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The News trusts that no one will misunderstand our action in this matter and that we will continue our pleasant relations and merit your esteem.

Respectfully yours,

The Devil's River News.

THE CENSOR IN RUSSIA.

Newspaper workers in Russia are now in a worse plight than ever before. The conservative Voice of Moscow says of the recent order: "It establishes a new censorate far more severe than the old. The former censorate was administered by a committee of censors and a department of the press. The present censorate is administered only by policemen. And naturally the present censorate deals out severer punishments than did the old. Formerly the censor could only obliterate an article or seize one edition of a paper. Now he can fine the writer and the editor 3,000 rubles (\$1,500). Formerly an editor could complain to the department of the press of a censor's action. Now there is no appeal against the policeman's fiat. This means that in the days when it was impossible to use the word 'constitution' the liberty of the press was nevertheless greater than it is now."

Cigar Delays a Train.

A Montmartre tradesman delayed railway traffic for twenty minutes at a suburban station recently because the officials would not add a smoking carriage to the train on which he was about to return to Paris. The occupants of a non-smoking compartment objected to the tradesman's cigar, so the tradesman, still puffing his cigar, lay down on the line in front of the engine. He announced that he would remain there until he had finished smoking. Various officials were summoned to argue with him, and finally, when the train had been delayed twenty minutes and the train passengers demanded that it proceed regardless of the tradesman, the latter was forcibly removed and arrested.—Paris Dispatch in London Express.

Beauty and Marriage.

The examination craze has reached heights of imbecility which its most ardent initiators could hardly have dreamed of, but if the maidens of Great Britain have to pass an examination before they can become eligible for the honor of a man's hand we fancy we should range ourselves on the side of the angels and oppose the plan with all possible vigor. The plain fact is that the prettiest girls are notoriously the stupidest, and if none but the ugly girls could get married, whatever result their ability might have on the nature of the infant, it would not take long before there were no types of British beauty left to lighten the burden of a drab world.—London Medical Press.



No Change.

The Tall Un—When I get my new house I mean that everything shall be like clockwork.
The Short Un—I see; the same as heretofore—tick, tick!—Punch.

Not Yet Paid For.

Towne—There goes Rushley. He must be in debt again.
Brown—I wouldn't say that. Why, he looks quite prosperous. That's a nice new suit he has—
Towne—Yes; that's why I say he must be in debt.—Philadelphia Press.

Must Have Meant Him.

Nell—I really think May is in love with you.
Ned—Do you really? Why?
Nell—I heard her remark yesterday that homeliness in a man is not really a fault, but a sign of character.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Quality, Not Price.

"Perhaps," said the clerk, "you'd like to look at goods a little more expensive than these."
"Not necessarily," replied the shopper, "but I would like to look at some of better quality."—Houston Post.

Not Reckless.

"I wish I had enough money to invest in some of the mines that are advertised."
"You'd be a fool to do it."
"I wouldn't do it. I'd buy a new overcoat."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Disappointing Part.

"So often our idols have feet of clay," sighed the sentimental girl.
"Yes," agreed Miss Sharp, "but the worst of it is that frequently their heads are of the same material."—Kansas City Times.

ROYALTY COULD MOVE ON.

It Was When Buffalo Bill's Show Reached the Eternal City.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West arrived under the walls of the Eternal City, and toward the great scout's whooping arena we bent our steps, writes Booth Tarkington in Everybody's. The dance was on when we arrived, but we found an usher who was shoving and haranguing a confused, seat seeking crowd of Italians, exhorting them in homelike Nebraskan words.

"Everything's gone all to thunder today," he remarked to us crossly. "That there king and queen's here." (His manner of alluding to the royal personages suggested that he thought of them as cards in a deck.) "We never got a word they were comin' till half an hour before we opened. The boxes were all took, and we've had one blank of a time fixin' things up and gittin' that king and queen settled right. These coupons call for the next box beyond 'em, and the dago ushers have gone and stuck some people in there, somebody that belongs to the king and queen, I reckon, and"—

"Then we'll have to give up our box?" some one asked nervously.
"Naw! You got the tickets, ain't you? You git it! Come on!"

A lady and three gentlemen were seated in the box numbered upon our coupons. "You git out o' there," said our guide informally. "That ain't your box."

There was an exclamation of horror from an upper tier, and one of the English speaking Italian ushers came rushing down an aisle with a blanched face. He bent himself double before the occupants of the box, uttering stricken apologies in Italian, which were abruptly checked by our guide.

"Here! I ain't got no more time to waste. These folks got coupons for the whole box. Tell them people to git out o' there, and tell 'em to hurry."

"Get them out?" repeated the Italian, immeasurably shocked. "Impossible! You do not understand! It is the Prince and Princess!"

Our guide bent upon him a look of withering pity. "That cuts all the ice in Hudson's bay, don't it?" he replied, with venomous distinctiveness, and then, exasperated to the extent of his self control, "You git 'em out o' there!"

We interceded at this point and effected a compromise by squeezing more chairs into the box, to the painful surprise of our usher, who as he slouched away manifested his opinion of us as "easy."

TRANSLATING A THOUGHT.

Interviewers who talk with Viscount Sizzo Aoki, the Japanese ambassador to this country, find that the viscount, after a question has been asked him, takes about two minutes for a reply. Meantime he gazes steadily into the eyes of the interviewer and often succeeds in embarrassing the asker after opinion.

The Japanese ambassador does not confuse his questioner intentionally, for he is the most polite of men.

He lived in Germany a long time and speaks German fluently. He also speaks English, but not fluently. This is the way his mind works: When a question is asked him in English he translates it into German. Then he translates the German into Japanese and formulates his answer. After that has been pondered he translates the answer to German and thence to English. He cannot translate directly from English to Japanese or from Japanese to English.

He understands none but the most correct or "book" English. If an interviewer uses an idiom or a bit of slang the ambassador waits patiently until the sentence has been corrected and put into the undefiled tongue. Then he laboriously sets to work at it and after his various translations back and forth announces his reply. — Saturday Evening Post.

How Keir Hardie Ross.

At twelve years of age Keir Hardie, the well known labor member of the British parliament, could neither read nor write, and the only kind of schooling he received was a rough drilling in the elements of reading, which he obtained by studying books and notices in shop windows. Writing and shorthand Mr. Hardie taught himself, practicing the latter in the coal mine with the aid of a white stone blackened with smoke from his pit lamp and used as a tablet, upon which he scratched the symbols with a pin. At twenty-two he left the pits and became secretary of the miners' union, and two years later he obtained a position as subeditor of a local newspaper at Cumock, the town in which his present home is situated.

A More Mistake.

In the native hospital at Quetta, Baluchistan, there is a man who is a living example of the brutality of the Afghan system of justice. Some time ago one of the ameer's soldiers deserted and could not be found in spite of the most diligent search. When the circumstances were reported to the ameer he gave orders that the deserter's brother should be punished by having his nose cut off. This was immediately done. The victim made his way to Quetta for medical attention, and on learning what had happened the hospital authorities sent a strongly worded protest to the ameer. The reply promptly came back that an unfortunate mistake had been made and that the brother had been confused with the deserter.

Our Novels in Britain.

It is almost impossible to take up the list of any publisher this year without lighting on American names and American titles. The stage took the lead in the matter, and now the publishers are following suit. It is very hard on the British novelist of the second or third rank. Perhaps in order to earn a livelihood he will be driven to the device of musicians who adopt foreign names and be compelled to call himself Jonathan K. Something or Other, or at least choose American subjects for his novel.—London Saturday Review.

A Dog's Artificial Tail.

Artificial teeth, legs, arms and hair are common, but a dog with an artificial tail is rare. Foll, a terrier belonging to an Olney family, sports an artificial tail. In accordance with custom Foll lost his tail early in life, only a stump about two inches long remaining. To this stump his present owners have affixed a tail which can wag any way the dog likes. The tail is fastened by a strap and buckle and when in place is very much like the real article. Foll enjoys wearing it and at night submits gracefully to its removal.—Philadelphia Record.

Cut Him Off.

If there's anything Uncle Joe Cannon dislikes more than another it's the proverbial loquaciousness of the Washington barber.

"Shall I clip your hair a little at the ends, sir?" asked a colored tonorialist of the statesman on one occasion.

"You'll have to," granted Uncle Joe, "unless you've invented some method by which you can clip it out from the middle and save the ends, which are curls." "I should prefer that to all things, except, of course, to your utter silence."—Harper's Weekly.

A DRAMATIC EXPERIENCE.

It Had to Do With the Rescue of Nordenskjold.

Most dramatic in its experience of all the 1901 expeditions, hardly surpassed by any crossing either circle, was that of the Swedes under Nordenskjold, says H. L. Bridgman in the Outing Magazine. Landed at Snow hill, on Seymour island, Nordenskjold and his party bade goodby to Captain Larsen and the Antarctic, built them a house and settled down to scientific work for the summer and, as it turned out, for the winter. Larsen's instructions were to refit at the Falkland islands to give the zoologists of the party a chance at Tierra del Fuego and to come back to Snow hill in the summer of 1902.

That summer and the next winter passed, and Nordenskjold and his companions saw nothing of Larsen or of the Antarctic. One day they saw coming over the ice and rocks two objects which every one at first asserted were emperor penguins, but on coming nearer proved to be Duse and Anderson, who, landed the year before by Larsen and cut off by open water from their proposed journey overland to Snow hill, had spent nine months in a hut built of the stones which they could collect and subsisting on the scanty supplies left with them, but chiefly on the penguins and seals they had been able to kill. Men were never more warmly welcomed than these two, wintering unknown within twenty miles of comrades and headquarters.

Finally, as hope was almost departing and the summer drawing fast to a close, one fine day Captain Irizar, commander of the cruiser dispatched by Argentine, called at Snow hill and bade Nordenskjold and his reunited party make ready to leave for home. The welcome summons was, of course, willingly obeyed, but "if Larsen were only here," said the released and relieved Swedes. And the very next day whom did they see tramping across the floe but Larsen and five sturdy sailors from Paulet's island, where they had wintered after the Antarctic had been crushed and sunk by the ice, following a gallant fight of weeks to keep her afloat and bring off the party from the rocks of Snow hill.

The world rejoiced at Nordenskjold's rescue, and the more when the scientific results of his long isolation were found to be of the highest importance.

George Grossmith's Autograph.

A good tale is told of George Grossmith and the signing of his name. The proprietor of a certain hotel where "Geo-Gee" was staying during one of his recent tours brought in a volume containing the autographs of distinguished visitors and begged that Grossmith would write a few words beyond the bare record of his stay. The ex-Savoyard turned over the leaves to see what friend had preceded him there and saw a signature which gave him an idea. It was that of Mrs. Alice Shaw, the well known "siffleuse," and in the book was recorded this reason for her whistling: "I whistle too good to be neglected, and it was not many seconds before the book received this addition: "I sing because I can't.—George Grossmith."—London Standard.

Roughing It.

On one occasion Archbishop Temple was welcomed and entertained overnight by a clergyman during the absence of that clergyman's wife. On leaving the host politely expressed the hope that when next his lordship honored the house Mrs. Temple would accompany him.

"No, thanks," the archbishop laconically replied; "Mrs. Temple doesn't like roughing it."

The clergyman's feelings were deeply hurt, for the visit had meant some expense and much anxiety to him. He unbared his soul to his wife on her return.

"Why, my dear," she exclaimed, "you didn't surely put the bishop in the pink bedroom, did you?" He did.

"Oh, then that's it! I put all the plate in the bed!"—London Outlook.

A Tender Hearted Girl.

Softer than swansdown was her heart—more tender than spring tints in the sky. She could not bear to give pain to any living thing. As they walked through the woods such was his love that he went first and brushed away the spider webs with his face.

"See!" he cried, pointing to a forest giant. "See!"

And on it she saw a graven heart with their names cut inside it.

"Oh, cruel, cruel!" she wept. "Our engagement is broken. I would not marry a monster who thus inflicts pain on—"

"What!" he cried. "What have I done that is so cruel?"

"You have cut a live oak tree!"—Pearson's Weekly.

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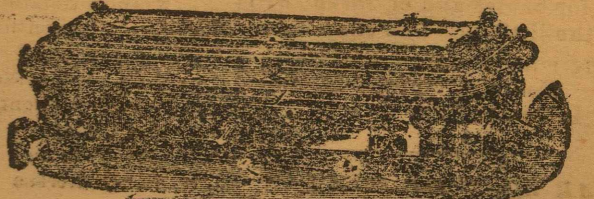
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BURNED TO DEATH.

The 16 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan was severely burned Thursday morning that she died about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The baby and little 4 year old brother were left in the house at the Sam McKnight ranch, 16 miles northeast of Sonora, while the mother went to the smoke house about 300 yards distant. The mother hearing the children cry ran back to the house and found the baby's clothing burned entirely off its body. The doctor was phoned for and the parents as soon as possible started to town. They met the doctor on the road and restoratives were given and applied, after which the journey to town was made as hurriedly as possible. The burns were so severe, however, that the little ones suffrings were ended by death. The funeral to the Sonora cemetery occurred Friday. The News extends its sympathy to the parents in their affliction.

The Jumping Off Place.

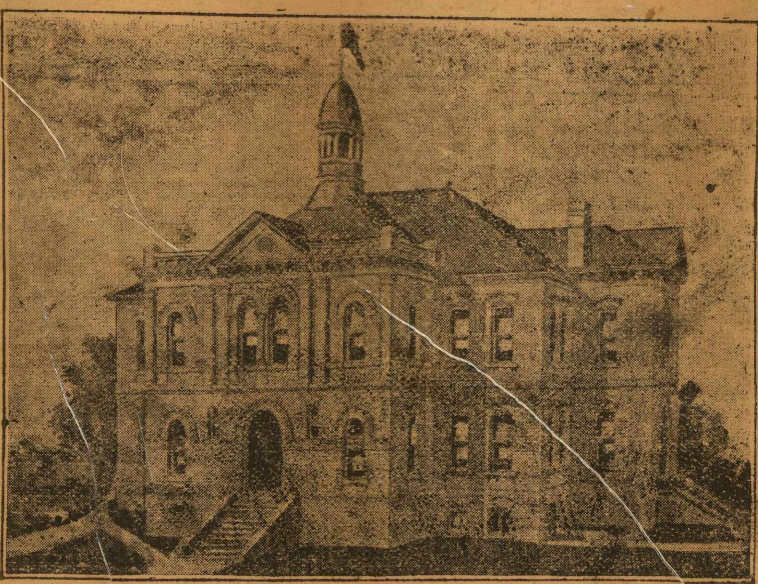
"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c. and \$1.00 at J. Lewenthal druggist. Trial bottles free.

M. L. Wood reminded the News this week of the time when the burden of our song was, "Come to the Sonora Country, the Stockman's Paradise, no wire fences to keep out the fresh air." "Hop" had the laugh on us and we pleaded guilty, but to make it a matter of self defence—we drop "de" fence and still sing the old song.

Cascasweet, the well known remedy for babies and children, will quite the little one in a short time. The ingredients are printed on the bottle. Contains no opiates. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

CAR LOAD OF BOXES.

For the first time in the history of Sonora or any town west of Fort Worth, a car of wooden boxes was received Wednesday by J. Lewenthal, the druggist. The boxes came "knocked down" and will number 80000 when constructed. There are two sizes one for two dozen pints and the other for one dozen quart bottles of "Lewenthal's Screw Worm Remedy." This will represent 360 000 bottles of medicine to be shipped from Sonora to all parts of the cattle country where the screw worm does damage to the live stock industry. This is the third year of Lewenthal's Screw Worm Remedy on the market as a proprietary medicine although Mr. Lewenthal had put up the remedy for many years to cattle men locally, and its un-failing merits causing an increasing demand as its use was extended by the migrating of the stockmen, necessitated its preparation in larger quantities and in protection Mr. Lewenthal obtained letters patent from the U. S. Government and proceeded to place the remedy on the market generally. Its reception by the stockmen in other parts and the increasing demand has resulted in the purchase of the car load of boxes for the shipment of Lewenthal's Screw Worm Remedy to all parts of the affected country. The success of the Remedy has enabled the proprietor to properly place the preparation on the market. The bottles are neatly cartoned and on each carton is besides other things the address of the manufacturer "Sonora, Texas." 360,000 times Sonora, Texas, on the cartons, plus 30,000 times Sonora, Texas, stenciled on the boxes, besides the other costly ways in which the Remedy is advertised will represent how much advertising of "Sonora, Texas" as well as "Lewenthal's Screw Worm Remedy"



FIFTH MONTH OF SONORA'S SCHOOL

The fifth month of our school children come to school, when they have just closed, and it is quite gratifying to see that the average of attendance is practically the same as it was before Christmas. Every effort should be put forth by each one interested in the school work to keep this same average to the very end of school. Just keep the children coming and the teachers will endeavor to convince you that their time could not be more profitably spent. There has been more or less sickness of late which is to be regretted. Some children are far from well and this is greatly appreciated as it is the proper spirit for them to show towards their work. Every precaution is taken at school to prevent any case of sickness. There have been only a few visitors since Christmas. The public and the patrons especially are desired and expected to visit the school more frequently. The following are the names of those not having been absent during the past month.

HONOR ROLL

- GRADES 1 AND 2—MRS. WHITE, TEACHER.
Beatrice Glasscock
Alice Karnes
Helien Lewenthal
Alice Farris
Ruby Caruthers
Lit Caruthers
Herman Huebner
Archie Holman
Zeb Deede
Joe Gurley
Willie Adams
Lee Blake
- GRADES 3 AND 4—MISS SELETTY MADDOX, TEACHER.
Totsie Allison
Thelma Kields
Mattie Simmons
Manila Smith
Blanch Ward
Rozetta Word
Dollie Allison
Maudie Berry
Fannie Farris
Eleanor Fields
Ida Halbert
Mattie Martin
Willie Martin
Keta Ross
Ethel Talliferro
Grace Howton
Leslie Adams
Marshall Berry
J. D. Berry
Lee Binyon
Gussie Caruthers
Johanne Clendennen
Haynie Davis
Pink Glasscock
Sim Glasscock
Vernon Hamilton
Lewis Lewenthal
Stacyon Ward
Wallace Caruthers
Willie Clendennen
Asa Galley
Roy Grimland
Harry Keesce
- GRADES 5 AND 6—MISS ROSA ELIAS, TEACHER.
Clara Bruce
Winnie Davis
Blackie Farnis
Wynona Grimland
Irma Holman
Nannie Ronche
Annie Owens
Erna Meckel
Jannet Farris
Pearl Parkerson
Rector Cushmanary
Roy Glasscock
Fred Grimland
Ben Cusenbary
Calle Johnson
Gustav Meckel
Russel Martin
Walter Whitehead
- GRADES 7 AND 8—MISS MADDOX, TEACHER.
Arthur McEnald
Sallie Karnes
Jewel Decker
Ray Davis
Walter Cusenbar
Hattie Chensary
Stella Maddox
Louis Shinn
- GRADES 9 AND 10—M. E. THOMAS, TEACHER.
Myrtle Cusenbary
Lucille Grimland
Suley Halbert
Carrie Karnes
Sudie Merck
Emma Whitehead
Lela Wyatt
Corra Rountree
Jasper Holman
Doe Karnes
Rankin Rudelle
Chaille Whitehead
George Whitehead
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John Ogden, proud to be back in the Sonora country, was in town Wednesday. John says Arizona and New Mexico may have been good enough when the range was open and free but is not good enough to pay for. The Sonora Country henceforth for him and his goats.

Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis. says: "I have only taken four boxes of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. Mr. Baker refers to De Witt's Kidney & Bladder Pills. They are sold by J. Lewenthal.

John W. Reiley of San Angelo, was in Sonora Friday on his way to his old ranch. John says he is getting tired of city life and has a good notion to go into the stock business again.

Kodol is a scientific preparation of vegetable acids with natural digestants and contains the same juices found in a healthy stomach. Each dose will digest more than 3,000 grains of good food. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Homer White, a State Ranger, was shot at Weatherford Tuesday, by Stake Clark of Fort Worth, Clark resisted arrest by shooting White but was after the shooting arrested. Whites home had been in Bell and Hamilton counties.

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CAN YOU JUDGE THE FUTURE BY THE PAST?

The Table Below Shows What The Rainfall has Been For the Past Five Years Here

The year 1907 was a dry one, and still the record shows that the only month in which no rain fell was december. The precipitation for the year was 22.45 inches, which is holding the record close. Presumably the cause of the crop failures throughout the west, was the fact that the last three months of 1906 and the first four of 1907 the rain fell was so small and scattered that moisture was lacking to start vegetation.

As the record grows the result become more interesting. While the average for the first four years of record kept at Sonora, showed 24.43 inches which included the unprecedented rainfall of 1906—nearly 80 inches—still with the past dry year the average is a little over 24 inches. Agricultural statisticians contend that crops may be successfully raised in this climate with an average rainfall of 22 in.

	1903	04	05	06	07
Jan.	2.61	12	0.02	13	4.3
Feb.	2.75	28	1.12	63	9.2
Mar.	56	00	3.31	42	6.2
Apr.	1.04	93	4.02	2.36	5.7
May	5.16	2.76	3.84	4.47	2.66
June	4.77	3.07	1.10	2.57	1.93
July	24	1.18	20	4.52	3.63
Aug.	30	3.58	1.18	4.24	2.4
Sept.	3.24	3.80	3.08	8.00	1.53
Oct.	1.44	2.86	1.95	63	6.20
Nov.	00	2.52	1.58	81	3.84
Dec.	14	1.8	1.67	69	00
	22.82	21.68	23.91	29.41	22.45

We herewith give the precipitation by months for the past five years in the Sonora country as kept under U. S. Government regulations.
Respectfully
MIKE MURPHY,
Co-operative Observer

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite.

"We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. L. J. Woodbury of Twining, Mich. "It has also done the work for us in hard colds and croup and we take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by J. Lewenthal.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to their neighbors and the people of Sonora and especially to Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith, for the many kindnesses and sympathy shown them during the terrible shock and grief incident to the death of their baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Bakney were in from the ranch Friday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Allison.

Artie Baker was in town this week. Artie is figuring on buying a flock of goats. Do it.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tisdala were in from the Sam McKnight ranch Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Logan's baby.

Dr. Jarogin and family arrived home Friday from Ozona, where the doctor had been on professional business.

Oss Gurzer of the stock firm of C. & A. Gunzel was in from the ranch Friday trading. Carl says everything is in good fix out his way.

Frank Douglas the young stockman of Schleicher county, was in Sonora several days this week wanting to buy cows.

Hector McKinzie and R. C. Ferguson the well-known mutton-peddlers were in Sonora this week wanting to buy muttons.

H. E. Sharp merchant of Mayer, moved his family to town this week. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sharp for some time.

Wil Word was in from the John Word sheep camp Friday. Will says everything is clean, muttons and ewes fat, lambing prospects encouraging and the best clip ever.

When you come in town and van your team put up, phone 47 and Clendennen will come and get them and will also bring them up when you are ready to leave.

W. E. Dunbar, who ranches 12 miles south of Sonora, was in the town Friday to receive a small power shearing plant. The use of these plants are a great saving to goat and sheep owners.

A Shaking Up
may all be very well so far as the rusts are concerned, but when it comes to chills and fever and malaria. Quit the quinine and take a real cure—Ballard's Herbine. Contains no harmful drugs and is as certain as taxes. If it doesn't cure, you get your money back. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

The Fort Worth Record of the 6th, reports the early arrival of Northern steer buyers. These buyers want big steers for the northern range and feed lots.

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Notice to Trespassers.
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
W. E. SAWYER.

DIVERSIFY.

The financial stringency of the past few months has brought with it marked emphasis the need for diversification of the commercial as well as the farming interests of a community through the wider diversification of farm crops. Farmers who have not had to depend upon any one crop have not had a little sleep on account of the market panic. In fact, the wealth of the farmers, deposited in the small saving banks, has been a strong factor in keeping a great many large financial institutions from going into bankruptcy.

While diversification is a subject of growing interest to Texas farmers, it is not new; for the Agricultural Department of the A. M. College of Texas has been fully preaching it for the last 25 years, or ever since the institution was organized. Thousands of letters are answered annually by the officers of the College and the Experiment station on this subject. It has also been the main topic of Professors of the College in addressing farmers meetings, and the Texas newspapers and agricultural press have been hammering away on this one theme with a tenacity that is certainly commendable. Diversification begins to mean something to the Texas farmer and will mean more and more from year to year as our population increases. One crop agriculture and the credit system which goes with it, must give way to a system of farming that will assure a farmer of a steady income from month to month.

The burden of carrying a man or credit from one season until the next is too great a load for any business to stand, and its influence blights the prosperity of the merchant as well as the farmer. Texas farms must produce more pork, more cream, more eggs and poultry, more corn, alfalfa and other food products. It is not only the cost of the products shipped into the State, but the money paid out for freight that goes to enrich people of other localities. When Texas becomes an exporter of agricultural products, the value of such products, and the percentage of the freight expense entailed in handling them, will remain in Texas to increase the value of our farms, and to build more railroads for carrying our increased productions.—A. M. Bulletin.

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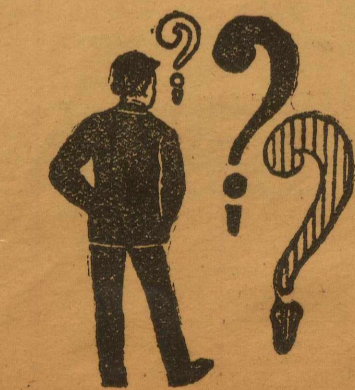
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Tom Adams was in from his ranch several days this week visiting his family.

If you have any fat cows for sale it will pay you to see J. A. Cope the live stock man of Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills were in from their ranch in Schleicher county Saturday and Sunday the guests of the Commercial.

J. A. Cope Co the land men, has several bargains in ranches, to sell the stock and lease the ranch. See his list before making any deals.

T. J. Stuart and son Arthur were in from the ranch several days this week. Mr. Stuart has been laid up several days with the grip.

What to Do When Bilious.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price 25 cents. Samples free at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

W. T. Hancock of Meadville, is in the Sonora Country for fat cows.

Attorneys Cornell & Wardlaw attended County court at Edorado this week.

Geo. F. Strickland the saddler left with his family last week for Simmons City on a prospecting trip.

Arrested

A cough that has been hanging on for over two months by taking Ballard's Horehound Syrup. If you have a cough, don't wait—stop it at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, colds on chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

John Hurst has his truck farm in readiness for the planting and the prospects of vegetables throughout the year is encouraging.

Don Merck made the News office an appreciative call Tuesday. Don realizes that even a country newspaper has expenses to meet.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald, owner of the Commercial Hotel, is in San Angelo this week, visiting her daughter Estelle who is attending the Convent, and other friends.

Suffering & Dollars Saved.

E. S. Loper, of Marilla, N. Y., says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It has saved me suffering and dollars. It is by far the best healing salve I have ever found." Heals burns, sores, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c at J. Lewenthal druggist.

Mrs. Henning has returned from San Angelo and will make her home with her daughter Mrs. Gertrude Stephenson. R. H. Chsik accompanied her to the ranch Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fletcher were in Sonora Thursday, on their way home to El Dorado. Mr. Fletcher has finished one well for T. D. Risdale at 198 feet and two for J. O. Taylor of Beaver Lake at 200 feet.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

[From the Chicago Tribune.] "Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is the germ of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by J. Lewenthal.

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L. J. Wraylaw as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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J. S. Allison as a candidate for reelection to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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J. E. Grimland, as candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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R. H. Martin, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

FOR COMMISSIONER.
Geo. J. Trainer, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Commissioner of No. 1, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

The Wolf Costs Millions.

Capt. B. L. Crouch of Corpus Christie, Texas, read a most interesting paper before the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Texas, at San Antonio. The paper in question appeared in full in the Dallas News of Jan. 31. "Why the sheep stock of Texas should be reproduced and increased to the State's capacity to safely and successfully sustain" Mr. Crouch shows by statistics that in 1884 the number of sheep in Texas was 6,226,000 and gradually decreased to 1,440,000 in 1907. He gives the primary cause of the people's negligence, the presence of carnivorous wild animals, the coyote and lobo wolf and states that the coyote infests every county in Texas, and plainly shows that to build up the sheep business the wild animals must be exterminated and hopes for action on this matter by the next legislature. He says that under pasture conditions and on the farms with the wild animals exterminated, Texas could support 30,000,000 sheep almost as many as are in the U. S. to-day and thus increase taxable values \$200,000,000. He shows how the reproduction could be accomplished, but while the New does not agree with some of the proposed methods of free importation, still the desired end cannot be accomplished until the wild animal is a thing of the past. There is profit for every farmer, land owner and tax payer in Texas to assist in the passage of a bounty law and also by private means in the extermination of the carnivorous wild animals.

Neighborhood Favorite.

Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially valuable as a spring medicine. This grand alterative tonic is sold under a guarantee at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Letter to Sheriff Allison.

Dear Sir: Some people get disappointed in painting; it doesn't come out as they thought it would. C. B. Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N. C. painted his house Devoe three years ago; and he used 30 gallons Devoe before and bought 30 gallons Devoe. Had 16 left. Paste paint is extra-thick—witt-whitewash. Mayor W. W. Carrol, Monticello, Florida, says: My painter said it would take 30 gallons to paint my house; it took 20 gallons Devoe. His house is the best painted in town; and he says Devoe is the whitest white of all white paints. Jones & Rodgers bought 5 gallons Devoe to prime Mr. Pratt's house at Merkel, Texas. It painted two coats. The reason for nobody guessing little-enough Devoe is; they learned in a bad school; other paints. Yours truly F. W. DEVOE & CO. New York.

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Stock News.

O. T. Word has brought back from Brewster county, the 3000 muttons taken there last fall. There will be comparatively no loss of cattle in the Sonora Country this winter. Cattle that did not suffer for water last summer are in unusually good condition. Territory cow buyers should come to the Sonora Country to make their purchases. The cows are strong and in thrifty condition and the business like cowman wants to clean up his herd as many expect to cut out the Territory after this season. They are willing to sell right and the buyer will be given a liberal deal. By reserving grass, the breeding season confined to four or five months, the marketing of beef calves and the fattening of cows on the reserved grass, will be the program followed by the successful cowman of the Sonora Country this year. No Territory cow after 1908.

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300,000 pounds wanted. We are direct buyers for the largest manufacturers in this country. Write us when you have a lot to offer and we will instruct our representative to call on you. A. COHEN & CO., San Antonio, Texas.

To Enforce Cattle Rule.

Austin, Texas, Feb 1—Acting in conjunction with the live stock sanitary commission, the state health department, through Health Officer Brumby, announced today that in the future no cattle will be allowed to be shipped into Texas from any infected portion. This is in accordance with rule 19 of the government cattle quarantine proclamation, which rule has been in effect for some time, but has never been enforced. Dr. Brumby says that thousands of cattle have been permitted to be shipped into the state heretofore infected with tuberculosis, but hereafter all cattle will be submitted to rigid investigations.

Find Water.

Henry Ory is a "Water Witch" and will prove it to you for \$25. He has assisted the following ranches in getting water: G. W. Chesser, 218 and 224 full deep, W. S. Tevler 265 feet, E. R. Jackson 71, Bob Miers 275, Tom Deen 117 feet. Pay half down, balance when water is struck. If he fails, which may happen, he will return your money.

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FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Suggestions For a Nut Party—How to Make it Enjoyable.

A nut party always is successful and is quite an improvement upon the ordinary parties, which often end in failures when the games are too common or well known. At the nut party a large table covered with peanuts is placed at one side of the room. Another table bearing a row of plates stands at the other end of the room. Each plate should bear the name of a child written in large letters on white cardboard. Each little guest is furnished with a knife and is told to carry the peanuts, one by one, on the knife from the first table to his plate. The child carrying the greatest number of nuts in ten minutes wins the first prize.

Before refreshments are served it is a good plan for each child to secure a partner, since little formalities of this kind are the essential things for obtaining that ease and grace of manner so desirable in later life. The children should be taken into another room. Every child is given a nut, to which a string is tied. Each one is required to find the other end, which, of course, is held by another child. The strings are wound in and out around the chairs, among the cushions and behind the pictures, thus causing a great deal of running to and fro and creating amusement for the little people.

Jacobins and Jacobites.

Many boys and girls get these two terms confounded, believing that they mean the same thing, but they are radically different, says Chicago News. The Jacobins were a party of turbulent extremists in the French revolution. They got their name in a peculiar way. It had previously been applied to the Dominican friars from the Rue St. Jacques, in Paris, where they established themselves in 1219, and when the Breton club, as these political extremists were first called, moved to Paris they met in the convent that had been used by the Dominicans; hence they were called Jacobins. The Jacobites, on the contrary, were the adherents of James II. and of his son and his grandson in England. The term Jacobite comes from Jacobus, the Latin form of James.

The Gooseberry.

Many young people have wondered how the gooseberry got its name, supposing, quite naturally, that the fruit must have some connection with a goose. Here is the explanation: Gooseberries are called in German johannis beeren—that is, St. John's berries, because they ripen about the time of the feast of St. John. St. John is called in Holland St. Jan, and the fruit is there called jansbeeren. This word was centuries ago corrupted into jansbeeren, of which our English word gooseberries is a literal translation, jans in German signifying a goose.

Japanese Oiled Paper.

As a cover for his load of tea when a rainstorm overtakes him the Japanese farmer spreads over it a tough, pliable cover of oiled paper, which is almost as impervious as tarpaulin and as light as a gossamer. He has doubtless carried this cover for years neatly packed away somewhere about his coat. The rickshaw coolies in the large cities wear rain mantles of this oiled paper, which cost less than 18 cents apiece and last for a year or more with constant use.

Jungle Lights.



Said King Jumbo: "I can't read my paper. Here, you see, for a light quickly capture. If you can't get the moon. Then return pretty soon. With a couple of boxes of a lamp."
—St. Nicholas.

Hut Gul.

Each player has a lapful of beans, holding a certain number in his hands. One begins saying:

"Hut gul. Hands full. Parcel how many?"
Each guesses how many. If a player guesses more than are in the hands, he must give the difference to the questioner; if less, the questioner gives him the difference.

An Unfortunate Gift.

"How is it that you never speak to Davidson now?" asked Simpkins of our friend Jollyboy as the pair were enjoying a constitutional in the park. "You used to be such close chums, and now you pass each other without the slightest recognition."

"Ah, that was when we were bachelors," was the answer. "But he's married now."

"But surely you wouldn't cut a man because he is married?"

"No, I didn't cut him. He cut me."

"But why?"
"Well, when he married I made him a wedding present of a book, and he hasn't spoken to me since."
"A book! What book?"
"Paradise Lost." — Pearson's Weekly.

The Home in Cities.

Too much is sacrificed to greed of wage. The home in cities is becoming a mere abiding place whence all fare forth to earn. Unnumbered infants are brought into the world in an atmosphere of luxury and confusion, even where the father is a skilled workman, earning ample wages. These demoralizing conditions are unimaginable by the relatively poorer pioneer or farm laborer, who is rich in material blessings, light, air, suitable food, peace and restfulness, and, above all, in time to think and form sane habits. — From "The Building of a Citizen," by Dr. J. Madison Taylor.

Already Crowned.

"The late Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro poet," said an editor, "once addressed a Sunday school in New York. An incident happened at its end that Dunbar laughed at as heartily as the rest of us. Dunbar toward the close of his remarks said: 'And, my little friends, if you do all these things some day you will wear a gold crown. Yes, each of you some day will wear a gold crown.' A little chap in the front row, catching the poet's friendly eye, piped, 'My fader wears one now.' 'No,' said the poet. 'Yes, he does—on his toof,' said the little chap." — Home Magazine.

The Greater Attraction.

A well known baritone, who very much resented being accompanied indifferently, completely lost his temper at rehearsal and threatened the instrumentalist that if he played in the same way at the public performance he would jump on the keyboard and smash it.

"Ach," said the pianist, in nowise disturbed, "dat is a good idea! If you promise to do it I will advertise it, and I am sure more people will kom to see you shamp as will kom to hear you sing!" — Pearson's Weekly.

Scotch Claim to Fulton's Honor.

Scotland will not accept the claim that Fulton was the originator of the steamboat. From an article in the Railway Magazine about a steam vessel named the Charlotte Dundas, which Symington, a Scotsman, constructed in 1801 for the Forth and Clyde canals, we extract the following passage:

"After a successful trial in 1789 with a (steam) boat which attained a speed of six miles an hour Symington, the inventor of the steamboat, at the request of Lord Dundas, constructed a steamer in 1801 to be used as a tug on the canal. This vessel was named the Charlotte Dundas and was tried in March, 1802, when it towed with ease two loaded barges, each of seventy tons burden, but the canal board objected to its use on the ground that the undulation of the water from the paddle wheel action would have the effect of washing away the banks of the canal."

The Absentminded Professor.

Among seven distinguished men who were to speak at the opening exercises of a new school was a professor well known for his lapses of memory, but his speech was clear that night, and as he seated himself his loving wife felt that he had fully earned the burst of applause that followed, and she clapped her little hands enthusiastically. Then her cheeks crimsoned.

"Did you see anything amusing about the close of my address, my dear?" asked the professor as they started for home. "It seemed as if I heard sounds suggestive of merriment about me."
"Well, dear," said she, "of all the people who applauded your address you clapped the loudest and longest."

Tom's Promise.

"Tom, you ask me to be your wife—to give you my heart, my all. Think well of what you say and tell me if you will grant me one small favor."

"Anything you ask, my love."
"Then promise me that you will never smoke another cigar as long as you live."

"I promise, dear."
"And doesn't it cost you a pang?"
"Not a pang. I'd rather smoke a pipe any day." — London Tatler.

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CONDENSED STORIES.

Story of a Polite Man Who Eventually Lost His Temper.

President Shonts of the Interborough company of New York said at a recent dinner:

"A public servant does its best to please the public. As time passes its service continually improves. Nevertheless when the public servant happens to be a street railway it is but natural that its cars should be more crowded in the rush than in the idle hours."

Mr. Shonts smiled.
"And crowded cars mean complaints, don't they, the world over?" he said. "I remember once being on a crowded car in Cincinnati."

"A man hung to a strap near me. He was a polite man, and, to let



"GIMME MY MONEY BACK!

people on and off, he kept a the move. Now he ran to the front of the car, now to the rear, now to the middle, wherever there happened to be most space. And I was plain that all this hustling and jostling and rushing to and fro made him angrier and angrier as time went on.

"He restrained his rage till he came to get off. Then all of a sudden it overpowered him."

"He turned to the conductor and yelled, very red in the face:
"Gimme my money back!"

"What for?" said the conductor.
"You've had your ride."
"Ride do you call it?" barked the man. "Why, I've walked to whole blessed way!"

Not All in the North.

Stoughton J. Fletcher, who has been rusticated on his stock farm in Tennessee, is in the city to a few days. "A while ago," said J. Fletcher, "I entertained the belief that labor troubles were all north of the Ohio river. The other day I was forcibly reminded of my error. I employed a number of colored laborers in hauling gravel and in roadmaking. At half past 7 a delegation of these negroes came to me and refused to go on with the work."

"What's the matter?" I asked.
"Not shovellers enough," was the answer.
"Well, go ahead and do the shovelling yourselves. Load your own wagons. I'll pay extra."

"They went away, and at 9 o'clock another delegation of negroes came."
"What's the grievance now?" I asked.

"We won't work no mo' under a white boss. We want a colored man to be that job."

"I told them the white boss would be replaced by a colored man as soon as possible, and they went away. At 10:30 a. m. another delegation of negroes appeared."

"What's up now?" I asked. They told me they had struck for more wages and not another spadeful of gravel would be thrown until I came to their figures. This made three strikes before 11 o'clock in the morning. Here the camel's back gave way. I told them that it was my turn at last, that I had struck, and I took the train and came north." — Indianapolis News.

Adventure of the Princes.

King Edward when Prince of Wales was some years ago taking a run through Yorkshire incog. He was, as a matter of course, accompanied by a friend in the capacity of a bodyguard for the corporation of the coming "K."

In the course of a ramble they met a miner with two bull terrier pups, and wishing to appear sociable, Albert Edward asked how much he had paid for them.

"Two quid," bluntly replied the miner.

The prince queried whether two pigs would not have been a better investment for one in his position.

"Appen so," said the miner, "but what bloomin' fool a chap 'ud look goin' rattin' wi' two pigs!" — Cleveland Leader.

WHO, INDEED?

President J. L. Lear of the Pittsburg Peace society on a recent visit to Germany endeavored to persuade the leading German toy makers to stop making warlike toys—cannon, soldiers, guns, etc.—on the ground that such playthings fostered an ugly spirit in little children.

"But I failed," said the good peace advocate shortly after his return. "I could not bring the Germans to my way of thought. They held fast to the abolition of war was still a long way off."

He sighed.
"And I suppose," he said, "that the abolition of war will be a long way off till the young private does his own thinking—till the poor, brave lad who hiesly 'food for powder' considers us logically."

"There is a oung private in the west—I heard of him the other day—who is logical enough. I wish there were mre like him."

"His regiment had been fitted out with new uniforms, and the colonel inspected the men in their dapper clothes one morning. After inspection he made a little speech.

"And I expect each one of you—so the speech ended—I expect each one of you to honor his new uniform by behaving like a general."

"The private smiled and said fairly loud:
"I wonder who'd do the fighting, then, sir?" — San Antonio Express.

The Chinese Army.

Soldiers used to be despised in China, and only the coolies were considered suitable material for fighting men, says Owen MacDonald in the Technical World Magazine. Today all this is changed, and China has an army to which it is an honor to belong. Tomtoms have been superseded by wireless telegraphic apparatus and signal balloons. Masks have given place to field glasses, comic opera garb has been cast off for khaki uniforms, and the two handed sword has become the bayonet. China was first aroused to a sense of her weakness and her strength by the disaster of her war with Japan in 1894-95. Hitherto she had slumbered like a great lazy giant, smiling scornfully at the suggestion that smaller and weaker nations by adopting modern methods might injure her. She had sublime faith in the force of the vast hordes she could throw into the field.

The Eternal Lottery.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi tells an amusing instance of the negro's attitude toward matrimony. A ducky clergyman in the state named had married two negroes, and after the ceremony the groom asked, "How much yo' charge fo' dis?"

"I usually leave that to the groom," was the reply. "Sometimes I am paid \$5, sometimes \$10, sometimes less."
"Five dollahs is a lot o' money, pahson," said the groom. "Ah'll give yo' two dollahs, an' den Ah finds Ah ain't got cheated Ah'll give yo' mo' in a monf."

In the stipulated time the groom returned. "Pahson," said he, "dis here arrangement's a kind o' speck-lashun, an' Ah reckon youse got de worst o' it. Ah figgers that yo' owes me a dollah an' seventy-five cents." — Harper's Weekly.

A Wet Block.

Two pool halls, one grocery store, one dry goods store and one furnishing goods store—the other twenty-three places saloons. Three more across Bell street. That's the business inventory of the wettest block in Kansas City. It's on Ninth street, between Bell street and the state line, and the numbers only run from 1700 to 1724. It's a short block, and to supply the demands three other saloons are just across Bell street in the next block. In order to squeeze in the twenty-three dram shops one building at the corner of Ninth and Bell streets is occupied by two places. The buildings for the most part are narrow "shacks." A few are two story buildings, with rooms for lodgers above the saloons. — Kansas City Times.

Law and Humor.

French military law presents some diverting contrasts of rigor and extreme indulgence. An illustration of the latter tendency may now be witnessed at the barracks of Rostolan, near Aix, in Provence, where a soldier named Traverso, who deserted in 1893, has just presented himself, with a wife and five children, to surrender, expecting to benefit himself by an amnesty law. As he is yet too young to benefit by this law, he is being kept in comfortable quarters, with his family, who are furnished by the officers with all the good things of life, including school for the children, until their father's thirtieth birthday shall send them away not altogether rejoicing. — London Leader.

Speaking Proposals.

They were a crowd of married men, reminiscent of the days of their courtship.

"Jim, I don't see how you ever plucked up courage enough to ask your wife to marry you. You were always such a bashful sort."

"Well," replied Jim, "she made it pretty easy for me. You know I shined up to her a long time, and of course she must have known I meant business. But the only time we ever made reference to it was one night we were sitting on the porch. I said to her rather casually, so she wouldn't think I meant anything definite:
"Do you think you'll ever marry?"

"She said she thought she might, so I said, 'When?'"

"Whenever you do," was her quick retort, and I said, 'All right.' So we fixed it up." — Youngstown Telegram.

Posters in France.

French law gives the authorities of every village and commune complete control over posters. No one is permitted in France to deface streets and public places with ostentatious announcements of his business or other subject. Billboards are infrequent in Paris and are generally built permanently into a wall, where they are taxed according to their superficial area. When a building is in construction and board screens are erected to shield the public from dust and other annoyance such temporary screens will soon be covered with posters, but each poster so displayed has been previously submitted to the authorities, a license obtained, and each sheet bears the canceled revenue stamp, according to its size.

Unconvinced.

In a certain school of Washington there was one lad who would persist in saying "have went."

One day the teacher "kept him in," saying:
"While I am out of the room you may write 'have gone' fifty times."

When the pedagogue returned he found that the boy had dutifully performed the task, having written "have gone" fifty times. On the other side of the paper, however, was this message from the absent one:
I have went. JOHN WHITE.
—Argonaut.

A Ready Reply.

It was on a P. and O. liner, and the stewards were being drilled in waiting at table. In the course of the drill they lined up outside the saloon with empty dishes, supposed to contain curry and rice, and on a bell being rung marched to their respective tables and proffered the dish to each seat containing an imaginary diner. The eagle eye of the purser noticed that one steward, a cockney named Bill, deliberately passed one of the seats without proffering the dish. He strode up to the table, and his manner betokened trouble for Bill.

"Hi, you! What do you mean by missing that seat?"

"Oh, that's all right, sir," replied Bill, not a bit put out. "That gent don't take curry." — London Illustrated Bits.

If the Sun Was to Change Color.

We have grown so accustomed to sunlight of the present coloring and shading that we can scarcely comprehend the conditions that would arise if the sun were to suddenly change to some other color. If the sun were blue, for instance, there would be only two colors in the world—blue and black—or if it were red, then everything would be red or black. In the latter case we should have red snow, red lilies, black grass, black clear sky and red clouds. There would be little variety, however, if the sun were green. Things that are now yellow would still remain that color, but there would be no reds, purples, orange or pinks and very few of those cherry hues that make the world so bright.

Charged Up to Him.

The proprietor of the celebrated mountain inn was showing the new guest the beautiful surroundings.
"Ah, these are all the beauties of the mountain," said the proprietor rapturously. "In an electrical storm they are awe inspiring. The next time a storm rises see that you are standing on the porch of the inn. Why, sir, the air is always heavily charged."
"I don't doubt it," laughed the new guest, winking at another late arrival, "and if I don't happen to be standing on the porch I can feel assured that it will be heavily charged anyway—on my bill." — Chicago News.

The Ethics of Trade.

The Bird Dealer—It's a bloomin' shame, Jim, swindlin' a pore, 'ard-workin' cove like this.

His Friend—Why, wot's wrong?
The Bird Dealer—Why, 'ere I slaved all day Sunday a-paintin' up a sparrer into a red headed Belgian canary, an' I'm blowed if the feller as bought it ain't given me a bad arf crown. — London Sketch.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Story of an Auto That Struck a Stone and Turned Turtle.

Johnson waited patiently until Thompson had finished his fish story; then he said:

"I want to tell you something that happened to me right up in that wild district where you say you landed a string of a thousand in half a day. You know Beverly and I went up there two summers ago in automobile."

"Yes, I remember."
"Well, sir, we lost our way, and for five days and nights we couldn't sight a farmhouse or a human being."

"Have any food with you?" asked Thompson.

"Not even a sandwich."
"What did you live on?"

"Soup—soup morning, noon and night."
"Soup? But what did you have to make soup of?"

"Why," said Johnson without even the suspicion of a smile, "the first day we got lost the auto struck a stone and turned turtle." — Judge.

Simply Impossible.

"No," said the man who seemed to be thinking aloud, "it's simply impossible."

"What's impossible?" queried the party with the rubber habit.

"To convince a woman that a man is making a fool of himself over her," exclaimed the noisy thinker. — Detroit Tribune.

Alas, Too True!

"After all," said the optimist, "our neighbors turn out to be better than some of us seem to think them to be."

"Perhaps," replied the pessimist, "but none of them will ever turn out to be as good as most of us seem to think they ought to be." — Catholic Standard and Times.

Just Kids.



ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Homemade Cold Cream for the Hands. Household Helps.

Plenty of good cold cream should be rubbed into the hands, especially where housework is done and they are in soapy, greasy water often. One of the best is the witch hazel cream, which is easily prepared at home. Put half an ounce of spermaceti and a quarter ounce of white wax in an earthen bowl over hot water. When it melts remove from the heat and add three ounces of sweet almond oil; then with a silver fork beat in two ounces of witch hazel until the whole is smooth and creamy. Rub this into the hands always after finishing work, first taking the precaution of washing them well with warm water and a fine toilet soap, rinsing and drying thoroughly.

Rub te nails for ten minutes with vasine; scrub them with the brush and soapy water, rinse and dry; press the cuticle back to show the moons at the base, but not hard, or the tender part directly under the skin will bruise.

Cleaning Mixture.

An excellent mixture for removing grease spots and stains from carpets and clothing is made of two ounces of white castile soap, two ounces of lump ammonia, one ounce of glycerin and one ounce of ether. Cut the soap fine and dissolve in a pint of water over the fire; add two quarts of water, the ammonia, glycerin and ether. When used this should be mixed with water, allowing one cup of the mixture to an ordinary pail of water. Mix thoroughly and wash soiled garments in it. For removing spots use a sponge and with a dry cloth rub as dry as possible. Woolen goods may be made to look bright and fresh by being sponged with this.

Egg Shampoo.

Sulphur and iron are the natural foods of the hair. These are the properties found in the egg, thus making it an excellent tonic as well as shampoo for the hair. The white of the egg is a mild alkali, which assimilates with the natural oil of the sebaceous glands, making in conjunction a heavy lather. Two eggs are sufficient for the shampoo. Break them first into a cup, then pour them on the hair quickly, rubbing them well into the scalp. The hair will need four rinsing waters at least, but no soap is to be used. The eggs foam up under the friction, acting like soap.

Laundering Waists.

Fine lingerie waists do not require boiling unless they are very soiled. If they are allowed to soak in warm suds overnight, they will not need rubbing on the board. Do not put the waists through the wringer, but squeeze them carefully by hand. Rinse at least twice before putting them in the bluing water. Little starch should be used if the waists are very fine. Hang in the sun to bleach.

English Tomato Chutney.

One pint of sliced green tomatoes, six small green peppers, four small onions chopped together. Shake over them a handful of salt and leave all night. Drain off the water, add a teacupful of sugar, the same of scraped horseradish and a tablespoonful each of ground cloves and cinnamon. Cover with best vinegar and stew gently eight hours.

Muslin Curtains.

A new way to curtain the dining rooms that have been hung with dotted muslin is to make a ruffle twelve inches wide and hang it across the top of the casing and below it two breadths of the material drawn straight back at each side. Colored muslin looks well in the treatment; also china silk, crape, silkoline or Japanese silks.

Bruised Furniture.

If the wood is merely dented and not broken the mark can usually be removed by first wetting that part with warm water, doubling a piece of brown paper several times and placing it on the bruise. Now apply a heavy warm iron, leaving it until the moisture has evaporated, and if one application is not a success it must be repeated.

To Make Paper Transparent.

Saturate it with castor oil and then dry it. If temporary transparency only is needed in order to trace some design, it can be obtained by wetting the paper with benzine. In handling benzine its very inflammable nature must not be forgotten.

Cruised Potatoes.

Cut boiled potatoes lengthwise into fairly thick slices. Dip well in beaten eggs, highly seasoned; roll in flour and fry in a hot spider.

Hanging Mirrors.

Never hang a mirror where the sun's rays will strike upon it. They act upon the mercury and cloud the glass.