worse with the years.

Fifteen million school children, it was estimated, suffered from such defects, which might be corrected or prevented. Six million of these, it was estimated, were mal-nourished.

Under the co-operation of the Federal Bureau of Education, the Child Health Organization, under its director, Miss Sally Lucas Jean, set itself to remedy such conditions.

It began with the slogan "health can be taught," for it had been discovered through investigation that malnutrition, showing itself in underweight and lack of stamina, as well as in actual defects, was to be found in the "poor little rich child" as well as in the poor boy and girl. It was often a matter of ignorance and indifference.

This campaign was directed first to the teachers in the schools, then to mothers and fathers, through their clubs and organizations, and finally to the school child himself. Teachers were asked to put health on the curriculum of the school, as one of the most important parts of real education; mothers were encouraged to support the schools in this effort; children were asked to join the fascinating health contest. Among the publications of the Child Health Organization of interest to teachers, parents and school children are "The Classroom Weight Record," "Diet for the School Child," "Teaching Health," "Child Health Program for Parent-Teachers' Associations and Women's Clubs," "The Lunch Hour at School," "Suggestions for a Program of Health Teaching in the Grades" (all these may be secured through the Federal Bureau of Education at Washington) and numbers of charming books for the children, such as a health alphabet, health rhymes, fairy tales, the health calendar, and a health game, played after the manner of "Authors," which may be secured through the Child Health Organization's office in the Penn. Terminal Building, New York. The calendar and the game are also sold through some department stores.

# SCIENCE TELLS US

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## Of What Use Are Skunks?

THE importance of the skunk as a fur-bearing animal is made manifest by the fact, on the authority of the Department of Agriculture, that its pelt brings to trappers in this country \$3,000,000 annually, the output a year being about 2,000,000 skins.

So highly esteemed is skunk fur that within the last few years the breeding of skunks on scientific principles has been undertaken. It was started in 1914 near Chicago by the Skunk Development Bureau, and two years later the stock was removed to the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station, where the experiments are being continued.

The object sought by the breeders is to improve the wild skunk by selection and judicious mating, for size, color, markings, texture of fur and length and density of pelage.

There are in the United States many species and sub-species of skunks. One of the most admired is the common Eastern skunk, which has a glossy, silky black coat of good texture. Unfortunately, it is rather small, and its white-stripes are not desirable.

The market demands a black pelt or as near it as possible. White patches must be cut out, sewn together, dyed and sold for cheaper grades. This reduces the size of the black pelt and necessitates the fitting of smaller pieces together.

The Journal of Heredity in its forthcoming number discusses the problem most interestingly and expresses confidence that selective breeding will produce a race of skunks with only a small patch of white on the crown of the head. Specimens corresponding to that description are occasionally caught. It may even be possible to create an all-black race.

Skunks have a strong tendency to "mutations"—which means that they are apt to develop "sports" in the way of coloration. Such sports, with all kinds of animals, are easily perpetuated and fixed in a breed by proper mating through a series of generations. The silver fox, whose fur is so highly valued, is a mutation of the common red fox; the blue fox is a mutation of the white Arctic fox. Blue or silver skunk pelts would doubtless fetch big prices.

It is believed that they can be obtained. Albino skunks are not very uncommon, and from them can be derived a race of white skunks in the same way that white rabbits, white rats and white mice, descended from albino "sports," have been bred. White furs are always in demand for children's wear.

Skunks belong to the same zoological family as the martens, the sable, the otter and the ermine. They produce a pelage of the finest quality in cool latitudes, and hence the northern parts of the United States offer the best conditions for breeding them for fur.



A family of skunks photographed in the American Museum of Natural History

To feed them is a simple problem, inasmuch as they will eat almost anything. At the Illinois Experiment Station they are fed on mice, sour milk, peanuts, dried prunes, stale bread and table scraps.

They may be deprived of offensiveness by removal of the scent-gland, the requisite surgical operation being a simple one. In performing it there should be caution to avoid wasting any of the valuable scent, for which there is a ready market. Trappers use it to cover up the human smell by smearing it on their traps and on their boots.

It is stated, however, that "by careful, intelligent and somewhat sympathetic treatment one can handle live adult unspiced skunks without misadventure or regret."

## Apple Sauce Bricks

EXPERTS of the Government Chemistry Bureau have found out a means whereby apple sauce may be converted into bricks and stored by the housewife for many months without deterioration.

All she need do is to dry her apple sauce slowly in an oven, at low temperature, with or without spice in it. But it should contain no sugar.

When it is wanted for use sugar and water may be added, and after boiling three or four minutes it will be found most palatable. Apple sauce "dehydrated" and preserved in this way has no dried apple flavor.



Above and at the right are shown two baby skunks of the same litter, illustrating the tendency to variations of color



An albino skunk

universe; Bellatrix, in the constellation of Orion; Mira, in the constellation of the Whale, and the huge sun known to astronomers as Alpha, in the constellation of the Bull.

The super-stars are bright red stars. They are red because they are young; i. e., in an early stage of their development. They are masses of burning gas so diffuse as to have little weight. It is supposed, in proportion to their vast bulk. Presumably our own sun went through such a stage countless ages ago.

The work of measuring the giant stars is to go on at the Mount Wilson observatory. Professor Michelson went out there to start it.

The interferometer is an instrument for measuring exceedingly minute angles. Take the case of Antares. Despite its enormous size, its diameter as viewed from the earth subtends an angle almost inconceivably small, because of its great distance from us. But, we know the approximate distance of that star, and when we have found out the angle its diameter subtends it will be easy to calculate the length of that diameter, or, in other words, to determine the size of Antares.

How is it possible to determine the distance of a star? That is a question easily answered.

Suppose that today, with a telescope, the exact direction of Bellatrix (let us say), as seen from the Mount Wilson observatory, is determined. Then, six months from now, let the direction of that star be again exactly determined. In those six months the earth will have traveled to an opposite point of its track around the sun. The distance between the two opposite points furnishes a base line. The two lines represented by the angle subtended (six months apart) form the two directions upon the base line. The angle subtended from the apex of the angle to the base line (readily calculated) is the distance of Bellatrix from the earth.

The Government Bureau of Standards has newly finished some observations at Flagstaff, Ariz., where, at the Lowell Observa-

## Putting a Foot Rule on Stars Trillions of Miles Away

PROF. ALBERT A. MICHELSON has just returned to Chicago from California, where, at the observatory on the summit of Mount Wilson, near Pasadena, he has been showing the astronomers how to measure the bigness of stars with his newly invented "interferometer."

He expresses the opinion that some of the stars, such as Antares, in the constellation of the Scorpion, may be found to be even greater in size than Betelgeuse, which is 250,000,000 miles in diameter.

Other giant stars are Arcturus, in the constellation of the Ox, which was declared by the late Prof. Simon P. Newcomb to be the greatest center of radiant energy in the

universe, measurements were made of the radiant energy of sixteen stars.

The most important result obtained was determination of the fact that blue stars emit two and a half to three times as much heat as red stars of the same magnitude.

Great heat signifies an activity that engenders blue light waves; hence the blue stars are the hottest stars. Our sun is believed to be a blue star. It looks yellow to us because we see it through the gaseous medium of the atmosphere.

Sirius, the Dog Star, when seen through the telescope, is very blue. It must, therefore, be extremely hot. As a matter of fact, though it is only a few times as big as our sun—just how many times nobody knows—its radiant energy is at least 100 times as great as that of our orb of day.

A star, as it grows older, gets steadily hotter, gaining temperature with the contraction of its body of burning gases. A star grows hotter, that is to say, up to a certain point, after which it begins to cool. Eventually it must burn out. Doubtless there are in the universe millions of dead suns circling through space; but, inasmuch as they emit no light, we cannot see them.

Astronomers believe that our sun has reached the highest limit of temperature possible for a star of its size and that before very long it will begin to cool. Though still largely gaseous, it must be a relatively solid body. Its core, according to Prof. T. J. See, of the United States Naval Observatory, must have a density three times that of steel.

When our sun has cooled off to a certain extent it will become green in color, a sign of decrepitude. There are a good many green stars in the heavens. One of them, a sun of small size, is paired in the constellation Spica with a huge red sun.

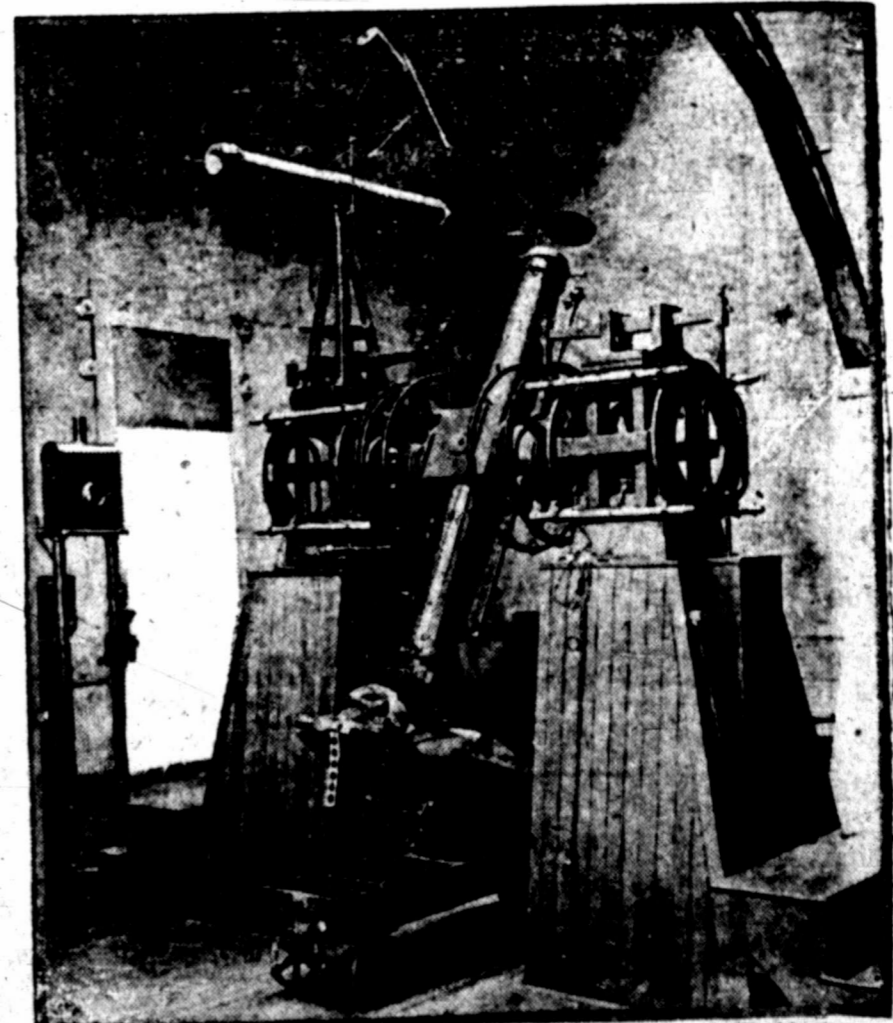
If the atmosphere were taken away and we could see what the heavens really look like, we would behold a gorgeous spectacle of stars blazing brilliantly in a black sky—yellow stars, blue stars, rose-colored stars, red stars, violet-headed stars and green stars. Their hues would represent different stages in the development of suns, and corresponding differences in the amount of radiant energy they give forth.

## Feather Paintings

A WOMAN, Ida Helen Jarvis, of Brookline, Mass., has hit upon the novel idea of "painting" landscapes with feathers. For a background she uses a cardboard mat, upon which the sky may be represented by actual painting with water colors. Apart from this the picture is made wholly with bird feathers, which are glued on or stitched together in such fashion as to depict any desired scene in nature—as, for example, a waterfall, rocks in the stream, trees along the watercourse, plant undergrowth, etc.

To represent a waterfall the inventor takes a length of feather and splits the shaft for the crest of the fall, allowing the barbs to spread in a flowing manner in imitation of the falling water. Rocks placed at suitable intervals are pictured by smaller feathers; and wherever the water encounters the rocks the foam is represented by down. Trees and undergrowth are represented by using feathers of various sizes, shapes and colors, and the ground, wherever a perspective is similarly indicated. The inventor says that by employing rather gaudy colors for the foliage, etc., along the waterfall, with white feathers and down for the falling water, "a very pleasing and artistic effect is produced and one which at a little distance cannot easily be distinguished from an elaborate oil painting."

The feather landscape, when finished, is framed, with a glass to hold the feathers securely against the mat, though not so tightly as to flatten them, the result being much more lifelike if the barbs and barbules of the feathers are allowed to flow in a graceful manner.



At ease with the stars in the United States Naval Observatory in Washington

## Walking on Water



THE ambition to walk on the surface of water is probably as old as the desire of mankind to fly in the air. We have solved the latter problem, and recent invention at least approaches a solution of the former.

"Water skates," as somebody has called them, in order to be satisfactory, must not be too cumbersome. A new invention, fairly acceptable in this respect, is the form of a pair of lightweight aluminum cylinders, long, narrow, pointed at both ends, and covered with rubberized canvas. They are secured to the feet of the wearer by straps, but in such wise that in case of an upset he can readily detach himself.

Beneath the cylinders are paddles, which are so hinged as to flatten when the leg moves forward, opening on the backward movement to give the requisite propulsion. The wearer has only to go through the ordinary motions of walking, and his "water skates" carry him ahead.

A modification of this invention employs, instead of the paddles above described, a small paddle wheel at the rear, which is operated not by leg movements, but by the feet.

## Teach Europe to Eat Corn

EUROPE is hungry. Its people nowadays are glad to get any kind of food that will fill their empty stomachs. Hence the time seems favorable for teaching them to eat corn.

Efforts in this direction in the past have not met with much success. Nothing is more difficult than to persuade people to eat a thing that is new to them. When, during the famine of 1848, we shipped corn to Ireland, reports were circulated that consumption of that kind of grain by human beings "turned them into niggers." This, it was said, was the reason why there were so many Negroes in the United States.

Corn is extensively grown in Italy and Rumania, but in those countries it is prepared as a sort of porridge, and cornbread is practically unknown. European housewives are not much given to hot breads, and cold cornbread is not palatable. Besides, it gets stale quickly.

In 1900 our Department of Agriculture organized an extensive corn "drive" in Europe. Small stoves were set up in grocery shops in many towns in England, and bread, griddle-cakes and other preparations of maize were served free to all comers. But the crusade was a failure.

Now, however, the Department of Commerce is going to try to introduce corn grits over there. Europeans eat a great deal of buckwheat, rice and pearl barley; and surely corn grits, prepared in the same way, ought to be acceptable.

One reason why the people of Europe rejected corn flour was that it did not keep well; but corn grits will keep as well as any other cereal product. During the last year relief organizations over there have used large quantities of corn grits, which, prepared by boiling, proved highly acceptable. Corn grits can be delivered in Europe at half the cost of any other cereal food. Its cheapness recommends it at present.

## Guard Your Smoke

ONE of the saddest things about smokers is that they will scatter their ashes about. The untidiness might be forgiven, but the danger of fire is more serious.

Hence the value of an "ash protector" invented by a New Yorker, Richard A. Hoffmann. It is a small cylindrical frame of aluminum, of skeleton form, that fits over the end of the cigar or cigarette, being held lightly but firmly in place by a wire spring. The frame holds a little sheet of transparent film, likewise cylindrical, which enables the smoker to take a look now and then at the end of his cigar or cigarette, to see if it is burning properly. At the front end of the contrivance is a hole to admit air. When the ash falls off the end of the cigarette or cigar it drops inside of the cylinder.

The front end of the cylinder carries a thin steel blade, which may be used as a cutter to chop off the ash. When the cigar or cigarette has burned an inch or so, the device may be shifted back toward the butt end by pinching a pair of wire loops that control the spring.

## A Machine to Hang Paper

AMONG the "wanted" inventions has long been numbered an efficient wall-papering machine. Stanley Pyttak, of Mechen, W. Va., claims to have produced it. A metal cylinder holds the roll of paper, one end of it being removable to permit insertion of the roll. Through the cylinder and supported by the heads of the latter runs a rod, which is passed lengthwise through the roll as a preliminary. At one end of the rod is a square socket, adapted to receive the squared end of a crank handle. When the crank handle is turned the sheet of wall paper emerges through a slot that runs lengthwise of the cylinder and is pressed against a rotary brush carrying paste, the paste being automatically supplied from a small tank. An auxiliary rotary brush, which is dry, presses the paper upon the wall, and metal runners bear upon the wall in advance of the paper. The machine is light in weight and the operator moves it downward along the wall by hand, slowly turning the crank, which, while delivering the paper sheet, causes the brushes to revolve.

## Foot Defects

THE Board of Health of New York City has recently made a special study of the feet of the children in one of the public schools with a view to obtaining some idea of the prevalence of pedal defects among young boys and girls.

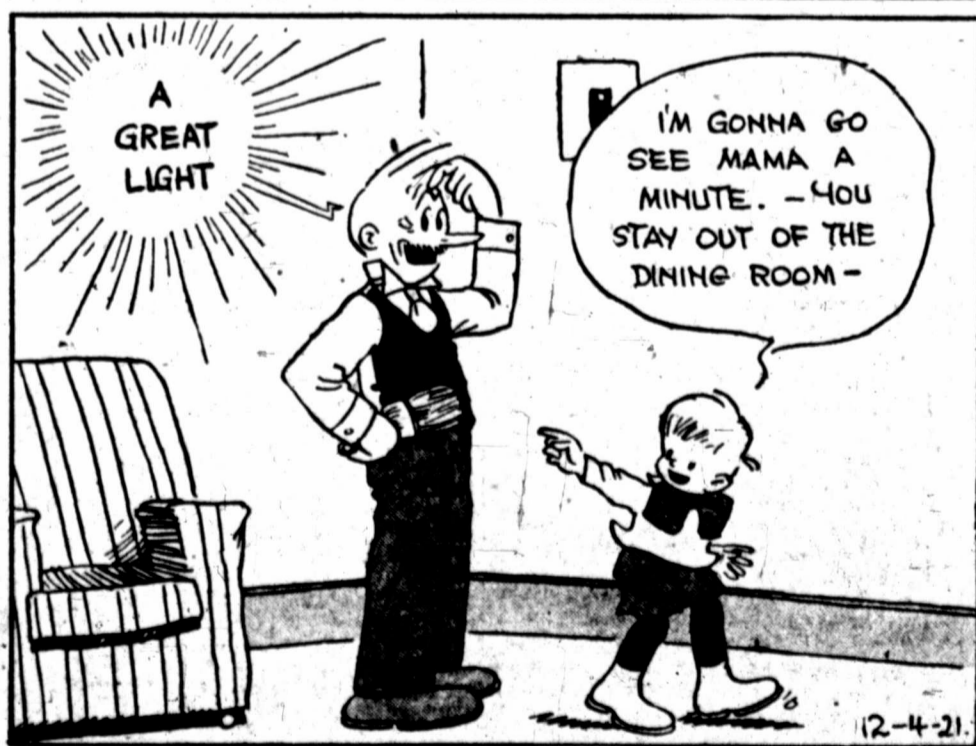
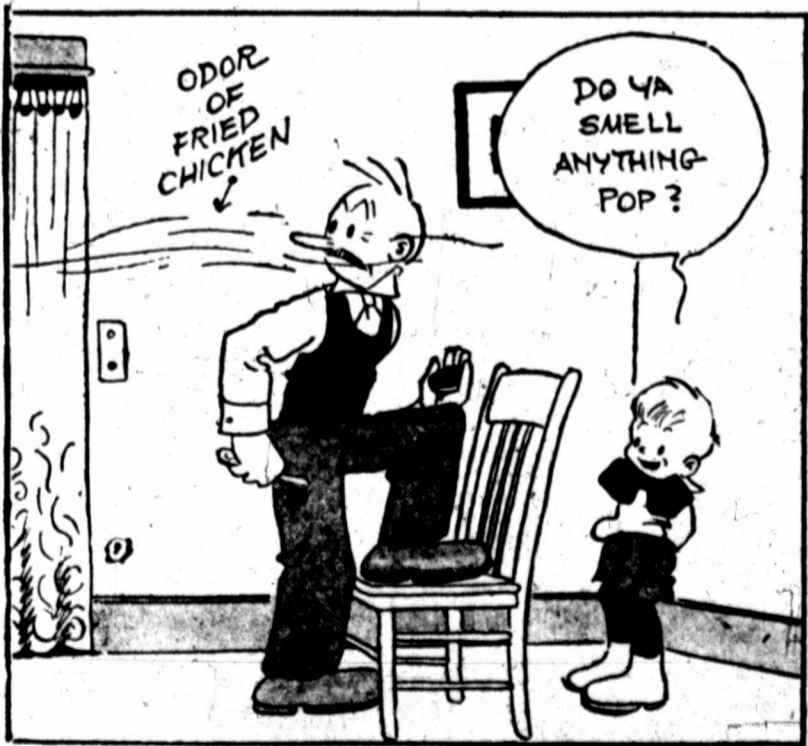
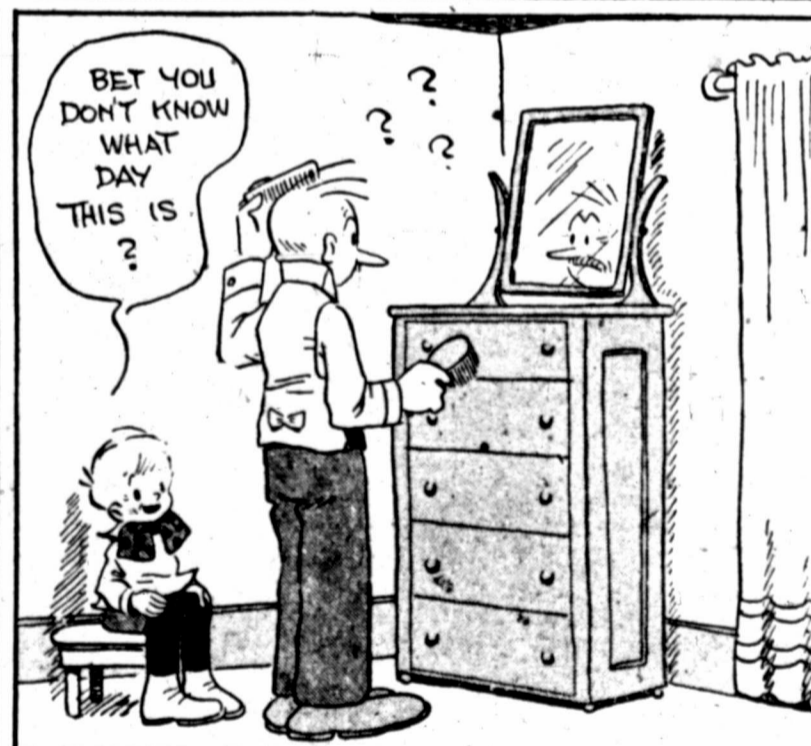
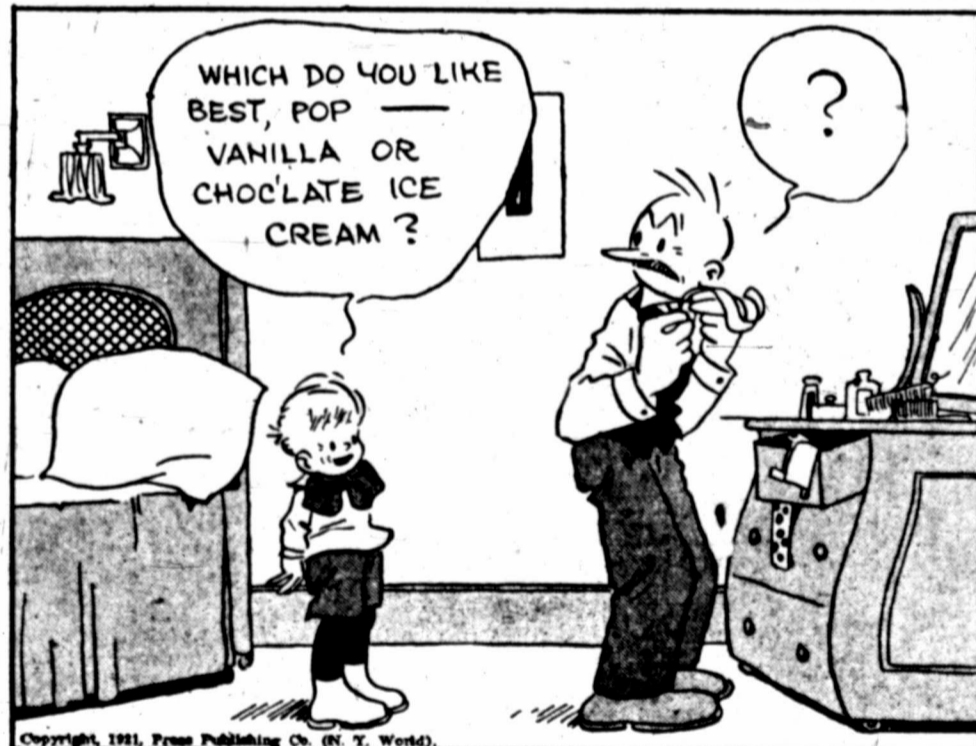
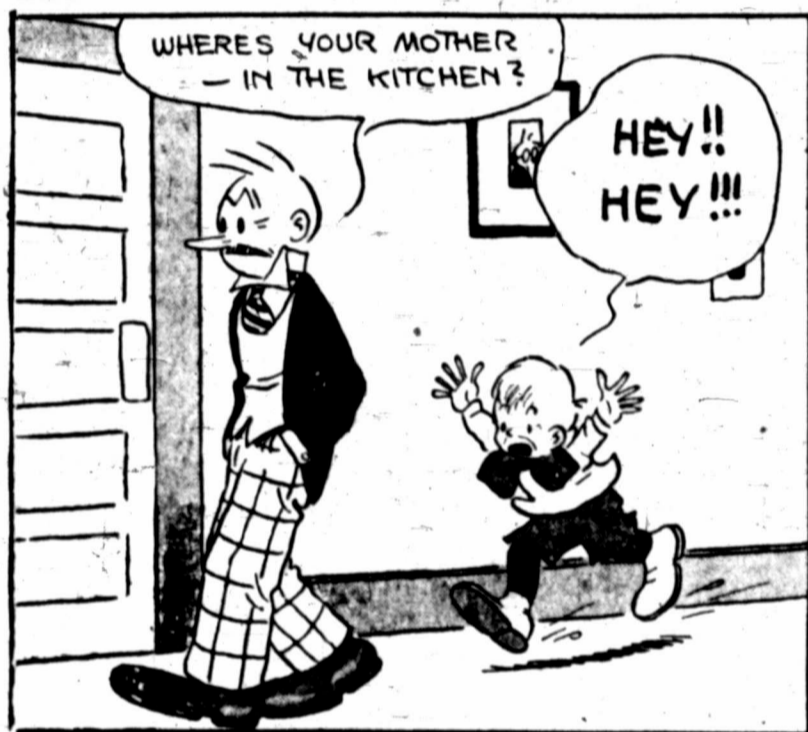
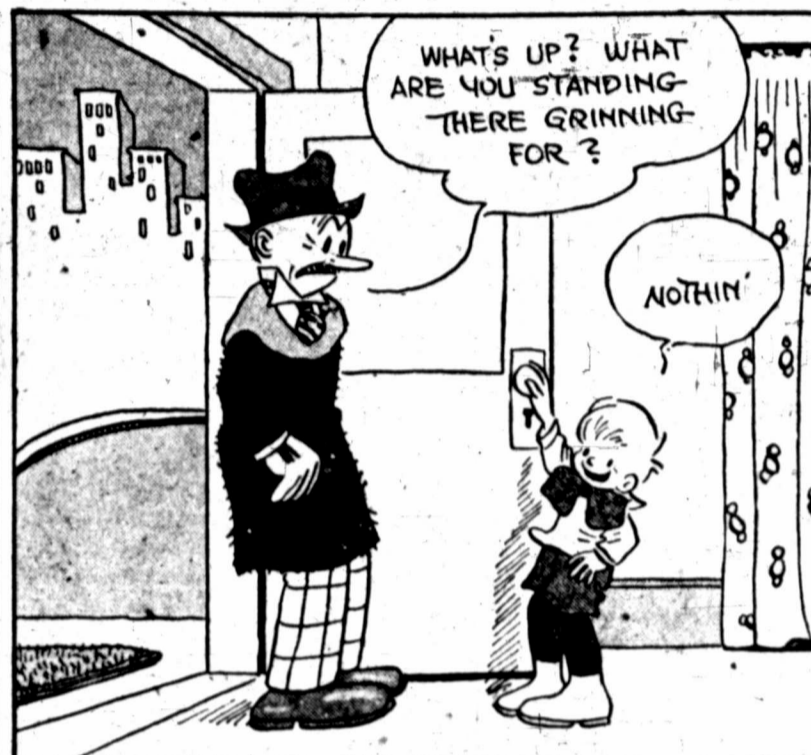
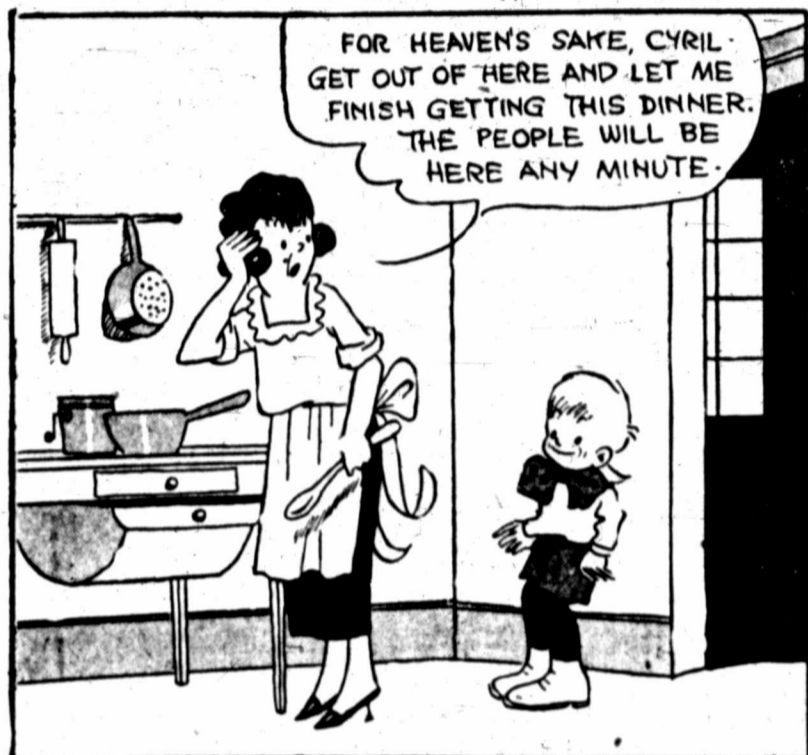
The examinations, made by orthopedic surgeons, appeared to show that such defects are much commoner than has been supposed. The number of children examined was 356. Seven per cent of the boys and 6 per cent of the girls were found to have deformed toes. Six per cent of the boys and 13 per cent of the girls had "flat feet." Forty-seven per cent of the boys and 74 per cent of the girls had "weak feet." Ten per cent of the boys and 17 per cent of the girls had ingrowing toenails. The feet of 39 per cent of the boys and 28 per cent of the girls revealed corns or other excrescences. Twenty-one per cent of the boys and 2 per cent of the girls walked with their toes turned in.

Most of these troubles were of a character admitting of correction and cure, with proper treatment. If neglected, said the surgeons, some of them might cripple and impair the efficiency of the children affected.

The surgeons recommended that all growing children be examined for such defects and that those affected be watched and treated, in order that later in life they may be "foot-sound."

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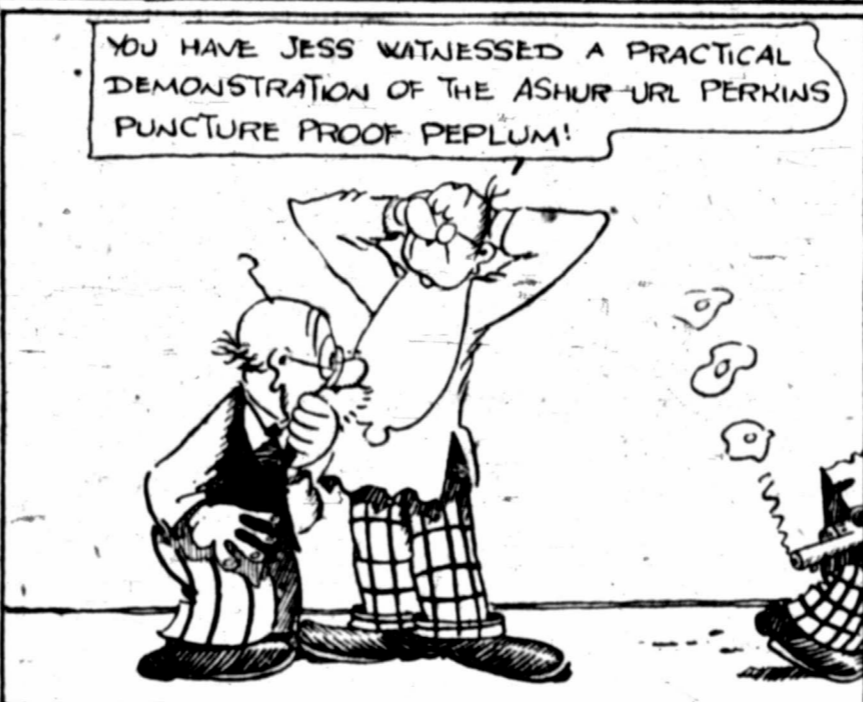
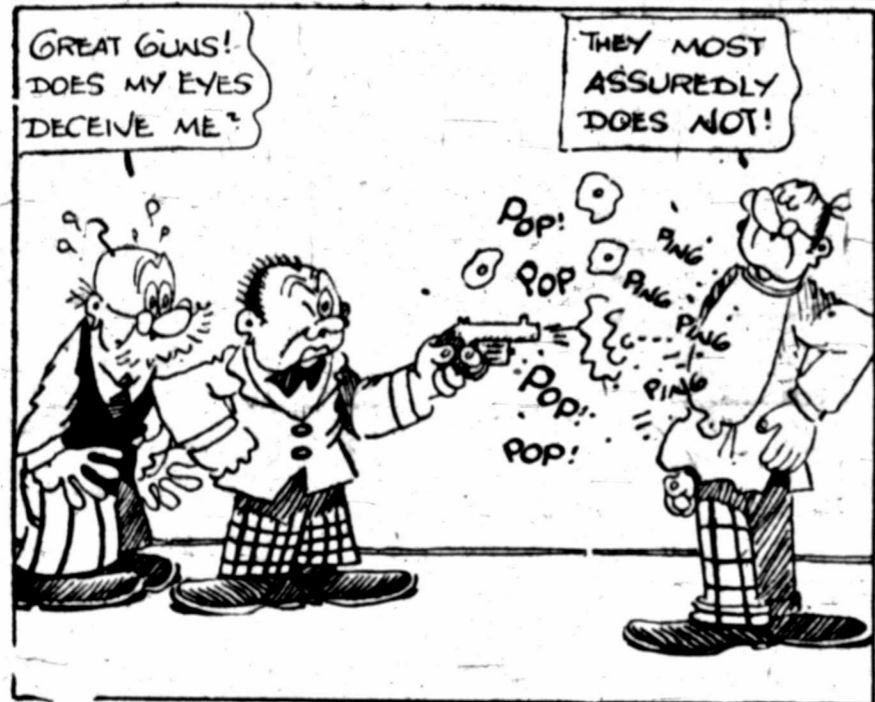
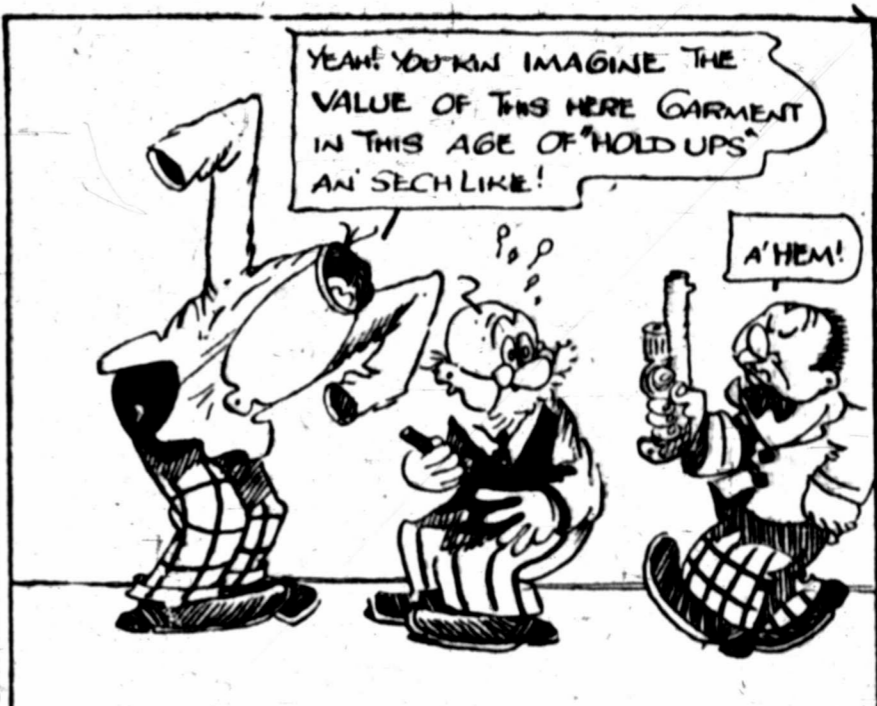
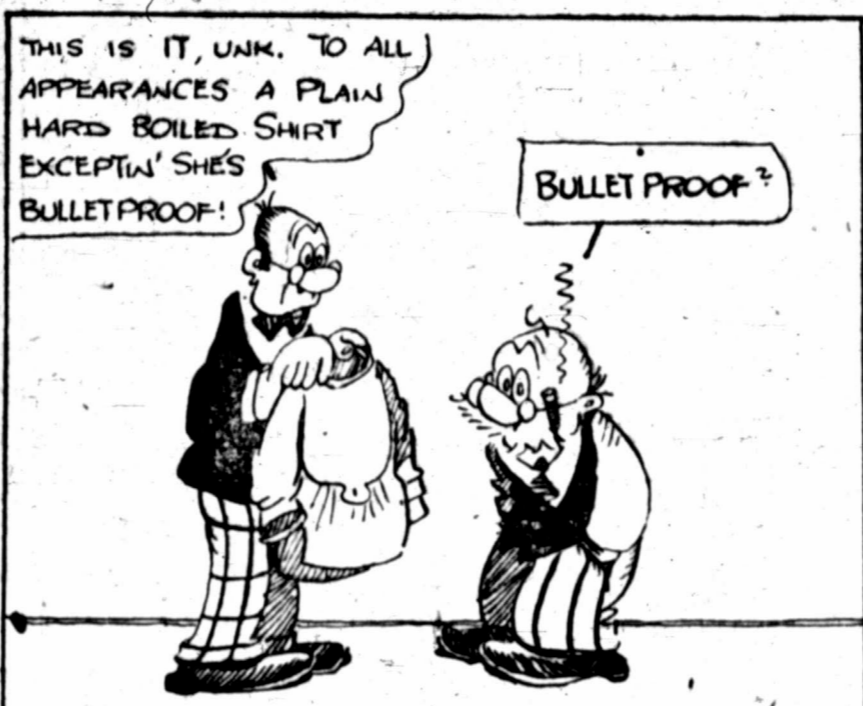
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