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New Spring Shoes

We are glad to announce that our new spring shoes have arrived

Besides a complete line of staple styles, we are showing many new and advance styles, all of which are marked at very attractive prices.

Come in and let us fit you while the stock is complete. We shall be glad to show you.

The Sonora Mercantile Co.

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Outside of That, He's All Right.

Man comes into this world without his consent and leaves it against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continual round of contraries and misunderstanding by his fellow beings. In his infancy he is an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil; in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up, in his duties he is a fool; if he raises a family he is a chump; if he raises a small check he is a thief and then the law raises him with him; if he is a poor man he is a bad manager and has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest, but considered smart; if he is in politics you can't place him, as he is an undesirable citizen; if he goes to church he is a hypocrite, if he stays away from church he is a sinner and damned; if he donates to foreign missions he does it for show; it doesn't he is stingy and a tightwad. When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him; before he goes out they all want to kick him.

If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is in the way and living to save funeral expenses.

This life is a funny road, but we all like to travel it just the same; so join in the line of the cheerful—Anon.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular and you will escape many ailments to which women are particularly liable. Constipation is a higher grade of suffering than you think it is. It is a fallacy to believe that it can be counted on the

Nourishing Foods.

During the war with Russia the Japanese army and the noncombatants in Japan lived on rice and dried fish. When peace was declared and a treaty signed at Portsmouth the world wondered why Japan insisted upon having ceded to her half of the barren island of Saghalien. It has been useful to Russia mainly as a penal colony. It now transpires that the extremity acquired by Japan runs into countless stretches of shoal water, teeming with myriad small fish. The supply is so ample that after curing vast numbers for human consumption Japan is able to fertilize her rice fields with other vast numbers. There is a reason why rice is so universally distributed around the globe, flourishing in places where no other grain can exist. It is because among all foods wheather animals or vegetable, it ranks with the first. In tropical countries other grains are too heating for the natives—a valuable hint to those in temperate climates who find it perplexing to fix upon a diet suitable for hot weather. It is said that the people of New York City did not know what rice was until Sherry, the caterer, bought from East India a curry cook. Americans have been slow to learn that cooking is an art. The making of dresses is an art, the balding of house an art. No capitalist would invest in either houses for himself or dresses for his wife without assurance of artistic service. But cooking is often left to hapbeard and the cause of accidents.

Foods vary immensely in their nourishing power. Cucumbers and melons are lowest in the scale; rice and wheat the highest. In 1,000 parts the quantity of nutritive matter in the first two is but 25 and 30, while in the last it is 880 and 950. In 1,000 parts even milk and eggs are, respectively, but 72 and 140, while the abundant but ignored rice is 880. Fish and potatoes are not much higher on the scale than milk and eggs, being 210 and the higher are but 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000.

fingers of one hand. Tried by this, as by so many other standards, the value of rice to any people is surprising.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Puts End to Bad Habit.

Things never look bright to one with "the blues." Ten to one the trouble is a sluggish liver, filling the system with bilious poison, that Dr. King's New Life Pills would expel. Try them. Let the joy of better feelings end "the blues." Best of stomach, liver and kidneys. 25c. Nathans Pharmacy.

If any of our readers are bothered with this nuisance, a kicking cow, here is a recipe for the trouble we remember seeing our father try with complete success when we were a boy. Put a halter on the cow with sufficient rope to pass over a beam or pole overhead. Draw the cow's head up pretty snug, which will hollow the backbone. In that shape she finds it very difficult to lift her hind foot and she has no idea what it is that stops her kicking, as she does if her legs are tied.—Hoard's Dairyman.

When a medicine must be given to young children it should be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by All Dealers.

Sobnesman & Stewart sold to Walter Smith 1430 bred ewes at \$3.50 a head. George Baker sold 600 cows to Ralph and Frank Harris at \$22. Bruce Drake negotiated the trade. P. L. Childress sold 300 two and threes, while at the Ft. Worth convention, at \$30 a head. Wm. Sobnesman sold 250 yearling steers to J. M. Shannon at top prices. Delivery this week; Bruce Drake sold for Cully Brotherton of Juno, to Ralph and Frank Harris 200 cows at \$22.50 a head. W. D. Jones sold a good bunch of three year old steers to W. E. Silliman of Eldorado, at \$25 a round. Delivery April 10. Fverette Brothers sold 700 head of stock cattle to Hall & Barron at \$20. Delivery this week. Bruce Drake made the deal.—Ozona Optimist.

No More Overdrafts Honored Unless Previous Arrangements Have Been Made. RULLING OF THE COMPTROLLER.

THE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY JOINED BY ALMOST EVERY STATE BANKING COMMISSIONER, has come to the conclusion that something must be done to stop the unbusiness practices that banks have drifted into the past few years, of permitting customers to draw checks on them when they have no funds to their credit; and in almost every city the banks have held meetings and adopted resolutions PROHIBITING OVERDRAFTS.

The Comptroller of the Currency has issued instructions to all Bank Examiners, where they find banks permitting PROMISCUOUS OVERDRAFTS, to report the officer allowing it, and he will request the Board of Directors to ask for his RESIGNATION.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SONORA has always tried to protect the credit of their customers, by not dishonoring their checks, when they felt safe that the party would take up the amount drawn for. From and after this date however, we advise all customers to be sure that they have sufficient amount to their credit before issuing checks, and thus save the embarrassment incident to a dishonored check or draft, unless previous arrangements have been made by giving security and having the consent of the Bank.

At times there are a certain class of Overdrafts that cannot well be avoided, such as the handling of Cattle and Cotton, but purchasers of either of these commodities should have previous arrangements with this bank, and attach to their drafts the necessary Bill of Sale in proper order.

We wish our patrons and customers to understand that this action is not intended as a reflection on anyone but has been made almost compulsory by the orders of the Comptroller of the Currency.

We hope all will understand that Our Motto is the same: "Give Us Your Business and We will Make You Feel at Home." Respectfully,

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GRIMLAND & ALLISON. STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER.

Our Spring stock of Mens, Ladies and Childrens Low Cut Shoes are here. They consist of the latest Styles, Shapes and Colors, for Spring and Summer wear. Also new line of Mens and Boys Straw Hats and Cap, Dress Pants and Shirts. Ladies and Mens Hosiery. Give us a Call. YOURS TO PLEASE.

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Individual responsibility Three Million Dollars.

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THE LAND AND LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MEN,
SONORA, TEXAS.

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Lumber at San Angelo at San Angelo prices or at Sonora with freight added from the wagons. From the yard in small quantities the cost of handling is added. Let me figure on your bill.

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All work guaranteed. Called for and delivered.

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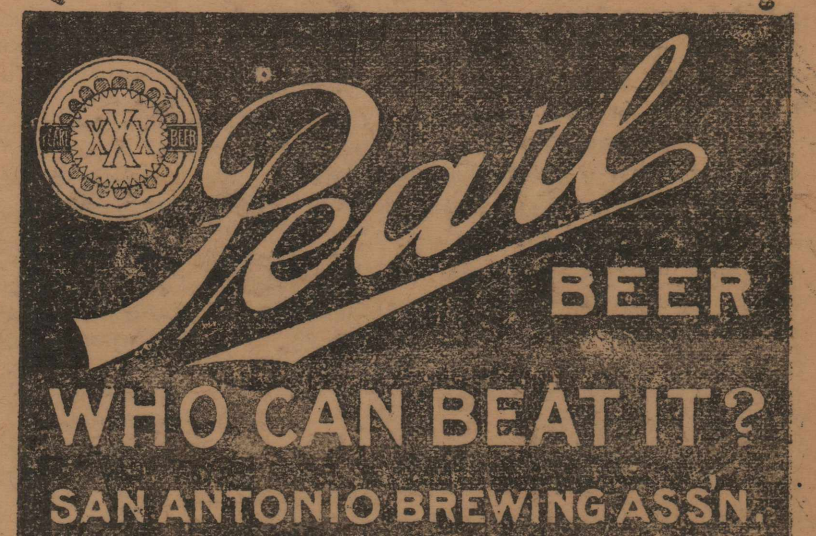
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Orient Will Not Be Sold, Say Receivers.

"We are working out a plan of reorganization—the Orient will pay itself out of the courts and it positively will not be sold to any other company; we have the reorganization committee along and it is getting data for the plans." This statement was made yesterday by Edward Dickinson, former vice-president and general manager of the Orient system and now receiver of the system. The Dickinson party is spending Sunday in the Granada country.

Continuing Mr. Dickinson said: In the organization Mr. Stillwell will probably be re-elected president of the system. He has not resigned from the company, and he has not been ousted.

"Mr. Stillwell is still president of the company which has been declared bankrupt by the courts and will remain as such until final settlement. How that report got out of New York, I am unable to say. The object of this trip is to get data for the reorganization committee to work on.

"The receivership suit is a friendly one among the stockholders and was brought for the purpose of reorganization. We hope that the English syndicate will be able to raise the \$30,000,000 bond issue after the reorganization, so that we can complete what we have begun and build the line as it was originally intended. Just now we are all up in the air and can't say what will be done, or what we will do. We are subject to the orders of the court and before we can make a move we must first secure the court's permission to do so. To secure that permission it is necessary for us to make a good showing and demonstrate where the benefits will be derived.

"As to the Del Rio line, we cannot say what will be done until after reorganization and when that is completed, as we hope it will be within a shorter time than usually takes, we will begin building again. We might do more building under the receivership if we can make the proper showing, but it is hard to make a showing in construction work.

"After we have reorganized we will complete all of our lines in the United States, including the Del Rio line, and connect up with the east Ohio line before beginning work on the Topolobampo across the Sierra Madre mountains. Before building the Del Rio line we will connect up with the Southern Pacific at Alpine and build from Granada to Alpine. We want to do this so as to get the long haul of freight both ways, from the east and the west. We also hope to build into Kansas City as originally intended. The line into Kansas City will be constructed along with the connecting link of the Southern Pacific. The line out of Topolobampo across the Sierra Madre mountains will follow after all the connections have been constructed in the United States. It is no easy job to build a railroad across mountains where you have to tunneling and bridging, to say nothing of the grades.

"As to the 26,000,000 franc bond issue—about \$5,000,000 of which we thought we had closed—it fell from our fingers in an inexplicable manner. Some influence was brought to bear to kill the deal that we know nothing of and have never been able to fathom.

"You may rest assured that the Orient will carry out its contract with San Angelo as soon as things get settled. It is more than probable that the shops and other improvements promised San Angelo will be constructed but, as I have heretofore said, we are in the hands of the court and must await the court's orders.

"I only wish I could tell you more about things, but it is impossible. I want to say this in closing, that we have found the condition of the road much better than we anticipated and general conditions better. A favorable impression has been made on the committee sent out to investigate matters."—Standard.

Washington, April 4.—So complete are the plans for intervention in Mexico by the United States that militia authorities in every State have been instructed as to how and where their troops shall be mobilized. On the authority of an officer who has seen these plans the statement is made that sites for three great camps—one at Mobile, Ala., another at San Antonio and the third at San Diego—have been selected. It is proposed that one army, embarking from Mobile, shall invade Mexico from the east coast. A second army, embarking from San Diego, will invade Mexico from the west coast. From San Antonio the third army will move south across the Rio Grande.

School was opened in Osona's handsome new building for the first time Monday morning. At nine o'clock pupils and patrons assembled at the Baptist church and heard stirring addresses delivered by Hon. W. A. Wright, of San Angelo, Hon. Jas. Cornell of Sonora, Judge C. E. Davidson, N. W. Graham and L. B. Cox of Osona, Judge Wright and Cornell highly praised the tax payers for undertaking the erection of a magnificent \$70,000 academy modern in all respects.—Optimist.

Town lots in Sonora are for sale by the Martin Commission Co. Buy one now and get in on the ground floor. Do it now before prices advance. The new maps are being made and the dedication of the streets and alleys will be made as soon as possible. Perfect title. No trouble to show you. See Martin Commission Co.

Drs. Lynn and Clayton, assisted by Dr. Homsley of this city, amputated Tom Casbeer's leg last Friday evening, and Mr. Casbeer is now on the road to recovery. Amputation was made at the hip joint, and the patient underwent the operation in a satisfactory manner. His many friends are now hopeful that his troubles will soon be at an end and that he will soon be out again. He has been in bed for over two months and has suffered intense agony, to say nothing of the suffering he has endured during the past twenty years from the same cause.—Osona Optimist.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. F. CLARKSON, 45 Sonora, Texas.

Misplaced Humor.

A former employee of one of Greater New York's zoological gardens had reason to regret that he once tried to be as funny as he could. A strange visitor, after looking at the seals, asked the keeper what they ate.

"Oh, fried eggs and little things like that," was the answer.

"Anything else?" asked the stranger.

"Sometimes a bit of steak and onions or a chop or two," said the keeper. "Anything else I can tell you?"

"No, thank you," the stranger answered politely. "I only want to know because I am the new superintendent of the gardens, and I want to be sure that the keepers give the public accurate information when they are asked civil and natural questions."—Exchange.

The Welsh Tongue.

The confusion of tongues had done its destined part, work on the tower of Babel being pretty much suspended, when all at once Welsh emerged from the racket. The sound of consonants being pronounced without the help of vowels was at once seen to cause no small uneasiness in high quarters.

"No use overdoing the business," these hastily exclaimed and forthwith called a halt.

As for Welsh, what was done could not, of course, be undone, but the ensuing distribution of languages happily relegated it to the remote corner of a remote island of the sea, so that the embarrassment was by no means what it might have been.—Puck.

Caught in the Act.

"You have not been obeying my injunctions, and yet you expect me to cure your husband."

"But, doctor—"

"Tut, tut! I told you to do nothing to aggravate him."

"But I—"

"Madam, you were playing the piano when I came in. I both saw you and heard you."—Houston Post.

COME IN NOW.

TO REDUCE THE STOCK We are offering SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS In Many Lines of Dry Goods Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Underware, Etc. COME IN AND ASK

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce. The News rates for announcements are: Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5. County officers \$10. Precinct officers \$1.50. All announcements are payable in cash in advance.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

T. R. Adams as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

TAX ASSESSOR.

Geo. J. Trainer, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COUNTY TREASURER.

C. S. Hole mb, as a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COUNTY JUDGE.

E. S. Briant as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge, of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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THE FORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT Liver Medicine

The reputation of this old, reliable medicine, for constipation, indigestion and liver trouble, is firmly established. It does not irritate other medicines. It is better than others, or it would not be the favorite liver powder, with a larger sale than all others combined. SOLD IN TOWN F2

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south 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. J. T. Evans, Sr.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. D. B. CUSENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

H. A. McDONNELL,

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Surprise Tailoring Co.,

Morris Block, Phone 87. We will be prepared to entertain your wants in all branches of the tailoring line on or about April 1st. A fit guaranteed with goods of quality. Cleaning and pressing our specialty. Under management of Geo. McDonald.

Of Course He Ought.

"A Chicago doctor says that every bachelor whose income amounts to twenty dollars or more a week ought to adopt a baby."

"That's right. A girl about twenty years of age with a knowledge of cooking."—Houston Post.

Senator Taylor Died.

Washington, March 31.—Robert Love Taylor United States senator from Tennessee, died here today unable to withstand an operation for gall stone, last Thursday.

Early this morning the senator began to fail to respond to stimulants. Mrs. Taylor worn out by a day and night vigil, had gone to her apartment. At 3 o'clock this morning the senator began to sink so rapidly that she was sent for. She was at his side when she came at 9:40 o'clock.

"Fiddling Bob" Taylor, so known because he played his way into the hearts of his audience, carrying his violin wheresoever he campaigned was 61 years old. He was born at Happy Valley in East Tennessee, but spent most of his life at Nashville practicing law. He belonged to an office holding family. His father was a congressman and commission of Indian affairs and an uncle was in the Confederate senate.

Almost A Miracle.

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holeclaw, Clearendon, Tex., was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and one weighs 218. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for Coughs and Colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Nathan Pharmacy.

Of the presidential candidates

Taft is a Unitarian and Roosevelt belongs to the Dutch Reform Church but both give way to their Episcopal wives. Woodrow Wilson is a Presbyterian, Harmon a Methodist, Underwood a Baptist and Champ Clark is fond of calling himself a Campbellite, being a admirer of Alexander Campbell as well as a member of the Disciples Church as are his wife and children.

Bad breath, bitter taste, dizziness

and a general "no account" feeling is a sure sign of torpid liver. HERBINE is the medicine needed. It makes the liver active, vitalizes the blood, regulates the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by All Druggists.

A HOLD UP GAME EXPOSED

Before you pay charges on an express package again, it might be a good idea to make sure the charges have not been paid at the other end.

The extent to which the express companies have been robbing the people by collecting charges at both ends of shipment, as revealed before the interstate commerce commission, is amazing and outrageous.

In the case of one company

alone it was shown that it made 2,000 overcharges in one in one day and collected in one year \$67,000 as overcharge!

And in addition to the cases of overcharging which have come to the attention of the commission, it is believed that thousands of shipments are paid for at both ends of which the commission never hears, owing to the fact that victims do not know they are being fleeced.

An officer of the company above referred to admitted that the system employed to identify pre-paid packages was faulty, but had no particular apology to make.

"Demand for transportation charges on prepaid shipments must cease," declared Commissioner Lane; who was plainly provoked. "The complaint of this practice by express companies is universal."—San Francisco Examiner-Star.

The Danger After Grip

Weakness, nervousness, loss of appetite, energy, and general debility often in a run-down condition. All right. The next thing to do is to lend you \$5 you can't afford to lose. A perfect satisfaction. Nathan's Pharmacy.

DIPHTHERIA.

Early Diagnosis and Quick Use of Antitoxin Imperative.

Diphtheria, which was formerly one of the most fatal of the diseases of children, has been robbed by antitoxin of much of its death dealing power. Nevertheless it is still a scourge of childhood.

It is an infectious and contagious disease that occurs for the most part in children, although adults also may suffer. It is due to the presence of a bacillus that lodges and develops on the mucous membrane of the respiratory passages, where it causes inflammation and the growth of fibrous, feltlike sheet which covers the surface. This sheet is the so called false membrane, the visible evidence of the disease, in itself not dangerous except when it threatens death from choking. The real disease is the constitutional affection—fever, delirium and depression, due to poisoning by the bacillary excretions, the toxin, absorbed into the blood from the mucous membranes where the bacilli have lodged.

Diphtheria is one of the most contagious of diseases, although, as in the case with other similar affections, not all who are exposed suffer. It prevails chiefly where filth exists and where the air is charged with emanations from decaying matter, with sewer gas, illuminating gas or exhalations from many persons crowded together in unventilated rooms.

Authorities formerly held that the germs could linger for a long time in carpets, upholstered toys, especially woolly lambs and Teddy bears, books, and so forth, but that is now doubted by many sanitarians, who contend that disinfection of the room in which a child has been sick with diphtheria or disinfection of his playthings is unnecessary. Still, so long as a doubt exists it is obviously safer to disinfect. It is quite certain, however, that cats and dogs and probably birds, such as parrots, may catch diphtheria from a sick child and so assist in the spread of the disease.

The one sovereign remedy for diphtheria is antitoxin, but it must be given early to be certainly curative. For this reason an early diagnosis is imperative. The physician should be called at once to any child who has a sore throat if his throat is seen to be red or covered with whitish dots or streaks or patches of membrane.

Early treatment not only removes the danger of suffocation from the growth of membrane in the larynx, but also makes much less probable the occurrence of the paralysis that is often such a distressing sequel of neglected or tardily treated diphtheria.—Youth's Companion.

Hotel Bills in England.

The author of "Portugal Old and New" finds fault with English hotel keepers for using a printed form of bill on which the plain requirements of a simple traveler are lost amid a multitude of items. The result is that when a guest pays for a day's and a night's lodging he is positively almost ashamed at finding no registry of his having wanted neither liquors nor stationery nor warm baths nor douche baths nor shower baths nor pots of jam nor the hotel hairdresser and is apt to reflect what a poor, shuffling impostor of a guest he is to have had so few requirements.

Unappreciated Sympathy.

A passenger who escaped unharmed from a serious railway smash, seeing a fellow traveler searching anxiously among the wreckage with a lantern, offered to assist in the search and, thinking the old man had lost his wife, asked in sympathetic tones, "What part of the train was she in?" Raising his lantern and glaring at the kindly disposed passenger, the old man shouted with indignant distinctness that triumphed over physical infirmity: "She, sir, she! I am looking for my teeth!"

Happiness Impossible.

"Mr. and Mrs. Wicherly seem to be such a happy couple."

"I think they merely pretend to be happy."

"Why do you say that? Have you any reason for believing they don't get along well together?"

"Oh, they may get along all right together, but they certainly can't be happy. She's getting stout and he's beginning to lose his hair."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Equal to the Occasion.

"You're no judge of literature or rhetoric, Sam. Why, you couldn't do it to save your life if I asked you to give me a good illustration of a condition in terms."

"I? All right. The next thing to do is to lend you \$5 you can't afford to lose. A perfect satisfaction. Nathan's Pharmacy."

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W. D. Wallace was in from the ranch on jury business this week.

Bert Page of Mayer was in Sonora Monday as a petit juror.

Born on Sunday March 31, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sharp at Mayer, twins boy and girl.

W. A. Ogle who ranches east of Sonora on the Mayer road was in Sonora Monday as a petit juror.

Henderson Murphy was in from the ranch about 13 miles east of Sonora Monday Courting.

Joe Logan was in from the Sam McKnight ranch Monday attending jury court.

W. B. Silliman, Frank Murchison and Frank Douglass of Eldorado were in Sonora Saturday.

Suits ordered at a 10 per cent discount for cash in advance. The Sonora Pantitorium.

Aug Moos who ranches over the line in Edwards County was a business visitor in Sonora Tuesday.

Sam Luckie who ranches in the eastern part of Sutton was in Sonora Monday and Tuesday on Court business.

Fred Hall of the firm of Hall Brothers the Biggy Boys of San Angelo was in Sonora this week on a business and pleasure trip.

20 per cent discount on kinckerbock.

is paid in Pantitorium.

J. A. Cuthorn was one of the grand jurors this week.

Albert Owens was in from Owen-ville Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Glascock were in from the Allison & Glascock Wednesday shopping.

Haines Luckie was in from his ranch in the Franks Defeat country Tuesday on business.

G. C. Earwood the Edwards county raiser of fine Angor goats was in Sonora this week trading.

George Allison returned Wednesday from Menard where he had been attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kelley were in from the O. T. Word ranch Thursday on business.

R. B. Maddox who ranches in the Sol Mayer ranch was in Sonora Wednesday trading.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson were in from the ranch Monday and Tuesday shopping and visiting.

Berry and Sterling Baker were in from their ranches in the Owen-ville country this week serving as jurors.

Mr. and Mrs. Dud Yaws were in from the ranch several days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken.

The name of the firm A. G. McIntire is representing is the Evans-Snyder-Buel Co., Kansas City, etc., and not as reported in our last issue "Evans" "Synder-Buel Co."

Lame Shoulder is nearly always due to rheumatism of the muscles, and quickly yields to the free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by All Dealers.

Jim Moore of the Com...

Be at home. Buy from your people. Make your home prosperous. Assist your neighbors. Buy from your town to be progressive. Encourage your home town schools by sending your children to them. In fact do every thing for and nothing against your home town. Think about it.

DISTRICT COURT

The Honorable District Court of Sutton county met in regular session Monday morning with Judge J. W. Timmins presiding. District Attorney Collins, J. D. Lowery, clerk and J. S. Allison sheriff in attendance.

The grand jury was impaneled, instructed as to their duties. The Court appointed J. J. North foreman and the body retired.

The Grand jurors were: Max Vander Stucken, S. L. Merck, C. J. Lewis, J. J. North, S. A. Luckie, J. A. Cuthorn, J. S. Brown, G. B. Baker, D. J. Wyatt, D. T. Yaws, W. A. Holland, W. C. Strackbein.

The bailiffs to the Grand Jury were: J. A. Glascock, Sam Rowland, W. McComb, Wiley Smith.

State vs. W. G. Curry charged with theft of horse, dismissed by State for want of evidence.

A. Gozales pled guilty to aggravated assault and fined \$25. Iehmal Grzman and Santiago Sota pled guilty to shoplifting and were fined \$10 each and an hour in jail.

Frank Douglass vs. R. W. Davis continued by agreement at cost of defendant.

W. A. Glascock, G. B. Hamilton and J. A. Cuthorn were appointed Jury Commissioners.

State vs. Dee Garza, theft of property under value of \$50 pled guilty and was fined \$10 and one hour in jail.

Virginia Taliaferro vs. Marc Taliaferro, suit for divorce, divorce granted.

State vs. H. Murphy, trespass to try title, venue changed by agreement to Travis county.

Mrs. A. A. Baugh vs. S. H. Stokes and George J. Trainer suit on notes: Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$828.15. Order of sale issued to lots 5 and 6 Block B Sonora.

The Petit Jury was discharged at 2 o'clock Monday.

The Grand Jury adjourned on the afternoon of Tuesday.

The Grand Jury returned no bills of indictment and the court was adjourned for the term.

Our new readers may be surprised at the action of the Grand Jury of Sutton county. This is not the first time that bills of indictment have not been found. We do not know what matters have been before the inquisitional body, but it seems to have been the burden of their thought that it was necessary to have evidence to convict or else not return an indictment.

Persons may guilty of violating the law but evidence is necessary for conviction.

The jurors had their own opinion but that was not enough.

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The Sonora Club.

The Sonora Club Hall is nearing completion. The floor will be a double one; that is the floor proper will be built on top of double dressed one by twelve "ship lap" the maple flooring has been received and is toungeed, grooved, numbered and each piece drilled for nailing so that there will not be a nail head on the surface of the floor. The maple is so smooth without wax that it will be necessary for those who attend or attempt to walk across the floor to wear pumps or at least wear shoes that are not run down at the heels. Watch for the announcement of the opening. It may be the 19th but sure not later than the 26th. Order your new clothes at once—Girls get the machine at work. The Club is going to pay for this building by giving entertainments, shows, musicals, etc. It is the intention to later extend the building and put in a stage where the young people may display their talent as comedians, elocutionists, readers, minstrelle, moving pictures, merry makers or anything that will afford amusement. The Club has met the requirements with the assistance of some new members and the project will be a success.

Devoo Takes Least Gallons: Always.

Paint Devoo; it's the cheapest paint in the world; never mind the price; it may or may not be more. Less gallons will paint the house; and the paint will outwear anything.

Skip wear; you've got to wait, to find that out. It covers more; you haven't got to wait to find that out.

It's the cheapest of all; no matter about the price.

N. R. Watkins, Lott, Texas, used 13 gallons on his house before; bought 13 gallons Devoo for the same house and had 6 left.

C. B. Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N. C. used 80 gallons Devoo on his house; bought 30 gallons Devoo for the same and had 16 left. That's how.

Sold by E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Wade Barbee the Eldorado banker was in Sonora Wednesday.

Dock Simmons was in from the ranch Wednesday for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Evans were shopping in Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cuthorn and baby were visiting in Sonora a few days this week.

It may be the 19th or 26th but be ready for the 19th. The Maple floor will be fine.

Born on Saturday March 31st 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks a daughter.

R. F. Halbert the Eldorado commissioner man was in Sonora Wednesday on business.

Ladies fine work done at the Sonora Pantitorium by an expert workman.

Charlie West one of Eldorado's prominent stockmen was in Sonora Wednesday on business.

W. R. Clendennen the goat man was a business visitor in Sonora Wednesday from the John Robbins ranch.

Suits and skirt hangers, also Kirk cleaning fluid for kid gloves. For sale at the Sonora Pantitorium. 13 17

L. J. Wardlaw and Geo. Cauble received their new Hudson cars this week. They are dandys.

M. R. Redder the railroad contractor left for the Medina dam this week where he has work with Roach & Stansell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hi Eastland were in from the Taylor ranch this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Steele.

On or before the 19th Bert Bel- lower expects to have the Sonora Club Hall completed. So get your gay feelings together.

J. N. Rice the cattle and goat man was in Sonora Wednesday from his ranch 18 miles southeast of the city.

Capt. Pharis Hurst is having eight wire put around his pasture adjoining Sonora on the North and will put a small flock of sheep and goats thereon.

A valuable dressing for flesh wounds, burns, scalds, old sores, rash, chafed skins, is BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT, it is both heating and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by All Druggists.

Orient Receivers in Sonora.

Edwin Dickenson receiver, W. W. Colpitts chief engineer, George H. Ross, vice president of the Hawley lines and Fred S. Mordant of Chicago, traffic and industrial expert.

These gentlemen had accompanied General Dickenson on a trip from Kansas City to Alpine via San Angelo and thence to Del Rio and Sonora.

Mr. Mordant the expert industrial and traffic man expressed his surprise and said Sonora was the most marvelous town he had ever seen. The party was here but for a half hour or the gentlemen could have been shown more. Mr. Dickenson and Engineer Colpitts have been in Sonora before and appreciate Sonora as a trade getter for the line. The other gentlemen had never before had that pleasure.

The party is out for the purpose of making a report to stockholders. The Texas receivers went home from the terminus of the Texas construction line and those representing Kansas and Oklahoma took a high ball for home from Del Rio.

The expert industrial man Mr. Mordant is of the same opinion as was Mr. Tuckett the English representative; that the line through Sonora to connections with Mexico City would be the best paying proposition eventually, while at the same time it was a matter of business to build (under past condition to build to Alpine.) Under present conditions and with the report that will be made by the receiver and the experts representing the bondholders it would not surprise us if the laying of the steel would start toward Sonora in a short time.

W. A. Holland was one of the grand jurors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cuthorn were in Sonora this week shopping. Mrs. Cuthorn has recently returned from a visit to her mother Mrs. G. C. Earwood in Del Rio.

Mrs. M. M. Parkerson and daughter Miss Pearl are visiting in Corpus Christi. They will visit in San Antonio and other places before returning.

Dr. C. D. Smith and brother W. B. Smith have returned from a visit to their mother Mrs. Caleb Smith who was recently stricken with paralysis at her home in Tyler.

Who was the first man at the Surprise Tailoring Parlor Monday morning to get a suit of clothes at one? He was J. G. Barton and he took advantage of ordering an extra pair of pants.

W. R. Archer has the contract for the rock foundation for the R. E. Aldwell residence. He has the rock on the ground and commenced work Thursday. The foundation will be 20 inches high.

M. C. Alley mail contractor of the Sonora, Mayer and Owenville says that Owenville is making many improvements. Claude Steele is building a residence and a blacksmith shop is being erected the blacksmith will do windmill work.

A marriage license was issued last week by County Clerk Lowery to J. R. Storms and Mrs. Mallie Nell. The parties were strangers and no returns have been received.

Dr. Wardlaw was called to the C. C. Yaws ranch Wednesday. The report on the streets was to effect that Mr. Yaws was dying. The latest report however is that Mr. Yaws will not have to be operated upon for appendicitis.

Jack Carter and E. J. Witt district agents for the Lone Star Life Insurance Company of Dallas, are in Sonora. Their headquarters are in Fort Worth. It will be remembered that Jack Carter was some years ago Classified of State lands. His work brought him into acquaintance with many of the ranchmen and he feels at home in Sonora.

Miss Maggie Pfister entertained a few friends Wednesday night at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pfister. Besides the members of the family there were present Mrs. L. L. Carmichael, Misses Ida Decker, Ry Davis, Annie Owens, Ruth Davis. The occasion was in honor of Miss Maggie's birthday.

Rub the joints with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by All Druggists.

STOCK NEWS.

Geo. S. Allison sold about 750 three and four year old steers Lee Russell of Fort Worth at \$33 and \$40.

W. E. Dunbar and E. M. Kirkland received the Durham bulls they bought at Fort Worth Monday.

Felix Vander Stucken of Sonora sold to M. B. McKnight of Eldorado 300 one and two year old steers at 20 and \$27.50

Silliman & Murchison of Eldorado sold 400 Cows to Wilkerson & Treadwell of Menard at \$35.00 These were the Appolt cows that Silliman & Murchison bought a few months ago.

G. W. Whitehead & Sons sold to Henry Green 1800 steers ones and twos at 20 and \$25.

Russell & Martin bought from Peacock & Javel 50 yearling steers at \$20.

T. B. Adams bought 25 head of yearling steers from Henderson Murphy at \$20 per head.

G. B. Baker sold his spring clip of Mohair in Junction a 25 1 2 cents Mr. Baker was in Sonora Monday trading.

Robert Johnson and Ward Hill are down near Del Rio receiving sheep Mr. Johnson recently bought from Frank Greenwood.

T. B. Adams has leased the Anderson trap from the Townslee Co and will have his well near the Orient crossing equipped.

While in Fort Worth Convention C. C. Yaws bought 80 head of Registered Herefords from different parties.

L. J. Wardlaw of Sonora bought 16 sections of land on Devil's River from Culp & Roquemore of Coleman at \$25,000.

M. B. McKnight of Eldorado was in Sonora this week, passing on and receiving yearlings steers from O. T. Word, and Will Wilson and Felix Vander Stucken.

REGISTERED HEREFORDS BULLS FOR SALE

80 head of Registered Hereford Bulls—1, 2, 3 year old. All Acclimated.

For further particulars write, phone, or see.

C. C. Yaws
17 St. Mayer, Texas.

C. C. Yaws sold Registered Hereford Bulls to the following parties:

L. P. Valiant 2 yearlings at \$200 each. John Robbins five 1 and 2 year old at \$30 each; one two year old to Joe Daugherty at \$400 Two yearlings to W. W. Treadwell at \$250 each and two yearlings to W. M. Bevans at \$250 each.

For Sale-- At a Bargain

NEW RACINE HACK AND DOUBLE SEAT OF HARNESS.
See DR. ROBIONAUX.

Oscar Appelt was in Sonora to-day and reported that Alfred Reiner and Paul Knatt of Brady had been his guests the past week.

Will Noguess the commission man out of Eldorado was in Sonora Wednesday and reported that Mrs. A. W. Noguess and son DeWitt, sold the Anderson & Lynch of No wata, Okla 200 two year old steers at \$28.50 and 1100 threes and up at \$35 delivered at Menard.

C. S. Holtomb and S. E. Gilbert have bought the W. B. Smith ranch 18 miles south of Sonora containing 3 1 2 sections for \$15000 Messrs Holtomb & Gilbert let Will Wilson have 2 1 2 sections on the left of the road going South.

Read This.

If you have any stock or cattle not doing well, it will pay you to see C. C. Parker U. S. Veterinary surgeon and dentist. Will be in Sonora the 15th to 20th of April, prepared to do all kinds of Veterinary work.

Jennet Owners.

We are the owners of the Big Black Missouri Jack formerly owned by G. S. Allison named "John" Many enquiries were made about this Jack last year and we take this means of letting Jennet owners know that his service will be available for Jennets after June 1st at our ranch of the North Llano, N. M. Mars taken. Fee \$25 the season with privilege of return.

Quinn & Mat Adams.
P. O. Roosevelt, Texas.

JACKS FOR SALE.

I have for sale 15 Jacks from 3 to 6 years old. They are of the J. K. Thomson stock. Can be seen at my place at Eldorado.
CHARLIE WERT,
O. P. Eldorado, Texas.

CATTLE, GOATS AND SHEEP OF JACKSON ESTATE SOLD.

At a midnight session of the probate court Monday, Judge E. S. Briant approved sale made by Temporary Administrators W. L. Aldwell, James Cornell, C. B. Hudspeth, Rome Shields on application of W. C. Liden of San Antonio.

The sale will aggregate around \$225,000.

W. C. Liden of San Antonio, interested by assignment, in the estate of the late E. R. Jackson prayed that the live stock be sold because it was perishable, and because the estate or between or administrators of some had obliged themselves to pay within a certain date \$225 000 to the Catholic Church and \$100,000 to Fannie, the daughter of Mary Lusa.

The petitioner Mr. Liden proposed that the bid of Irva Ellis and Lee Russell be accepted which was \$21 63 per head for all the cattle, numbering about 7,000 (calves of 1912 not counted); Payment of \$20 000 was required in case of failure of buyers to make good.

It was estimated that there was 21 000 goats and 1500 sheep, according to Mr. Liden's petition and this was sold to Roy Hudspeth at \$2 66 per head with the mohair clip of this spring thrown in. Associated with Roy Hudspeth in this purchase are his brother Claude Hudspeth, L. J. Wardlaw and C. B. Wardlaw. They, the goat and sheep buyers are only required to pay, down \$10,000 with venditor's liens and securities to the satisfaction of the administrator.

The purchasers of these stocks have the privilege of leasing or renting the range of the Jackson ranches at 10 cents per acre per annum. Not to exceed two years. When cattle are taken from the Edward or Sutton county ranches they must be identified by a "road brand" and for immediate shipment.

No Kidding About This.

One of the most important or perplexing questions that confront the Angora goat raiser is how to protect the young kids from the sun, rain and cold. J. A. Ward who ranches close to Sonora gathered about 200 powder cans on the Orient right of way below Sonora and by nailing a piece of plank on one end to keep the can from rolling, through he had the correct thing but finds that a two gallon can is not large enough; besides the tin has its disadvantages. Several goat raisers have intimated that that a urber should get together and order a car or cars of boxes, of required dimensions, (knocked down) and get the benefit of the large order. Arthur Stuart made a success of the use of the Lewenthal boxes in this way. It would be advisable for the various goat men to have a meeting at which time plans might be suggested as to shape and build of the boxes.

E. C. Roberts.

E. C. Roberts, aged 67 years died at Geo. S. Allison ranch Saturday April 6 1912, of pneumonia. Deceased has been working on various ranches in the Sonora country for 20 years. His remains will be interred in the Sonora cemetery this afternoon.

George L. Aldwell received his new Oakland car Friday. It is the best yet.

Al Jacks the editor of the Eldorado Times was a visitor in Sonora Friday.

B. D. LaFrelle of Temple representing the Peters Shoe Co of St. Louis, was in Sonora Friday.

Jas Cornell and L. J. Wardlaw the Sonora lawyers are in San Antonio this week on professional business.

Claude Sites merchant and post master of Owenville was in Sonora Friday on business.

C. S. Holtomb of the Corner Drug Store is in Del Rio this week on business.

Geo. M. McDonald bought his part partner Willis Ketons interest in the Surprise Tailoring Co.

Al Parcell and John Colman were in from the Vander Stucken ranch Friday with about 300 1, 2, & 3 year old steers which Vander Stucken sold to M. B. McKnight of Eldorado.

The Democratic executive committee met at Dallas on Saturday, and ordered that the state convention to select delegates to the National Democratic convention be held at Houston, May 23. The precinct conventions shall be held on May 4, which shall select delegates to county conventions for May 7. The committee refused the request of the supporters of Woodrow Wilson, to let the Democrats of the State vote instructions on the presidential candidates.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you D. E.

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BACK OF A SNAKE.

It Can Easily Be Broken by a Crack
 With a Canoe.

The first impulse of a man on seeing a snake is to stamp on its head, according to the History Magazine, is unwise. A snake's skull is very tough, as behooves a part of the body that is always liable to be knocked against stones, etc., owing to the extreme short-sightedness of all serpents.

The back, on the contrary, can be broken with a light rap, for it consists of a delicate system of ball and socket joints. Should snakes be harmless the best plan is to leave them alone; should they be dangerous a shot from a revolver is safe and effective. In case no revolver is at hand a rap with a cane will be sufficient, but care must be taken to keep away from the head of the creature.

A snake does not normally go about hitting its skull against hard objects. It does this only when in a hurry. Moving at its ordinary pace, it feels its way with its long, delicate, forked tongue.

In the same way when about to swallow its food it touches it all over with its tongue in order to ascertain where to take hold, and this process has given rise to the mistaken idea that a snake covers its prey with saliva prior to swallowing it. No doubt a considerable quantity of saliva is generated during the process of deglutition, but it does not come from the tongue, which is merely used as a feeler.

When a snake bites it bisects its head up to the nape of its neck and opens its jaws till they are in the same plane—i. e., at right angles to the body. These jaws are provided with six rows of strong, sharp teeth, four on the upper jaw and two on the lower jaw.

This is a very formidable arrangement, but when you remember that a medium sized constrictor can project its head with sufficient force to knock a man off his feet and will either on provocation or sometimes without it let go his captives, rat trap machinery are likely to avoid constrictors so far as is possible. Such a snake can take hold of a man and shake him or strip the skin and flesh from the part seized as if it were paper.

An Unnecessary Question.

The office boy, with his legs curled lovingly around those of the chair, was tilted back in the corner, gloating over "The Mysterious Milkman; or, The Murder at Muddy Ford," when a caller entered the office.

"Is the boss in?" asked the gentlemanly visitor courteously.

The lad looked over him with a contemptuous expression.

"You must be a boob or you'd know he ain't," he drawled. "Ain't you got no power of deduction? Would he be settin' like this an' readin' a book like this if the boss was in? Not hardly. Come tomorrow. An' then I'll lead you in this here gettin' work, an' maybe you can get next to a little wisdom. Good-by!"—Exchange.

A True Fisherman.

In the Catskill foothills a New York traveling man who was making a trip overland passed an old man who was fishing with hook and line in a small stream. As the drummer drove by in a buggy the old man never took his eye off the bobber in the water. When the traveling man returned late in the afternoon he was greatly surprised to see the old man still in the same position with his eyes glued on the bobber.

"Hello, uncle!" he shouted. "Any luck today?"

Without taking his gaze off the cork which rested on the surface of the placid stream the old man replied:

"Had a nibble long 'bout noon."

When Robespierre Was "Stung."

Under the terror Robespierre used to play a peaceful game of chess at the Cafe Regence, and the story is told of a youth who once challenged him and beat him twice. Robespierre after his defeat asked how much he owed, no stakes having been previously fixed. The supposed youth, who in reality was a girl in man's clothes, presented an order for the release of her lover from prison, and Robespierre signed it. Napoleon Bonaparte during his consulship was seen at the famous cafe, but he showed himself no tactician at chess.

Happiness.

For ages happiness has been represented as a huge precious stone, impossible to find, which people seek for hopelessly. It is not so. Happiness is a mosaic composed of a thousand little stones which separately and of themselves have little value, but which united with art form a graceful design.—De Girardin.

but it seemed not a part of the world here should step this man? Why had there been no hint of his presence? Why had not the clairvoyance of despair warned her? One of her hands rose and pressed over her eyes as if to sponge out this phantom. It was useless; it was no dream; he was still there, this man she had neither seen nor heard of for five years because her will was stronger than her desire, this man who had broken her heart as children break toys! And deep below all this present terror was the abiding truth that she still loved him and always would love him. The shame of this knowledge did more than all else to rouse and to nerve her.

"Karl?" It was like an echo.

"Yes." There was war in his voice and attitude and not without reason. He had wronged this woman, not with direction intention, it was true, but nevertheless he had wronged her, and her presence here could mean nothing less than that fate had selected this spot for the reckoning. She could topple down his carefully reared schemes with the same ease with which he had blown over hers. And to him these schemes were life to his breath and salt to his blood, everything. What was one woman's cynicism? "Yes, it is I," in the tongue native to them both.

"And what do you here?"

"I am Admiral Killigrew's private secretary." He wet his lips. He was not so strong before this woman as he had expected to be. The glamor of the old days was faintly rekindled at the sight of her. And she was beautiful.

"Then, this is the house?" in a whisper.

"It is."

"You terrify me!"

"Hildegarde, this is your scheme," shuffling. "Tell them all you know; break me, ruin me. Here is a fair opportunity for revenge."

"God forbid!" she cried with a shiver. "Were you guilty of all crimes, I could only remember that once I loved you."

"You shame me," he replied frankly, but with infinite relief. "You have outdone me in magnanimity. Will you forgive me?"

"Oh, yes. Forgiveness is one of the few things you men can not rob us of." She spoke without bitterness, but her eyes were dim and her lips dropped.

"What shall we do?" They must not know that we have met."

"Cathewe knows," moodily.

"I had forgotten!"

"I leave all in your hands. Do what you will. If you break me—and God knows well that you can do it—I would be only an act of justice. I have been a scoundrel. I am man enough to admit of that."

She saw his face more clearly now. Time had marked it. There were new lines at the corners of his eyes and the cheek bones were more prominent. Perhaps he had suffered too. "You will always have the courage to do," she said, "right or wrong in a great manner."

"Now you're fishing, and I'm too old a fish to rise to such a cast."

"I heard you stug in Paris a few years ago," said M. Ferraud.

"Yes?" Hildegarde von Mitter wondered who this little man could be.

"And you stug no more?"

"No. The bird has flown. Only the woman remains." They were at the table now, and she absently plucked the flowers beside her plate.

"Ah, to stug as you did and then to disappear, to vanish! You had no right to do so. You belonged to the public," animatedly.

"The public is always selfish. It always demands more than any single person can give to it. Pardon?" she said as Cathewe leaned to speak to her. "I did not hear."

M. Ferraud nibbled his crisp celery.

"I asked what will you do," repeated Cathewe for her ear only.

"What do you mean?"

"Did you know that he was here?"

"I should not have been seated at this table had I known."

"Some day you are going to tell me all about it," he asserted, "and you are going to smile when you answer me."

"Thank you. I forgot. My dear friend, I am never going to tell you all about it. Why did you not come first?" her voice vibrated.

"You still love him?"

"That is not kind," striving hard to keep the smile on her trembling lips.

"Oh, I beg of you, do not make this friendship impossible. Do not rob me of the one man I trust."

Cathewe motioned aside the fish and reached for his sapphire.

"I have loved you faithfully and loyally for seven years. I have tried to win you by all those roads a man may honorably traverse in quest of the one woman."

"For seven years and for something like three I have stayed away from your command. Will you believe it? Sometimes my hands ache for his throat—Smile; they are aching."

It was a crooked smile. "Why did I ever tell you?"

"Why did you ever tell me—only part? It is the other part I wish to know. Till I learn what that is I shall never leave you. You will find that there is a difference between love and infatuation."

"As I have never known infatuation I cannot tell the difference. Now, no more, unless you care to see me break down before them. For if you tell me that you have loved me seven years I have loved him eight," earnestly, for Cathewe was pressing her cruelly.

"Devil take him! What do you find in the man?"

"What do you find in me?" her eyes filled with anger.

"Forgive me, Hildegarde, I am blind and mad tonight. I did not expect to find him here either."

Breitmann had tried ineffectually to read their lips. She had given her word, and once given, he knew of old that she never broke it. But he was keenly alive that in some way he was the topic of the inaudible conversation. As he sat there tonight he knew why he had never loved Hildegarde, why, in fact, he had never loved any woman. The one great passion which comes in the span of life was centered in the girl beside him, dividing her moments between him and Fitzgerald.

Strange, but he had not known it till he saw the two women together. For once his nice calculations had ceased to run smoothly. There appeared now a knot in the thread for which he saw no untying.

"You do not sing now?" asked Laura across the table.

"No," Hildegarde answered, "my voice is gone."

"Oh, I am so sorry."

"It does not matter. I can hum a little to myself. There is yet some pleasure in that. But in opera, no, never again. Has not Mrs. Coldfield told you? No? Imagine! One night in Dresden in the middle of the act my voice broke miserably, and I could not go on."

"And her heart never broke with it," interposed Mrs. Coldfield, with the best intentions, nearer the truth than she knew. "I am sorry, Laura, that I never told you before."

Hildegarde laughed. "Sooner or later this must happen. I worked too hard perhaps. At any rate, the opera will know me no more."

There was the hard blue of flat in Cathewe's eyes as they met and held Breitmann's. There was a duel, and the latter was routed. But hate burned fiercely in the breast against the man who could compel him to lower his eyes. Some day he would pay back that glance.

Now, M. Ferraud had missed nothing. He twisted the talk into other channels with his usual adroitness, but all the while there was bubbling in his mind the news that these two men had met before. The history of Hildegarde von Mitter was known to him. But how much did she know or this man Cathewe? The woman was a thoroughbred. He, Anatole Ferraud, knew. It was his business to know, and that she should happen upon the scene be considered as one of these rare good pieces of luck that fall to the lot of few.

Did Laura note any of the pertinent glances those exchanged between the singer and Cathewe and Breitmann? Perhaps. At all events she felt a curiosity to know how Hildegarde von Mitter had known her father's secretary. There was no envy in her heart as she acknowledged the beauty of the other woman. Moreover, she liked her and was going to like her more. Impressions were made upon her almost instantly for good or bad and rarely changed.

She turned oftentimes to Fitzgerald, for he made particular effort to entertain, and he succeeded better than he dreamed.

CHAPTER XIII.
 THEY GO A-SAILING.

THE yacht Laura, sleek and swan white, her ensign and colors folding and unfolding, lifting and sinking as the afternoon breeze stirred them, was making ready for sea, and many of the villagers had come down to the water front to see her off.

"Wonder what poor devil of a state she is going to have his bones turned over this trip?" said the station agent to Mr. Donovan, who, among others on the station platform, watched the drab anchor as it clanked jerkily upward to the bows, leaving a swirl and a boil

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