

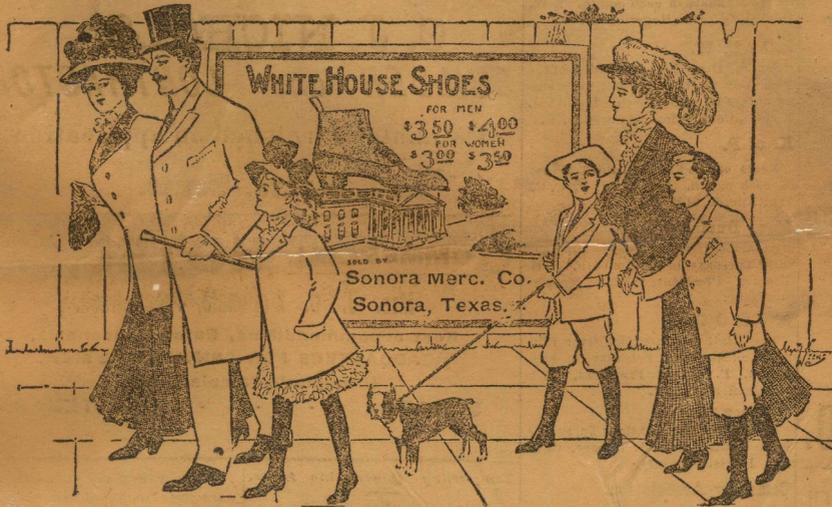
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A LIFE OF HUSTLE.

Trying to Be Happy in a Hurry is a Way Americans Have.

The strenuous life in America is not confined to a business or money-making career. It appears in our pleasures. Americans do not seem to be able to enjoy themselves even without hurrying up. At our pleasure resorts we see men hurrying and hustling, as though they were late for a train or right in the rush of business. We become so fitted, so accustomed to the American pace that we cannot slow down even when we quit work. We do not seem to know how to do anything in a leisurely way. The same high pressure that we put into our business and professions is evident in our play. We get so used to "stepping lively," hurrying for an appointment or for trains, rushing our business, that we cannot go slow and take things easy when we have leisure.

Not long ago I was trying to convince a London merchant of the superiority of the American way of doing things and was telling him how much more progressive, enterprising and pushing we are. He simply smiled and said: "What of it? We Englishmen do not envy you. We believe in living, in enjoying ourselves as we go along. The lunch counter is not popular in London. We believe in taking our time to eat and talk with our friends and have a good time. What if Americans do make more money? They drop down with some disease, are stricken with apoplexy or die of paresis right in the prime of life. We do not call that success. That is foolishness. They lack that contentment, that poise, which marks Europeans."

The American youth hurries to the man, hurries his education, hurries his means, hurries his work, hurries everything relating to his career, hurries his life, and he cannot understand why he cannot hurry his happiness. He arranges his pleasures by a set programme, just as he does his business, and he runs his vacation on a business plan. Social life, exercise and recreation are all on a strenuous plan, with little opportunity for rest or reflection.—O. S. Marden in Success Magazine.

His Only Chance.

He was a late in life sportsman and had taken to golf because it was fashionable, don't you know. But his success in the sport was limited—in fact, like the dividends of some limited companies, it did not exist.

He had placed his ball in a favorable position; but, do what he might, he could not move it from there. He tried first one kind of club and then another till at last he had used them all. Then he turned to his caddy.

"Boy," he said, "what should I do now?"

The caddy gave the problem his best professional consideration for a moment; then he said:

"Your only chance, maister, is to give it a whack wi' the bag."

That is why the player has dropped golf.—London Express.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Directions For the Care of Children's Teeth—Domestic Notes.

The first teeth, like the second, are required for the proper mastication of the food, which is all the more necessary in the growing child, who needs more nourishment in proportion than an older person of twice his size. As soon as the teeth appear they should be cleansed with a soft cloth, and when the child is old enough a little brush should be given to him, and he should be taught how to use it. After this the mother or nurse should see that it is used regularly. The mouth of every child should be examined two or three times a year by the dentist, and any little cavities discovered should be stopped with temporary filling. Indeed, as much care should be taken of the first as of the second set of teeth, for they are just as necessary to health, beauty and comfort.

Cleaning Soiled Ribbon.

Pick out all pieces of thread. Lay ribbon down right side up on cloth covered table. If the ribbon is wide, pin down smooth as possible. Put a small piece of white soap in a dish or saucer, then put in a little cold water. Make a soft pad of old muslin. With this rub a little of the soap and water together. Commence at one end of the ribbon. Saturate a little at a time, rubbing hard on soiled places and where creases are. Keep ribbon smooth. If the cloth underneath the ribbon becomes too wet, move the ribbon. When it is perfectly clean and smooth dry without any pressing. Ribbon cleaned this way will look nearly like new.

To Clean Light Gloves.

Provide yourself with a cake of pure white soap, a little skim milk and some clean soft rags. After placing the glove on the hand dip a piece of rag into the milk and rub it on the soap. Scrub the gloves thoroughly, changing the rags as they become soiled, using as little milk as possible, so as not to wet the gloves. Gloves cleaned in this manner dry quickly and look like new even to the gloves.

Pan Broiled Salt Mackerel.

Freshen a mackerel by soaking it overnight in cold water. Dry in a towel; place flesh side down in a hot, well buttered frying pan; brown on one side, then turn and brown on the other, adding more butter as needed. When cooked through add from one-third to one-half cupful of thin cream and let it boil up well. Remove the fish to a hot platter, pour over it the gravy and garnish with parsley.

Cement For Glass.

Add one pint of vinegar to one pint of milk and separate the curds from the whey. Mix the whey with the whites of five eggs. Beat it thoroughly together and sift into it a sufficient quantity of unslacked lime to convert it into a thick paste. Broken glass or china mended with this cement will not break again and will resist the action of fire and water.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

The Cause of Indian Summer and Origin of Its Name.

As the boys and girls all know, we usually have a season of comparatively mild, hazy weather some time in November, to which has been given the name of Indian summer. Familiar as the phenomenon is, however, few people know what causes it, chiefly perhaps because they have never tried to find out. Most of the scientists attribute the mildness of the air at that time to a change in the condition of the atmosphere, which confines to the lower strata the heat radiated from the earth's surface. This explanation is not wholly satisfactory to a layman, but it seems to be the best that the scientists can do for us. The hazy condition of the air at that time is more easily explained. It is due to the decay or the slow chemical combustion of leaves, grasses and other vegetable matter under the combined action of frost and the sun. As to the name, Indian summer, several explanations have been given of that, the most plausible being that the early settlers called it so because they believed that the smoky appearance at that time was caused by forest and prairie fires kindled by the Indians. Some people think that the name came from the fact that the Indians took advantage of that period to lay in their winter supply of game.—Chicago News.

A Trusting Monkey.

Poor little monkeys! They get hungry and tired and sleepy just like children. Here is a story of one who lives in Buffalo. He belonged to an organ grinder who stopped in front of a veranda where a kind hearted gentleman sat. When he came up and held out his little cap for a bit of money the gentleman, who is very fond of animals, gave him a red checked apple.

The monkey jumped upon his lap and ate the apple, and between the bites he fixed his bright eyes on the face of his new friend. He must have made up his mind that he could trust him, for as he finished the apple he laid his head against the gentleman's arm and fell asleep. The kind friend of animals paid the organ grinder to play a long time, so that the tired little monkey could have his nap. When he awoke his master pulled the chain, and he followed the organ again, much brighter and happier for the kindness shown to him.

The Water Mark in Paper.

If you will hold up to the light a sheet of writing paper you will, as a rule, see the brand of the paper or the name of the manufacturer in it. This is called the water mark, but it might with equal propriety be called the wire mark. It is made by wires placed in the molds, which have the effect of making the paper thinner there than anywhere else. The wires are fashioned so as to produce the figures or letters that the maker desires to show. The cross marks seen in many kinds of paper are likewise made by wires.

SUBINTELLIGENCE.

Some Persons Imitate Unconsciously the Actions of Others.

"Have you ever noticed," asked an observant physician the other day, "how persons who have something on their minds imitate unconsciously the actions of others?"

A reply in the negative brought forth a reiteration of the statement. "A subintelligence seems to be at work," continued the physician, "in all of us at all times that controls our actions and causes us to do a great many things unconsciously. A nervous man or woman will twist and tear a scrap of paper or toy with some article for an hour at a time. When spoken to such persons start and look at the article in their hands as though wondering where they had obtained it. In nine cases out of ten this person saw some other person doing the same thing, and unconsciously his or her hands, under the direction of subintelligence, sought out the paper or article to play with."

The conversation took place in the waiting room of a ferry house, where a score of business men, all preoccupied mentally with the coming business of the day and all anxious to get to their offices, were congregated, waiting for a boat. To prove the truth of his remarks the physician suggested an experiment. He began a march up and down the waiting room. In two seconds a worried looking man who appeared to be a prosperous merchant or broker began to march also. Two clerks and a stout person followed his example. In five minutes two men who were reading newspapers were the only persons out of the twenty odd in the room who were not walking about. The physician ceased suddenly. Peculiar as it may seem, his action appeared to give the whole assemblage a shock. They woke up, as it were, but not sufficiently to know that they had been experimented upon. Before the boat arrived they had assumed the positions in which the physician found them.

"Another thing I have noticed," added the physician, "is that the higher the intelligence of a man is the more liable he is to be controlled by subintelligence. An unintelligent man seems to have none of it."—New York Globe.

Tenures of Scotch Landowners.

Sir George Clerk of Penicuik House, Edinburgh, married the daughter of another baronet, the late Sir Robert Napier, and he holds his lands on a curious tenure. This obliges him to stand at the bend of a road near his house and blow three blasts on a horn if the sovereign visits Edinburgh. And there are other landowners with similar rights or obligations. Major Housie-Craufurd holds the lands of Braehead on the understanding that if the king should happen to cross Cramond Brig, at the gates of his residence, he presents him with a silver basin filled with water in which to wash his hands. Then, should the sovereign chance to visit Hopetoun House, Lord Linnithgow orders that the chains which stretch across the principal avenue should be lowered so that his majesty may drive up the central approach.—Glasgow Times.

Miles and Miles.

If you set out to walk a mile in Sweden, you will have to walk more than five times as far as you would have to walk in America to complete your mile, for a Swedish mile is 34,980 feet long, while an American mile is only 5,280 feet. The English and the American miles are the same in length, while the Spanish mile lacks 714 feet of being as long as the American mile, the Norwegian mile is nearly seven times its length, and the Dutch mile is only 3,380 feet. With the exception of America and England, there are no countries in which the mile is the same length.—Minneapolis Journal.

Wouldn't Take His Place.

Hearing of the sudden taking off the stage of life of a leading Theban while he was playing in Chicago, a New York Rialtoan out of a job telegraphed the manager as follows:

"Having heard of the sad and tragic demise of Mr. —, I'll take his place for \$150 a week."

As the message was sent collect, it elicited the following reply: "Thanks. I wouldn't take his place for twice that amount."—Minneapolis Journal.

His Introduction.

Mark Twain said the only introduction to a literary audience that he ever had that seemed to him the right word in the right place, a real inspiration, was as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen—I shall not waste any unnecessary time in the introduction. I don't know anything about this man. At least I only know two things about him. One is that he has never been in prison, and the other is I can't see why he hasn't."

DO YOU READ THE LABELS?

The hardships imposed on manufacturers of articles of food by the recently enacted food laws was the subject of discussion recently in a small circle. Two of the men present were manufacturers who objected strenuously to the descriptive label. One of the party contended that consumers seldom read the labels, and in order to demonstrate his contention he had some labels printed and, taking a groceryman into his confidence, sent to consumers of the "particular" class some strangely marked delicacies. One bottle bore on its face in bold type: "This catchup is made from turnips and potatoes, but is well colored and properly seasoned." Pickles were marked, "These pickles were colored with paris green," and olive oil was sent out with this label: "This pure olive oil is really the product of the cotton plant, but we warrant it strictly pure." Over the label on a glass of jelly this label was pasted: "This is make believe delicious apple jelly." "It was an expensive experiment," said the man who practiced the deception, "but it proved my assertion. The grocer told me that not one of the people whom he had served knew what was printed on the labels."—New York Tribune.

Imprisonment For Debt.

In spite of the reform worked very largely through Charles Dickens' picture in the debtors' prison in "Pickwick Papers," it is said that imprisonment for debt is largely on the increase in England. A parliamentary return just issued shows that last year 11,986 debtors were imprisoned in England and Wales. In 1905 the number was 11,405, so that there was an increase of over 500 last year, although the number of complaints was less than in 1905. The house of commons during the recent session passed a resolution that the power of committing to prison for nonpayment of debt ought to be restricted, and the house of lords upon the second reading of the lord chancellor's county court bill expressed a strong opinion in favor of restriction of this sort of power.

A Woman Coal Miner.

Margaret Peterman of Peterman's coal mine, near Stoytown, Somerset county, can mine coal and out-lift two men. She mined two loads of coal for Joseph Kootz and George Wagner, the condition being that they should load the coal in a mine car and run it out of the mine. The second car jumped the track, and the two men were unable to lift it back on the track. Miss Peterman made a wager with the men that she could lift the car on the track herself. She lifted the car on the track unassisted, and now Mr. Kootz and Mr. Wagner say they will back her against any girl in Somerset or Cambria county in a weight lifting match.—Philadelphia Record.

A Mansfield Story.

A famous American singer, now resident in London, was at one time a member of the late Richard Mansfield's company. "One red hot day in New York," she says, "we had been rehearsing all the afternoon until we were nearly melted—all except Mansfield, who looked as cool as an ice cream soda. It must have been a greasy looking lot that was summoned to the greenroom at the close of the rehearsal. Mansfield, it seemed, had something to say to us. It was as follows:

"I wish to inform you that I object to perspiration. I must request you hereafter to refrain from perspiring. I absolutely forbid it. That is all."

When Oklahoma Blushed.

Here is the way Champ Clark of Missouri talks about Oklahoma to her blushing face: "The garden of the gods; a marvel of human industry, a colossal and enduring monument to the American love of home; a model, progressive commonwealth, the last to be carved from the magnificent empire which Jefferson bought from Napoleon for a song—an empire greater in possibilities than that over which the mad Macedonian waved his ever advancing banner or over which the Roman eagles flew when the seven hilled city was mistress of the world."—Kansas City Times.

Making a Choice.

"The people and the corporations," said Senator La Follette in Madison the other day, "remind me of a woman and her little boy. There were a very large chicken and a very small duck on the table, and the woman, pausing with the carving knife raised, said, 'Johnny, which will you take, chicken or duck?' 'Duck,' piped Johnny. But the mother shook her head. 'No, Johnny,' she said in a firm, yet kindly voice, 'you can't have duck, my dear. Take your choice, darling; take your choice, but you can't have duck.'"

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COMMISSIONERS COURT.

The Honorable Commissioners Court was in session three days this week. Judge L. J. Wardlaw presiding and all the Commissioners. Geo. J. Trainer, W. B. Smith, S. L. Merck and C. D. Wyatt being present, with J. D. Lowrey, clerk, and J. S. Allison sheriff being in attendance.

The reports of the following officers were examined and approved: D. B. Woodruff, J. P. precinct No. 1; J. D. Lowrey, treasurer Sonora in district school district; J. S. Allison, tax collector; J. E. Grimland, treasurer; J. D. Lowrey, county clerk.

Road overseer W. B. Adams was requested to give his whole time to keeping the road of the county in good condition.

J. A. Hagerlund was instructed to renew the \$7500 insurance policy on Court House for a term of five years.

R. H. Merck was allowed \$250 on account of assessing taxes for 1908.

The final account of Wm. Payson on court house vault for \$121.61 was ordered paid.

The Clerk's report shows a balance of \$13,569.76 on hand in the various funds.

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 healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c and \$1.00 at J. Lewenthal druggist. Trial bottles free.

ALL A MISTAKE.

About two months ago the report was circulated here that Mr. Albert Pruggell formerly of this county but now living at Deming, New Mexico had had a difficulty and had killed a man.

The Messenger published the rumor, and a clipping containing it was sent to Mr. Pruggell. A letter received by J. N. Lockhart from Mr. Pruggell a few days ago had the following to say regarding the report:

"It was all a mistake. I had a little fist fight and got my eye skinned a little, but so far as killing anyone is concerned it is all a story. I did have some trouble about the cattle. I bought 600 of cattle, but I did not get but 300 head, and I held back some of the payments and old man Mayfield is suing me, and the matter will be settled during the spring term of court."

Mr. Pruggell's letter goes on to state that he is getting along pretty well, but that times are hard in New Mexico like they are everywhere else. He says that Mrs. Pruggell is just recovering from a light attack of pneumonia and that there is a great deal of sickness now in his part of the country.

Mr. Pruggell's friends in this county will be glad to learn that the report that he killed a man was a mistake, and hope that the next time they hear from him he will still be getting along peacefully and prosperously—Menard Messenger.

Letter to R. F. Hubert.
Sonora, Texas.

Dear Sir: A man fed his hens half meal and half sawdust; he thought they wouldn't know the difference. He concluded they did when the eggs hatched woodpeckers.

Another man painted his house with a paint that was made of half paint-substitutes. He didn't know the difference—not till he paid the painter.

He had 20 gallons to pay-for, 20 instead of 10. Got fooled \$12.50 on the paint.

He had 20 days' wages to pay. for, 20 instead of 10. Fooled \$30 in wages.

He got a poor job besides. He paid too much for his eggs, and they hatched woodpeckers.

Yours truly
E. W. DEVOE & CO.

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Ruling Against The Land Com-

missioner.

A school land purchaser may use his home section as a base upon which to purchase other school land and then may sell to a second person, who may also use this section to purchase other school land. This judgment handed down by the trial court in Travis county, was affirmed by the Third Court of Civil Appeals in the case of State of Texas vs. I. W. Ellis and a companion case against J. W. Estes, the ruling being against the contention of the Land Commissioner.

The case involved about four sections each of land in Menard county, and if affirmed by the Supreme Court, will constitute a precedent heretofore not recognized by the General Land Office.

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

Geo. Trainer moved his family to the O. T. Word residence this week.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer; Devoe.

Roy Hudspeth was in Sonora this week and renewed his interest in the News. Many thanks Roy

John Ensley and daughter Miss Clara arrived from Kansas this week and will remain indefinitely. Mr. Ensley is a brother-in-law to Sam and John McKee.

A stove may not draw but you should not blame the wood or the stove for the lack of heat. Advertise in the home paper, state facts, make the prices attractive and draw the trade.

John T. Cooper the well known and successful stockman of the Juno country, was in Sonora this week receiving some mules he recently bought from Dock Simmons.

John W. Martin formerly of Sonora but now a well known commission man of San Angelo, was in Sonora several days this week on business for his firm.

Chris Wyatt commissioner of precinct No. 4, was in Sonora this week, attending Commissioners Court.

Sam Merck Commissioner of precinct No. 3, was attending the meeting of the Commissioners Court this week.

W. B. Smith commissioner of precinct No. 2, was attending the Commissioners Court this week.

Dave Trammell of Hillsboro, was in Sonora this week wanting to buy steers and bulls.

Stanley Green, the always interesting ranchman from 25 miles south of Sonora was in town a few days this week.

Keeping Open House.

Everybody is welcome when we feel good; and we feel that way only when our digestive organs are working properly. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the action of stomach, liver and bowels so perfectly one can't help feeling good when he uses these pills. 25c at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

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Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch, cutting timber, hauling wood, working stock, gathering pecans, hunting or fishing, without my permission will be prosecuted.

E. F. SAWYER.

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 fall was so small and scattered that moisture was lacking to start vegetation.

As the record grows the results 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 30 inches—still with the past dry year the average is a little over 24 inches. Agricultural stationers contend that crops may be successfully raised in this climate with an average rainfall of 22 in.

We herewith give the precipitation by months for the past five years in the Sonora country as kept under U. S. Government regulations.

	1903	04	05	06	07
Jan.	2.61	1.2	0.02	1.3	4.2
Feb.	2.75	2.8	1.12	6.3	9.2
Mar.	5.6	0.0	3.61	4.2	6.2
Apr.	1.04	5.3	4.62	2.39	5.7
May	5.18	2.78	3.84	4.47	2.68
June	4.77	3.07	1.10	2.57	1.93
July	2.4	1.18	2.0	4.52	3.53
Aug.	3.0	3.88	1.18	4.24	2.4
Sept.	3.24	3.80	3.08	8.00	1.53
Oct.	1.44	2.80	1.95	6.3	6.20
Nov.	0.0	2.52	1.58	8.1	3.84
Dec.	1.4	1.8	1.6	6.9	0.0
	22.82	21.63	23.91	29.41	22.45

Respectfully
MIKE MURPHY,
Co-operative Observer.

Societies.

A. F. & A. M.

Dee-Ora Lodge No. 715 meets in Sonora on the Saturday after the full moon. J. J. North, W. M. J. Lowenthal, Sec'y.

W. O. W.

Camp No. 179, Woodmen of the World meets first Saturday before full moon. C. J. Nichols Com., J. A. Hagerlund Clerk.

Woodmen Circle.

Meets on the first and third Tuesdays in the month. Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Guardian, Mrs. C. J. Nichols, Clerk.

K. O. T. M.

Sonora Tent No. 108, Knights of the Maccabees, meets on the second and fourth Mondays in each month. R. W. Davis, Co., J. A. Hagerlund, R. K.

L. O. T. M.

Sonora Hive No. 50, Ladies of the Maccabees meets on the first and third Saturdays in each month. Mrs. C. J. Nichols, Com., Winnie Aldwell, R. K.

K. of P.

Meets on the first and third Friday of each month. J. D. Lowrey, C. C. Will Ede, K. of K. & S.

Mens Business Club.

Of Sonora meets on the first and third Tuesdays in each month. S. G. Taylor, President, Mike Murphy Secretary.

H. C. & O. Club.

The Half Century and Over Club meets on the first Saturday in each month. P. Hurst, President, D. B. Woodruff, Secretary.

Firemen

Meet on the first and third Tuesday in each month. Geo. J. Trainer, Chief, C. J. Lewis, Secretary.

Cemetery Association.

Meets on the first Friday in each month. Mrs. James Hagerlund, President, Mrs. E. S. Briant, Secretary.

Episcopal Church, Preaching first Sunday in each month. K. Meiser.

Methodist Church, Preaching the second and fourth Sundays in each month. R. Paines P. C.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Baptist church meets on the first Wednesday in each month. Mrs. J. S. Allison, Pres., Mrs. Myrtle Davis, Sec'y.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock, Chas. Adams, Sup't.

Y. P. U. and Epworth, Sunday at 10 o'clock.

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Temporary Quarantine Lines.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 10—Answering an inquiry from the Agricultural Department today Attorney General West held that the Board of Agriculture possessed authority in the absence of legislation on the subject, to establish temporary lines for quarantine and prescribe rules for dipping cattle, etc. The inquiry was based upon action of the last Territorial Legislature placing Osage County within the prohibited territory. The department has intimated that no action would be taken regarding new quarantine lines until the department's bill pending before the Legislature were acted upon.

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

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. 83

If you have a dollar and owe it to some one pay it to him. This will make the wheels go round again.

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"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.

GRAND BALL

You are respectfully invited to attend a Grand Ball at the Court House in Sonora on the night of Friday Feb. 21st, 1908. Washington's birthday anniversary is the 22nd, but the dance will be Friday night the 21st.

Make your dates but don't get your dates mixed.

By reserving grass, the breeding season confined to four or five months, the marketing of better 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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will get into mischief—often it means a burn or a cut or scald. Apply Ballard's Snow Lintment just as soon as the accident happens, and the pain will be relieved while the wound will heal quickly and nicely. A sure cure for sprains, rheumatism and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

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 herds 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.

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.

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I have for sale at a Bargain. A Small Ranch, three sections of school land, 200 acres deeded, with improvements. See me for particulars.

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WANTS THE DEVIL.

Barham, N. M., Feb. 14, 1908

Friend Steve: I received your copy of the Devil's River News, for which I am very much obliged. Please send me the Devil for one year for I thought of things when I read the paper that I have not thought of in several years which was a pleasure to me. I don't think Sonora would be a good place to go after a wife as I think most all of the young ladies are married now.

Your old time friend,
R. C. Reeder.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f



A question that is sometimes hard to solve is "Where can I get the best wines and liquors at the right price?" This is easily solved if you call upon us.

We carry a fine stock of high grade wines and liquors. That's why we are able to satisfy so many people.

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Skin Disease of Twenty Years' Standing Cured.

I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost twenty years' standing. I have been treated by several smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me.—Mrs. Fannie Griffin, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by J. Lewenthal

113 Years Old.

Ysidora Hernandez wife of Antonio Guirado died in Sonora Friday February 7, 1908. Her age is given at 113 years.

Leo Brown of Marathon, was in Sonora this week attending to some business.

Phone 70 if you want Windrow the tinner.

Rev. C. E. Clem a Baptist preacher of San Angelo, held service in Sonora Sunday.

De Witt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve is especially good for piles. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Miss Grace Blakeney who has been on a visit to her brother Joe Ben for a few months, returned to her home in Bonham, Wednesday.

Use De Witt's Little Early Risers pleasant little pills. They are easy to take. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Mrs. Phillips who has been the guest of her daughter Mrs. T. D. Newell for the past few months, left for her home at Stephenville, Monday.

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 at once with this wonderful remedy. Splendid for coughs, colds, chest, influenza, bronchitis and pulmonary troubles. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McGonagill and baby are here from El Paso on a visit. They are at present the guests of Mrs. McGonagill's parents Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word at the ranch 10 miles south of Sonora.

Surgeon, Low Dollars Sayed.

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 drugist.

E. L. Martin the stockman and farmer was in from his place in the eastern part of the county Tuesday for windmill supplies. While in town he squared up with the Devil.

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, live complaint, kidney derangement, malnutrition, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as a spring medicine. This good alternative tonic is sold under a guarantee at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Mrs. Josie McDonald owner of the Commercial Hotel, is home from her visit to her daughter Estelle and friends at San Angelo. Mrs. McDonald is pleased with the Convent school where her daughter is a pupil.

Neglected Cold 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 to 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The News rate for announcements is:

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Precinct offices \$2 50.

All announcements are payable in cash in advance.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce:

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

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

DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK.

J. D. Lowrey as a candidate for reelection to the office of District and County Clerk, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR.

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.

COUNTY TREASURER.

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

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

R. H. Martin, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax 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 Precinct No. 1, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Born on Wednesday Feb. 12th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Dock Joy, a girl.

Died on Friday Feb. 14, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Joy, two days old.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Allison, were from the ranch several days this week visiting.

Kodol is a scientific preparation vegetable acids with natural diuretics and contains the same as found in a healthy stomach. Its dose will digest more than 30 grains of good food. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

G. Peacock of the Peacock & Gascok ranch 30 miles south of Sonora was in town Monday. Mr. Peacock reports all classes of live stock have wintered well.

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. Ample free at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

The sad news was received in Sonora Thursday of the death of Mrs. M. J. Coleman, at Voca, McCulloch county, on February 13, aged 68 years. Deceased was the mother of Messrs. John H. and Jeff Merck and Bud Whiddon of Sonora to whom the News extends its sympathy.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently but promptly on the bowels. It stops the cough by soothing the throat and lung irritation. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Mrs. J. R. King and children arrived in Sonora, Tuesday. Mr. King is the obliging pharmacist at J. Lewenthal's drug store. Their home was formerly at Martindale, Texas. They are residing in the Mrs. Stanley place in East Sonora.

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

The schedule on the Sonora to Mayer and Owenville mail route will shortly be changed so as to leave Sonora on Tuesday and Friday and Owenville on Monday and Thursday.

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. Sulzeyer 265 feet, E. R. Jackson 271, Bob Miers 375, Tom Deen 117 feet. Pay half down, balance when water is struck. If he fails, which may happen, he will return your money.

Fred Trainer moved his family to Sonora from the Cart Mayfield ranch near Jano, Friday.

Worn Out

That's the way you feel about the lungs when you have a hacking cough. It's foolishness to let it go on and trust to luck to get over it. When Ballard's Horehound Syrup will stop the cough and heal the lungs. Price 25c 5c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by J. Lewenthal.

Stock News.

The bill to exclude Texas cattle from Oklahoma has been with drawn and the question is to be solved by the Quarantine Official.

R. A. Williamson of the Twin Hill ranch, sold to G. W. Whitehead & Sons, 57 Shorthorn bull calves at \$25 each.

Will Sutt-meyer of the commission firm of J. A. Cope & Co., left on Thursday for Edwards county, to attend to some business for his firm.

J. A. Cope & Co., sold this week for E. M. Kirkland to McKensie & Ferguson 1250 head of muttons 3a up at p. This lot of sheep will go up in the San Angelo country for spring shipments.

If you have any fat cow-tor sale it will pay you to see J. A. Cope the live stock man of Sonora. 83

Roy Hud-peth bought from R. A. Williamson ten shorthorn bulls 3 to 5 years old at \$67 50 each. He sold two of these bulls to G. W. Whiteheads Sons at \$75.

J. A. Cope & Co., the Sonora Land and Live Stock agents, sold this week for E. M. Kirkland of Sonora, to Russell & Hancock of Menardville, one car of fat cows at \$16 per head.

The muttons will be fat early and go to market about May first. The only bother is that the country has not enough of them. There is only about 30,000 in the Sonora country.

Wm. Bovans & Co., of Menardville bought 9,000 three year old steers from Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville, at private terms. The transaction involves over \$200,000. The steers will go to the Osage country.

L. L. Russell of Fort Worth, recently bought 3500 steers, two and three year old, from the Big Canyon Ranch Co. at \$17 and \$22. They will probably go to Kansas as they are now above the line.

Ira L. Wheat returned from the Osage country Friday where he leased grass for 2,000 steers that he will move there from his ranch 30 miles south of Sonora, about April 1st. Mr. Wheat says that the Osage grass costs more than formerly but he had to have it.

He says it is the opinion of some that the Oklahoma Legislature will pass a law excluding the Southern cattle after this season, with the possible exception that the law may provide for their entry during the fall months, the cattle being more easily cleaned then than in the spring and the liability to fever the native cattle is less. A law of this kind it is believed will meet with the approval of the interests of the farmer and pasture men as it will make a market for crops and grass and get rid of the tick besides.

MOHAIR.

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.

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San Antonio, Texas.

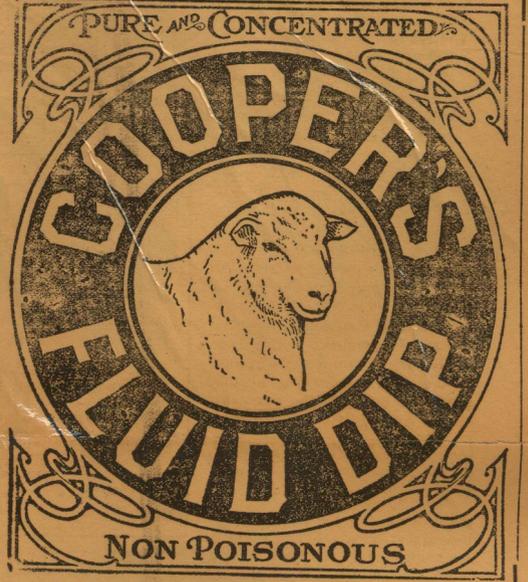
At New York last week 32,000 lbs. of mohair sold at 25 and 30c per pound. At New York last week 79,000 lbs of Texas and territory wool sold at 20 and 27c per pound. At Boston last week 230,000 pounds of Texas wool sold at 20 and 22c per pound. Stockman Farmer.

Speaking of the increasing price of Mohair, Denver Field and Farm says: The price of domestic mohair has been steadily increasing in the last few years, due to the improvement of the quality of the American clip, and the increasing consumption and use of this material.

C. E. Clem of the firm of Clem Brothers the lumber men of San Angelo, was in Sonora Saturday, talking business for his firm. He was greatly surprised to see such a good town so far from the railroad.

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MULES WERE REAL ONES.

"I saw a funny thing in the register of a hostelry in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado," said a man who has just returned from a trip through the west. "I stepped up to the desk to register when I saw an entry just above the space I was destined to fill. The line read as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Arkansas. Two mules."

"The words 'two mules' were not in the same handwriting as that giving the names of the recent arrivals. A wild idea flashed through my mind that the hotel clerk must be in the habit of characterizing the guests. My natural curiosity prompted me to make inquiries.

"Oh, the mules?" replied the presiding genius of the hotel. "That means that Mr. Jones and his wife are going to ride down the canyon tomorrow morning. Quite a party making the trip. Would you like to go?"

"Yes," I said.
 "And I had the pleasure of seeing him write 'one mule' after my name."—New York Press.

A Startling Encounter.

A man named Meneely of Holywood, Belfast, had a remarkable fight the other day with an enormous rodent. He was shooting sea fowl on the strand when a strange creature, nearly three feet long, sprang from a clump of grass and attacked him. Meneely met the brute with a well directed kick, but the animal dashed at him again and this time sank its teeth through his sea boots and held on like a terrier. Thus embarrassed, it was five minutes before Meneely killed the animal, which fought with great ferocity. The brute, which was as big as a good sized dog, has been pronounced a coypu, a large rodent frequenting the river Plate, whence it probably came to Belfast in a trading vessel.—Westminster Gazette.

A Symphony in Delicatessen.

If there was one thing which Grieg, the famous Norwegian composer, had a weakness for more than another—next, of course, to his music—it was something good in the way of eatables. "A fine portion of oysters, caviar or Norwegian snowden would excite and cheer him up wonderfully," writes the Cincinnati conductor, Franz Van der Stucken. "One day we lingered before the shop window of a renowned delicatessen store when he—armed with his inseparable gloves, umbrella and rubbers—exclaimed enthusiastically: "What an ideal symphony! How perfect in all its details—in form, contents and instrumentation!"

Red Top Boots.

Oldsters may regain a moment's smack of youth when they read in a dispatch from a Connecticut town that at a sale of the goods of an old, long looked store "leather boots with red and green tops and brass toe plates" were sold for \$2.50 a pair—cheap at thrice the money. When the world was young boys wore red topped boots (green were too quiet), red topped boots with brass tips, guards for a coaster's toes in the days of "clipper" sleds, when double runners or "traverses" were not or were not much. No modern boy can be as happy as the wearers of those red topped and brass prowed boots were.—New York Sun.

Saving Time.

It is peculiarly a mark of our enterprise that we should have imported \$40,000,000 worth of diamonds during the last fiscal year. It shows how much better we order certain things than do some other nations—the English, for instance.

In England, such is the persistency there of even an unfortunate habit, it still takes three generations to make a gentleman, whereas with us three pecks of diamonds will turn the trick quite handsly.

The saving of time is obviously enormous, and time is everything these days.—Life.

Equalization.

Professor Brander Matthews, who is at least as good a wit as he is a reformer, was overheard once talking with Mr. Carnegie.

"I notice, Mr. Carnegie," he said, "that you don't limp."

"And why should I?" asked the philanthropist.

"Well," slowly answered the professor, "maybe they pull them alternately."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Telephone and Telegraph Poles.

Recent estimates give 800,000 miles of telephone and telegraph pole line in the United States. At an average of forty poles to the mile there are 32,000,000 in use, and, assuming that the life of a pole is twelve years, there are needed each year more than 2,650,000 poles.—Woodcraft.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Presented Another's Card, but No Harm Came of the Blunder.

It is always well to look at your visiting card before you send it in. A personal friend of Stuyvesant Fish, who is also a personal friend of E. H. Harriman and has managed to steer a middle course during the war between the two men, received a Harriman visiting card in the natural course of social relations at a time when the warfare was at its height. He never knew just how it happened, but several days later, desiring to see Mr. Fish on a busi-



"THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE HERE."

ness matter, he called at the latter's house and handed the butler a card from his cardcase.

A few minutes later Mr. Fish appeared at the head of the stairway and peered over the rail. Apparently satisfied at what he saw below, he started down slowly. Halfway down he stopped again and with a puzzled expression on his face studied the visitor's card intently. Then he proceeded the rest of the way.

His face was still screwed up in a doubtful way when he reached the drawing room, and it was in an awkward, hesitating way, holding the card in one hand, that he advanced the other to his friend.

"Ned," said he, "I think there must be some mistake here."

"Where?" asked the friend.

"What is it? What do you mean?"

"This," said Mr. Fish, handing over the card.

His friend took it and glanced at the face. It bore the name of E. H. Harriman.—New York American.

Missed Fire.

Mark Twain at a publishers' dinner in New York talked of his reporting days in Virginia City.

"We were trying a horse thief one day," he said, "and all of a sudden the horse started to buck and kicked at his boot and threw it at the judge. It was a heavy boot too. It was studded with hobnails.

"I am still rather proud of the way I wrote up that little incident, doing it neatly and at the same time getting back on a rival reporter whom I disliked. I got it all in one paragraph—something like this:

"Suddenly the blackguardly thief, pulling off his boot, hurled it with all his might straight at the judge's head. This desperate act might have been attended with most disastrous consequences, but fortunately the missile only struck a reporter, so that no harm was done."

Salary Not Considered.

Senator Frank B. Brandegee and ex-Governor Bulkeley were discussing with a Hartford editor a certain Connecticut candidate for political honors.

"He is sure to fail," said Senator Brandegee. "He is beginning his campaign with the most compromising and absurd speeches. He reminds me of the man who wanted to be a trolley car conductor.

"This man looked hearty, polite and intelligent, and the manager at the car barns seemed to think well of him. After a number of questions the manager said:

"Well, what pay do you desire?"

"The applicant gave a loud laugh. Then he dug the manager in the ribs and said:

"Oh, never mind about the pay, boss. Just give me the job, and I'll have a car of my own in a week or two."

A Pardonable Fault.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, discussing a rather finicky attack that had been made on certain recent statements, smiled and said:

"But who or what is blameless? It is like the case of the Scottish hen.

"An old Scottish woman wished to sell a hen to a neighbor.

"But tell me," the neighbor said, "is she a thegither a guid bird? Has she got nae fauts, nae fauts at all?"

"Aweel, Margot, the other old woman admitted, 'she has got one faut. She will lay on the Lord's day.'"

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. J. FIELDS,
 Sonora, Texas.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Under a recent ruling of the post office department, weekly newspapers will not be allowed to give credit to subscribers. Therefore those of our subscribers who are a year or more in arrears will please call and settle.

The News is pleased to state that our readers are unusually prompt in this matter and the over due accounts are almost entirely due to our negligence in giving notice of expirations.

It has been our custom or lack of system to allow subscribers to pay when the spirit moved them, but now under the Government's order we will be obliged to require annual settlement and for this reason our readers will be rendered statements of their accounts.

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.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

How Economy Was Practiced in a Big Family.

"We have to be awful economical down at our house," said the boy.

"There's such a big family."

"That's so, for fair! My biggest brother is a bartender and of course has to wear a white coat. So ma buys a whole suit for him; says wearing the overalls saves his pants. When they've been washed a few times of course they don't look nice enough for a bartender, so ma gets him new ones and hands over the others to Bill. Bill works in a meat market."

"Gets two wears of them that way, eh?"

"Then dad's a painter. When the white suit gets too dirty for Bill dad wears it as long as he can to paint in. Course in time they get pretty well caked up with paint; then ma uses 'em for kindling the fire, and, being soaked with paint, they burn fine."

"So that's the end of them? Well, you certainly do!"

"No! Ma uses them again along with the wood ashes to make soft soap."

"You don't say!"

"Yep! After that she pours the soapsuds on the back garden. Best thing in the world, she says, to make things grow."—Puck.

The Shining Mark.

"Remember that wealth will not save you from the hands of the law!"

"I should say not," answered the irritated Croesus. "Nowadays wealth is simply an invitation to grand juries and automobile chasers to get busy."—Washington Star.

Great Comfort.

"Yes," remarked Mr. Hessel impressively, "the doctor says if I don't take a rest and not work so hard I'll be dead in a year."

"Ah," exclaimed his wife, "what a consolation it must be to you to know that your life's insured!"—Minneapolis Journal.

No Hurry.

The American traveler who endeavors to hasten the comfortably gaited orient against its wish soon comes to a halt. That was the experience of "A Woman Alone In the Heart of Japan."

"Make the rickman hurry. I have a date and can't wait here all day," she said to the "boss rickman" at the station. He blazed like a fiery dragon.

"Vell, you get so mad, you no can wait for dis, you go find nodder rickshaw," he said.

She answered very meekly: "Dear friend, you do not know me. I am not the least bit mad. This is only a gentle American hustle. If you want me to be real mad, I will show you the difference."

"Vell, you vas almos' mad," he insisted. "You seem jus' like mad when you say: 'No can wait, Mrs. have rickshaw quick. Hurry up!'"

Suppose.

Suppose some one should advertise for children, brave and true, who'd have the courage to say "No" when asked a wrong to do.

Suppose the wrong was something nice you'd always longed to do. I wonder if the answer would cost you a note from you? —Washington Star.

Woman an Expert on Shear.

When Miss R. L. Hoy was being examined as to her fitness for a position as telegraph operator Division Operator Johnson and the color of a piece of ribbon.

"That is cerise," said Miss Hoy.

"You bought a hat of cerise, trimmed with a veil of cerise violet."

"What's this?"

"That is Alice blue."

Johnson recovered slowly, but was game for another effort.

"What would you call us?" he asked.

"Nile green."

"And all these years we thought they were red, blue and cerise," he sighed.—Reading (Pa.) Cor. Toledo News-Bee.

The Steam Turbine.

The steam turbine in its most effective form consists of a long series of rings of moving blades, between which are rings of fixed blades, which serve as guide to deliver the steam with the proper direction and velocity against the moving blades. The latter are mounted on a revolving drum, which is put in rapid rotation by the force of the steam. A the steam passes through the turbine it falls in pressure by a long series of steps, each small, so that all its energy may be utilized.—New York American.

Musical Sarcasm.

Richter, the famous conductor, can be stern at times, and he also knows the value of satire. During the rehearsal of a certain musical festival the distinguished conductor was disturbed by some one in the hall beating time on the floor. Richter endured it for some time and then, turning round, requested the offender in his broken English to desist. "You see," he explained, with a smile, "when I am conducting I cannot always keep time with your foot."—London Standard.

A Chorister at Eighty-one.

At the age of eighty-one James Pollitt is still a chorister at Newton Heath. When eight years of age he became an alto boy at Culcheth Old school, Newton Heath, and with the exception of one year spent at Accrington he has continued to attend the church at the Sunday services, the festivals and week night rehearsals.—London Mail.

The Ravenous Spider.

The naturalists tell us that the eating ability of the spider is simply marvelous. If a man should eat as much, their relative weight being considered, he would eat in a single day four barrels of fish, a dozen hogs, three sheep and two oxen. Think of it!

Not to Be Wasted.

Ben Cary had near his house a swamp, which was a breeding place for herds of man eating mosquitoes. Some enterprising neighbors, who learned of the crude oil treatment, went to Ben and tried to persuade him to exterminate the pests.

"Exterminate 'em!" said Ben.

"Not much, not much. Why, Miss Cary an' I just paid \$32 for screening the side piazza that she's been pestering me about for years. How we goin' to get any good of it if we kill off the skeeters?" —Youth's Companion.

Polishing the Stove.

Use boiled linseed oil on the steel parts, rubbing with woolen cloth. Clean nickel with whiting and ammonia and good stove polish for the top.

The Giantess.

Will provide an amusing incident at a young folks' party. It is very easy to do. A tall boy or girl is dressed in a long skirt. He or she holds an umbrella partially opened as high over his or her head as possible. Over this umbrella place a large shawl, as shown in the picture. At the top point of the umbrella attach a ball, on which place a bonnet and

To Set Colors.

If fabrics are green, add vinegar to the water; if lilac or pink, a little ammonia. Salt will set the color of black and white mullin.

Our Honeybees.

All the honeybees in this country having originally been imported from Europe or Asia, there is no racial difference between the wild ones and the domesticated. Those that live in trees are simply the descendants of those that from time to time have taken "French leave" from their owners' hives and reverted to a state of nature. The vast bulk of the wild bees are of the German or black race, while the standard domesticated bee is the Italian. But that, however, is only because the Germans were the first to be introduced here. Just when the Germans came is in doubt, but it was some time in the seventeenth century. Certainly it was not until near the close of the eighteenth century that any bees were found west of the Mississippi. The Indians used to say they could mark the advance of the white man by the appearance of bees in the woods.—David Almon in Outing.

Helping the Witness.

For more than an hour a witness for the defense had dodged questions. His faulty memory was particularly exasperating to the counsel for the plaintiff, who was seeking to recall to the witness' recollection an event of four or five years previous. Eventually the man remembered "something about it."

"Ah," continued the lawyer for the plaintiff, "what did you think of it at the time?"

"Really," said the witness, speaking before the lawyer for the defense had time to interpose objection, "it was so long ago I can't recall exactly what I thought of it."

"Well," shouted the cross examiner excitedly, "if you can't recall exactly tell us what you think now you thought then." —New York Times.

How Many Miles to Babylon?

How many miles to Babylon? Three score miles and ten. Can I get there by candlelight? Yes, and back again.

How shall I go to Babylon? Who will tell me true? Oh, there are trains and there are boats. And automobiles too.

And one may ride a bicycle Or go in a balloon, Or one may travel on his feet And get there 'most as soon.

For trains go off the track, you see, And boats go down below, And automobiles go to smash In ways that none may know.

And tires of bicycles go pop, Balloons will go and balk, So, taking all in all, I think If I were you I'd walk.

—St. Nicholas.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

An Amusing Variation of the Old Bean Bag Game.

The usual game of bean bags played with a board is too well known to need description, but there is a variation of the game which will prove a welcome diversion for a rainy day in the nursery.

The first requirement is that of an ordinary iron hoop, which should not be less than fourteen inches across. This should be covered with two shades of ribbon in contrasting colors, there being wound round and round the hoop, finishing the latter with a bow and a loop with which to hang up the hoop. A small bell must be fastened beneath the bow, so that it will hang free in the center, while four bags made of ordinary calico, two of them four inches square and two five inches square, should be filled with beans or peas and provided with a knot of ribbon carried out in the colors of the ribbons on the hoop.

The game consists in throwing the bags through the hoop so as to avoid hitting the bell. If a player succeeds in this with one of the smaller bags it counts five and if with one of the larger ten, while if the bell is hit at all five is taken from the score.

The Cat Tigger.

This is a game for out of doors. When all are ready to begin they cry out, "The last perched is cat," at which every player tries to get a perch—that is, to get his feet off the ground. They may stand on a piece of wood or a stone, sit on the fence or a gate or in fact do anything so long as their feet are off the ground. The last perched is the cat.

The other players beckon to one another, changing places by signal or going to new perches, and the cat has to try to touch them before they have perched themselves. If the cat should succeed in touching any one while off his perch the player touched becomes cat. He cannot touch the old cat until the latter has been perched once.

A Sugar Pine Forest.

It is said that the greatest known forest of sugar pine lies along the backbone of the Cascade mountains, in southern Oregon. The giant trees of the forest tower 200 and 300 feet in height and are excelled only by the great redwoods of California. In point of value the sugar pine is equal to any of the marketable trees of the west, except the redwood. In lightness, durability and strength it is superior to the celebrated and almost extinct white pine of the eastern states.

The Introduction of a Giantess.

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thick veil. A good effect is produced by holding the umbrella not so high when entering the room. After you have been announced to the assembled company gradually raise it until you have stretched your arms up to make the giantess overreach the highest picture in the room. When the giantess bows she looks as funny as when she stalks around at full height.

A Quiser Musician.

If any boy or girl who has a garden and is not afraid of creeping, crawling things will take a snail and place it on an ordinary pane of glass he or she will see something amusing when the snail begins to crawl.

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DOUBLE HOLIDAYS.

Next year Washington's birthday, Memorial day and the Fourth of July all fall on Saturday, thus giving the public three double holidays. Ordinarily these three do not come on the same day of the week, but by the intervention of Feb. 29 this year Washington's birthday falls just fourteen weeks earlier than Memorial day, which regularly comes five weeks before the Fourth of July. The advantage to the busy public of having these holidays fall on Saturday, so that they have two days of leisure together, is obvious. In creating the last holiday—Labor day—advantage of this principle was taken in the selection of the first Monday instead of a selected day of the month. In 1909 Washington's birthday falls on Monday, May 30 and the Fourth of July on Sunday, which will mean a Monday observance so that for two years in succession double holidays are assured. In the latter year Christmas will also fall on Saturday, thereby affording the most complete trial of the double holiday possible in our calendar.—Exchange.

Canned Shark.

"They can shark in Sweden," said a butcher. "They make of sharks' flesh a very palatable and nourishing meat extract. For several years the business has been going on, and there are now several factories engaged in it. The stuff tastes exactly like extract of beef. The fish taste is eliminated, a secret process. The sharks, which are plentiful in those waters, are first chopped up fine in big hoppers and afterward boiled down to a liquid of the consistency of thin gruel. The oil is skimmed off, a second boiling follows, then a filtering. A clear fluid then remains. This is evaporated to the thickness of molasses, seasoned with salt and sugar and sealed up in jars after the addition of some unknown chemical. It is an excellent meat extract. It hasn't a suspicion of fishiness about it. It builds up a consumptive or anaemic person as well as the best beef would do."—Los Angeles Times.

Joe Was a Luxury.

Thrift is the great trait of the Dutch of Pennsylvania. It shows up in many odd ways. In one fine, clean farmhouse in Lancaster county, says a writer in the Boston Transcript, some visitors were surprised at seeing a large porcelain lined, nickel bound refrigerator standing in the parlor. One of them asked if she might look inside.

Yes, but we only keep newspapers in it,"

said the farmer's wife. "Heinrich, he likes me to have a fine refrigerator, but he says we got such a cool cellar we don't need to spend no money on ice at all, so we don't use it that way."

A Luncheon and a Critic.

The following is offered as a prize luncheon: Grape fruit au maraschino, strained chicken gumbo soup, broiled squab chicken, potatoes Parisienne, macaroni au gratin, fried eggplant, lettuce hearts with French dressing, cheese, crackers, diplomat pudding.

If there is anything so tasteless as a lettuce heart, name it. Grape fruit with maraschino is a fraud. Cheese crackers are not fit for the fourth stomach of an ox. And who ever heard of strained chicken gumbo soup being served to a connoisseur? You might as well serve strained macgrathian clam chowder or strained Maryland diamond back terrapin.—New York Press.

Affected His Brain.

According to a Danish medical journal, the Roentgen rays were recently used upon a boy five years old, who was treated in hospital for a disease of the hair. After twenty-five applications of the rays the lad was sent home cured. But whereas his nature had previously been bright and intelligent, now he became absentminded and unreliable and was sent back to the hospital. He has been for some time since under medical observation, and the pronouncement of the doctors attending the case is that the Roentgen rays can easily penetrate the thin scalp of a child and have an undesirable influence on the brain.

An Eye to Business.

Admiral Dewey praised a certain successful business man.

"Part of his success," said Dewey, "comes from his neat way of getting people to do what he wants them to do. They say that when as a young fellow of twenty-two he first opened a little trimming store he showed this trait. Thus if you went into his tiny emporium and asked him if he would change a quarter or a half dollar for you he would reply, with a courteous smile:

"Certainly, madam. And how will you have it? Buttons, ribbon, lace or insertion?"—Philadelphia Record.

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