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SNOW STORM OF TWO HOURS DURATION

ATMOSPHERE DENSE WITH ING FLAKES.

Intermingled With Sleet and Rain and Melted as Fast as it Fell.

Cotulla was visited by a snow storm Tuesday morning. Snow began to fall about ten o'clock and continued until after twelve. At times the atmosphere was dense with the beautiful white flakes which were an inch in diameter. With the snow fell rain and sleet which caused it to melt as soon as it fell, and many were disappointed of a good "snow-balling" time.

This is the first snow that has fallen at Cotulla since 1898 when the ground was covered about two inches. In 1895 a heavier snow fell and on Jan. 14, 1888 a storm raged all night and half of the next day covering the ground on the level to a depth of six inches.

Many Deer Being Killed.

Since cool weather opened, a week ago, many an old buck has fallen before the hunt-man's rifle. We believe it would be safe to say that 100 deer have been killed in the territory contiguous to Cotulla the last seven or eight days. Two hunting parties brought in and shipped home with them 47. One party of railroad officials from Temple killed 26 on the Childers ranch. Many other smaller parties have brought in from one to ten.

Patrick Wins Life Fight.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Albert T. Patrick has won his fight for life. Governor Higgins today commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. Patrick was in the death house of Sing Sing, awaiting execution for the murder of William Marsh Rice, but as soon as notice of the commutation was received he was removed to another cell.

BUCKLEY RANCH SOLD THIS WEEK.

MISSOURI ANNOUNCED AT FOR \$7 PER ACRE.

Good Land and Lies Close to Railroad—Will Open to Settlers.

The Ed Buckley ranch, consisting of 5000 acres, located eight miles South of Cotulla was sold this week to J. L. Butterworth of Sedalia, Mo., for \$7 per acre, or \$35000.

This is a good body of land and lies within a short distance of the railroad. It will be opened up to settlers within a short time.

A portion of the Spohn ranch near Encinal has been sold to Leuteke and Sneed of Austin.

Several town lots have changed hands in Cotulla within the last few days. Carl Beyer bought lots 10 and 11 in school house block from Jos. Cotulla. He also bought 2 lots on East Heights from Roland A. Gouger. W. H. Robbins bought 4 lots on East Heights from Roland A. Gouger. S. L. Chalk bought 3 lots on East side of railroad from L. W. Gaddis. Frank W. Earnest bought two lots in center of residence section from Ed Decoux.

"Sunshine" Hawks.

"Sunshine" Hawks, of Baltimore, under the direction of the Rice Bureau lectured at the Court House Tuesday night. The night was an ugly one, rain falling and streets full of slush, but still a fairly good crowd turned out to hear him. Mr. Hawks is a very forcible and witty speaker. He is a humorist lecturer of the first class and all that heard him will certainly go again if they ever have the opportunity of once more listening to him.

The next number of the course is on Jan. 28th, when the noted lecturer, Spillman Riggs will appear here.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. F. B. Earnest was an arrival on yesterday's train from Millett.

Mrs. J. T. Horton and Mrs. J. E. Hyland were up from Artesia shopping yesterday.

Whit Neal came down from San Antonio yesterday and will spend Christmas at home.

Mrs. J. A. Reed and Miss Nell Jennings returned from San Antonio yesterday.

Miss Alice Schley of Devine, is in the city visiting Mrs. Susan Cotulla.

Mrs. Florence Yeager and Mrs. Everett Armstrong were here from Millett Tuesday.

Chas. Nevell came down from San Antonio last week and is here with his brother.

Willie Keek, who is attending College at Georgetown, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays.

Misses Ophelia and William Shaw arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays. They are attending College at Belton.

Christmas Dances.

A series of four dances will be given during the holidays in the Skating Rink Building, by Poole & Robinson, on the following named dates: Friday, Dec. 21st, Monday, Dec. 24th, Thursday, Dec. 27th, and Monday, Dec. 31st. The dance on the 27th will be a Masquerade.

Everybody is most cordially invited to attend, including dancers of neighboring towns.

Cotton From Bermuda.

Several wagon loads of cotton, amounting to about 25 bales, arrived here this morning for shipment.

NEW 3-STAND GIN FOR COTULLA.

W. L. SHILLINGS HAS PURCHASED COMPLETE PLANT.

W. L. Shillings was in our office yesterday evening and informed us that he had closed a deal for a new complete gin outfit, 55 horse power boiler, 3-stand gin, and steam press and all modern fixtures. Mr. Shillings stated that he would begin putting up the gin about March 1st, but had not yet decided where he would locate it.

Excursion to Woodward.

The Kansas City homeseekers excursion was somewhat of a surprise Thursday night. It being right at Christmas it was thought that not many people would come, but one full Tourist Car was side tracked at Cotulla.

Just after day light yesterday morning all went out to Woodward.

Canadiags Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Miller, accompanied by their son, Roy Miller, arrived in Cotulla this week from Ingersoll, Can., and have apartments for the winter at the Gilmer. All are enjoying the best of health, and their many friends here are glad to see them back again. Mr. Miller stated that he feared for awhile they would not be able to return to Texas this winter on account of business matters but he managed to shape up things to get away and hopes to get a big buck before the season closes.

In speaking of the early cold weather Mr. Miller said that an old Canadian trapper told him a few weeks ago that beaver were building their dams higher and stronger than he had ever known them to do before, which meant an unusually severe winter.

Countin' the Minutes.



The "Longest" Day of the Year.

More Soaking Rains.

Within the past week more slow soaking rains have fallen over this section. The precipitation amounted to about one inch.

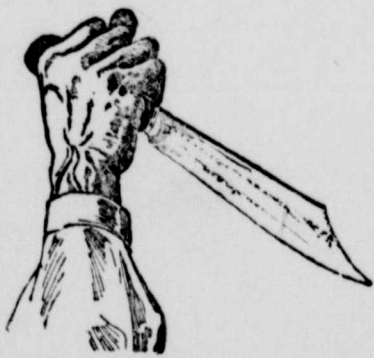
LOST.—Gold ring set with three opals. Reward. Finder return to this office.

Fifteen Vacation days.

The Public schools of the county were dismissed yesterday for the holidays, and will not be taken up again until Monday Jan. 7th.

SWEEPING REDUCTION

ON ALL HOLIDAY TOYS!



Price Knife will Fall Monday morning and there will be a Merciless Slaughter.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock the price knife will fall on every Holiday Toy in the house and there will be a slaughter of prices that will open your eyes. We have the Toys and we know you want them. We want to sweep every Toy from our shelves and counters before 12 o'clock Monday night and we are going to do it, because we are going to sell them at such prices that we can't hold them back. Be here on time and get what you want. Plenty of clerks to wait on you.

We desire to thank the people of La Salle and adjoining counties for their most liberal patronage during 1906, which has been the greatest year in the history of our business. It has been our policy to give 100 cents worth of goods for every dollar received and we expect to continue to do business on that basis and respectfully ask for a continuance of your patronage.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

K. BURWELL.

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SATURDAY DEC. 22, 1906

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Something very unusual happened Tuesday—it snowed.

Christmas comes but once a year; don't neglect to fill somebody's heart with cheer.

The Record will not appear next week. The news mill will be shut down and the force given a lay-off during the holidays.

It cannot be said now that a man can't buy a small piece of land in La Salle. He can get what he wants in almost any part of the county.

Just such a season is in the ground this winter as in the winter of 1902-3 and such a cotton crop as was gathered in the fall of 1903 was never known. Prospects are mighty good for 1907.

The JAVELIN says Carrizo Springs people are rejoicing over the action of the La Salle County Commissioners' Court in opening up a new road West of Cotulla, and abandoning the "narrow sandy lane."

The thought that "no one cares and no one knows" blights many a bud of promise. Be it the young artist at the easel, the workman at his bench, the boy at his mathematical problems or your little girl at the piano, give what praise you can.

The best way to head off the mail order houses is for the local merchant to advertise liberally and get the trade themselves. It does look reasonable. All of the successful mail order houses are heavy advertisers and if they can make it pay why not the local merchant.

Everybody can't be pleased at the same time. While the cotton farmer and the cowman welcomes all the cloudy, rainy weather that has prevailed recently, it has been hitting the onion grower some hard licks. Not much headway can be made transplanting in such weather and the nature of the onion plant requires sunshine.

Bailey says he's got a cinch on being re-elected Senator and we believe he is right about it, but Bailey's power has been killed as certain as the night is dark. A month ago Bailey had thousands of sympathizers that he hasn't got to lay. The exposure of the "loans" from H. Clay Pierce made about the time of the re-admission of the Waters Pierce Oil Company into Texas, has put an entirely different complexion to the affair.

Tuesday is Christmas Day and you should not forget that to be happy yourself you should make somebody else happy. Even in this year of prosperity you can find those who are pitifully wanting in the world's goods, because of sickness or other misfortunes, and little children will look in vain for Santa Claus unless you lend a helping hand. Don't think of only your selfish self. Try to bring happiness to other hearts.

The Question of the Hour.



What Will Be in It?

The business men of Cotulla should organize a stock company and by the opening of the ginning season next year have a first-class gin up ready for business. The present plant is inadequate to handle the business and the town lost a volume of trade this fall from this fact. Cotulla must have a gin, second to none in this section, by next season, and the farmers of contiguous territory should be given assurance that one will be put up, by planting time.

If we should teach a child to like that which is good in reading, we must establish the liking in his early years. It is not enough that we shall tell him in later days that certain books are good and bid him read them. When he is grown up he will choose that which he likes and our work is to lead him to like good things. We cannot begin too early. The nursery tales should be those which have fed the children of many an age and clime. The song, the hymn, the poem should be those that are worth reading and reciting. Let us make the beautiful story and myth and hymn a part of the child's early environment. More than this, let us remember that in teaching the children to read good books we are re-enforcing them against the ills of life. Accompanied by noble thoughts they shall go to their drudgery and toil with a brave spirit, and make melody in their hearts even when their hands are rough with toil, they shall dwell with the great and good and then moments of leisure shall be rich because of these good times of their youth.

The weekly country paper has as definite an excuse for being in the world as can be furnished by the city dailies. Such a publication is not only a business guide, but is a pulpit of morals; it is a kind of a public rostrum where the affairs of the state are considered; it is a supervisor of streets and roads; it is a social friend, a promoter of friendship and good will. Edited by a broad and just man, such a publication so treats the different sects that they realize their brotherhood and become in reality what they are pictured in print. The town weekly dare not be Presbyterian, or Methodist, or Baptist, but it must select the valuable in each church, and thus it becomes the harmonizer of discord. It binds those whom theology would often separate. Even the so-called small matters of a village or incorporate town are small only to those whose hearts are too full of personal interest. It is very important if some school boy reads a good essay, or speaks well a piece, or sings well a song, or stands high in the class room, that kind of mention should be made publicly of such success, for more young minds are injured by the want of cheering words than are made vain by an excess of such praise.

Where is the man so happy as the one who applies himself to manual labor? Where is the home so happy as the one where each member of the household feels, at the close of the day, that they have performed some at least of the many duties devolving upon them? There may be a clash some day between capital and labor. Should this period ever come, the hope is that labor, with the conquering tread of a hero, will trample beneath its heel the power that has, to a considerable extent, made labor laborious.

IN OLDEN TIMES

most people lived better than they do now. Their food was better, fresher, and more wholesome than the food of today averages. There are some grocery stores, though, that keep fully up to the old-time standard—stores where everything is purity, freshness, and reliability. This is one of them.

JNO. P. GUINN.

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D. L. Neeley.

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THE PESSIMISTIC BACHELOR

THE Bachelor lived in a boarding house. He was 55 years old, and his hair was growing thin at the top and gray at the temples. He had recently invested in a cane because of the gout which he had stopped calling rheumatism. After he had bought the cane he had grimly stalked to an oculist's. The new eyeglasses were in his pocket now, and he was on his way to the boarding house (he disdained to call it home) to test them on the Kubiatyat that a New York friend had sent him for Christmas.

All these things (including the coming of Omar Khayyam) had made the Bachelor a pessimist—or so, at least, he thought.

It was Christmas eve. "The Christmas spirit!" he growled, under his breath. "Huh! The Christmas mood. I call it. Everybody seems to be rushing around like mad, and everybody is filled to bursting with a lively sense of favors to come. Will that confounded car ever show up? I can't stand this chattering rabble much longer."

The car came at last and the Bachelor heaved a sigh that was almost satisfaction as he sank into the only vacant seat.

The Bachelor found himself on the



Threw Down the Book in a Rage.

same seat with a little woman who had many bundles and a baby. The baby was asleep. The woman looked fagged and tired, but when her eyes chanced to rest on the infant in her tense arms, they grew soft with maternal tenderness. She apologized in flushing haste to the Bachelor when the baby's restless movements set a paper box squarely on his knee, but the pessimist only grunted. She tried to recover the box, but this, as she had only two arms, and both were full, proved difficult.

"Let the box stay, madam," snapped the Bachelor. He had not thought to help her. "It does not inconvenience me in the least."

So the box stayed. The Bachelor looked sedulously the other way, and tried to forget that it was there. The baby's pudgy pink hand was flung on his coat sleeve, and the Bachelor tried to forget that, too.

"I got off at the next corner, sir," said the woman. "Could you—would you—"

She rose in hurried anxiety to her feet, and more bundles rained down on the Bachelor.

"I could help you out, if that is what you mean," said the Bachelor sourly. "Oh, no, sir—thank you, sir!" For the Bachelor, red with irritation, had gathered up the scattered parcels.

The conductor grinned as he jerked the bellcord, and the perspiring Bachelor could have beaten him with his cane.

"I'll carry these bundles home for you, madam," he announced gruffly and reluctantly, when they reached the sidewalk. "My car has left me, anyway," and he smiled grimly after the rapidly receding lights.

"Yes, sir," said the woman, meekly. "Tain't far," she added, "just a block."

When he at last reached his cheerless room, he adjusted his new glasses with a scowl and picked up Omar Khayyam with a feeling of sudden distaste. "The Christmas spirit!" he growled. "Pshaw!"

But he did not see the printed page, though his eyes were screwed intently upon it for many minutes. Suddenly he threw down the well-covered book in a rage and tore off the pince nez. "Hang it all!" said he furiously, "these glasses are no good. That driving idiot of an oculist ought to be drawn and quartered! I'm going down-town."

So he jammed his hat on his head and went down-town, and when he came back his overcoat pockets were bulging with a flaxen-haired doll warranted to say, "mamma" without much pressure and a red jumping-jack of startling agility.

For the Christmas spirit had cast its sweet and potent spell over the pessimistic Bachelor, and he had suddenly remembered—that he had so often tried to forget—that his landlady was the mother of two riotous children. "God bless 'em!" said the Bachelor.

A CHRISTMAS PESSIMIST

MISS KITTY TESSELER was on the sofa dozing behind a Christmas number as I stood at the drawing room door, but she awoke and dismulated when I was announced, and rose to greet me. Her presence of mind was sufficient to enable her to abstain from rubbing her eyes, and her courage sufficient to encourage her to refrain from patting her hair.

"That thing," she pointed at the poor Christmas number, "brought Christmas before me."

"Of course; that was its reason for existing."

"And I hate Christmas."

"Why not ignore it? Treat it with hauteur. Cut it, so to speak."

"How can I, when there are puttings to be made, presents to be bought, cards to be sent, rooms to be decorated with holly that seems to prefer decorating one's fingers, and mistletoe that invariably gets stepped into the carpet?"

"Any more?"

"Oh, heaps; a great tree is to be dressed—"

"Yes, doesn't it? And a snapdragon to burn one's fingers in. Just as if we liked burned raisins when we got them. And—"

"Still more?"

"Oh, the boys come home from school; and we have a romp; and we go to church; and we sing carols; and—O, dear, isn't that enough?"

"Ample," I replied.

Miss Kitty groaned again at the very thought of her future.

"Yes," I remarked, pensively, "there seems to be a great deal of it; one might almost say a surfeit. But—"

"You can't!" Miss Kitty raised her shoulders from her cushion and looked genuinely surprised. "I should have thought that you, a—"

Miss Tesseler swung her foot and looked gloomy.

"There is one way in which I might help you," I said, meditatively, after we had sat and looked at the fire with much interest for some moments.

"Don't be silly, Mr. Arlington. You may tell me your idea," she added, after a pause.

Miss Kitty's eyes twinkled, and she looked at me and waited for news.

"A sorrow shared, you know, is halved, and at least I shall be able to sympathize next Christmas."

"You will come to stay with us? Must I invite you?" She was positively dimpling now.

"I think a few judicious hints to your brother Bob might spare you that responsibility."

Miss Kitty narrowed her lids and smiled at the fire.

"Bob is a dear boy," she remarked to the blazing coal.

Perhaps people may have been right about Miss Kitty.

"We'll do the whole thing, mind."

"You'll have to beat eggs and stone raisins."

"I shall probably be in a mood to beat anything, and the raisins will fare as martyrs at my hands."

"You'll have to go to church."

"Of course."

"There'll be an offertory."

"No doubt I shall be able to produce a six-penny bit," I remarked, stiffly.

"besides," I added, "I may get it refunded from the pudding."

"And there are the crackers," she waived.

"We must do that together," I said. She only rippled again.

"Then there are the gifts," I continued. "I know what I shall give you."

"Oh, do tell me," she exclaimed, leaning forward and putting her palms together as she looked at me.

"I mustn't tell beforehand," I protested.

"Oh!" with chagrin and baffled curiosity.

"And what are you going to give me?" I questioned.

"You have everything you want," she sighed.

"Not everything," I contradicted. Then I looked at Miss Kitty and Miss Kitty looked at me; then she looked away, and the corners of her lips curled upward a little.

"There are just one or two things in this Christmas number which are rather funny," she remarked, irrelevantly, taking it up and turning the pages.

"Not everything," I repeated, ignoring her subterfuge and taking the paper from her.

Then she gave up irrelevance and smiled into the fire again.

"Surely you wouldn't be stingy, when I've decided to sacrifice so much for your sake?"

"Would it be a sacrifice?" she asked, daintily.

"If I am to believe all you told me," I answered warily. "Are you going to give me what I want, Miss Tesseler?"

She made another dive for the Christmas number. I frustrated her.

"How can I guess what you want?" she asked, smiling broadly into my eyes.

"I will tell you."

"No," she said, hastily, "wait till Christmas. Perhaps it may brighten your season of misery."

"I think it will," I agreed, complacently.

Then Bob came in, and we all set to abusing the Christmas number.

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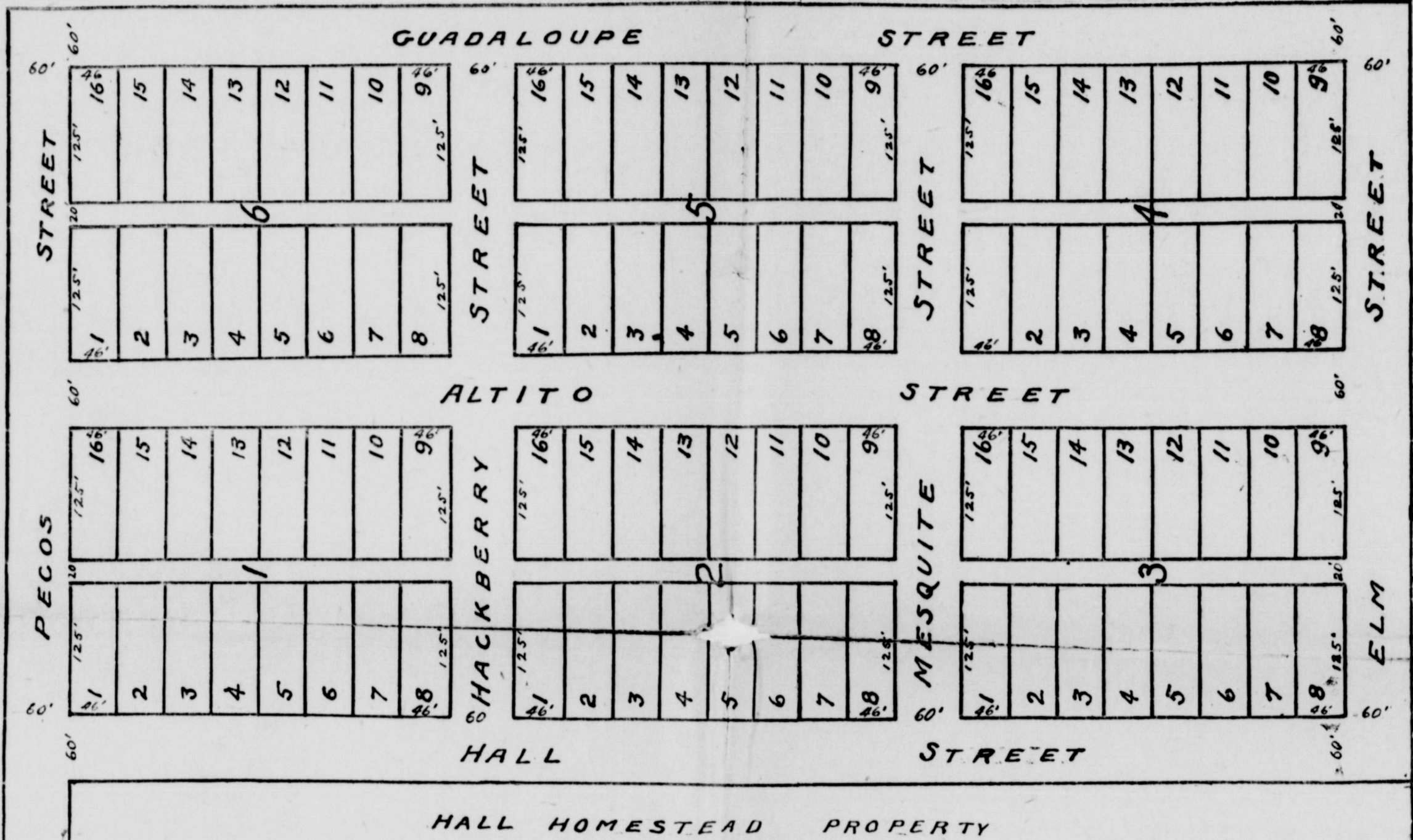
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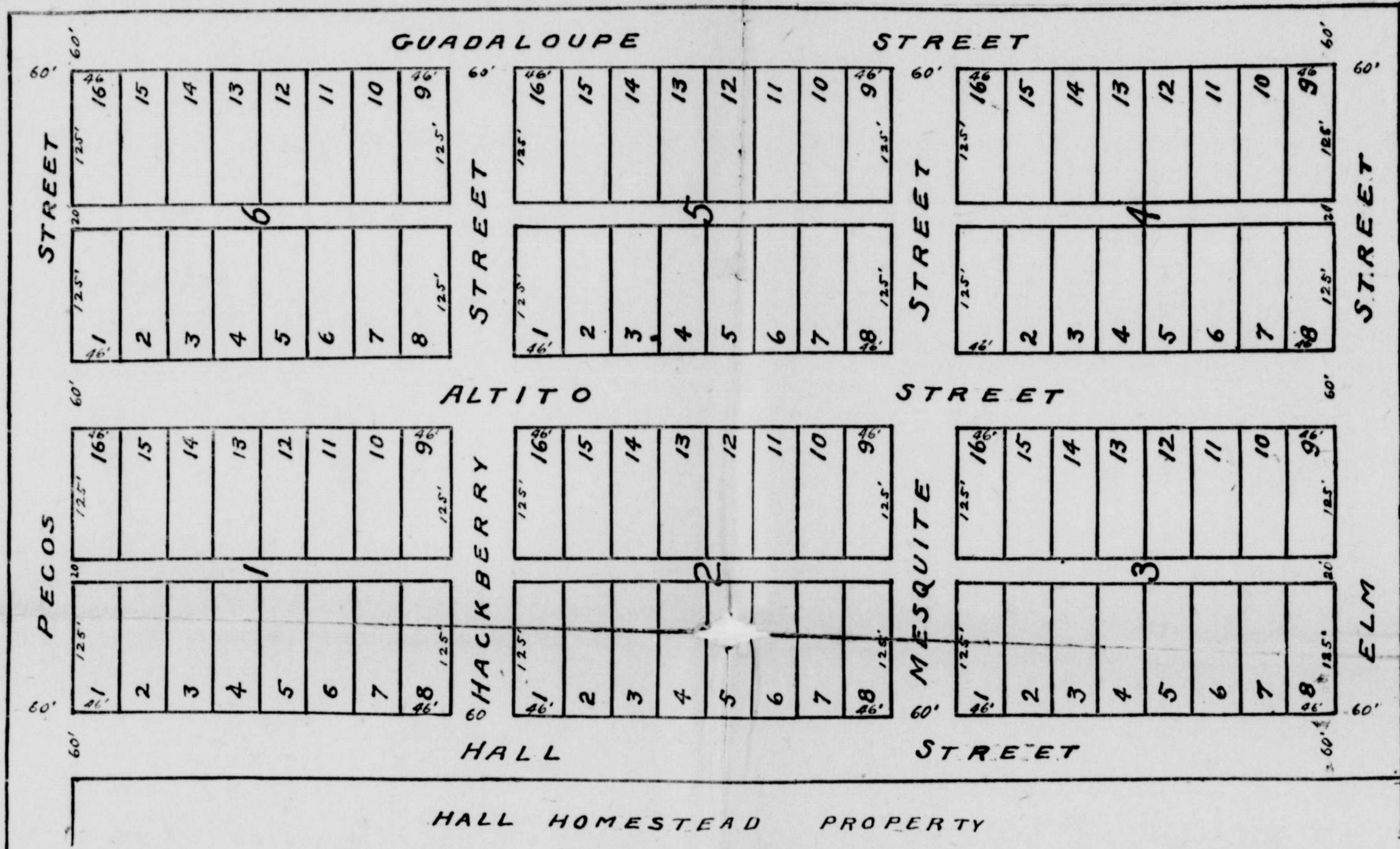
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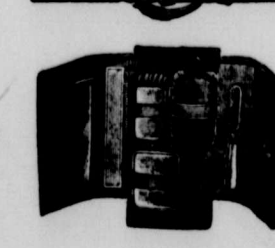
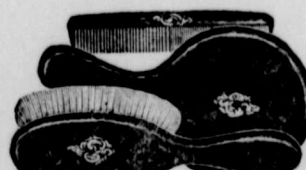
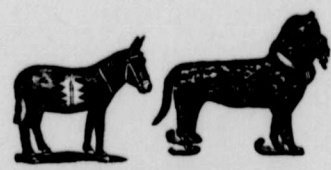
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S. G. McMains was down from Prairie View Thursday.

Xmas candies and cigars at S. Cotulla's.

Mrs. M. Nestlor of Millett was in the city trading Thursday.

Fireworks of all kind at S. Cotulla's.

M. V. Ratcliff of the San Roque was in town this week.

Hall's for Silverware and Jewelry. Engraving free.

Atmore's mince meat in 5lb and 10c packages at S. Cotulla's.

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CLOCKS.—Large ones and small ones. Guarantee them to keep good time. HALL.

Apples and Oranges at Neeley's.

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Mrs. A. Armstrong arrived Thursday from Austin and will spend Christmas in Cotulla.

Walter Daniel, who is attending the State University arrived home last night to spend the holidays.

Will Terry of the Sauz Mocho was here yesterday to meet his little girl, who has been attending school in San Antonio.

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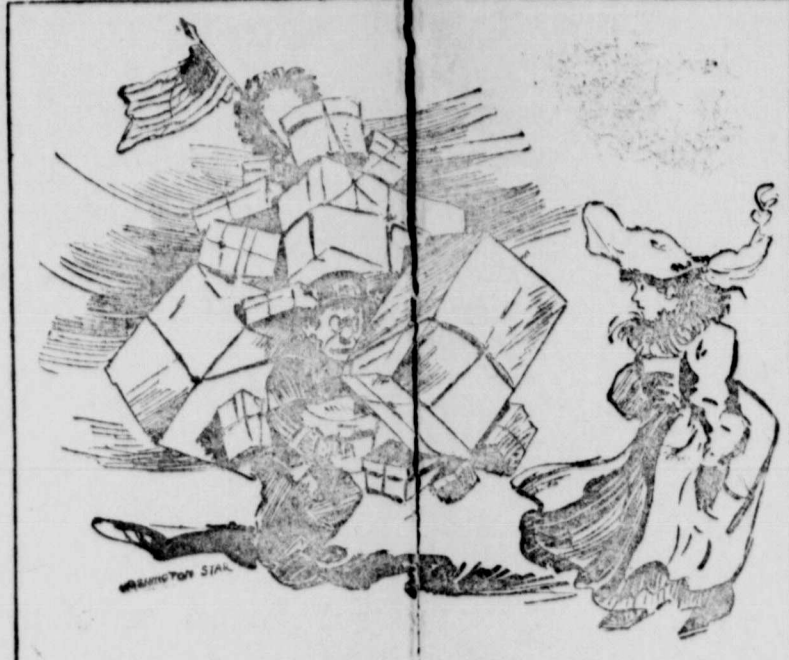
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Keg Pickles at Neeley's.

Ask your merchant for a 1907 calendar. Nearly all of them have some very pretty designs. Of the business houses that have them are Stockmens National Bank, Jas. P. Guinn, D. L. Neeley, K. Burwell, G. W. Henrichson, Chas. Neal, Gaddis' Pharmacy, Roland A. Gouger and T. R. Keck.

The first of the series of dances that will be given at the Skating Rink building was given last night.

The boys say that Dick Knaggs had seventeen fits Sunday night. The cause of Dick's nervous system getting wrought up was the killing of a monster buck Sunday morning. It was his first and he broke its neck 78 yards. Dick says now that its no trick at all to kill a deer and he has been trying to persuade Gull Gilmer and some of the other boys out to show them how it is done.

L. W. Gaddis, the enterprising proprietor of Gaddis' Pharmacy is advertising his holiday good in a unique way. He has a cart with high sideboards with advertising matter painted thereon, tastefully decorated, pulled by a burro and driven by a real Santa Claus. Numerous little bells are attached to the burro and also the cart. The outfit parades the town and Santa Claus distributes small whistles, horns, etc., to among the children, who follow him about in droves.

Suggestions for Christmas Presents.

Silver knives and forks, silver spoons, silver 3 piece comb sets, suitable for engraving, Silver Crumb Trays, Silver Tea Sets, Silver Napkin Rings, Pickle and Olive Forks, Silver Butter Knives and Sugar Shells, Silver Butter Dishes, Silver Syrup Pitchers, Souvenir Spoons, Carving Sets, Watch Fobs and Chains, Gold and Silver Watches, Necklaces, Hat Pins, Hat Marks, Brooches, Bracelets, Signet, Band and Set Rings, Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, Silver Match Boxes, Lockets, Masonic, Eastern Star and Woodmen Emblem Pins and Lapel Buttons, Silver Thumbles. Engraving free.



MERRILY blazed the Yule-log in the square, open fireplace, and the dark oak panels of the little room caught and threw back again in softer color the red light of the flames. The flames only burned the brighter, as though determined to outdo the Christmas snowstorm without, and the noise of the grate was lost in the merry splutter and crack of the fire.

Before the log sat a youth and maiden, and for a little time they sat in silence reading their future in the red coals; and though neither told the other of their dream, each felt that their futures were the same.

Suddenly the young man turned towards the girl. "I bought a bit of mistletoe to-day," he said. "Do you know the origin of its use? Shall I tell you the story?"

"Yes," she answered, her lips scarcely moving.

"And you will promise not to interrupt?"

"Yes, yes," was her unsuspecting reply.

He laid a green spray with crimson berries upon her brown curls, and bending near her, began:

"Baldr, the son of Odin, the old Norse god, was called the Good because of his kind and loving nature, and wherever he went among the gods or men he was received with the kiss of peace."

The young man hesitated a moment, then he caught sight of the green spray that crowned the fair face of the girl, and he was emboldened.

"Like this," he whispered. He waited a moment, and then seeing the



brown eyes turned inquiringly towards him, he continued—

"But Baldr in his dreams was warned that his life was in peril, so he called the gods together, and giving them the kiss of peace—the gods were numbered by the score," he explained, "and you promised not to interrupt. He told them of his fears, and they resolved to do all in their power to prevent the calamity."

The wife of Odin made all things on earth swear to love him, but she overlooked the mistletoe, which she thought too puny. She did not know its power as I do. All right, I'll continue. After this Baldr used to supply all the fun for the gods, who would throw all sorts of things at him and improve their aim because they knew he could not be harmed.

"And Baldr used to return a kiss for each blow, and if he got hit six times he would give six—the six. But Loki, then, unpleasant fellow whom no one used to even kiss (like this), learned that the mistletoe had taken no oath, so he got a little spray and sharpened it, and then went to watch the fun."

"There was an old blind god called Hodur, who couldn't see like this. But Loki went up to him and whispered, 'Don't you want to hit Baldr and get a kiss?' (like this); and Hodur said, 'Yes.' So Loki gave him the mistletoe and lo! he hit Baldr, and Baldr was pierced through, and fell dead, and he couldn't kiss anybody any more (like this), and everybody was stricken with sorrow. So after trying to get back his life they gave up the job, and laid him on his ship, placed a spray of mistletoe over his head, and all the Valkyrs, a lot of pretty girls who used to be the messenger boys for the gods, came and kissed him (like this), and that is why on Christmas eve anybody can kiss anybody else (like this) if they only have a spray of mistletoe over their head."

"What has Christmas eve got to do with it?" asked the maiden, reaching up for the spray in her hair. As she said it she started.

"Oh, Tom," she cried, "these berries are red! How could you make such a mistake? All your time wasted, and—"

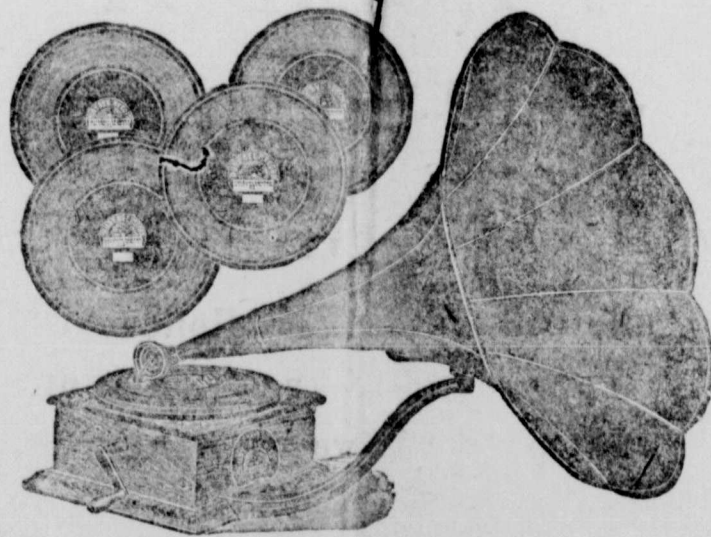
The young man looked perplexed. How had he failed? The girl, like a frightened spirit, passed through the door. Soon a hand thrust inside the curtains and a face looked shyly through.

"Tom," she said, "that holly didn't count. It wasn't fair; but I've got a piece of real mistletoe now. Tell me all about Baldr over again!"

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