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Hurley's Store at Melon Robbed.

C. C. Hurley's store at Melon About \$65 worth of clothing was sall Leader, stolen as well as eight or ten dollars in cash from the post the Mexican put on some of the cellent line of Cigars at Muters By B. Wildenthal, Jr, Deputy.

new clothing and went to a near by Mexican camp where his suspicions caused him to be held until Mr Hurley was summoned and recognized the stolen articles. was robbed Tuesday night by a The officers were notified and Mexican who it is thought, hid in the Mexican was shortly afterthe store at closing up time. wards placed in jail here. - Pear-

office. After leaving the store Caudies in Boxes. Also ex- Texas.

***** **BAND CONCERT** BY LOCAL BOYS.

Will Play on Front Street Thursday Co And Add to Christmas Cheer.

BAND IS REORGANIZED. IN

The Band Boys will give an open air concert at the intersec- W tion of Front and Center Streets tind Christmas eve. The concert will Ear begin at 2 o'clock and last one repo hour. The town is expected to com be full of people on that day and ten the boys will blow to add to the ga cheer of the crowd.

The band has recently been reorganized. About two years ago the Cotulla had a good band, but to some of the members moved away and dropped out. A few 28 weeks ago a re-organization was in made and the boys have been the practicing every night recently, edi Bring out the children. They may have heard better music, to but this will be loud and will rai please them.

This Deer Head

King of 'Em All. 1

Duncan Ratcliff brought in a T deer head yesterday that is king in of them all. R. O. Gouger purchased the head from him and it is now at Muter's to be mounted. Mr. Muter says that he has co mounted between 1500 and 2000 be deer heads during the past six th years and this is the largest head us of business. There are

but the horns are extremely massive The points on one side are 21 inches above the base, and the thickest part of the horn has a circumferance of 8 inches. Ratcliff killed the deer in the Northwestern part of the county In skinning the animal he found a 25-20 bullet in his hind quarters. Gristle had grown

TAX PAYERS NOTICE

entirely over the bullet.

I will be at the following places on the dates named below for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1914. Remember that after January 31, 1915, a penalty of 10 per cent will be added to all unpaid taxes.

Artesia	Jan. 5th.
Millett.	Jan. 13th.
Fowlerto	on Jan. 16th.
Encinal	Jan. 23rd.
	T. H. Poole,

A Fine Line of Christmas Tax Collector, La Salle County,

ARMER BUT **CLOUDY WEATHER**

Cloudy, Misty Weather Holds On and is Disagreeable.

vhich continued all Thurs- station. and since then damp misty | The experiment which cut off

ery little.

exposed places.

Store Closing Agreement.

ne merchants have entered Friday, Christmas day, unlonday, in order to give the tination.
s a vacation after the strenvork before the Holidays. notice is given so as not to avenience country people.

JCY IRENE BURWELL.

Death Angel had taken from ting back on the old schedule.

as been gradual.

host of friends. She is survi- put into effect it cannot last long. ed by her father and mother, hree brothers and two sisters. The funeral will take place to-

norrow morning at ten o 'clock. iuneral service.

FREIGHT DIVISION

Wave Has Moved Eastward But Crew Cannot Perform Heavy Work on Long Run in Time Allowed by Law---Experiment not Satisfactory.

DRE RAIN PREDICTED. IN EFFECT THREE MONTHS

he cold wave which held on! The freight division point which h bull dog tenacity for more was moved to Pearsall from Coweek has passed to the tulla three months ago, will be ard, so the weather Bureau returned to Cotuila on January s, but clear skies have not 1st. according to information yet. With the rising of the given the RECORD, by J. W. Lacy erature a drizzling rain be- agent for the I. & G. N. at this

her has prevailed, although one local freight crew between recipitation has amounted San Antonio and Laredo has not proven satisfactory. On the die lowest point reached was vision between San Antonio and For four successive morn Pearsall, on account of very litthe temperature was below the cotton moving the work has freezing point and ice form- not been so heavy, but on the long run from Laredo to Pearsall, prediction of the San An- a territory where most of the Weather Offica is more cattle shipments originate, the trains found it difficult on many days to get through within the number of hours prescribed by law. On several occasions the crew tied up before reaching des-

Since this is the dullest times the road could have, and it has found it impossible to get along with less than three crews on this division, the matter is probably settled for good and Cotulla gloom was cast over our will become a permanent freight nunity this morning when it division point. Trainmen are me known that a visit of elated over the prospect of get-

diss Lucy Irene Burwell, Nothing officially has been announced in regard to the proposed change in passenger sched-

st three years. In hope that would cut off one passenger might be benet. ed she spent crew. It is proposed, we underveral months the past year in stand, to run a train out of Sanlew Mexico and other places of Antonio each morning, running igher altitude, but the change to Laredo, turning and the same enefited her only temporarily. crew making the run, back to or several months her decline San Antonio. Barring accidents or delays of any kind this could Deceased was born Feb. 19, be accomplished in the hours f her life in Cotulla. She would but a delay of any consequence ave been 22 years old at her would derange matters considerext birthday. She was a lova- ably. We believe it impractile Christain young lady and had cable, and if such a schedule is

School Will Close Wednesday.

Public will close Wednesday, Rev. J. W. Long will conduct the 23rd for the Holidays. School will reopen Wennesday, Dec. 30.

BACK TO COTULLA. Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



With the approaching Holidays and increased danger from Fire, that relentless destroyer, are you playing safe by protecting your property with Good, Reliable Insurance? With the total lack of Fire protection in Cotulla total destruction will result from any fire that gets a headway.

Can YOU Afford to Take the Chance?

You cannot. should be extremely careful what kind of a policy you buy. Don't feel secure just because you have a policy that some Company wrote at a "cheap rate". There have been instances right here in Cotulla where these "cheap rate" comp mies

cause: "no funds" Be sure you buy a reliale old line policy. If your property is insured in any of the following Companies you have the assurance that all just claims will be promptly paid

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BUTLER SMITH.

Hints for Christmas Dinner.

Armour's Veri-best Cream tomato soups served with crisp Sunshine buscuits make an excellent starter. Roast Turkey with Beech-not cranberry sauce touches

the right spot. Cove Oysters, Scalloped, pipin - hot, are fit for a king. Heinze Italian Spegatti with cream cheese causes no worry to prepare—and eats fine. Beautiful White Celery adds charm and flavor. Fruit Salad with Forbes dressing is delicious.

Heinze mince meat pies, Sunshine Russian style fruit cakes and Heinz Plum Pudding leave a never-to-be-forgotten fare-u-well. We offer

BARGAINS

in all of the above. Also make a specialty of fruits (apples in partic uiar] and Fresh Cakes Monday and Tuesday. Your orders given prompt and careful attention. Courteous treatment.

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THESE ARTICLES TO BE CONTINUED THE WONDERFUL GERMAN WAR MACHINE---THIS ISSUE.

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The Record's Woman's Department

TYLES AND FASHIONS are interesting to every lady-especially styles that are up-to-date and within reason. In these columns will be found the latest creations of masters in the art of feminine dress. No doubt your idea of what is pretty and stylish will be suited exactly. Other subjects, etc. Prepared especially for the ladies of Cotulla and vicinity.

MODISTES QUICK TO SEIZE THEIR OPPORTUNITY.

With That Country So Much In the Limelight It Was Perhaps Inevitable-Collars of Many and Pretty Designs.

There is no doubt that we will have an epidemic of Belgian styles new and This gown, quaint and beautiful, was old. Callot has already sent over a perhaps the most decided style exhibgown of velvet trimmed with tiny white porcelain beads and fur, which she calls Belgian, and the Flemish peasants will surely furnish much that is colorful and pictorial in the new

Everything contributes to this domination of fashions in the near future by the country and the people who have stirred the minds and hearts and imagination of the people more than any other factor in this world war.

As one writer has said, Germany may have occupied the place where Belgium was, but its soul has escaped to all the peoples on the planet. One has a thrill of pride in even wearing a garment or a hat that goes by that name and has been suggested by that country. It is like being touched by the mantle of courage.

The most amusing touch anent the high collar that the American woman is taking up is the fact that she has decided to leave a deep V-shaped wedge of her chest exposed beneath it. She saunters in the street in the coldest weather with her coat cut down almost to the top of her corset, showing a flicker of bare skin between, and her neck enveloped in a fur stock that is warm enough to do duty in the Russian trenches.

The new blouses also have high boned collars and the coats reach to the ears. Some have the directoire ited. The gown was auctioned off collars that rise high and turn back November 4 by Mrs. Theodore Roose on themselves in a straight line; oth- velt, Jr., the money thus gained beers have the consulate collar, which ing denated to the war relief fund as placed upon it rub it with cam goes straight across the back of the are all the proceeds of the fete arneck, elso high and turned over and ranged by America's society leaders. To compare the control of the proceeds of the fete arneck, elso high and turned over and ranged by America's society leaders.

COPY BELGIAN STYLES GOWN DESIGNED IN AMERICA TO GET BEST OUT OF COFF

Of White Faille and Silver Brocade, It Achieved Distinct Triumph in New York Exhibition.

This charming evening gown is called "La Femme a la Mode." It is of white faille and silver brocade, embodying all the points of the "Louis Philippe" model harking back to the 1860's. The decolletage of the gown tracts the aromatic oils and eli is marked stilly by a plaiting of white faille which makes almost a straight line across the bosom and shoulders.

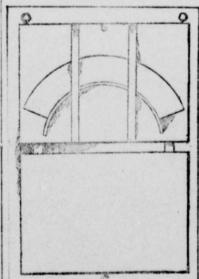


made of some brightly colored st ff and "vogue" at the Ditz arlton, New

One Style-Most Attractive Designe in Sealskin.

silky hair. Russian fur is to the fore, dry them quickly. This should Collars and cuffs in a different fur. done twice a month. Some of the fur capes have coat fronts, which make them much warmer. These capes fit well on the body, but are very wide on the sides. Here cake of the lasting variety cr is a sealskin coat demi-ajuste, and together one cupful of butter reaching the knees. From the waist two cupfuls of sugar and it widens out to wrap right over the one cupful of milk. Sift th front to the bottom. On the sides are cupfuls of flour and one big godets. The sleeves are very spoonful of baking powder the loose and baggy from the shoulder to times and add to the mixture and the elbow, but fit well on the lower well. Slice very thin one pound part of the arm and well up at the citron, blanch one pound of almo neck. Small shawl collar and cuffs and chop fine and grate one medi falling over the band, and bottom of sized fresh cocoanut and add to coat in putois.

USEFUL GIFT



much worn these days are an awksoft in frosty weather, especially if ward shape to put away without wrinkling. A case to hold them can be made by covering two sheets of some leftover milk on hand is to soak | cardboard about 15 by 10 inches with them in warm milk. A bottle of linen. Across the inner surface of glycerin and rose water kept on the one put two strips of the linen with a bathroom shelf and applied when the buttonhole in the ends to meet a buthands are wet after washing, will ton on the case. These will hold the Vaseline may promote a collars in place. Attach the two secgrowth of hair on the hands, but there tions at the bottom, hinge fashion, and is nothing better for loosening dirt sew two rings to the top, one in each under the nails than a little vaseline corner. Suspend the case by the pushed under the nati at night before rings from the wall beside the dresser retiring; it not only removes the soil, and let down the cover to select the heated plate and press small toa but lubricates the nafi itself and pre- collar. Then close by a tape loop points around edge. about the button at the top.

Method of Preparation Has Much Do With Success In This Im portant Matter.

There are two points necessary getting the best out of coffee. is, of course, to get all that is The other is not to get what is The best preparation of cofee coffee-tannin to practically no

In the first place the he must see to it that her coffee ground. But, having had it pr ly pulverized, she must be that it is quickly used or conf air-proof, moisture-proof jars, wise the off will escape into and will absorb moisture.

In the actual preparation beverage, however, the imp thing is to brew the coffee. "Bi coffee is not "cooked." In the t of brewing the oils are ex from the fibrous tissue, wherea coffee is boiled or "cooked" the is stewed in and the flavor and of the liquid is damaged. The must be boiled; the coffee mi Water at the boiling point she poured on the coffee, but it not stand too long, and it sho get chilled.

The elimination of the coffee is best brought about in the filt or drip method of 'preparing When brewed in this way the contains only .29 of a grain of tannin per cup, as against 2.90 by five minutes steeping in the lator method.

TOUSEHOLI

To clean a polished table th been marred by having had a h

To clean t ware dampen s p it in common soda i

To overcor's the annoyance di hands persp ing when doing sewing bathe them with strong

To lengthen the life of a comb w it in soapy water before using it. when it is dry rub it with a olive oil.

To restore their natural color To preserve clothespins and clot

lines and keep them flexible and d

White Fruit Cake.

To make an especially delicie mixture with one wineglassful white wine, stirring enough to only. Last fold in the beaten whi of eight eggs. Bake in two loaves a cook in a moderate oven.

Apple Slump. Pare and slice your apples, swee to taste, add cinnamon and a li salt. Prepare a crust as follow Two cupfuls flour, two level teaspo fuls baking powder, one teaspool salt, sifted together. Mix thoroug with this two tablespoonfuls short ing, wet with milk or water until soft dough. Place over apples. M: three or four cuts in top, to all steam to escape, and bake. Se with molasses sauce or with sug and cream.

Stuffed Celery.

Thoroughly clean perfect stalks celery and cover with ice until cri Mix to a cream one-quarter pound requefort cheese, one-half pound cream cheese, one tablespoonful butter, one teaspoonful of Worcest shire dressing, one-eighth teaspoon of paprika and one teaspoonful finely chopped olives. Stuff cele with this mixture and serve ice co on lettuce leaves. After the celery stuffed cut it into two-inch lengths.

Take three small pork sausages a dip in cold water for a few minute Now slip off the skin and form t meat into flat cakes. Fry in a sm pan until nicely browned. Pour the surplus fat and add one-half cu ful of left-over tomatoes, a lit chopped peppers and, if mixture is t thin, a little rolled cracker meal m be added. As soon as hot serve on

Two Useful Winter Birds

By Julie Adams Powell

felin introduced the English starling er, until they flew out into the world. ful intelligence into Central park, New York city, I do not believe that he thought that it winter birds, and one of the least con- bird, about six inches in length. The would breed so fast as to spread over spicuous, is the nuthatch-the white- top of his head and the front of his a good part of the United States, in so breasted nuthatch. He is remarkable back is a shining black, while the rest short a time, nor that it would be for his stout and sturdy build and of his upper parts are of a bluish gray. come such a nuisance, that the Audu- strong pointed cylindrical bill and very There is white on his wings, and the bon societies are thinking of having it short tail. put on the list of game birds. This is because this new comer is driving out est winter birds, and easily identified. many of our own more beautiful song To see him run down the trunks of birds, such as the blue bird, the flick- trees, is enough to make one dizzy, er, the wren, and whatever bird nests and his hoarse cry of "yank, yank" is in holes in trees.

I have called this bird useful, in my headline. So he is, because in the summer time he kills thousands of grubs, spiders and insects in order to satisfy the hungry brood of youngters, that is always clamoring for more and more. If their number could be kept down, and if they would not perch around our dwellings, we would be very glad to welcome them to our orchards during the grub and insect period.

Some sunny morning, you boys will hear a long drawn whistle outside your window, and then a sound very like a chuckle. Open the window care fully, and wrapped up warmly, you can stand there and view the songster, and you will find that between the chuckle and whistle, there are some very sweet notes which you did not hear before. And on the elm tree just outside the house you will see two, four and sometimes six birds which from that distance look as if they were all attired in black suits, which in the sun shine with a metallic purple and green color.

You will find a compactly built bird, between eight and nine inches long. with a strong brown bill and a rather short tail. Instead of being all of an iridescent black, the feathers of the upper parts and sides are tipped with. eep yellow, the wings and tail are dark brownish gray, tipped with buff, and the under parts are heavily spoted with white.

The starlings do not hop. They are alkers like the crows. During the inter they can be studied more carefully than in the summer, when there ere so many more attractive birds about.

They are great chatterers, and often the listener will be rewarded by a eries of warbles and notes of joy, which are like the laughter of little hildren. If this wise old bird sees you looking at him, he w his mouth right in the mi-

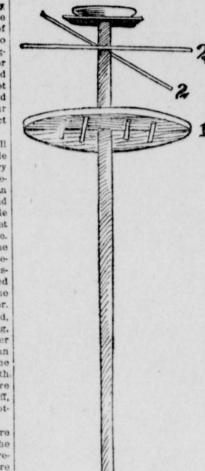
the house out of his sigh

A story was told me the other day of a pair of starlings which built their nest in a hole in the side of a house our city of Stamford, right under the eaves. There must have been a ently tumbled out of the nest, with at scramblings and flutterings of

ings and shrill cries of alarm.

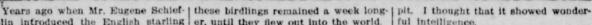
One of our very interesting little

The nuthatch is one of our common-



Tus pros on an 2-Cross Pieces for the Birds to Rest on and Dry Their Feathers After Their

different from any other bird call. In am projection for the roughly put to- some districts the nuthatch is extremeeeds mostly on nut mes ts. while oth Inside the wall of the house was the shell to get at the insects and grubs room of a little boy, and as it hap which inhabit the nut. It is surely an



The nuthatch is a gray and black sides of his head and under parts are white. Just under his tail will be noticed a dull rufous color.

We do not often see the nuthatch about our homes in summer unless we are fortunate enough to live off in the country districts. They build their nests in the hollows of trees, where the entrance is particularly small. If it is too large, they build it up with mud or clay until it is of the desired size. They are great fighters for a bird of their size, and it is a brave bird that tries to molest the nest of the little white-breasted nuthatch.

ARE OF THE EARTH'S BEST

Deserved Tribute to the Women of Whom It is Said They Are "Agreeable to Live With."

"I feel of so little use in these progressive days," said a woman of mature years. "The woman of today is full of stimulating ideas. She is identifled with important movements. She makes the most of her talents, but I-I-can do nothing. It seems as if I have so much to take up my time and yet I never do accomplish anything that will ever count in the vast scheme of things.

"You have the rarest talent that the world boasts and you make the most of it every day," replied the visitor. "You are agreeable to live with."

Agreeable to live with! Unassuming phrase, with what a powerful reach! With domestic squalls so flag-rant, divorce rampant, "incompatibility" a household word, the woman who is agreeable to live with is a mighty factor in the press of progress. She brightens the atmosphere about her at a time when there seems much effort expended to make people good, but little to make them happy. Such a woman has the gift of divinity. She glorifles the commonplace. She nourishes

It is splendld to uplift, to be artistic, to head world movements, but there is little that so becomes a woman as to be agreeable to live with. It is a way in which those who tarry at home may keep step with their more conspicuously progressive sisters.-Mother's

Australia's Mallee Hen.

The builder of the biggest nest in the world is the Australian mallee hen. a bird considerably smaller than a domestic turkey. The nest is used year after year, and as many as twenther nest of sticks to be fastened to, ly shy, while at other times and places ty or thirty pairs of birds use the same even so, when the birdlings grew this little bird becomes as friendly as nest at one time. It is not uncommon arge enough to move about, they fre the chickadee, or the winter sparrows. to find a hundred eggs in a nest, and Some writers say that the nuthatch | these are very good for cooking purers declare that the bird breaks the scratched together by the birds, the center being filled with leaves, and on these the eggs are laid. They are then covered with more leaves and earth, and the cares of the parent bird are ended. They do not sit on the eggs at all, as the spontaneous combustion of the rotting leaves generates the required heat for incubation, says the Strand. The chickens are able to run about and find food for themselves from the time they are hatched. The small hen is a very shy bird, and is seldom seen near any habitation.

Peerless Geneva.

The most glowing tribute to Geneva is Mr. Frederic Harrison's. "I hold Zurich. Basle and Geneva to be the model cities of our age-the fine type of what cities will one day be in a regenerated age-the true type of civic organization, having sites of rare beauty and convenience, spacious streets and avenues, noble public walks and gardens, perhaps everything short of grand antique buildings." Geneva in particular is "the finest type of a rational city that Europe possess . a true city where, as in Athens, Florence, Venice, Antwerp of

Ghent, or old, men can live a wholesome civic life, not in huge, amorphous caravanseries such as London, Paris or Berlin-not in suffumigated barracks such as Manchester, or Lyons, or Glasgow-but in a beautiful, well-ordered, free, organic city."

This Is Funny.

An English paper says that the hat of a certain short-sighted master at over the entrance to keep them out. and without noticing my near presection blew off one day, and as he start-Last summer during a gale of wind ence, he hunted about for a place to ed in pursuit of it a black hen dashed an old apple tree in our orchard was hide his treasure. Under a loose out of the gateway. The schoolmaster blown directly in two. I found that a shingle he pushed it, and then I saw saw the hen and thought it was his starling nest was laid bare, and in that it was a cherry stone. He cocked hat, and so all Eton was electrified by the nest were four youngsters almost his head on one side and then on the the spectacle of a hatless and breathready to fly. The nest was securely other, for the place did not seem quite less learned man chasing a black hen fastened to the side of the tree which secure enough. He made a dive for a from one end of the street to the was left standing, fortunately, and so leaf, and poked that in after his cherry other.

Silver Pheasants-One of the Most Common Species of the Family-The

Upper Part of the Body is White Delicately Marked With Black.

nened, the head of his bed was i insectivorous bird, as one will learn by

against the very spot where the feath- watching the bird industriously

ered youngsters took their naps, and searching the barks of trees for larvae

the cries of the babies who tumbled hatch will push a nut into a crevice

out of their bed. When the little boy and hammer away at it until the shell

watched the parents going in and out | One day in November I saw a nut-

of the hole, until one day they all flew hatch on the roof outside my win-

away and a piece of tin was placed dow. He had something in his mouth

oftentimes in the middle of the night and insects.

learned what the noise was, he breaks.

the little boy was rudely awakened by

the West Coast of Africa to Trade.

on the west coast of Africa. So again, tive products. with the Stars and Stripes flying from its masthead, the Adelia T. Carleton, an American sailing vessel, loaded place of lighthouses along this coast sail for the west coast of Africa.

of Aurthur Muller, president of the or conquered opposition wherever he American Vessel Will Take Cargo to newly organized American Tropical came in contact with it and returned Trading company of New York. This home with a profit which modern busicompany intends to take American ness minds find hard to believe .- New goods on consignment-consisting of York Sun. For about one hundred years Ameri- tobacco, flour, pork, salt, beef, vegecan sailing vessels bartered and traded tables, gin, matches, to trade for ne-

Their bill is very strong and the nut-

In the old times the American flag flying from Yankee ships took the with a cargo of American goods, will so regularly were they to be found. The shrewd Yankee trader, quite often diamonds."

AS IN OLD SAILBOAT DAYS | This enterprise is due to the efforts, master of the vessel he sailed, evaded

A Poker Devotee. "Dingburn says he reads everything

that comes into his hands.' "That oughtn't to take him long."

"Why not?" "It's mostly hearts, clubs, spades and



Smart Black Silk Beaver Hat, With Long Quill Ornament, Modeled on the Belgian Soldier's Cap.

silk thickly incrusted with gold or silver arabesques.

The smartest outside collar is of fur as wide as it is possible to wear It is made like a clown's ruff in that it rises to the chin and does not bind the neck under the chin. It fastens at the left front with a rosette of velvet ribbon, or with braid buttons and loops.

High black velvet dog collars are again in style with house blouses that are cut in a deep surplice opening in front. Clever women use these on the street under a coat so there will not be a bare expanse of neck between the chin and the coat collar. The usual rolling collar of starched white muslin that extends in a surplice effect to the bust has had its

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KEEPING HANDS IN CONDITION

During Frosty Weather They Need Much Care and Will Repay Attention Given.

It is very difficult to keep the hands

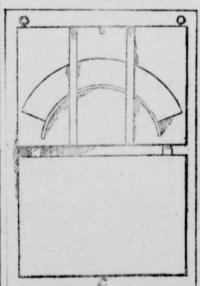
one is one's own housemaid. An inexpensive wash if one has vents it from becoming brittle.



The furcoats and capes are all "a godets." A handsome long coat is in a very fine quality of seal musquash.

To restore their natural color ivory knife handles that turned The big shawl revers are in bright low rub them with turpentine. yellow fox, also the cuffs. The wide godets wrap over at the bottom.

Much fitch fur is seen with long ble boil them a few minutes and



The wide, detachable collars so



THE CATHEDRAL OF BORDEAUX

its everyday name of Bordeaux, of pincers! smiled—the land of palatable red wine really ever in a hurry; they know and pleasant, dark women. To most there that one should always postnewspaper-reading people Bordeaux is pone until tomorrow what one could interesting just now because of the have done today, thanks to which change that has happened to it; for principle one achieves fewer folies. me Bordeaux is interesting because it It is not so clean as Lyon, but how does not change. So writes Marthe much more smiling a town!-and it Troly-Curtin, in the London Sketch.

Bordeaux does not want to changefed town; it is snug and contented, warmed for nine months of the year by a very element climate, and all the is not so animated as Marseilles, but year round by the rutilant glow of its claret. Bordeaux has a few large and fine streets, and many old-fashioned and insanitary ones, the improvement of which nobody really cares about, least of all the dwellers of those parseems to agree with them to an ex- vitation to which is traordinary degree. The Bond street a satisfactory status. of Bordeaux is the Rue Sainte Coth-

wherein you can way quite mare 1 and where fish-wives and their wares versity, military and business town. spread themselves on the threshold and, Bordeaux not being very large,

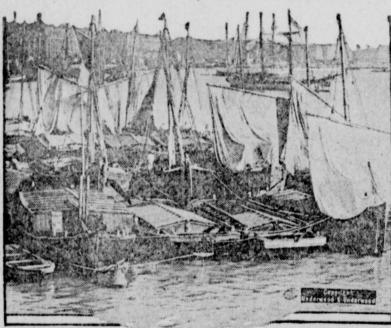
of fashionable modistes. and summers more days than in most jostling, meeting, and living close toother towns. It seldom snows, but gether. often rains; ice on lakes or ponds is a Well do I remember the year in Bor- eyes, blond or ginger hair, and fresh Public did freeze; the Bordeaux pa-pers had leading articles on the event: pied the Aquitaine, of which he was they said, "so thick was the ice." All even born there in a castle, the ruins

URDIGALA, better known by a mighty wrist, and a moustrous pair

the new capital of my country, Bordeaux has no motor omnibuses a patch of France upon which and very few taxicabs, even in time the sun and Dionysus have of peace, as nobody in Bordeaux is tains, pine clad hills, rushing torrents. gives an impression of greater cleanliness because of its clarity, because of it is a lazy, happy, bourgeois, well- the sun, the space of its center and fine quays, and the whiteness of the magnificent stones of its buildings. It its population is more stable-every body knows everybody else, and-well, it saves surprises and social slips. There are two events in the yearthe horse show, which, like the fair, is held on the Quinconces; and the ticular streets, the bad air of which ball, the ball at the prefecture, an invitation to which is the hallmark of

Society Wholesomely Mixed. Its "society" is a "rirably and whole oblety mixed, for it is a GA: those diverse elements have to form a In Bordeaux life counts more years, certain alliance through the constant

In a certain part of the province wonder to be talked about at many there is a strange streak among the "feeve o'clocks" for many weeks after. people, many of them having blue deaux when the lake of the Jardin complexions, quite the English type. "One could almost skate on the lake," governor; his son, Richard II, was the fashionable people of the town as- of which can still be seen. It is a



VIEW OF THE HARBOR

sembled to yiew the wonder; a score long while ago, grant you, but until of them had even brought skates with of late years French people, especialthem. Rash people! The ice melted ly of the provinces, traveled very lit away under the warmth of their en- tle and intermarried much, which thusiasm, and the daredevils took might justify the surmise that those

Conservative and Comfortable.

The population of Bordeaux is cona red-and-gold dress with a big drum, others" in paradise.

what the Anglophile Bordelais calls a two facts are related, and that many "tob"-a short immersion in cold among the Medocains are of English descent.

What else can I tell you of Bordeaux that will sound less pedantic? servative and comfortable-conserva- That nowhere else in the world can tive by nature, and comfortable by they accommodate mushrooms in such principles. In the heart of the city truly inspired manner; that it has a there is a large open space called Les fine theater, the staircase of which Quinconces, where twice a year a big they say, served as model for that of fair is held, a real fair with a real the Paris opera; that Bordeaux is a giantess, a dwarf no less real and a great productive place, not only of real glass-spinner, gingerbread shops, good wines, but of rich voices, as are booths of all sorts and mournfully her sister towns, Marseilles and Tou real merry-go-rounds. Everyone in louse; and that there is a cathedral Bordeaux and the Bordelais district lovely and lovable, motherly, homely goes to the fair-the somebodies to and awfully stately, dating from the show their Paris frocks, made in Bor- eleventh century, with the dearest deaux (and very well made, too!), the gargoyles crawling along every cornobodies to eat gingerbread and have nice, and such a collection of stone their teeth pulled out, not by the gin- saints on the portal that one wonders gerbread, but by a gorgeous being in if they have left any room for "us

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"You'll have to take that out, Angelica," the mistress told her, "and pour some more."

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lored soldiers at a frontier a fight, during which one of atants lost an ear, and the is accused of having bitten it case was tried by a general rtial, and the counsel for the in cross-examination of the ed man, the principal witness prosecution, asked: "Where fight take place?" "In Mista co'n field, jes' outside de reseranswered the witness. "What condition of the ground?" "Hit ered wid stubble-co'n had all it." "Now," said the counsel, at the witness, "you are on and will get into serious trouble tell anything but the truth. ot your ear have been torn off sharp stubble?" "Yaas, sah." witness, "hit mought." "Then to you mean by stating under that the accused bit it off?" " said the witness, "I done Im spit it out."

That Printer Again!

advertisement had puzzled the ints, but the rector was still uzzled when some fifty or more ranged themselves alongside se at the appointed hour.

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rector seemed still more puz-

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ght seemed to dawn on the rec- The other said to him: "My good man, why is it that the

midges do not trouble me?"
"I daursay," replied the gamekeeper, with a comprehensive glance at the other's small proportions, "it will be because they beyng seen ye yet."

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SOCIETY

"Christmas, the glad season of Peace on earth, good will to men" is here.

We fortunate American people who are at peace with all the world should spread the "glad tidings of good cheer" in great thankfulness this year, as the waring nations are putting a sad christmas on the beautiful message brought by Christ two thousand years ago.

Christmas in its truest sense means thinking of others. Let us all give freely and wisely to those who need, of our very best spirit together with the material things for bodily comfort.

The Auction Bridge Club were entertained Tuesday afternoon by Miss Annie Lee Giles at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edd Traylor.

Two tables were played, Mrs. Armstrong playing substitute for one of the absent members. The afternoon was most plesantly spent in the pursuit of this difficult and intellectual card game. Mrs. R F. Knaggs winning the highest score.

At the close of the games Miss Giles served a delicious lunch of fish croquetts, hot biscuits, chow chow, pickles, butter and hot chocolate with whipped cream.

***** Religious Notes. TELEPHONE 24 ***

The Magi following a star, Nor nights nor leagues withheld Until the Christ in manger far shipping beheld.

The Walter Head In the Control of But He o'er whom at birth it

The Christ illumes the way! Jane C. Crowell.

The meeting of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society with Mrs. Jess Talbott Tuesday afternoon was an unusually delightful one. The drive in the cold bracing joyed an unusually pleasant meetitors present.

and chain prayers.

Talbott.

sold.

The flowers sent by the Rockted, and admired, the flowers brought out by Miss Jessie Copp. enhancing the beauty of the display of fine needle work.

Mrs. Will Tarver.

lightful, each guest offering ing. During this pleasant persome kindly wish for this ideal jod Misses Jessie and Alice Copp hostess, when she announced passed a delicions lunch of pressversity of her wedding.

Mrs. Talbott passed a delicious olate with whipped cream. salad course, pressed chicken, The next meeting of the society sandwiches, pickles and hot tea. will be the last Thursday of the The Society will meet next week old year, with Mrs. Dyson as with Mrs. Will Tarver.

and Christmas programe given son which is Isaiah 13 to 23 at the Buptist church Christmas chapters inclusive.

ve night.

The Committee on arrangenents request all of the children of the Baptist Sunday school to be present, as each child will be emembered.

The Committe will also careutly care for and distribute any gifts sent in by any friends of he school; who desire to give presents in this way.

The programe is as follows: Song: Ring the bells of Hea-

Prayer: Rev. Pollard. Merry Christmas Primar

Reading: Ethel Jackson Solo: Anna Knaggs. Recitation: The Xmas Stocking Kathaline Cohenour. Song: Junior girls. Reading: Miss Ellison. Tiptor Song. Six Primary girls Santa Claus: Helpers, Class

Advent: Santa Claus.

The Methodist Sunday School will give the children a tree, and the children will furnish a programe assisted by the choir from the church.

Mr. Slmpson, the Superintenlent of the Sunday School urges the children to find the Christmas Angel in their own hearts, and to listen to the unselfish promptings of this Angel, in their thoughts for others, and to remember it is more blessed to give with the peoples spirit of humility to those less fortunate than themselves.

The Children of the Presby. erian Church will be given a tree on Christmas eve night.

A nice program will be furnished by the members of the Sunday school, each class contributng from one to two members

The Japanese Bazar given by the Girls Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, this week was a success. Only a few ncy articles were left, and III these few things can be seen at the store of K. Burwell.

The Methodist Ladies Missionary Society tacked a comfort for the Orphans Home, and made the little gay colored tarltan bags for the Christmas tree, at the home of Mrs. Long, Wednesday

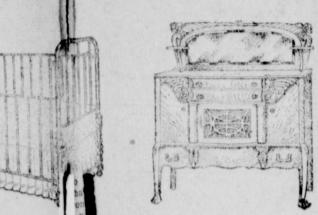
The Presbyterian Ladies enair out to the pleasant country ing of their society Thursday afhome was exhilerating, and all ternoon with Mrs. Copp, and Miss were gratified to find that there Jessie as hostess. In spite of the were 15 members and three vis- very inclement weather there were 13 members in attendance, The visitors were Miss Alice thanks, to the courtesy of Messrs Copp, Dr. Talbott and Rev. Pol- Fullerton and Zachry who took out their cars in the rain, and Rev. Pollard conducted the de- calling for each lady who wanted votions, using a scripture lesson to go. For such a kindness as this the society in a body tender The devotions were followed a vote of thanks. There were by an interesting and instructive five visitors welcomed; they talk on church business by Dr. were Misses Alice Copp, Dosia and Ophelia Shaw, Mesdames This prosperous, active society | Cohenour and Beverly Pool. Miss heartily thanks the public for Lizzie Gilmer lead the devotions, their liberal patronage at the using the 27th Psalm which was Bazarr last week, which was a followed by prayer. Miss Jessie splendid financial success. There Copp gave a beautiful sacred were many kinds of handsome solo, and Mrs Henry Fullerton fancy articles, together with can- gave an instrumental sacred sedies and cakes, all of which were lection, both of these numbers were much appreciated.

The lesson was the first 12 wood ladies were much apprecia- chapters of Isaiah which was well The social hour passed busily

and most happily, all the banda-After the business the regular ges for the Red Cross Contribu-Bible lesson, the 27th Chapter of tion were completed and the gay Proverbs wss well taught by little Santa Claus Xmas bags for the Xmas tree were cut and dis-The social hour was indeed de- tributed to the members for makthat this date was the 16th anni- ed chicken with cranberry jelly, pickles, sandwiches and hot choc-

hostess. Mrs. C. E. Manly will conduct the devotions, and Miss There will be a Christmas tree Lizzie Gilmer will teach the les-







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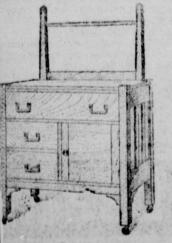


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You can succeed. Other people-those who are succeedingnature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve or muscle than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts -out of action They used their gifts-as you should. They gained a training that developed and broadened and increased their talents-as success and fired away until they

Look around you! Wherever your eye turns you see some man or woman who had no better general education or "school wise enough to become specially never give it to them. trained in some one special subject and who today is going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special busiess training unnecessary.

You must not think of success i kind of State Caus and exen it to drop presents into your kings while you sleep.

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GOOD LITERATURE

By Isaac H. Hughes

THE CHRISTMAS TIME

to Dolores, Texas. Mr. Delling I'm thinkin' of the Christmas time; somehow, it seems to me, informs us that the move is tem- There's lots more joy in Christmas now than what there used to be The sunshine seems lot brighter now, the sky's a deeper blue Than any ov them Christmases 'at us old fellers knew, When we was harumscarum kids and laid awake all night, And went tip-toe down the stairs afore it scarce was light And ketched poor dad aramblin 'round and lookin' almost froze, Now paddlin' barefoot 'cross the floor and wigglin ov his toes.

Now standin' storklike with one foot raised off the cold, cold floor Alookin' fer the whiskers 'at he used the year before, So's he could play Santa Claus and fool us fellers, my! How us kids siipped back ersniggerin' till we was like to die, An' crawled back into bed agin, erwaiten fer the yellsyou letting this opportunity slip The "Whoa, thar, you old reindeer!" and janglin ov the bells, through your fingers? Don't you That told us all wus ready; and nuts and cakes and things know that out there is the hust- Riz up before our vision till we went down stairs on wings.

> An' dad he looked so happy and mother smilin' so, My! but they wus a happy pair; them days we didn't know What Christmas time could mean to them, but now I guess we do, Since we've got youngsters ov our own, old feller, ma and you. An' so the world's lots brighter now, they's somethin' in the shine Ov eyes erlookin in your face and eyes 'at look in mine, And in our hearts a kind o' love that makes a feller glad, Till we're happy now, I guess, as mother wus an' dad.

-Houston Post, 1901.

WHAT TO EAT IN TIME OF WAR AND HIGH PRICES.

Washington, D. C .- "What | European markets on account shall people eat in war time when of the prevailing war conditions prices are high?" repeated Dr. there. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food expert in introducing his answer to the question asked him at his washington offices.

"Eat little meat," he said, 'Make the principal food cereals, fruit and vegetables. Est eggs public against package goods bacen at our house. We do the The purchases pays for e packyou should. They took aim at drink coffee, as it is comonly recognized, and we are trying cereal coffee. We do not believe in too much sugar and eat it very moderately, so that cares for another staple that has rapidly increased That is the cheapest and best manac will be mailed for 35 start than you - with no greater in price recently. We have two way. small children at home and they learning" than you, but who was do not know what sugar is. We

> there. Then there is whole will add to the meal. wheat, always desirable. With "It is not a serious problem wheat at a dollar a bushel it fig- adjust the household food prol ures little more than 1 1-2 cents lem to the high prices. It is i a pound. A pound of wheat has deed very simple to live well, twice as much nourishment as a well nourished and all at litt pound of meat and it does not cost. We have too elaboral take much of a mathematician menu, and we pay for them to figure that it is far cheaper money and in health. to eat whole wheat products than Dr. Wiley is himself a pictur meat. Our whole corn costs us of health. He is big of fran about 11-4 cent a pound. Then and tall of stature, and although we have pure milk from our herd seventy years old he looks to of tuberculin tested cattle. I about fifty. He owns a farm might say, in passing, that there about 1,100 acres in Loude is something unusual about our County, Virginia, about fif milk supply. We produce our miles from Washington, a own milk and yet we buy it. I comes into the city daily or ever sell all of our milk to a Washing- other day to attend to his work ton concern. Then I buy back He was married about four year

are our principal food. It is a He enjoys country life and p cheap way to live. At the same sonally looks after the operation time, and more important still, of 600 acres of his big farm, it is most nourishing. We have tenant attending to the oth a little meat at dinner. A five 500 acres. pound roast lasts us about three days. My advice to the public at this time when prices are high is this:

"Eat whole wheat. Eat whole corn. Eat apples, lots of them. Drink Milk."

"There is need of little else. The public does not realize the value of apples as food. Just at this time they are especially cheap. They serve not alone as a food, but as a medicine as well There has been a big apple crop this year, and the orchardists are sending practically none to the

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

"Three apples a day keeps the doctor, the nurse and the patent medicines away.

"I would especially warn the

for breakfast; it is a cheap food They cost from five to five hunand the best that can be obtained. dred times as much as the articles We have cut out the breakfast would ordinarly cost in beage. The picture on the box and for many other incidentals which all figure in the cost. They are convenient but expensive. Buy the stuff in bulk.

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five quarts a day which we use. ago, and there are now two her "Milk, fruit and vegetables thy pure food babies in his hom

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January 28th., 1914; the second thereof being in the principal sum of \$875.0), bearing 8 per

ame unto C. S. Green, of Bexar County, Texas

said, whereby the said C. S. Green, became and now is, the legal owner and holder thereof, and

the aggregate, the sum of sixteen hundred, seventy-five dollars, together with interest

hereon from May 1st, 1914, at 8 per cent per

annum, and together with ten per cent upon both principal and interest as attorney's fees

said notes having been placed in the hands of E H. Poweli, an attorney at law, for collection,

thereby maturing the collection fees provided in said notes, all of which amounts, principa

interest and fees, aggregate \$1828.43;
Therefore, thaving been requested in writing by said C. S. Green, holder of said notes, to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale for cash

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in January, A. D. 1915, the same being the 5th

day said month, at the Court House door in Cottilla, La Saile County, Texas, all that tract or parcel of land lying in the County of La Saile

Texas, and described as follows: Two hundred, twenty-five and 68-hundreths acres out o

Survey No. 13, Orignally granted to S A & M G R. R. Co., Abstract No. 667, and being tract No.

"B" described in a deed from F. M. Mills and wife, Kate M. Mills to G. B. Mitchell, of date

May, 13th, 1912, and recorded in Vol. 1. page

125 to 141, La Salle County Deed Records, and

lien of J. S. McNeel, for \$2000.00, due July 13th

virtue of an Execution issued out Honorable Justice Court of Pre-Waerers, by instrument of date February 8, 1913, and recorded in the Deed of Trust Re-cords of La Salle County, Texas, on January 23 No. 1, of Bexar county, by Ben isk, Justice of the Peace thereof, he 17th day of Nov. A, D. 1914, 1914, G. B. Mitchell of Bexar County, Texas, conveyed the following described real property case of Caffarelli Bros versus Holt and F. C. Holt, No. as, said deed of trust being given and delivered by said G. B. Mitchell to batter secure B. M Hixson or other legal holder in the prompt pay-8, and to me, as Sheriff, directed delivered, I have levied upon, this day of Nov. A. D. 1914. and between the hours of 10 o'clock, by G B. Mitchell and payable to the order of M. Hixson, the first the eof being in the M. and 4 o'clock, P. M., on the principal sum of \$80) 00, bearing 8 per cent in-Tuesday in January A. D 1914

trustee, and,

ort House door of said La Salle cent interest per annum from date until paid, and due January 28th, 1914, each of said notes town of Cotulia, proceed payable at San Antonio, Texas, and bearing date January 28th, 1913; each of said notes also prolic auction, to the highest viding that if default is made in the payment thereof, at maturity and same is placed in the cash in hand, all the right hands of an attorney for collection, then ten pe merest which I. C Holt had ent of the principal and interest of same shall 4th day of September, A. D. be added to same as collection fees, and each of said notes secured by deed of trust on the or any time thereafter, of, in and, reinafter described property; and, ollowing described property, to-Whereas, the said B. M. Hixson, payee of said

ing the 5th day ot said month, at

ct No. 17, Section No. 34 of the bdivision of Naylor & Jones in La Salle county, out of and Whereas, both of said notes are now past due and are unpaid, and the said G. B. Mitchell has Original survey No. 16 Anson made default in the payment thereof. and Whereas, the said John F. Onion, trustee, has and survey No. 17 J.D. Anand consisting of ten acres, said trust, and the said C.S. Green, according to the terms of sail deed of trust, has appointed me ty being levied on as the prop-I. C. Holt, to satisfy a judgment to execute the terms thereof as substitut ing to \$50.88 in favor of Caf-Bros., and costs of suit. en under my hand, this 30th day sember, A. D. 1914. T. H. POOLE,

eriff La Salle County, Texas. By B. Wildenthal, J. Deputy

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Don't stay gray! Look young! Either prepare the tonic at home or get from the stay gray and some or get from the stay gray and some or get from the stay gray at the stay of the stay at the stay of t

prepare the tonic at home or get from any drug store a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." Thousands of folks recommend this ready-to-use preparation, because it darkens the hair beautifully and removes dandruff, stops scalp itching and falling hair; besides, no one can possibly tell, as it darkens so naturally and evenly. You moisten a sponge or soft brush with You moisten a sponge or soft brush with it, drawing this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, its natural color is restored and it becomes thick, glossy and lustrous and



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The slaughter is still going on in the European war, but not in in the European war, but not in The last Federal census reports the same old way. New meth-show we now have 1,514,000 ods for dealing out death and destruction are continuously being brought into play.

women working in the field, the plow?

In that so and Dixon line. There were of sixteen brought into play.

The stunt pulled off by British without a parallel.

Warships are being sent to the Canal Zone to enforce nuetrality and soldiers are being sent to the industrial tragedy of the age. Arizona boundry to stop the Mexican factions from firing across the line and killing American citizens. War! We may no auctioneer's block quite so know yet what war means.

Scatter a little Christmas cheer about. Remember there are membered by Santa Claus as your children are. Some of will make you happy.

ions, and with a bare market in the spring, the proper distribution of the crop should certainly result in a golden harvest.

States and throughout the North the mercury went far below zero. Here in Southwest Texas the freezing point was reached and the weather was a little disagreeable for a day or two, but there was no suffering. When the worst comes, had you noticed that Southwest Texas always feels it

It came within a hair's breadth of snowing Monday night. It came so close to it that a few flakes really did fall. It seldom snows in Southwest Texas; the reason, we presume, because the conditions do not get just right conditions do not get just right in the field as she pleads for mercy, and we beg that they good snow every winter would pinch no crumb from her crust not be a bad thing as it would kill off lots of insects and the farmers say it would be good for the soil.

fleet off the Falkland Islands creases the want of woman to has ended the German raids on commerce vessels of the allies and in the factory cry aloud for and brought her power on the sympathy and the press thunders high seas to a close, unless she out in their defense and the pulbrings her fleet out of the Kiel pit pleads for mercy, but how about the woman in the field?

damage with her submarines and Will not these powerful expondamage with her submarines and ents of human rights turn their no doubt the raids of these under talent, energy and influence to the sea war machines will continue, although of late nothing liberty enthroned at Washingof consequence has occured, probably due to the extreme precautions taken by the English navy. Up to this date the number of war vessels lost by Germany numbers 31 against 23 for England. Besides several thousand lives that went down with the ships the armnament destroy- the way and let LIVER-LAX

Cotulla Record. NATION'S LABOR

Over a million and a Half Women Work as Farm Hands in the United States.

By Peter Radford

Lecturer National Farmers' Union. tremendous a problem as that now lying dormant at the doors of Congress and the legislatures, and which, when aroused, will shake this nation from center to circumference, and make civilization hide its face in shame. That problem is-women in the field.

approximately a million negro 000 women working as faslaves working in the fields when hands and many of them w liberated by the emancipation suckling babes tugging at the proclamation. We have freed breast, as drenched in perspin that the English are some daring in under sea fighting. Up to this we have broken the shackles off time the feat of the B-11 stands the negroes and welded them ty breaks the crowns of the upon our daughters.

in the southern fields form the room to the hoe? chain-gang of civilization-the There is no overseer quite so cruel as that of unrestrained is no more pitiful sight in civil greed, no whip that stings like the lash of suborned destiny, and of Israel stooped with age, drude revolting as that of organized

press, and very properly so, for ilization strikes them a blo thousands of poor children in our suggesting mediation between the when it should give them own land who will not be re- engineers and railroad managers crown, and their only friend in adjusting their schedule of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages all ye that are weary and heav these children will come under were not increased from approx- laden and I will give you rest." your personal observation. Make imately ten to eleven dollars per some of them happy and that day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Our women are working in The onion crop and the lettuce the field, many of them barefootcrop in the Nueces valley looks day, and their schedule is the risminhty promising. Indications may sun and the evening star, and are also good for fair prices. It after the day's work is over they is said that England has con-tracted for all cold storage onmediating over their problems, and to whom shall they threaten a strike?

agly to those who toil at the Severe winter weather has prevailed all over the United the flame of unreat among indusflame of u st among indusrial laborers. But women are as urely the final victims of induslustrial warfare as they are the ourden-bearers in the war beween nations, and those who aritrate and mediate the differences between capital and labor hould not forget that when the expenses of any industry are unnecessarily increased, society consignment of women from the home to the field.

No financial award can be made vithout some one footing the bill, and we commend to those who accept the responsibility of the distribution of industrial justice, the still small voice of the woman of bread or put another patch upon her ragged garments.
We beg that they listen to the

scream of horror from the eagle on every American dollar that is wrung from the brow of toiling women and hear the Goddess of The defeat of the German Justice hiss at a verdict that insatisfy the greed of man.

The women behind the counter

Less than a week till Christmas, Do your shopping early. The wise ones always do that.

Oh; You calomel, get out of ed represents many millions of do the work, purely vegetable. Any drug store.

ton hold the calloused hand and soothe the feverish brow of her sex who sows and reaps the na tion's harvest or will she permit the male of the species to shove women—weak and weary—from the bread-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

Women and Children First. The census enumerators tell u that of the 1,514,000 women who work in the fields as farm hands 409,000 are sixteen years of ago and under. What is the final des Our government never faced so tiny of a nation whose future mothers spend their girlhood days behind the plow, pitching hay and hauling manure, ar what is to become of wom culture and refinement the home, charm socie thuse man to leap to

noble achievements if o ters are raised in the se the ox and the companionship

In that strata between the ag of sixteen and forty-five are 9 000 women working as fa suckling babes tugging at th queens of the home; despa hurls a mother's love from The Chain-Gang of Civilisation. throne and hunger drives inn A million women in bondage cent children from the school

The census bureau shows th 155,000 of these women are forty five years of age and over. The of Israel stooped with age, drudging in the field from sun unt. sun and at night drenching thei The president of the United despair as their aching hearts States was recently lauded by the take it all to God in prayer. Civ

Texas, the home of Sam Hou Crockett! The Lone Star State -baptized in the blood of martyrs and paid for by the lives of sainted heroes who, with the cross, slayed, to sword and

Southland! siquered custodian of chivalry, the champion of hu-man rights and the defender of the oppressed, shall we permit our maidens fair to be torn from the hearthstone by the ruthless Congress has listened approve the plow? Shall we permit ou faithful wives whom we coven mothers dear to be driven from the old arm chair to the cotton patch?

In rescuing our citizens from the forces of civilization can we not apply to our fair Dixie land the rule of the sea-women and children first?

There must be a readjustment of the wage scale of industry so that the woman can be taken from the field or given a reasonable wage for her services. Per-Pinch No Crumb From Women's fairly raised but the Farmers' Union with a work. millions, puts its organized forces squarely behind the issue and we now enter upon the docket of civilization the case of "The Wo-man in the Field" and demand an immediate trial.

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Notice To Hunters.

No hunting will be allowed in my pasture and no permits will be given, so stay out and a void being prosecuted for trespassing, as I will positively prosecute anyone caught to the fullest extent of the law.

J. R. BELL, Jr.

Hunting Notice.

My pastures are posted according to law and positively no ity is hereby revoked. hunting will be allowed. Anyone caught tresspassing in any manner will be prosecuted according to law. Heed warning and keep out.

E. W. ALDERMAN.

Hunting Notice

cording to law. Anyone hunting ions whatever. or otherwise tresspassing will be prosecuted.

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J. T. Maltsberger.

Hunting Notice.

No hunting will be allowed in any of my pastures this season and anyone caught hunting or tresspassing will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, and also held responsible for damages. All previous auth

J. M. DOBIE.

Hunting Notice.

My pastures are heavily stock. ed with wild cattle and hunting therein means heavy financia loss to me. All persons are therefore notified not to hunt or Our pastures in Dimmitt, La otherwise tresspass in any of my Salle and Frio counties known as pastures in La Salle county. So Cochina, San Roque, S pastures keep out. This notice applies to and Burns Ranch, are posted ac- one and all without any except-

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at J. P. Guinn's & Co.

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Mrs. Mattie Coculla is at home We call attention to the card Antonio.

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John Cotulla returned Wedfather's Webb county ranch.

H. B. Stedham went down to the ranch of Jos. Cotulla in Webb county hunting last week.

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M. H. McMahon, cattle buyer, went over to Fowlerton Thurs-

Good pictures at the Dixie all of the evening at the movies.

Rev. H. W. Hamilton re. year. turned home Monday from Moore W. J. Buckow of Humble is Pleasanton. He was accompana protracted meeting.

day after an absence of several old triends.

from Pearsall January 1st.

Fresh butter always on hand J. P. Daniel and Jim Seamonds and Billy Simpson, rail- ing the Collector's office but M, Keys of Gardendale was in to Cactus first of the week on a until the last days of January.

after spending some time in San of Dr. J. N. Lightsey in this Pharmacy.

> Albert Knaggs went to Sanfor Marshall Training School in have been on Ford cars. Edwards. Marshall won.

Wednesday morning's North- luck with a Ford. bound passenger was more than an hour late. The train was so not be made.

first of the week from a three two-thirds of his limit Thursday. days hunt and succeeded in bagging a big buck. Alderman T.

Albert Knaggs went to Laredo again Wednesday from San An- came in Thursday and had fair ly Monday as a witness in the Dis- tonio. Mr. Russell says he ex- were very had below the Tegra. trict Court. He returned Wed- pects more activity in real estate circles after the first of the

where he spent ten days holding down on the Raeces at his old ied by his daughter. Mrs. Verbaunts taking his annual deer non Smith, and two little grand-F. D. McMahau, La Salie's hunt. He was in the city Wed-til after the holidays. Treasurer, returned home Thurs- nesday shaking bands with his

The I. & G. N. Bridge Gang been killed since the beginning the residents of East Heights was here Wednesday putting up of the coid spell. Although they want the lights in that section a "car-house" for the car in- are reported scarce everywhere of the town and as soon as sufpector, who will be returned it looks like every party that ficient lights are subscribed a goes out gets their limit.

The Tax Collector reports taxes coming slow. Quite a number of small tax payers are seekroad men of San Antonio, went large payers will no doubt wait

Jack Baylor was in the city Tuesday from the La Motta Ranch. Jack says he and Lee issue of the RECORD. Dr. Light- Keithley expect to soon make sey has his office at Gaddis application for a chauffer's job around the St. Anthony.

Three fourths of the deer we nesday from a deer hunt on his Antonio last week to help boost have seen the last ten days don't know whether these deer the football game against St. were shot or run down. Probably some of the fellows that can't shoot, would have better

> Wright Pease and Will Davis heavy that schedule time could of DeWitt county, came out first of the week in the former's car, to spend a few days deer Mayor Gaddis returned the hunting. Wright had gotten

Messrs J. D. Clay and B. C. Christmas week. Spend an hour R. Keck got two deer on the hunt. Hess of Houston, have been down on the Nueces at the Pugh Matt Russel was in the tity ranch hunting for a week. They good luck, but said the roads

> G. H. Knaggs, district and county clerk, returned Sunday after an absence of two days at

Lights were put in the Postoffice building this week, and A large number of deer have also several other buildings in the town were wired. Some of line will be run to that point.

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The LAPSE of ENOCH WENTWORTH

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CHAPTER XXVI-Continued.

Across the pale face of the invalid swept a wave of scarlet; then he began to talk slowly and hesitatingly. "I was in a Southern academy the first time it happened. I must have been seventeen or thereabouts. Prizes were him in silence. to be given for a public oration and people were coming from everywhere to hear us. The governor was to address us. My father was a lawyer, one went to this school when he was a boy, and he had carried off the oration prize. His heart was set on my windarkness, how the speech came throbthe still dormitory. I used to go out into the woods and try to write. One day I gave up. I sat huddled against There was a tall pine over my head through the man's body. and the crows were calling from the top of it. I can see the place yet."

to meet the steady glance of the man man. He changes-he's almost anwho sat beside the bed.

"Do you want to hear the story out?" he asked bluntly.

"Yes-if you are bound to tell it." stark-naked soul of man before another's gaze, especially when it's a man's It was worse, worse even than-than own soul; but I've been over this, what I did to you, Merry. I was out step by step, during these bedridden in the Balkan mountains where the days, and I'll feel better when it's out blamed barbarian Turks go tearing at of my system.

"Are you sure?" Merry spoke gent-

"Yes, sure." The reflective tone had gone from Enoch's voice. It was emphatic. "Out there in the sunshine," he continued, "I realized what defeat meant. I knew my oration was merely a babble of senseless words; there was not a throb in it. Besides, I knew that I could not make it better. Suddenly, on the quiet hillside, I heard a voice close beside me."

There was a long pause. Wentworth turned his eyes from Merry and stared climbed over the back of the Waverly Place house and one scarlet blossom hung vivid between him and the sun-

"Say, old fellow," said Merry in a low voice, "you and I are friends, the rocks where we had spent the closer friends than we ever were. What's the use of raking up old memories if they hurt. The story of something you did when you were in swaddling clothes doesn't count. Drop it!"

"It does count," answered Wentworth stolidly. "I tell you it does in my head chattering. A nice con-It is the only thing that ex- fession for a man to make, eh?" asked plains what I did—when you called my | Wentworth with a grim smile. bluff. I have lain here-I've had days



"What's the Use of Raking Up Old Memorles?"

think and to analyze things. Why. this for years before. Let me tell you isn't much to my credit."

"All right, have your own way."

"I sat there in the shadow of the wall listening. It was young David came of what the niggers called 'po' white trash,' but he had ambition and genius and was working his way I crouched there, scarcely breathing; was afraid he would hear me and sat looking out over the valley I could see the Roman warrior while he stood there in the Senate, down and out, hooted at and reviled, yet haughty and defiant facing the enemies who had once been his friends. I began to quietly.
sob, as a boy does in a shamed, husky, "No." Enoch lifted his head, looked

choked fashion. Suddenly a thought came to me. I leaped over the wall and held before Dave a new twentydollar gold-piece father had given me

that morning. It bought his oration." Wentworth paused as if in an embarrassment of shame. Merry watched

"I feel-even now-the reluctant grip with which Dave held on to those sheets of blurred foolscap. I never gave a thought to what I had done. of the big lawyers of the state. Me Every moment for twenty-four hours was needed to commit Dave's speech to memory. My father, proud and happy, gave me another twenty-dollar ning it. I tolled and tolled over that gold-piece. I carried it to Dave. He speech; it was about the death of refused it, turning his back on me thing. I was trying to th Julius Caesar. I can remember, as I with angry scorn. Twenty years later something Ellen Terry wrote lay awake nights staring out into the I met him again. He had gone to back of a photograph she one congress and was blasting his way me. It ran like this: upwards toward fame, I was assigned "'When am I to be an actress bing in my brain. I could never write, upwards toward fame. I was assigned though, as I declaimed it to myself in to interview him. He remembered me after fifteen years' labor, perha instantly. For a moment he stared at bor! Why, I thought it was all me from head to foot, then he turned ation. away without a word and never foundation; inspiration-a resu a stone wall which ran down the hill, touched the hand I offered him. My dividing a pasture from the forest. God! how that hurt!" A shiver went | bor alone won't land the prize.

"That happened twenty-five years ago," said Merry hesitatingly. "You Enoch lifted his eyes and turned can't lay up a boyhood sin against a

other human being." "No, he isn't," answered Wentworth doggedly. "I want to show you that the psychological fellow was in the "It isn't an easy task to set the right. That was my first fall from grace; but there was a second lesion. each other's throats once in so often. The world looked on, waiting for a story of war. I had none to tell, nothing happened but a skirmish or two once in a while. There was nothing a man could make into a story. It was a wretched campaign. Young Forsyth, of the Tribune, and I hung together through it for months, living like stray dogs, sick to death of our job, and ready to throw it up at any moment. One morning at daybreak we were awakened by shooting. We scrambled from the cave where we had slept and looked down into the We were in the very heart of a battle, and these savages were climbing over the rocks with their cutlasses flashing. They shrieked like manlacs, the bullets went flying about our heads. I crept back to the hole among night. I couldn't see what was happening; I didn't want to see. Death

Merry half rose then dropped back and nights with nothing to do but to into his chair. "Hold on, Enoch, I swear you're not fit for this sort of thing! Your temperature will go up, then the nurse-

shrieks echoed all around and above

me. It was the most hellish din of

"Damn the nurse. I'm fit enough; keep still. I want to finish my story. Forsyth, the intrepid young fool, went creeping along the face of the cliff. He had never seen a battle before. I called to him to lie low, but he never heeded me. Through a crevice in the rock I saw him stretch his head over the chasm and crane his neck, then plunge down and begin to write as if he were mad. Once I sneaked out and tried to drag him in beside me. He fought like a wildcat, so I went back to shelter. The bullets pinged on London. Although he was th the rocks all around me. Suddenly I curious of men, he felt as if heard a low, gurgling, awful cry and ple from whom he had part somebody called my name in a hoarse shout. It was Forsyth. I crept out. He stood on a cliff above me, clutching at his throat, then he toppled and fell. He came plunging down over the rocks until he reached my feet. He was dead, stark dead, when I pulled him into the cave. His notebook was clutched so tight in his hand that I tore a corner from one page as I took it from his fingers. I buried him right there.

"After a little while the battle fizzled down to a stray shot or two. That night under the gleam of a sputtering little torch I read Forsyth's story. It was tremendous-perfectly tremendous-perfectly tremendous! It read like inspired stuff. I had never dreamed the fellow had such a vocabulary. And he lay there close beside old man, I haven't had a chance like me, asleep-under the damp, warm, soft earth. I had a fit of the horrors. my story; it's interesting even if it I put out my light stuffed the pages of writing in my pocket, then went doubling and twisting down those wild mountains, dodging the enemy's campfires and their infernal bullets, until Ross practising his oration. Dave I reached the miserable little town in the valley we two men had our headquarters. I hurried to the telegraph office to send out Forsyth's story through school like a man. He had to the Tribune, with the news of his chosen the death of Caesar, as I had. death. I was waiting to get the wire when somebody handed me a cable. I looked at it half-dazed. It came from His speech was great! As I my own paper, crazy because I had sent them no story; they were hungry as vultures for news. As soon as I could get a wire I sent out Forsyth's story.

"Under his name?" asked Merry

at his friend with guilt and sham his eyes, then he turned away. I signed my own name to it. I it to my own paper. I wired the

of Forsyth's death to the Tribune Neither of the men spoke for minutes. When Merry turned, worth lay staring at him with a er for pity, comprehension, and

giveness in his eyes. "I want you to understand thing," pleaded the older man. "W you called my bluff that morning I wrote that bond, I was innoce any thought of injury to you. I d know what was in my mind. It nothing in the world but an idle tall told you so at the time. I did dream that you could write a play anyone had told me you were cap of turning out 'The House of I brook' I should have laughed at ! m Then that day, when you came read the manuscript-I had just giv up all hope, as I did with the oral on Caesar. I had been toiling years and years on a play. Th was one-it had seemed to me if great plot-but I had begun to rethat labor does not mean everythin You want inspiration, or genius or or something, and I didn't he

Enoch paused, wrinkling his if in an attempt to remember

No, labor and art a

"Terry wasn't altogether righ proved that, Boy."

"I don't know," said Merry v "I do." The man's pale face : "When you dropped in on me as a young victor for a laurel I knew as surely as if a jud passed sentence on me that my and years of toil meant nothi waste paper. Then, suddenly, as ation had clutched at me twice in my life, came a revenous de fame—the fame that another m labored for and-"

"I understand," cried Merry." was a thrill of compassion in his 'Now, dear old man, let's for The one thing I can never fo that you have raked me fro depths more than once. been worse than dead today hadn't been for you."

"You never descended to the I did," said Wentworth abruptly "Sin-my variety of it or yo nothing but the difference in a taste. His palate dictates what eat. There is a moral palate, you go on slaking your at there's a weakening of the mo sue. Isn't that what your ps gists call it? If it had not be you, Proth, I pight have here than dead today." Merry utter last sentence in an undertone. a feeling, though, that I can net

so low again, because-He sat silent for a minute. worth's eyes were fixed upon him an insistent question. Enoch," he went on in a steady "because Dorcas has promised my wife." battle I ever listened to. I had turned "Oh!" cried Wentworth

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coward. I lay there with every tooth "Oh, thank God for that!"

CHAPTER XXVII.

Behind the Curtain.

line of carriages moved slowly the shining asphalt to the door Gotham. Grant Oswald stoo corner of the fover watchin throng pour in.

"This beats your first night don, doesn't it?" queried a nev man who stood beside him.

"Yes," acceded the English The first night or any other ni "Wentworth's escape from de h was a great ad-if you look at it the

He had a close call." "Yes." Oswald spoke absen That morning he had arrive months ago were living in a d atmosphere. Before the ship he had discovered a group wa welcome him. Dorcas was there, her beautiful face glowing with happiness. He watched her untie a gray scart from her hat and wave it. stood beside her, but the gir's hand was clasped inside her brother's arm. Wentworth was wan and thin Across his temple gleamed a wide ted scar. Merry lifted his hat when I sight of Oswald and the wind tossed down, almost into his eyes, he wavy lock of long fair hair which proclaimed his calling. Alice Volk stod in the group, with Julie jumping impatiently beside her. Little Robin clasped her hand, while he searched for the ship with his sightless eyes.

With a courteous "Good right" Os wald left the man and walked into the theater, where a gay, chattering crowd streamed past him. The throng was so dense that he was pushed into a corner. When the overture began he moved toward the rail and took his place among a group of men who had not been able to buy seats. He found Singleton, of the Times, at his elbow. "Hullo," said the young editor heart-

"I'm glad to see you back and glad you've come back giad you've come back o such a house. Why, it's one of the biggest I

ow long it "It does look that wa smiled. "I don't know will hold out. The play as already gone far beyond my expectations."
"It ought to last tarough seve

Wentworth, to say nothing of Merry. She's out of sight. Why, I've run in heaven knows how often, for that third act. I can't think of any big of that situation as Dorcas Wentworth doesn't seem as if the girl were act- his eyes. ing-she lives the character from start to finish."

"I believe you are right," acknowledged Oswald.

Before the third act began the house settled down to that silence which means intense anticipation. When 'the curtain fell, the applause rose to a deafening clamor. One playencore. Last of all came Dorcas. She bowing. Her face was radiantly hap- this?" py. When the curtain dropped, the applause began again. Wentworth appeared, leading Merry by the hand. The face of the older man looked pai-



Oswald Was Watching the Throngs Pour In.

lid and the red scar cut lividly across his forehead. A stillness fell upon e house. It seemed to Oswald as mendous story!" the people waited intently for some nusual event.

Enoch Wentworth raised his hand with a gesture which was strangely iramatic for a man who was neither an actor nor an orator. Like a flash Oswald remembered a day when he in your fraternity. There may be a sat watching a prisoner at the bar. big story somewhere behind this-1 The man had been condemned to death; a moment later, with a stifled cry of terror, he stretched out his there was a wrong done, or if anything the "Ladies and gentlemen," went

ave worth began, in a voice which was They have buried it. Don't turn of their important task. low, but so marvelously distinct that seat in the house, "this is not a curtain speech-you have not called me beexplanation. It is a-confession."

strength to go through an ordeal. He yet-remember that." felt the curious scrutiny of a thoupeated slowly, "a confession which has you, Mr. Oswald. You're a good deal" been long delayed-'

ing grasp which was full of affection, He forgets how the other fellow feels. and confined to an elect few. my confession, late in the day, as my itself." friend Wentworth suggests, but it is mine. He was simply breaking the cordiality which few men had seen news to you that I wrote 'The House in the dignified Englishman. of Esterbrook."

Enoch touched his arm as if in pro- the play, eager as Singleton had been test. Merry smiled and gently put to discuss Merry's dramatic confeshim aside. A whisper of startled sur- sion, when an usher interrupted them, prise ran through the house, followed by a moment of hush, then applause. the scenes," said the boy. It subsided slowly. During the tumult men and women who kept their a little group stood on the half-diseyes upon the stage saw Wentworth | mantled stage. The people in the cast turn as if pleading vehemently. Merry | were there-property men, the cael answered with a few decisive words, boy, electricians, ushers, and then he stepped down to the foot- humblest employe of the house. The lights.

one of you must realize how the public distrusts a jack-of-all-trades. Many of you doubted the ability of a Merry with eager curiosity to see him in the character of 'John Esterbrook.' How much more would you have hesitated if you had known that this same Merry Andrew was the author of the play? an honest verdict had been rendered. Tonight I release my friend Enoch Wentworth from the role he has carried for ten months. I also wish, before you, to acknowledge a large indebtedness to him. For years he has been the truest friend a man ever had. He has believed in me, encouraged me, and to his untiring labor you are indebted for much of the perfect detail which has carried 'The House of Eastabrook' to success."

The audience saw Wentworth stare ever saw in New York. You fellows began his confession. Then his eyes must be raking in the shekels." as if in utter amazement when Merry turned to him with an affectionate smile, he gripped the hand held out lady, whom you all love and honor, to him as a man does when he cannot put love or gratitude into words. Across the footlights men and women | caught hers, then he drew her into realized vaguely, through the strange seasons. Generally a drama that pulls realized vaguely, through the strange at the heart strings has a clutch on the purse strings of the public. Beanother drama was being played be

sides, you've a great card in your Miss fore their eyes; a life-and-blood drame, where the feelings of strong men were deeply stirred.

"Good Lord!" said Singleton

Oswald turned with a start as if he actress who could get as much out had been aroused from sleep. The newspaper man stood at his elbow does. There are minutes when it with a look of blank astonishment in

"What's back of all that?" he asked. "I can understand that Merry wrote the play, I've known Enoch Wentworth for years, and I was never so staggered in my life as the first night when I saw 'The House of Ester brook.' I went to the office afterwards to write my stuff and I sat for ten minutes-dumb, stupid-trying to figer after another appeared to take an ure out how Wentworth, the Enoch Wentworth I knew, could have writstood on the stage alone, smiling and ten it. How long have you known

"I have known it," answered Oswald quietly, "just as long as you

have. "Then I'm right," cried Singleton. "I knew Merry was lying when he to the review. The lesson committee stood there on the stage giving us have selected the continuous account that bluff about Wentworth carrying the secret for him. Merry wrote it all right. I might have guessed it long of Acts is a continuance of the Gosago. I say, do you know there's a pel of Luke (Acts 1:1). Inasmuch as devil of a big story back of all that?" Oswald's face grew stern.

"You see I know both of the men so well," went on Singleton eagerly. "Why, they were a regular David and Jonathan pair ever since I met them first. Enoch was forever setting Merry on his pins. The actor would go off, part, and drop off the edge of the world. I don't believe be dissipated exactly; he simply tossed his money away and went downhill. Wentworth would hunt him up and drag him back where he belonged. He straightened up suddenly when he began to play 'John Esterbrook.' You can't even pull him into a poker game now. I guess I took the winnings at the last game he stood in for. That night I had a great mind to hand the money back to him. We said 'Good-by' about daylight. He looked pessimistic and glum. No, he wasn't glum either; Merry never gets glum. He had a down-and-out, don't-give-a-damn expression that morning. I can see him yet. Suddenly he disappeared again. When he came back Wentworth and he cut each other dead. That Paget woman affair began, then Wentworth saved Merry's life. Why, it's a tre-

Oswald turned abruptly. Something his eyes with a start of guilt. "I want man's voice was stern, "and I want you to repeat what I say to every man cannot tell. If there is, if an enmity or a misunderstanding did exist, if do not comprenent, ieare it a then. ghoul," he pleaded, "and dig it up, world buy your paper for a day or

"Thank you," said Oswald with a ary endeavor.

He stood talking with a group who He hesitated for a moment, then gathered about him at the close of "Mr Oswald, you're wanted back of

Under the white glare of electricity actors still wore their stage garb and ladies and gentlemen," he began grave- her brother's arm. For a moment Osly, "not to create a sensation or to wald stood watching her. Her face further advertise the play, but each was flushed, her eyes shone, she

seemed transfigured by happiness. Merry stretched out a welcoming hand to Oswald. "We've been waiting Andrew to touch human emotion ever for you, Oswald, to round out our so lightly, and came that first night circle," he cried gaily. "I had a Scotch grandmother. When she reached the western wilderness and built a home, she made her husband carve over the chimney-piece: 'We're a' sibb tae ane aniether here.' Once, when I was a Hence the secret, to deceive you until little boy, she explained it to me. I understood. The English language won't translate these words, but they mean that there's nobody here but the best of friends. Because we are a' sibb tae ane anither here tonight I want to break a secret to you. a more wonderful secret than the news I gave to the audience."

Merry looked about him with a quick, boyish smile. "I used to say ! could not make a curtain speech to save my life. Tonight I feel as if I were blossoming out. I seem capable of speeches behind the curtain as well as in front. I suppose happiness makes an orator of a man." He laughed joyously. "But-to my secret. This dear

has promised to be my wife." He held out his hands to Dorcas and his arms as if they stood alone in some empty corner of the world. THE END.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 20.

THE ASCENSION.

LESSON TEXT-Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1.

GOLDEN TEXT-He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.-

We have now reached the final les son of the present course in the life of Christ, next Sunday being devoted of this final earthly act of our Lord as given us by St. Luke, for the Book this is really but one account we will

consider only that found in the Acts. I. The Proof of the Resurrection. vv. 1-3. This book of "The Acts" is a continuation of what Jesus "began to do" and gives us the record of how he continued this work by means of those Heaven knows where, throw over a lowing his resurrection he gave them commandments "through the Holy viz. in the power of the Holy Spirit. A like honor rests upon every believer to hear and to obey the commands of Jesus given in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. The all-sufficient proof (see also I Cor. 15:4-8) was that Jesus had been seen for a period of 40 This is the "many infallible days. proofs." During that time they not alone saw the risen Lord, but conversed with him, ate with him, and had communion with him. During these days of communion he gave them his commands as to the "things concerning the kingdom of God." This entailed a burden that these commands be proclaimed in ever widening circles to the utmost bounds of the earth

Additional Experience.

The Promise of the Father. 11. vv. 4-8. The disciples were not to begin the proclamation of their message in his quiet gaze made Singleton shift | until they were fully equipped, until they had received that all essential to say a word to you," the English preparation, the enduement of the Holy Spirit, Here, again, the Scriptures are to be fulfilled (Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:8, also Luke 24:49). That ten days' delay was not time lost, for time spent in preparation is never time lost. We must not suppose these men as not regenerate (John 13:10; lies behind these two men which we | 15:3), but as lacking an equipment possery for the successful execution lievers cannot call him Lord except each syllable carried to the farthest simply to make a curious, heartless by the power of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:3), but we do not all have that intwo. I am told there is a bond be- filling of the Spfrit which alone will enfore the footlights tonight; it is an tween newspaper men, like a warm- able us to render effective service. hearted brotherhood. Wentworth be- This is an additional experience, but Enoch paused as if mustering longed to that brotherhood; he does one open to all who will honestly and intelligently seek it (see Acts 8:12, Singleton stretched out his hand and other references). This experisand eyes. "It is a confession," he re- with an impulsive gesture. "Thank ence is (a) commanded, "charged not to depart till, etc.," (b) to be preceded of a man. I never knew you before. hy "repentance," and (c) to carry with He never finished his sentence. We all need a jog on the elbow once it authority, v. 7 R. V. It does not Merry stepped forward and laid his in a while. A newspaper man grows mean, either, temporal power nor is it hand upon the man's arm with a cling- a buzzard when a story is in the air. even while it pushed Wentworth aside. I'll pass the word around. I can promising dom is a spiritual one. The pro-"Allow me." Then he laughed. ise you that not a man among us will gram of Jesus is Spirit-filled men to be "Good people, one and all, who have do anything but take Merry's word for his witnesses, and to begin "at Jeso long been friends of mine, this is it. His confession is a big story in rusalem." A true reception of the Holy Spirit means world-wide mission-

Presumptive Ignorance.

III. The Present Place of Jesus. vv. 9-11. Even yet the disciples failed to grasp the idea of a spiritual kingdom as evidenced by verse six In a most emphatic way he tells them that it is not for them to know the "times and seasons which the Father hath set within his own power" (authority, v. 7, R. V.). Their power is not to be earthly, but spiritual (v. 8). It is the height of presumptive ignorance for any one to set the date of our Lord's return (Deut. 29:29). Jesus has given us explicit informa-"We have saved this confession, make-up. Dorcas' hand was linked in tion on this question (Matt. 24:36), and his parables all warn us to While Jesus talked with "watch." his disciples concerning the reception of this new power and the place where they were to begin to exercise it his feet were parted from the earth and a cloud received him from their sight as he ascended "into heaven" (Luke 24:51; I Pet. 3:22; see also Gen. 5:24 and Heb. 9:28 R. V.). His parting benediction was an adjuration to a life of service not in their weakness, but in the blessed enduement of power. Yonder into heaven he had gone to prepare a place for us (John 14:2, Heb. 9:24.) There he ever liveth to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25). His presence there makes us eternally secure (Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:25). His presence in the heavenlies is the guarantee that we, too, shall one day be "with him" (John 12:26, Rev. 2:21).

This hope inspires the church to evangelism, to holy living and to faithful service. It was necessary that our Lord's work be transferred from his invisible person.

Lifted up he was on Calvary, lifted up he was into glory, that "If I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.' Mysterious birth, wondrous life, glorious, marvelous ascension!

As this is written Europe is bathed in blood, and America is engaged in a set season of prayer for peace. The only abiding peace we can hope for will be when the Prince of Peace shall return to rule and to reign.

Revelations of the Kaiser's Personal Spy

By Dr. Armgaard Karl Graves

Who, for a Number of Years Prior to His Arrest and Betrayal in England in 1912, was Emperor William's Most Trusted Personal Spy.

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Elaborate Ever Devised by Man.

The numerical strength, disposition quite as much strategical knowledge and efficiency of the German army are more or less well known. The brain It is a significant fact that, whenman and other secret service sys- in the emperor's domain. tems, through constant contact with prominent army and navy officers, I have enjoyed special facilities, of which I have availed myself to the full to gain the inside knowledge often on stormy, bitter cold winter touched. It is there for one purpose usual touched. It is there for one purpose usual tems, through constant contact with prominent army and navy officers, I know it to be a fact. Notwithstanding the financial straits Germany has gone through at times, or may go through this money will never be tally

The Fighting Force.

est engineering expert, harmoniously together a person through the ch eral Field Marshal von

this immense machine' brain of a fighting force

The interesting historical story of fighting force of 4,500,000 men. this incident may be as be changed by a kiss. conference in Tilsit Napole verge of disintegrating Fr the beautiful Queen Louis print of a kies on her clas maintain a standing arm men. That in itself did ich, but it gave able at

Beginnings of German Army

circumvent and hoodwink 1

Prussia has always been in producing able men at needed moment. A man a gift for military organi had every province, district permitted Prussia under th onfo decree and drilled ! oner were these men dril they were dismissed and 12,000 called in. From this of which was General Steinalso inaugurated the birth of t machine. In three years Pru 180,000 well-drilled men and 120.0 reserves, quite a different profrom the 12,000 men Napoleon shought he had to face on his retreat from Moscow, and which played a de factor in the overthrow of the dictator

to 1879, the Franco-Prussian war, the war inschine of Prussia was merged into that of the German empire and is a record of increasing efforts, entailing infellevable hard work and a compilation of the minutest details. The modern system of organization—is the work of Helmut von Moltke. The "Grosse Schweiger," the Grosse Schweiger," the Grosse Schweiger," the Grosse Schweiger, and highroads of the empire. A keen observe the colors. One in five upon to serve the colors of the derives of the German war office. With the usual promptness both map the college, in charge.

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German War Machine the Most | the same hobbies-Moltke being an | incessant chess player, Heeringen is the sole arbiter and head. No po-using every one of his spare moments litical or social body of men has any quarters of to play with lead soldiers. He is re- control in army matters. puted to have an army of 30,000 lead (This article on the German war ma- soldiers with which he plays the mochine was written by Dr. Graves sev-ment he opens his eyes—much in the ezal weeks before Germany's declara-same manner as Moltke, who used to tion of war upon Russia precipitated request his chessboard the first thing the European war. In reading the in the morning. In military circles article it would be well to keep this Heeringen is looked upon with the same respect and accredited with marks in gold coins, mostly French, possible

ad all-prevailing power controlling a ever there has been any tension in ighting force of 4,500,000 men is, how- Europe, especially between Germany ever, not known. Here for the first and France, General von Heeringen or gine the world has ever seen.

nights, sentries on outposts stationed at and guarding the approaches of Metz have been stationed at a decrease of Metz have been stationed at a decrease of Metz have been stational decrease of Metz have been stationed at a The most elaborate system ever de. Metz have been startled to find a Almost Perfect Transportation Facili. material vised by the ingenuity of man, used not only for war and destruction, but as an intelligence clearing house for guishing marks, stalking along. Acthe Ger. companied by orderlies carrying camp transportation. Napoleon's central Euman war machine. Conceived by Gen- stools and table, night glasses and ropean wars owed their success in a upon eral Stein in the days of the Napole electric torches, halting repeatedly, onle wars, added to and elaborated by short, croaking sentences escaping between the thin, compressed lips, the smooth "Geist of Metz" has prowled round, absence measuring every foot of ground ufty miles east, west, north and south of

> The visible head of this vast organization is called Der Grosse General oung eral Stab," which sends its most able officers to Berlin. These officers, in inking conjunction with the most able scihigh. entists, engineers and architects the rking empire can produce, compose the end great general staff. The virtual head Con. is the German emperor. The actual lord executive is called "Chef des Grossen Gros. General Stabs.

The Maker of War.

There is a small, dingy, unpreten baude where, at moments of stress to 200 and tension or international complica after the at the head of the table; to the right es the chef des Grossen General Stabs; to the left his minister of war; then the minister of railways and the chief Con- of the naval staff. You will notice om- five men meet the influence of diplo-Napo- matic and financial affairs has ceased or pretty They are there to act. The scratchwomen, let himself be tricked by Lou- ing of the emperor's pen in that room means war, the setting in motion of a

here. In order to give the reader a fairly can correct view of this mighty organizaice tion I have to explain each group septhe arately. The whole system rests or and feed a fighting force of 4,500,000 Bo men in the shortest possible time at to any given point in either eastern or western Europe. For let it be clearly understood that the main point of the wd training of the German armies is the to readiness to launch the entire fighting rte's force like a thunderbolt to any given He | are four main groups:

- 2. Transportation.
- 4. Intelligence.

men is ready at an instant. It is the orders by the emperor the whole of Through the wars of 1864 and 1866 having two levies—the first and section of affairs.

the navy three.

the same taciturn disposition, even thrones in the German empire, espe-pire.

about twelve years of service in an chant marin rmy where discipline, obedience and the passenge fficiency are the first and last word, ship lines, ca are then drafted into all the minor ment service administrative offices of the state, hicles, taxis such as minor railway, post, excise, privately or municipal and police. The reader will upon if con see the significance of this when it is Through t cointed out that not only the empire system of t but the war machine has these well-trained men at its beck and call. The equipped me same thing applies to the drafting of tiers within hours. She cofficers to most of the higher and this host in to hours more. ighest administrative positions in ie state.

There are twenty-five army corps, marches on Il placed in strategical positions. The control of the army in peace stons for or in war lies with the emperor. He most impe

The War Chest.

Last but not least under the heading | especiall; of organization comes the financial as- many, who pect. Out of the five milliards of on outs france, the war indemnity paid by her milli France to Germany in 1871, 200,000,000 The an were put away as the nucleus of a stoppage ready war chest. In a little medieval rations looking watch tower, the Julius Thurm | man con near Spandau, lies this ever-increasing there is driving force of the mightiest war en- and bear

It is ever increasing, for quietly and the ent time is published an account of the his comrade in arms, General von Hullinside workings of the German war machine so far as it is possible for and an iron disciplinarian—immediately and the entire that is possible for and an iron disciplinarian—immediately and the entire that is the comrade in arms, General von Hullinside workings of the German war machine so far as it is possible for and an iron disciplinarian—immediately and the entire that is a second of the comrade in arms, General von Hullinside workings of the German war machine so far as it is possible for and an iron disciplinarian—immediately and the comrade in arms, General von Hullinside workings of the German war machine so far as it is possible for and an iron disciplinarian—immediately and an iron disciplinarian and an iron disciplinarian and an iron disciplinarian and an iron disciplinarian and an any one man to give them. Through ately has taken command of Metz, the year by year and added to the store, aware to my intimate connections with the Germost important base and military post trol of the military authorities. It longer to has often been declared a myth. I Once

ctualization. day as it n and beast being the cer of the leading powers.

Aerial Weapons momic feeding of threetime is w serious pro m in the event of war, h is somewhat dependent

ed by the army is as far as rope. oplied by the farmer direct. Intelligence.

f Germany, especially of those sections being in charge of come. The power of the ordinary hyoats of the big steam- two officers and a secretary whose drogen gas in all its various forms has be pressed into govern- sole duty it was to acquaint and make been multiplied threefold by a new so can all motor ved themselves perfectly familiar with gas discovered at the Spandau government chemical laboratory. This gas the corporations be called Through the far-reaching system of has also the enormous advantage of ered necessary.

espionage, the latest and most up-tobeing absolutely uninflammable.

The wonderful system of the Gerresportation Germany is ing, and time and again I myself, often man war machine has been installed from a million fully returning from a mission like one of with rare detail in the aerial corps. on to either of her fron- those to the naval base in Scotland. The equipment of the different stahours. She can double have sat by the hour verbally amplify- tions is really marvelous, for everying my previous reports.

dictum that an army the personality squad, whose duty it will find in application. Each station stomach is as true to- is to acquaint themselves with the per- is fully equipped and is an absolutely then, adequate provi- sonality of every army and navy offi- independent center in itself. Take the

Aerial Weapons.

Within the last few years an ena million men in peace tirely new, and, according to German enough. It becomes a ideas, most important factor has entered and seriously disturbed the relaa country like Gercourses for the feeding of tions. This is the aerial weapon.

Since the days of Otto Lilienthal Pocking and consequent of imports, have made preparitheir usual thorough Germany to be embodied and made use of in the war machine. It is a far cry from Lilenthal and his glider, it has been the policy of Germany to keep track of all inventions likely to be embodied and made use of in the war machine. It is a far cry from Lilenthal and his glider, it has been the policy of Germany to keep track of all inventions and the control of the co eness. At any given time dielent foodstuff for man ored in state storehouses a private concerns to feed of twenty from Lilenthal's glider to the last word in aerial construction such as the mysterious Zeppelin-Parseval sky monster that, carrying a complement berman army for twelve is might seem inadequate, the authorities being well war in Europe at the pres-

car these storehouses are progressed in this struggle for mas- these signs is dangerous. I shall, howand perishable or deterio-visions replaced. Tens of of tons of foodstuffs, esper, are sold far below their heard in conversation. They are ket value to the poorer known only to the general staff at Berably farmers. Likewise the lin, not even in the cabinets of Eu-

Secret Aerial Strength.

doubt the most important up-to-date aerial fleet in the world. tion, if he came by night and cut the general staff and The budget of the reichstag of 1908- through the barbed wire, a series of se information and efforts 1909 allowed and provided for the bells would immediately sound the building and maintenance of twelve general alarm.

dirigibles of the Zeppelin type. So far as the knowledge of the rest of the world is converged this is all the the world is concerned this is all the onal tower meets the eye. In this sky navy that Germany possesses. It tower are installed two powerful is a fact, though, that she has three searchlights as well as a complete times the number that she officially wireless outfit. All the Zeppelius carry

The diribigle-balloon centers in Ger- flectors it is possible with the search many are five, and they are situated at lights to flood the whole place with vitally strategic points. There are two daylight in the middle of night. Thus on the French border, one on the Rus- ascensions can be made safely at any sian border, one on the Atlantic coast, hour of the twenty-four. and a central station near Berlin. The The three oblong sheds stand in a exact places are Strassburg, Frank- row, the middle being the largest, hav fort on the Main, Posen, Wilhelms. ing spaces for two complete dirigibles hafen and Berlin. This does not in while the other sheds house but one clude the marvelous station at Helgo-land in the North sea, this being a 200 feet broad and 120 feet bigh. The strategic point in relation to Great whole structure itself can be shifted

Helgoland station. None but those on this being worked on a plan similar to official business are permitted within the railroad engine turntable. The reathings concerning it.

there are a number of commercial sta- ly for the removal of the airship tions necessary as depots of the regular transportation aerial lines that of space show that it is the govern public. Like Germany's commercial crease the plant. steamers, however, they are controlled nd subsidzed by the government. At few hours' notice they can be converted and made use of for govern-ment purposes. Taking these trans-

why, in the face of disasters and acci- ings secret to the German govern dents to these Zeppelins, Germany is ment, are stored under guard at the spending about \$4,000,000 on her aerial big navy yards at Wilhelmshafen and fleet. Now we come to a very significant point. I know, and certain members break of war in submarines and dirigreat measure, if not wholly, to his the whole machine hinges, is the intel-quickness of motion. This applies ligence department, really covering as well as trusted men in the aerial of aircraft an importance undreamed about tenfold in modern warfare. In many different fields—for instance, actual armament the leading powers general science, especially strategy, under which airships are operated in understood that the main point of the training of the German armies is the readiness to launch the entire fighting force like a thunderboit to any given point of the compass. Germany knows through past experience the advisability and necessity of conducting war in an enemy's country. The German army is built for aggression. There are four main groups:

actual armament the leading powers of Europe are practically on a par. The personnel, as regards personal courage, stamina, or whatever you wish to call it, is fairly equal also.

There is little difference in the individual prowess of French, Russian, army is built for aggression. There are four main groups:

actual armament the leading powers of Europe are practically on a par. Topography, ballistics, but mainly the procuring of information, data, plans, or less well-known system which chars or less well-k dipline, technique and preparedness, attentid often a life study—to a sin-same system as the passenger dirig-crossing the Baltic and landing at ibles—for a reason.

While undergoing instructions in rate the French aeroplane superior at which distance these huge cigarmen is ready at an instant. It is the reserves who need an elaborate system or modification. The reserves are divided into two classes, first and second reserves. So is the Landwehr, having two levies—the first and second Aufgebot.

Every able-bodied man on reaching the age of twenty-one may be called upon to serve the colors. One in five the "Grosse Schweiger," the Great Siller of the Carminate of the Carminate

ongland, France and Russia | The objection of inflammability of trials in these matter

Al vessel in the mer- was carefully cut into sections, each the lifting power has also been over-

thing human ingenuity has been able A part of the intelligence system is to devise concerning the dirigible you base at Helgoland. It is the newest and the one that is always cloaked with secrecy

Guarding the Dirigibles.

At the extreme eastern corner of the island of Helgoland one sees, amid the sandy dunes, three vast oblong ron-gray structures. At a distance they are not unlike overgrown gasometers. I say at a distance, for it is impossible for any visitor to get within a thousand yards of the station. The solitary approach is guarded by a triple post of the marine guard. If you walk toward the station, before you come within a hundred yards of the guard, you will find large signs setting forth in unmistakable and terse language that dire and swift penalties follow any further exploration in that direction. Not only ld not and would not last lt is my purpose here to tell you land have found out that even the such a period.

It is my purpose here to tell you land have found out that even the slightest infringement of the rules of English but German visitors to Helgo-

> Walking on until you are within fifty yards of the great balloon sheds, you pause before a tall fence of barbed wire, this connected with an elaborate two guard houses. For instance, if an enterprising secret agent of France Germany without doubt has the most | were to try and steal up on the sta-

a thousand yards of it. I shall tell son for it is that with the veering of the wind the sheds are turned so that Besides these purely military posts | the doors will be placed advantageous-

The whole layout and the vast area operate for the convenience of the ment's intention still further to in-

Let us consider one of these new ment purposes. Taking these transportation lines into consideration, it is safe to state that by now Germany the perfecting of the Diesel motor, would good lifty huge airships to war. could send fifty huge airships to war.

Revolutionizing Discoveries. the perfecting of the perfection of the perfecting It may be a puzzle to Americans of these Diesel engines, their work-

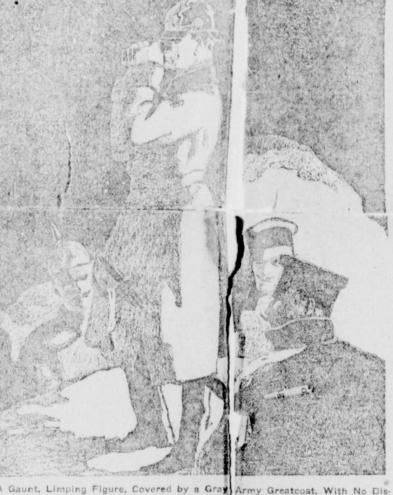
Swinemunde, with enough gas, fuel

large places the Zeppelins would rise

Its Present Head.

The real backbone and stiffening of the German rallway system to its similarity between the late Molitke and Heeringen, They have the same aquing from the rank and file. In fact, this the mainstay of the mainstay of the same taciturn disposition, even the same taciturn disposition, even the same taciturn disposition, even the same taciture disposition, even the may three.

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met the question of mobilization, meaning the ability to arm, transport, clothe tinguishing Marks, Stalking Along.

Only in a country where all rail- gle subject. roads, highways and waterways, and where post and telegraph are owned the Priesian military authorities to cret of the German general staff. It other 36 hours. The distance all told cret of the German general staff. It 4. Intelligence.

Each of these groups is, of course.

Subdivided into numerous branches, of transportation such as is at the countries as they know of their own. In the war of 1870-71, German ways secretly. It has been proved to which we shall go into under each indisposal of the German general staff. commanders down to the Helgoland to London, or any midland be effective in eliminating 75 per cent. Helgoland to London, or any midland Every mile of German railroads, es- leading & small detachment had accu- of the accidents which have character- towns in England, corresponds to the

one officers and men. This body of after the signing of the mobilization Exhaust ve Knowledge of Enemies. Critics of the German dirigible who to a height of from 6,000 to 8,000 feet,

First comes organization. The German army is composed of three distinct parts—the standing army, the reserves and Landwehr, or militia.

The standing army comprises 790.—

The standing army comprises of the accidents which have character to distribute the last twenty years, has been constructed every province in France, giving them more accidents which have character to distribute the last twenty years, has been constructed every province in France, giving them more accidents which have character to distribute the last twenty years, has been constructed every province in France, giving them distribute the last twenty years, has been constructed every province in France, giving them distribute the last of the accidents which have character to distribute the last of the accidents which have character to distribute the last twenty years, has been constructed every province in France, giving them distributed the standing of the accidents which have character to distribute the last twenty years, has been constructed every province in France, giving them distributed the standing of the accidents which have character to distribute the last twenty years and data of the accidents which have character to distribute the province in France, giving them distributed the province in France, giving them distributed the province in France, giving them distributed the province

By Agreement of Merchants, in order to give Clerks a vacation, all stores in Cot ulla will remain closed from Christmas eve until the following Monday morning, December 28th

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTED

J. B. Owaby of Woodward was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Alonzo Neal of Fowlerton is in the city visiting relatives.

E. W. Earnest was here from Millett yesterday.

W. H. Mathis, stockman of San Antonio, was here yesterday.

Arthur Goodwin of Gardendale was in the city Thursday.

Are you glad to see the weather warm up?

Christmas trees at all of the churches.

S. A. Armstrong, cattlemen of Big Wells, was here Monday.

For Sale-Five good brood sows. -T. N. Presley, Cotulla, Texav.

For Rent-One desirable room . Wood furnished -Mrs. J. P. Haynie.

Chas. Miller, Cattlemens Association Inspector, was here between trains today.

A. C. Jones of Light was here this morning. He was on his way to Laredo.

Mrs. A. F. Childs returned Thursday from a three weeks visit to relatives at Eagle Pass.

Atty. J. Albert Strawn made a business trip to San Antonio during the first part of the week.

Judge and Mrs. C. C. Thomas returned Wednesday from a two stationery at the Record office. days stay in San Antonio.

this morning from San Marcos, roon and gray, at greatly reduwhere she has been attending ced prices. They are real barthe San Marcos Baptist Acadamy. gains. - K. Burwell.

son. Lodge Monday night M. G. Delling and Roy C. Guinn were given the Third Degree.

Mrs. Maud McInturf of Trina dad, Colo., is here to spend the holidays, the guest of Mrs. Arthur Childs.

Charlie Tarver came in this morning from San Antonio where he has been attending

Miss Emma Brown of McKiney, was among the arrivals Tuesday. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. Mrs. T. B. Presley.

Misses Imogene Lacey and Loretta Binkley visited the Alamo City for several days this

Roe Oliver, who has been down on the lower Rio Grande for several weeks was up this week on a visit to his family.

We have a large assortment of sizes in ladies and children's underwear, going at greatly reduced prices. Get yours before the lots are broken. -K. Burwell.

I. & G. N. Agent, B. L. Livingson, of Artesia Wells, accompanied by Mrs. Livingston and little son, were in the city shopping yesterday.

Messrs. Ollie and Willis Johnson returned to San Antonio Monday night after a week's hunt near here. They had good

Winter has just commenced so it would be using good judgement to get a pair of those Sweet Orr Corduroys now, they'll last this winter and next. Prices \$2.50 to \$4.00. -K. Burwell.

R. C. Gardner, manager of the Gardner Mercantile Company of Woodard, was in the city Tuesday. He left an order for

We have a great asaortment of Miss Hettie Tarver arrived Jersey wool sweaters, navy, ma-

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mann of At a call meeting of the Ma- | Ware were among the arrivals Monday. They are guests at the La Motta and Maltsberger ranch es. Mr. Mann comes down every year to take a hunt and being a good hunter usually gets the limit.

This will be the last issue of Mrs. Gwatney and Miss Mur- but the next issue will be mailed chison, who have been attending Christmas day, one day ahead of the house party at the Dobie the regular publication day, and Ranch, came in this morning and then the office force will take a left for their home in San An- weeks vacation. On the date of Jan. 2 no paper will be issued.

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ing these last few days before Xmas will be busy come early. Your needs can be supplied -- a pracones; esent for all the family at prices to suit every tical purse.

> IT'S YOUR MOVE Be sure and move toward the

Roy Corner. K. BURWELL.

Nice

WILD CAT AND COYOTE SKIN RUGS ARMADIL .A BASKETS

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E. A. Herman, hotel man of Fowlerton, was in the city Thurs- had to do very little irrigating day evening. Mr. Herman re- this fall. In fact no irrigation ports conditions as to winter crops has heen necessary except the good in the Frio valley.

W. C. Held, stockman of Withet is in the city today. Mr. Held ularly all the fall. The lettuce says farmers are still holding crop is doing fine and one or two cotton in this section and will more rains at the proper time continue to do so until prices go will make it. The production of

Raymond H. Seefeld of Big Wells was in the city Thursday on business, In the recent organization of the First State Bank of Big Wells, Mr. See- Long went to the Cartwright feld was elected president. The bank opened for business Dec. 1.

left Monday morning for their ging a nice buck, and Rev. Long home at Custer Park Ill., after says if he had had a good gun having spent a couple of weeks he too would have brought down in Cotulla. They come to the king of the woods. Bro. Cotulla every winter on a short Long says he knows he didn't visit and have made many friends have the buck ague, and it must during their visits here.

W. A. Kerr was up from his farm Monday. Mr. Kerr says and wagon \$200. Extra fancy he will plant no onions this year Feterita seed \$2.50 per 100 lbs. on account of the breaking of the Milo Maize, three good voung slough dam near his place dur- brood mares, well broke to sading the last rise in the river, dle, well reined \$75 each.-M. H. which makes his water supply Baine, Artesia, Texas. uncertain.

in order that dismissal for the ject, "The Angels Message," At Holidays might be had Wednes- 7:15 p. m. the subject will be, day afternoon in stead "The Man Without a Christmas." of Thursday which is Christ- Sunday School at 10 a. m. mas eve. Several of the teach - Everybody welcome. ers will go to their homes for Christmas.

Dad Roscher was in town yesterday from Woodward. He re- to 28th. and want everyone who ports land breaking going on out owes me to see me and settle in that part of the county, but as their accounts or make definite yet the farmers are undecided as arrangements for doing so. to what crops to plant. He thinks there will be some cotton planted next year, but that the acreage will be cut more than half.

The rainy weather that set in Thursday morning was not welcomed by any one. The merchants hoped for clear weather and shoppers had great expectations after a week's spell of cloudy, cold weather. Where transplanting has just been completed in some of the onion fields the moisture will probably be of some benefit.

Farmers along the river have watering of newly transplanted onione. Praints have come regthe crop this year will be inex-

Rev. Onderdonk of San Antonio came down early in the ranch on a deer hunt. They returned Thursday. The San An-Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Peterson tonio gentleman succeeded in baghave been the gun's fault.

For Sale-Team good mules

Preaching at the Methodist School is being taught today Church Sunday, 11 a. m. Sub-

NOTICE

I . will be in Cotulla Dec. 25th.

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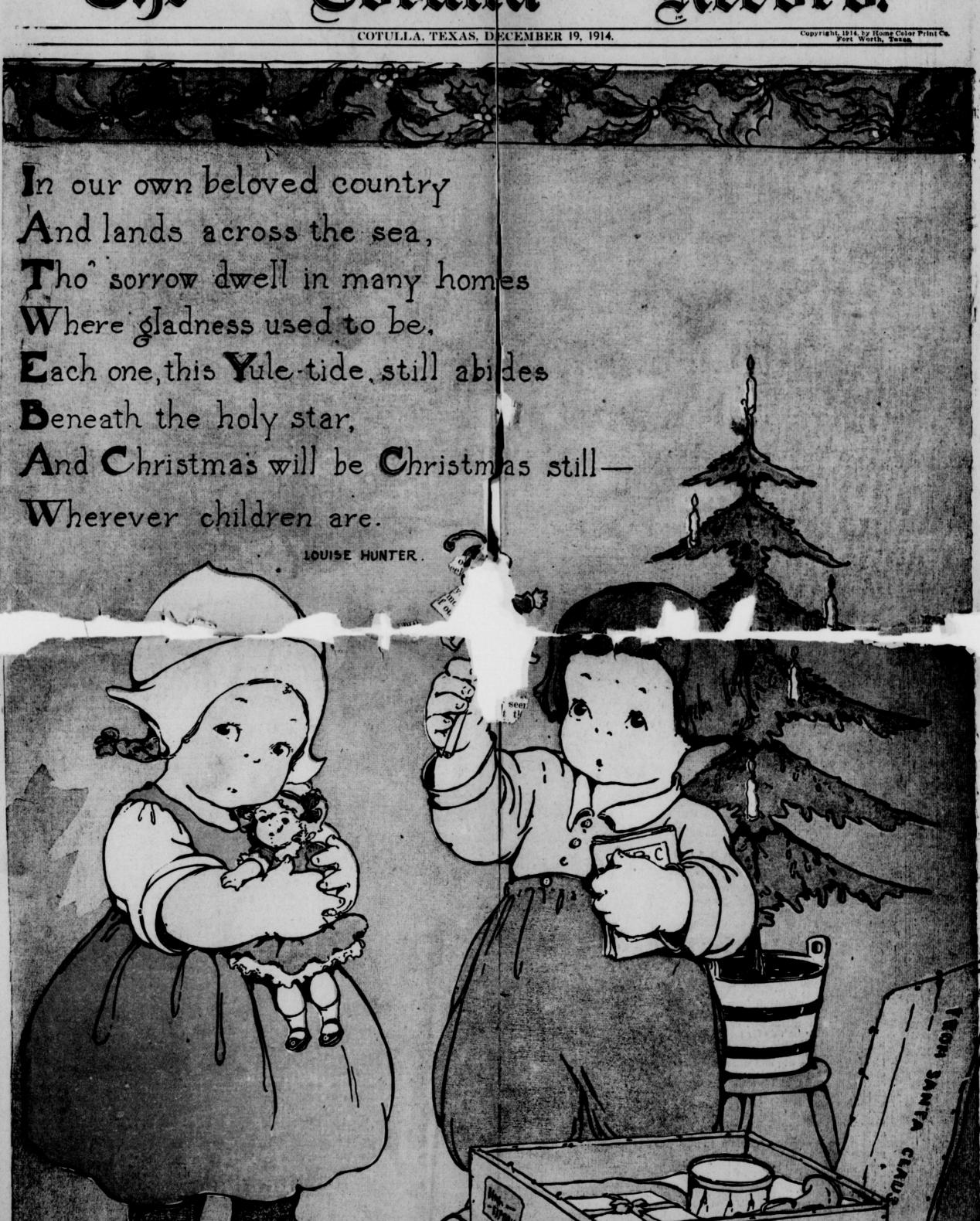
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Christmas number Cotulla

Record.



Snappy Christmas YOU want to make a fortune, cap'n?" Captain Gunter, master and part owner of the trading steamer Sea Bird, leaned back in his seat and looked at the questioner with astonishment writ large on his wide, red face. Then because he thought he deface.

"And there were other ships about this ocean graveyard-ships of all ages'

master of the barque Sylvia, of Swansea, which left that port for Bueno Ayres on Sept. 23, 1904, and the same writer prays that this message may reach stomeone in time, for the remainder of those who set out from Swansea (there are four from Swanse extending to the horizon. V

We are dying off one by the help us! We are in the Sarge shave seen no human creature as ship, but a ghastly army of mis are with us, ships of all agestions, lying jumbled together incemetery. It is our lives we to save, for unless help comouter world we must die, by who shall come to save us the

months. Heaven Sea! We

side our ing ships all na-cean

who shall come to save us the illimitable wealth here within hards. A bullion ship lies

of gold in her hold that through to the bottom of have removed some, but us. There are tons of it,

"There isn't any more, si boy, breaking off. "Some wate, have got into the tube and se running on the main portion offit. do you think of it, cap'n?" the ue ink What

Captain Gunter's eyes were a lame, but he did not speak for a moment. Then he exclaimed: "Tons of gold, does it say? Tons of gold?"

Stridham nodded. His own cheeks were red with suppressed excitement. "Are you going to take it on, cap'n?" he sked, "or shall I take it somewhere else?"

shall I take it somewhere else?

"By ginger! my lad, you stay are," he exclaimed hoarsely.

CHAPTER II.

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The Sea Bird bore steadily over the long, blue, southern Atlantic swell. She had been out two days over three weeks. There was no wind, and the heat of the sun made the iron deck almost unbearable. Captain Gunter came out of the chartroom, after working out his midday observations upon the chart, and himself into a deck chair under the awning and monned his brow.

himself into a deck chair under ing and mopped his brow.

"I calculate we aren't such a long way off," he said, "and we shall know soon. By gum, my lad, but if it does n't come off, I'm going to leather you an hour for every pound I've put into the venture."

"That isn't in the agreement cap'n," said Stridham imperturbably, "and I believe if you go outside that a greement you'll get into the quod, safe as "I shall break the law if I'm over this expedition," answered Gunter firmly, and he went on to observe that he reckoned wild-geese chasing was prudent business compared with "Land-ho!"

"Land-ho!"

"Land-ho!"

He jumped up from his chair as the cry come from the bridge, and hurried up the ladder. There was on the horizon what appeared to be low-lying land, purple and faintly green in color.

"It's weed," pronounced Capt ain Gunter after a while. "By gum, it's weed!" And immediately he bellowed out an order that resulted in the covers being stripped off a curious bog knife-like thing that had been lashed down to the forecastle all the voyage. This was lifted up by means of brace and shackles, and presently when they got near to the outlying is lands of weed it was let down over the stem and securely fastened to the cut-water. When the bolts were made fast the chief engineer, suspended over the bows in a sling, took off a protecting sheath of lead from the edge. The edge exposed was sharp and rozor-like. The effectivenes of this

cutter was tried upon a detached mass of cutter was tried upon a detached mass of weed, fifty yards or so across, that floated like an island to starboard. The bows sliced through it like a scythe cutting wet grass, and the floating weed fell away on each side, though there came quick evidence of the fouling of the screw before they were half through it, for the weed clung to the ship's side and closed up again behind.

This necessitated the fixing of a big cage-like apparatus, already prepared, made of strong steel rods, that was ar-

made of strong steel rods, that was arranged to fit over the stern and to entirely cover up both screw and rudder, though of course allowing the water to circulate freely between the rods.

Then they went forward. The cage over the propeller handicapped its power somewhat, but it kept the blades free of weeds. The vessel bore slowly through the incredible ocean growth. It grew compact and level, looking from a distance like a flat sward, but as the bows bore into it, long slimy tentacles, so soft and yet so tough that the gentle pressure of the sharp blade that the gentle pressure of the sharp blade at the cutwater would not part them, piled up against the bows until it had to be cut away, painfully and slowly, by hand. Night came on, and the mate, who had his opinion as to the sanity of the expedition, put the view forcibly that it would be madness to go on in the dark.

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It came to Stridham's turn to be hung over the bows in a sling, and to chop at the encumbering weed. It was when he had been working at this job for the best part of half an hour, cutting at the soppy growth, that of a sudden he became aware of a long shadowy form snaking about in the darkness of the thick weed immediately below him. It was hardly half a glance he got, because his attention was for the moment fixed on a particularly huge tendril that he was hacking at, but all at once the matter was brought to his close attention by something touching him, and the next moment he received a thrill of the next moment he received a thrill of fright by feeling a serpent-like grasp upon

He glanced down as he yelled out, and saw to his horror a great fleshy arm fas-tening him about, and simultaneously he saw another awful tentacle twisting up to-

The feel of the loathesome, slimy flesh upon his skin, as it pressed about his neck and ears dover with, and the pull him almost

to West the ry Of ... him keep as senses.

He heard, following swiftly upon the noise, the crack! crack! crack! of a revolver, but that sound seemed somehow a long way off; and he felt himself slipping into a darkness that enveloped all sense of time, place, circumstance, and self.

CHAPTER III.

"He's opening his eyes. Give him another nip. Aye, that'll do."
Stridham wakened himself by the evi-

dence of his own coughing, because the nip of spirits went the wrong way, and, opening his eyes, he saw the mate kneeling beside him with a bottle, and the skipper bending over him.

"Did you fire those shots, cap'n?" he

"By ginger, I did! Right into the eyeball of the brute, which gave it the lumpiest kind of surprise it had ever struck. If I hadn't you'd have been down in the weed, my lad. It was a devil-fish of a size I've never heard of."

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Stridham staggered to his feet on the deck, and he clung to a stanchion to support his weight. The ship was moving ahead. He could hear the noise of tearing weed.

"Look here, cap'n," he said, "we'll tear that agreement up if you like. I can see you're straight. You saved my life. If you had held back your shots a second it would have been money in your pocket

you had held back your shots a second it would have been money in your pocket if I'd been under the weeds now."

Captain Gunter wagged his finged. "No, we'll keep it," he said sagaciously. "You might want a half share instead of a third."

"Stuck again, sir," came the cry from the forecastle. Weeds want clearing, sir."

"Then we'll wait till daylight," said the skipper, looking over the rail. "These aguarium curios ain't nice things to

aquarium curios ain't nice things to tackle in the dark." As the morning light came flooding the sea, of weed, those who watched gave utterance to a cry of wonder, for what they beheld surpasses belief.

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Scarce a quarter of a mile away across the slow-pulsing weed lay the hull of a steamship red with rust from stem to stern, from water-line to scuppers. Nuzzling up against the rusty derelict was a wooden vessel with the stumps of three masts standing, and a mass of spars and rigging tumbled over upon the deck of the steamer. Again lying across the bows of the three-master, and held to it because the latter's bowsprit was forced through one of the stern-ports, was an amazing-looking craft like unto nothing any one of them had ever seen outside a picture with gigantic deck-houses, both fore and aft, built so high that it seemed a miracle that it did not topple over in the water.

And there were other ships lying about this ocean graveyard, ships of all ages—

water-logged, rusted, rotten, with tragedy written big across every one.
"If this don't whack everything!"

Story of the Salt Seas

"If this don't whack everything!"
gasped Captain Gunter.

"I'm glad we didn't see 'em in the
dark," muttered the mate. "There'll be
ghosts aboard. I'll back my pay on it."

"Hullo, but there's something—it's a
man aboard that steamer," cried Stridham, and as they gazed in the direction of
his pointing hand they saw a figure run
along the derelict's deck and mount the
battered bridge and begin a wild signaling of waving arms. His shouts reached
them, too, and a moment later he was them, too, and a moment later he was joined by another, and a third man ran on the heels of the second.

Captain Gunter sprang up the bridge ladder, and rammed down the engineroom telegraph. There was a rumble and the Sea Bird began to cut through the weeds again.

"Steady, don't bump us!" shrieked one of the men on the wreck. "This rotten lot will go down with much pushing about."

The Sea Bird came to a standstill half a ship's length away, and Stridham, ex-citedly tugging at the skipper's sleeve, pointed to the faded name upon the stern of the wooden three-master.

"Hullo, there! Are you the Svlvia of Swansea?" yelled Captain Gunter. "All that's left of us," came the an-swer from a man with hair that fell upon

his shoulders, and who was bearded to the chest.

"Sling us a rope, skipper, and we'll come aboard. No, don't lower a boat. There are devil fish in the weed with arms a dozen feet long. We lost four men out of a boat a year ago. That's why we're on this steamer because it's higher out of the water."

"And that'll be the gold ship," broke in Stridham, pointing to the ancient galleon with the high poop and forecastle, as the mate, standing in the mizen-chains, threw out the rope.

CHAPTER IV.

The three men sat on the lockers in the cuddy of the Sea Bird, drinking hot coffee with the relish of castaways. They were curiously dressed for seamen.

"Fact is," said one, "we've had to dip into some passenger's trunks aboard that steamer. She's the Dumbarton Castle of London, lost in '84. What became a har people.

that's took off ten of us. Four we lost of a boat that was attacked by devil-fish. By heaven! they were dragged down in the weed before our eyes. After we had been here six months the skipper went mad, and sprang over one night into the weed. The bos'n died only last week, and the others—three of 'em were lost in the gale that drove us here two years are and gale that drove us here two years ago, and

two others died. I forget how.
"I am Jenkins," said the other, falling into his seat again. "Perhaps that was what has kept us sane—the sending out of the messages and the hope that someone would find one of them."

"Have you sent out more than one?" asked Captain Gunter, with sudden perturbation.
"A lot," answered the castaway. "I

don't know-perhaps fifty. We have been catching birds for months."

"In that case, my lads, we'll get on and tranship that treasure, if it's handy. Someone else may have caught one of those

birds, and I'm not wanting competition in this rescue job."

"It's all at hand," said Jenkins, "in this ancient history craft here. She's called the Santa Barbara, and I've figured it out, from a history book aboard the Dumbarton Castle, that she must have been one ton Castle, that she must have been one of the Spanish Armada ships."

All the wonders of the ancient Spanish ship, the Santa Barbara, cannot be written down here. They will be found catalogued, together with the deeply interesting speculations arising therefrom, elsewhere. This is but a plain tale of a strange

voyage.

"Now, go easy," warned Jenkins when they reached the high poop of the ancient galleon. "This timber's more than a bit galleon. "It's like powder in some places." tender. It's like powder in some places.

The skipper, taking no heed of the wraning, was at that moment leaping down upon the lower deck. As his feet came upon the planks, instead of receiving the expected resistance, the deck gave way like light pie-crust, and, with a yell of astonishment, he went through, out of

"By gum, if it's soft all through he'll be out under the keel by now!" ejaculated Stridham. But they found him hanging to a moldering crossbeam in the hold, almost suffocated by reason of the dust.

"I'm too heavy to walk about this egg-shell craft," he said. "Let the boy shift the stuff; and look here my lad, if you miss a single bar or coin I'll keel haul you."

Down in the dark and dust of the ancient hold the boy worked all day long, handling fortunes every minute. His food was sent down to him. He did not pause (Continued on Page Seven.)

"You've got something up your sleeve, eh?" said Captain Gunter. "And how long has it been there?"
"The best part of a fortnight, cap'n."
"And why did you wait till we were in harbor before bringing it to me?"
"Because I'm free in an hour's time, and I didn't want rookin; out of it. Now, if we'd been at sea—" se ing off with a knowing it."
"You estemate I mig. we re good chance—a better chance than now, cap'n," answered the boy with engaging frankness.

tected in the question signs of the lax discipline that sometimes occurs at the end

of a voyage when there are heavy pockets

in the forecastle, he summoned up a frown and asked the boy if he calculated he had come aft to hold a little conversation.

"If this is a lead-off for a stave of small talk, my lad," said the skipper caustically, "you'd better take your fund of conversation to the galley and give the cook a treat."

Stridham stood awkwardly on one foot,

"I've not come aft on foolishness, cap'n," he said seriously. "I've got something up my sleeve—a business project, I think you'd call it, with money in it, only if you don't want to handle a good thing, I'll take it elsewhere. My time ends at 12 o'clock today."

a treat.

and took a long breath.

"Your shrewdness seems a bit unnatural in one so young," returned the skipper.
Stridham nodded. He deserved the compliment. He was quite confident. He only feared Captain Gunter at sea.
"Are you going in for it, cap'n?"

"I might rook you when we get to sea." "No, cap'n, I don't divulge till you sign this," and before Captain Gunter's astonished eyes the boy unrolled a paper on which were made out the following words

in a big, round hand:
"Whereas, William Stridham, cabin
boy, is about to offer to Captain John
Gunter, master of the Sea Bird, a business project, this agreement testifies that Captain John Gunter agrees, if he takes up the offer and works it, that he will allow the said William Stridham a full third of the results.

"Signed by the same Captain John Gun-

"In the presence of ..."
"Oh, you blamed little sea-lawyer, what's this about?" exclaimed the skipper, looking at the paper with astonishment.

"If you don't take the matter up, cap'n, that document doesn't amount to anything at all," exclaimed the cabin boy coolly; "only if I tell you all about it before you've

signed, and you freeze on the scheme, where do I come in?"

Captain Gunter got up from his chair and reached over for his pen and ink.
"We'll want a witness, cap'n," said Stridham. "It won't do for me to witness my own paper."

The skipper breathed hard, and asked him if he wore a wig and where he hung out his brass plate, but in the end the cook came down and watched Captain Gunter write a scrawly signature and then

added his own. "Now, cap'n, we'll get to business," said the cabin boy briskly, when they were

"Yes, do," answered Captain Gunter, preparing for surprises.

The boy put upon the cabin table a little light brass tube, about as thick as a pencil and half as long.

"You remember that albatross I caught a fortnight ago, sir? Well, that tube, sealed up at both ends, was fastened to one of its legs, and inside the tube was a paper screwed up, with written upon it about the rummiest tale you ever heard in your life. It's taken a bit of reading; the writing is so small. But, now, listen here, sir."

He spread out the thin paper on the cabin table, and commenced to read:

"This is written by Charles Jenkins,



ROM the bed, Angus McCracken mulled over the drab picture that the window framed. Across a narrow court, a dreary row of tene-ments loomed ghost-like and monstrous; in the gray light, fire escapes

seemed like dangling black skeletons clambering up the sides of buildings, things of iron and air, that made McCracken think of bones. His window was closed, but he could hear the weird singing of the wind wind right from narrow allows and shrill wind, rising from narrow alleys and shrilling through the telegraph wires, that de-pended in long dark lashes from neighboring roofs. And McCracken thought how the wind had sung last Christmas Eve over the Scotch moors. Then it had seemed to be a song of rejoicing; now it seemed plaintive, sorrowful. And as he gazed out upon his sordid surroundings, he wished it would snow. Somehow the Eve wouldn't seem so dreary were a sparkling white curtain to shut out the miseries of the world.

Now McCracken had a grievance and when a ruddy, grim visaged Scotchman has a grievance, he can be more sorry for himself than a spoiled child. But Mc-Cracken's grievance wasn't from selfishness; often when the Scotch are called selfish they are only careful. McCracken was careful of his wife's happiness-and there was the baby.

As he lay there, his back in a plaster cast, just as he had lain for seven weeks now motionless, helpless, he reflected how hard it was. Night was mercifully painting the dreary picture with its black brush and alone in the dark room he seemed to see it all again, vividly as in a vision. He saw the church balcony upon which he and other carpenters were working. He felt again the slipping of his feet; he heard anew those

men home. He berated himself now for not having

joined the union as soon as he landed. Only an hour ago O'Hara had dropped in to see him and said that the union always took care of their men when they were hurt, paid their bills. And now McCracken's native thrift was costing him dear; now there was no one to look after him and his own. Feeling, too, that he had missed a good bargain it made him more miserable. He knew how the last of their little savings had been spent for expensive medicines that the free dispensaries could not furnish. The inroads caused by his long illness had been great; the family purse was empty-and it was Christmas

Out in the other room he could hear Mary moving something. He listened more intently. Wasn't it about now that little Tam generally awoke and emitted his lustry, hungry cry? But the baby was sleeping on.

Across the court a few windows were turning yellow with light. McCracken made out a Christmas tree in silhouette against a grimy window pane. Two children were hanging paper dolls on the upper branches. Other windows revealed similar scenes, the hanging of skinny wreaths, of little clusters of holly, gay with red ribbons. It was hard not to think how happy they were over there, how ever so much more happy than he. And he turned away his eyes and gazed instead at the ceiling; for he knew that for Mary and little Tam there would be no Christmas greens,

Christmas spirit—and his eyes grew moist.

As he thought of the baby the soul of McCracken darkened. Of course Tam didn't understand, he was too young, only a month. Still it seemed to McCracken that somehow Tam might remember the one year he had no Christmas; and he dreaded that. When a man has been lying on his back for days, and brooding he is apt to imagine anything. And his eyes, all the luster gone, sought the ceiling. He couldn't bring himself to gaze across the court again, for the holly, the trees, the Christmas spirit, squalidly housed as it was, only sickened him. He couldn't but contrast it with their own little rooms, empty of all visible signs of the Eve; and he became a little cynical, a little bitter toward God. Why had there been visited upon him an affliction at this time of the year? Why, when the baby had only come, and when for Mary everything should be bright, hopeful? McCracken was falling into that trait of the Scotch that thinks any calamity is molded directly by the Almighty.

E CHRIST

Goodfellows of a Moving Picture Company Bring Christmas Joy to a Poor Family

On the other side of the door Mary was busy getting supper. A dark haired wom-an, Mary, with twinkling blue eyes and a pert nose that suggested Irish as well as Scotch ancestors. There seemed about her, too, an air of hope, for she went about her task cheerfully. Angus could hear her singing and he marveled. But once when she looked over the baby's crib the song caught in her throat and she put her apron to her eyes.

Gazing about her, she saw that the room was bare of a single Christmas green.
Greens cost "bawbees" and "bawbees"
were spent for food. If only she could afford a tiny tree for over near baby's crib, if only Angus were able to bend over the crib with her. A hundred longings filled her heart, a hundred sorrows dwelt in her blue eyes. Her forced hopefulness had broken down for it was the Eve.
"McCracken," she called suddenly, with

that way Scotch women have of often addressing their husbands by their last names, "McCracken, do you suppose they're having snow over-over home

She smiled wistfully as there came to her a picture of Edinborough, of the great castled cliffs they had seen for the last time, only a few months ago, when their train had gone to the sea coast. But Mc-Cracken hadn't heard. One by one the stars had come out, bright, sharply defined and sparkling for the air was cold and objects at great distances were clearly vis-ible. He had watched them twinkle one by one, diamonds thrust through the black curtain of night; he had watched them in-differently. At first he had tried to count them, a departure from his bed-ridden custom of trying to trace the pattern of the wall paper. Then it appeared as though one star was shining brighter than the rest.

engaring smile; so she bowed him in. Her visiter came to the point quickly. With a flot rish he produced a long alligator skin walle; and drew from it a card. This he hand d her, saying:
"Madam, I am the producing director for the American Film company, moving

pictures, you understand."

To be sure she had no right to expect anything, but her spirit fell.

"But we would not be interested in going to see your entertainments." She glanded toward the other room. "We do not be received in going to see your entertainments." pect to go anywhere for some time." man with the full face laughed; smiled, although she didn't know Mary Somehow she felt a little better.

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"I guess I've not made myself clear."
How hearty his voice was! "I spent the last to hours routing around this neighborhood. I'm looking for a baby. None of the babies are young enough. I want to borro v one for just about an hour. I was told that you might be willing to help us out. We will be deeply grateful if you do."

As he spoke, Mary had become a storm center of conflicting thoughts. Of course these people would pay for the use of her child, and she could go along and practicall be at its side every minute. Still there was enough of the old Scotch Presbyteran in her to make her hesitate. It went i little against the grain to think that her own should receive money for being on Ma n actor; the Calvanistic influences y were strong. But there was Irish which is synonymous with warm ness. With the money she could make a little more pleasant Eve for Angus; he might even be able to buy baby that inv tree.

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Taking up the baby in her arms, she tiptoed to her husband's room. Opening the door noiselessly, she saw that the restfulness of sleep had driven some of the disappointment from his face. A great happiness flooded in her heart, she hugged little Tam in her arms and followed the full faced man from the room.

Some of the stars had gone out of the heavens when McCracken aweke. He rubheavens when McCracken aweke. He rubbed his eyes and gazed about him somewhat muddled. He had been in Scotland. It had been Christmas morning. There was snow on the ground. A church bell was ringing. He had pattered down the stairs in his night gown, a little tot just seven; he had searched the big stocking that hung on the fireplace, but now—

Angus rubbed his eyes again. Oh, God! he was older, twenty years older and there was no Scotland, no church bells, just a dreary room, a dusty window, beyond it a dreary night. He saw the star again, and as he brooded more about this empty Christmas he and his own must endure, he began to wonder if the star hadn't been put there to mock him. Earlier in the night it had stirred in him faint hope, but now what was there, nothing, nothing but a bare room, a door, another room and in that a good, brave little woman, whom he felt must be fighting down the unhappi-ness that could not but be in her heart; and there was the boy, the little fellow. God, what a first Christmas for Tam!

He listened. Agnes must have finished her work for he couldn't hear her. Doubt-less she was reading. With a wistful smile he guessed she was reading the last paper from Scotland. He wouldn't disturb her. In a few hours now it would be Christmas In a few hours now it would be Christmas morn'—the worst Christmas he had ever had in his life. In the morning she would go to the little church across the avenue where they had an old-fashioned Calvanistic preacher, and she would come home and tell him about it. And she would bring the boy's crib into his room and they would try to forget that tomorrow's worries would ever come, and that he would be crippled for nearly a month more, and that until then, the doctor said he must not work.

He caught himself listening again. Why didn't she move? Why didn't she make some sounds? Why didn't the paper rustle so that he could know she was reading? He didn't like to bother her; he was

into a sick room. He knew she would rather be there but then why give her a constant reminder of his own suffering? It were better that she stay in the other room. The baby was there and its chubby little face might help her to forget. Still he wanted to feel that she was nearby and in some telepathic way he came to feel that

she wasn't. Finally he called "Mary-Mary!" His voice seemed to come back to him

hollowly. He wondered if she could have fallen asleep.
"That's it," he reassured himself. "Poor girl, she must be tired to death. And tomorrow she'll get up and see everybody else around her enjoying Christmas and she'll have nothing. I don't suppose there's even enough money to buy a wreath."

He fell to brooding again.
There came to him suddenly a confo sion of voices. Out in the hall there grew a tumult, strange voices talking excitedly. Once he thought he heard Mary and she was laughing! He heard the door of the other room open; there rose a chorus of laughter; many persons seemed to be entering. Abruptly their voices hushed. There was a sound as of things being dropped on the table. Paper was torn, chairs were pushed aside, the table went scraping over the floor. It seemed that scraping over the floor. It seemed that

scraping over the floor. It seemed that they were pushing it over near his door.

"Whoever the fools are, why do they make so much noise? Why don't Mary stop them? They'll wake up little Tam."

Then the door to his room was opened. A flood of light fell across the bed. He blinked; it blinded him, then he saw that on the dining room table a Christmas tree had been set. It was agleam in tinsel and glass balls and candles. Around it presglass balls and candles. Around it presents were strewn. He saw a set of his favorite books. He saw Mary glide from behind the door. The baby was in her arms. Simultaneously strangers ranged themselves around the tree. There was a big jolly looking man with a fur coat, there were a couple of younger women, undeniably pretty, well dressed, a little flashily perhaps, like the men beside them, young fellows with a tendency to loud clothes. But Angus saw that the faces were all good and kind and from each there seemed to radiate a smile and good cheer that warmed his heart. And as the leading ladies, the "juvenile" and the "heavy" of the American Film company glimpsed his face they experienced in that moment a tremulous happiness utterly new to them. McCracken saw that his wife was smiling. He heard her say to him:

"I let them take Tam for their picture."

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Christm Carol

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, But at Ch. mas it always is young,

And its soul rull of music bursts forth on the air, When the song of the angel is sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming The et of the humblest may walk tonight!

On the snowflakes which cover the sod The feet of the Christ-child fall gen-

tle and white, And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight

That mankind are children of God.

When the silvery trumpets of Christ-mas have pealed That mankind are the children of God. -Phillips Brooks.

Where the feet of the holiest trod;

This then, is the marvel of mortals

in the field

It seemed to dawn all over him as a great truth. It seemed to run through him with a strange little tremor; it stirred in his

As he thought of the woman on the other side of the door he wondered how she was taking it. He dreaded seeing her, he felt that disappointment and sorrow were bound to show in her face and it would only tear at his heart, make it all harder to bear. He forgot that her name was Mary. So he lay on his back and fastened his eye on the star and thought of another star centuries ago, thought scornfully at first and then gradually falling under its spell, he watched and closed his eyes and

heart a vague little hope that he couldn't

understand. Why should he be hopeful?

What did the future hold for him, for his

smiled and dreamed. With a sigh Mary had stirred from her seat and was turning out the gas under the catmeal. Gruel tonight, tomorrow. What a dinner!—not a dinner, just food to sustain life. It seemed to dispirit her more and as she crossed the room her feet shuffled. Only a sharp knock on the door checked her from plunging into listless-

As if doubting, she half turned. Surely no one would be coming to see them. They didn't know anyone; only the O'Harras, and thay had gone off to some sort of a festival down at the parish house. knock sounded again and her first instinct to see the room tidy, she thrust a chair into place; she straightened the baby's crib; she stabbed at her hair and pulled off her apron. Finally she opened the

"Mrs. Angus McCracken, may I trouble you a moment?"

She was looking at a big, full faced man whose fur lined overcoat, partly open, disclosed what seemed to her to be a very expensive suit, if a little loud. Continuing her scrutiny, she found in his eyes a ready

he seemed not to wish to hurry her decision but to convey subtly that his time was valuable. With a sudden resolution Mary decided.

"Let me understand it clearly," she said, "You wish the baby to be used in one of your moving pictures. It won't take long and I can be back here in an hour or so?" She raused and the Scotch asserted itself, "The baby will be an 'extra,' and 'ex-

tras' get a dollar a day. Of course the baby's work will count as a full day."

And as his gaze took in the comfortably furnished room, Mary saw from the expression on his face that he had failed to observe the utter lack of any signs of

Christmas. And being proud she couldn't call his attention to that. Had she, he would have multiplied the dollar by as many, as his heart was big.

Mary was disappointed. Only a dollar,

a sum so little that she didn't feel justified in spending it for anything but their needs. After all, with their purse empty, it wouldn't be right to spend it on Christmas. It could go toward the expensive medicine. She tried to console herself with this, but her heart was heavy. To lighten it, she said:

'And just what is the baby to do?" "Why, we're going to use him in the Nativity scene. The film is an historical pageant of the birth of Christ. Out star actress, Beatrice Delancy, will play Mary." It dawned upon her with a wonderful significance that her name was Mary. And a Mary had begun Christmas! In the room there seemed to be a vague presence, strengthening her, for her burden had suddenly grown light and the trepi-dations and the sorrows become as thin air. Centuries ago this other Mary had been the mother because she had faith, the mother of the world. Shouldn't she, a daughter of Mary, have faith, too? Wasn't it, after all, a turning point. Hadn't

The Gifts of the Very Wealthy

est charity the world has ever known. To do others good has become almost synonymous with the day. The same spirit that guided the star now guides humanity into the homes of the needy. It brings universal love into most hearts and with it a desire to help those who are not quite so forsal love into most hearts and with it a desire to help those who are not quite so fortunate. The poorest laborer, if he thinks of it, may experience sympathy for some lonely, unloved millionaire, desolate in his big dreary mansion; so may the millionaire feel a little tug at his heart and remember the poor. It is characteristic of the day that the most wildly separated classes are often sorry, each for the other. That is why at holiday time the rich, especially put money into circulation. It has been roughly calculated that in New York alone \$25,000,000 is spent every Christmas time. \$25,000,000 is spent every Christmas time. From what I can learn from charity or-From what I can learn from charity organizations, it would not be an extreme estimate to say that in the entire United States nearly a billion dollars changes hands at this open hearted season of the year. Of course, this does not mean billion dollars' worth of charity; it means the money spent upon Christmas in every form. Still, a great part of this is charity; and charity, especially nowadays, knows

There lives in Mexico a man named Pedro Alvarado. He is called the Mexican Croesus; he owns the richest silver mine in the world. From it is dug every working day in the year \$25,000 worth of ore. A few years ago Alvarado got enlargement of the heart. He decided that the Mexican poor were very poor indeed; so as a Christmas charity he distributed \$10,000,000 among his countrymen.

With this gift he beat John D. Rocke-feller's record. The frail king of Standard Oil has a pet Christmas charity. It is making out checks for the cause of education. The year Alvarado distributed his \$10,000,000, Rockefeller turned over three military to the University of Chicago. lion to the University of Chicago. To more than one college president he is Santa

Since he has inherited the Astor millions, young Vincent Astor has done many significant things. Christmas before last he broke a precedent with the management of the Astor fortune. He ordered a general increase in the wages of all employes, especially liberal was he to the men on his Rhinebeck and New York estates. Instead of handing the men a Christmas bonus-

often a cheap way of getting off-right down the line and raised ary—something the Astors were habit of doing—and so provided mas gift that cost him \$250,000.

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Mrs. Russell Sage, however, has a Christmas hobby that she never fails to gratify. As the story goes she was driving through Central Park one Christmas morning when she saw a workman shoveling snow off the carriage road. Mrs. Sage felt so sorry for a man having to work on a cold Christmas morning so others could enjoy themselves that she returned home and did some thinging. Later her secretary, bearing a bag of gold pieces, was sent to the headquarters of the park laborers. From that day to this—and it was ten years ago—Mrs. Sage distributes every Christmas to the 399 employes of Central Park a five-dellar gold piece. It is a charity that she looks forward to because it had its beginning in a personal experience. personal experience.

Clarence Mackay is another with a Christmas hobby, and like Roc efeller, it is a university, the University of Idaho. To the house of every professor tere comes on Dec. 25 a letter with a check Mackay believes, you see, not only in biding memorials on the university came but in giving something more substant to the men who spend their lives at taho, seeing one class after another entered ad graduate.

H. H. Rogers endows hospits s. One Christmas he gave the Presbin hos-pital of New York \$75,000 to bed for the use of his women ed yes.

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When E. H. Harriman built estate on the hills at Arden, the little allage in the valley below began to gramman wanted it re-named after im. But as certain "oldest inhabitants' had opinions, the name Arden remain. But a few miles away there was the to nof Turner and Turner called itself Harrim. The Erie railroad opened its pocke bok far enough to build a new station. he village of Harriman boomed. It been the pet hobby of the estate on the hill Pass through the village around Chrisms time now and you will see everybod miling. now and you will see everybod miling. Every year Mrs. E. H. Harriman was her appreciation with Christmas cass. It is her way of reciprocating the her husband.

To give a dinner on Christma the hearts of many rich men. ? Christmas "blow out" given 1

Timothy D. Sullivan to the poor of the lower East Side of New York has become known throughout the country. Every year "Big Tim" filled about 6,000 people with food and good cheer. In addition, everybody received a two-dollar bill and a new pair of shoes. The Sullivan dinners, which are to be carried on by his heirs, used up 5,000 pounds of turkey and chicken, twenty barrels of potato salad, ten boxes of celery, 2,000 loaves of bread, 4,000 pies, 250 gallons of coffee and forty kegs of beer. Being a politician, Sullivan distributed charity in many forms throughout the year, but those who knew him well say that he looked forward with the eagerness of a boy to the feeding of "his homeless" on Christmas day.

The government sees that the army and navy receive a very good Christmas din-ner, but Uncle Sam dispenses no charity. Helen Gould attends to that. She always makes it a point to send some appropriate present to the naval branches of the Y. M. C. A., and on board many battleships go boxes filled with tobacco, reading matter, and other things to gladden the hearts of the sailors. It is significant that at Christmas her name is cheered by every tar in the United States navy.

There is a wealthy family in New York by the name of Fleiss. For the last forty years it has been their special Christmas charity to give a dinner at the Newsboys' Lodging house. Their guests are 2,000 newsboys. The grandfather instituted the custom which is being carried out today by his grandson. by his grandson.

This giving of Christmas dinners is a favorite New York charity. Even the big restaurants and hotels do it. Last year the Ritz gave 400 dinners to the poor. Delmonico's sent out 500 dinners, beautifully packed in separate containers. Frank Til-ford, the well known grocery man, leaves his home every Christmas long enough to play host to a thousand "little mothers." John D. Crimmins is another who delights in feeding the poor. One year he enter-tained old people and helped to wait on the table himself. There is told of him that he waited on one Ellen McCarthy, 99 years old, an inmate of a home. After seeing she had all the turkey she wanted, he

"Have you room for a charlotte russe, Mrs. McCarthy?"

eat," he explained.

"Thank yez, kindly. May heaven be your bed when you die," she said as she received the paper cylinder and studied the way in which to dispose of the contents. Such incidents make those to whom for-

tune has been more kind, all the more eager to extend their wider Christmas giving in the form of dinners.

A few years ago the Central Trust company divided \$50,000 among their employes. The trustees voted a gift of an equal amount to its president. Most banks give their employes a bonus of from 10 to 20 per cent of their salary. Last year the House of Morgan outdid any previous Christmas gift. To each employe they gave a bonus equal to his entire salary for the

On the Curb market all the brokers are assessed five dollars. This sum is turned over to messengers, telephone operators and policemen. On the broad floor of the Produce Exchange the members give a circus to which crippled children are invited. The best performers obtainable are provided. The United States Steel Corporation makes a distribution of cash and in addition lets its workers buy common and preferred stock at prices far below the market quotation. One year the Morgan Shipping Trust distributed \$250,000 worth of shares among its employes. The American Express Company presented 12,000 \$5 gold pieces. The Chicago & Great North-

ern gave \$400,000 to start a pension fund.
Other business concerns take care of
their employes in different ways. For instance, from the Pullman Company offices in Chicago the news was wired over the country last year that every man in its employ would receive a raise in salary the first of the year. The raise ran from 6 to 12 per cent and was far more welcome than a \$5 gold piece would have been.

One of the most interesting forms of business charity at Christmas is in vogue

in a big hat manufacturing company of Philadelphia. Last year its president gave \$200,000 worth of Christmas presents to its employes. There were Christmas exercises employes. There were Christmas exercises and when these were over he left with the and waited on one Ellen McCarthy, 99 years and when these were over he left with the men, women and girls \$100,000 in cash (everybody got some); 1,900 turkeys (one to each married man); 1,500 hats, men's and boys'; 1,000 pairs of gloves to the girls, also 1,000 boxes of candy; sixty-five gold watches to old employes; sixty-one chains and fobs to those not quite so old and to particularly deserving employes blocks of stock worth over \$50,000.

been hurrying up and down the crowded aisles of the great department store in answer to the constant shrill calls of the clerks.

It was two days before Christmas and in the rush and confusion bright crimson spots burned on the cash girl's cheeks as she skurried here and there. She was a little mite of about 14, and the black cambric apron which completely covered her worn plaid dress did not hide the faded stockings nor the shabby shoes a size too

In spite of the pale wistful face, which was very beautiful indeed, the pinch of poverty had not drowned the wonderful light in the great violet eyes, nor dulled the gold of the masses of long curls which hung below her waist. The one bit of lux-ury which Christie allowed herself was the wide pink satin hair ribbon that one of the salesladies had given her the Christmas before. And today, though weary to almost dropping, the light in the violet eyes shone more luminous than ever. Christie had a secret. For a whole year she had saved what she could of her small wages after the rent of the room had been paid.

Of course there was Tony to be taken care of, too. Tony was her twin brother, who could no longer go out and sell newspapers because his back was so bad; and Christie poured the love of her whole heart onto this crippled boy whose days and nights were spent in the one barren back room overlooking an alley. Patiently he would sit in the big old-fashioned rocking chair at the window and count the hours till his sister could come back to him. And when she did come! Oh, what a happy meeting it was every night and what dear times they had together after they had eaten their supper of cheese and bread spread with molasses

No matter how tired, the girl was never too weary to sit close to Tony's rocker, with her arms about his neck and her cheek laid against his, and tell him the most wonderful stories about impossible things which her vivid imagination pictured; about the time to come when she would be a princess and he a prince with a strong, straight back, and they would live in a great castle overlooking the sea. They would have a coach of gold drawn by eight prancing white horses such as he saw in the circus parade last summer. And when they would go riding if they saw a poor hunchbacked boy with little "spindly"

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LL day long Christie Weyburn had legs walking along the road they would man would draw his eight white horses to a standstill. Then they would open the golden door and ask the crippled boy to get in, and they would take him to their palace and give him such a feast as he had never even dreamed of.

Then, some nights Christie's stories would be real ones about what happened in the store that day and about the people she saw.

And when Tony had gone to his bed over in the corner of the room, and sleep had come to make him forget his pain for a few hours, the girl would many a time take an old purse from the stelf and stealthily count the treasure money she had been hoarding. Every once in a while she would cast a glance at the sleeping boy to make sure her secret was not discovered.

On this evening, two nights before On this evening, two nights before Christmas, she counted the morey even more fearfully, for the nickels and pennies which had been very slow in piling up still lacked \$4 of reaching the coveted sum. What should she do! Every cent she could possibly spare had been added to swell the precious amount and still it was \$4 short! Was she to be so cruelly disappointed now at the very last when she had tried so hard and waited so long? And was Tony to go months longer without her gift which would make his lonely days more bear-

would make his lonely days more bearable! The girl's splendid courage which had enabled her to face all hardship and privation with a brave, cheerful heart broke down under this terrible do 1bt, and, falling on her knees before her cot, she buried her head in her arms and cried her heart out, though no sound escaped her to disturb the sleeping boy.

Christie had been sister and nother in one since their parents had died, years, and her one thought in life was to save Tony added pain or worry already had so much to bear. orept miserably into bed and lay and tossing, though she knew a hard day's work awaited her. At dawn an idea came and with the resolve a great peace; and she settled down into a deep, un troubled

Early in the morning she was up and busy about her work of building in the stove and setting the table for their meager breakfast. The blue eyes shone and the snatches of song softly bespoke the great joy in her heart.

Leaving Tony asleep, she secreted the purse in her blo the narrow street and up the avenue leading to the store. As busy as she was in the forenoon the hours dragged and she impatiently watched the clock so she could hurry away at the stroke of twelve. Finally the time came when she was free, and hastily eating a sandwich, which she had brought from home, she hurried into her jacket and hat and walked rapidly out and down the avenue.

It was not long before she reached a French hairdressing shop over which hung the sign:

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She entered, with heart beating so hard it almost suffocated her. The manager, a foreigner, came forward and smilingly asked what she would have. Encouraged by his cordial manner the girl took off her hat and untied the bow fastening her curls. Instantly a mass of rippling gold fell about her shoulders, and she looked with glow-

ing eyes up into the man's amazed face.

"How much will you give for it?" she asked breathlessly. "How much?"

"You would sell it?" he asked, running

his fingers through the glistening waves.
"Yes, will you buy it? Oh, please, please, please, will you buy it!" Tears of anxiety sprang into the girl's eyes as she stood pleading her cause.

"It looks very beautiful, mam'selle," the dark eyes showed a greedy glow, "but I could not give much as I have so many

switches on hand. I give \$3."

"No! No! Four! I must have four! It is all I have to sell or I wouldn't give it up. Will you give four?" In her fearful excitement her voice sounded tense and shrill.

"Four dollar! Oh, mam'selle, you ask too, too much. Ah, but wait—"as she was tying up her hair to go further on in her strange quest.

She was growing desperate, but she could not sacrifice her hair for three dollars when four were needed to carry out her great desire. If she failed she would come back, she thought, and plead with this man for one more dollar. Innocent as she was, she did not know that her glorious wealth of hair could easily command twenty dollars.
"If mam'selle is so very anxious to sell,

I would pay one more dollar and close the deal for four," said the oily voice while the keen eyes glittered with the relish of the rare bargain he was getting.



Quickly slipping into one of the chairs, fice. As the long curls dropped under the shears she scarcely breathed, and a great sigh, partly of joy, partly of grief, made it hard for her to swallow. But when the four crisp bills were laid in her hand her sorrow was lost in the great joy that possessed her. She looked like a different girl, though still very pretty, in the short ringlets which framed her flushed, radiant

Leaving the store, she hurried along to a second-hand shop. She had still half an hour in which to complete the mysterious errand. Yes, there it was, in the very spot it had stood for the last twelve months. "I have come for it at last!" she ex-

claimed joyously to the man who had many, many times during the year shown her the wheel-chair and patiently told and retold her the price.

"Yes? And where shall I send it?" It seemed queer to Christie that he wasn't at all excited over the sale. He brought a tag and waited for the address "Write Merry Christmas!"

"To Tony Weyburn, "6 Pine street, "Third floor back."

she said, trying in vain to imitate the man's calmness

She did not see A. Antoine, who had followed her and stood peering in through the window at her, nor did she know that after she left the second-hand shop he went in and inquired her name and address. She hurried away back to her work, and it seemed to her that her feet were wings and that she was floating instead of just walk-

That night when she went home instead of finding Tony in his usual place by the window she found him over by the door where he had wheeled himself in his impatience for her return. As she entered and bent down to kiss him he threw his arms

about her neck and burst into happy tears.
"You did it, Christie! You did it! No
onse else knew how tired I got always sitting in the same place. Now I can go all around. See?" And then they both laughed merrily as he wheeled himself about and smoothly rolled to the further and of the recommendation. ther end of the room.

As Christie took off her hat Tony saw the golden head stripped of its long curls. "Oh! Oh! Christie!" he cried, "I didn't (Continued on Page Seven.)



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HERE are many things that can be made without a great deal of time or money being expended on them. There is always an added charm when they have been made

by the giver. In selecting materials for these gifts, it is well worth while to consider the appropriateness of the gift.

The Dresden ribbon is exquisitely dainty, and comes in many different patterns. These can be utilized in a number of ways. The following suggestions will be found both practical and pretty.

The charm of one's personality is greatly enhanced by just a touch of sachet. It may be enclosed in little bags of some pretty silk. The sachet is sprinkled through soft cotton, then enclosed in the silk, and finally tied in little bundles, with a corresponding shade of ribbon. This is to be used in the bureau.

The hand bag is made of rose splashed ribbon, gathered into a big ruff at the neck, in quaint points. This may be filled with vanity articles or sewing.

Another charming gift that is useful in many ways, is made from striped rose ribbon. The effect is flat, being gathered only where it folds over the hoops, and it is finished by an extra row of shirring. The hoops are of white bone and oval in

The narrow bag which is shirred at the shape. The narrow bag which is shirred at the edges and tied in a ruffle at the top, is a international auto school in the South."

The narrow bag which is shirred at the edges and tied in a ruffle at the top, is a edges and tied in a ruffle at the top, is a corset holder. Ribbon with a rose design in narrow spray is used.

Pins are always necessary in every one Hlock East of Postofflee.

household. For this purpose a round flat pin-ball is made of cardboard and covered with striped ribbon. Tiny bows of ribbon are tied at the side, rosette fashion, from which a loop extends that it may be hung up. There is another rosette at the lower edge. From this is suspended three lengths of ribbon, to which are fastened small bone rings, intended to hold safety pins.

A fascinating little arrangement for baby's basket is a wee pin chair, modeled Fort Worth Auto Top Works in cardboard and tufted with cotton. This is covered with ribbon of dainty design, having a ruffle at the base, and a tiny bow of ribbon in the front. The pins are arranged along the sides and back.

Slippers are always acceptable at Christmas. A comfortable as well as pretty pair may be made from this same Dresden ribbon. These are heelless, with covered to keep the toes warm. The rib-fried was the incovered to the leather the pate of the pa on is stitched to the leather

decorative way. The whole effect is findly. We employ a professional signature deal. Garage men wanted as agents. Do IT RIGHT OR NOT AT ALL, OUR MOTTO.

Don't imagine that a sachet won't be acceptable to the average man. He'll pretend not to know what it is, but he'll like the odor of it, and he'll keep it among his belongings long ..fter more expensive and practical gifts have been consigned to the trash basket.

Powder Book.

Now that it is not only a recognized fact that women occasionally indulge in face powder, but kind custom permits them to do it in public, little books of powder leaves have become invaluable. They are even sold in two colors in some of the shops dealing in imported novelties. That is, one may have a choice of white, flesh or brunette powder in the front of the book, while the last few leaves will be made up of little perforated squares about the size of a postage stamp of the rouge best suited to the tint of the powder in front. A dainty and inexpensive little gift is made by covering one of these books with plain or figured ribbon or silk and tying it with baby ribbon of the predominating shade.

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A mailing tube is first covered with a thin layer of cotton wadding, then has the silk fitted smoothly over it and sewed. The silk should be about two inches longer than the tube at each end. Ravel it back an inch to make a fringe, rather near the tube with a coarse thread, and then tie firmly with a bow or rosette of narrow ribbon.

Guest ' Towels.

Guest towels are a gain among the popnlar presents for won ien who enjoy or have time for needlework. Towels having colored tulips and fleur de lis are shown, as are also quaint patterns in colored crossstitch embroidery, but by most housekeep ers they are not considered in quite as good taste as those with a monogram or single initial in white to thatch the white scalloped edge.

Boudo r Caps.

There are still new shapes in boudoir caps and they are always acceptable, especially to the woman who travels. It is possible to get to the sleeper dressing room looking almost like a human being these days if the hair has been carefully tucked into one the night before and in addition the hair is protected from injurious dust and gritty cinders.

Aprons.

Aprons, "like the poor, are always with us," and many wonen like nothing better. Attractive designs in chafing dish aprons are on sale at every pattern department and can be quickly and successfully made by even the gill who is not especially always with her readle. ly clever with her teedle.

Sleeping Robe for the Baby.

A sleeping robe for the Baby.

A sleeping robe for the Baby is somewhat of a novelty, at at the same time a very serviceable gif. They are shaped very much like the steping bags for older people, with a hood o be pulled over the

rial used, and the edge is bound with either pink or blue satin abbon. These little sleeping robes are just the thing for baby's afternoon nap out of doors in the carriage. They are often used in the nursery as well when it is necessary to keep the baby out of a draft.

These little garnents, which open down the front, are mad after the pattern of a baby's wrapper. A oarse cheesecloth over a wadded lining, o Ited in large diagonals forms the bathrobe The edges are bound with wash ribbon buttonholed, blanket stitching being use

THE CHRIST

eautiful old legends Amos which cluster a 'tree of the Christ Child" is one wi ms that St. Winfried was the in of the idea. had been preach-

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made many open oak gro held their Dru ject lessen he clusion of his giant oak which he he knew, frequently been used in their pagan ceremonies. An old historian describes it thus:

"Then the sole wonder in Winfried's life came to pass. For as the bright blade circled above his head and the flakes of wood flew from the deepening gash of the body of the tree, a whirling wind passed over the forest. It gripped the oak from its foundations. Backward it fell like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four

"But just behind it and unharmed by the ruin stood a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars.
"Winfried let the ax drop and turned

to speak to the people.

"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this hospitals, fire departments, calcium be called the tree of the Christ child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your oxygen gas company of TEXAS own homes.'

It is even said to be remotely connected with the ancient Egyptian practice of decorating houses with branches of the date palm at the time of the winter solstice.

The Greeks call Christmas the feast of lights, which brings us to the custom of putting lights on Christmas trees. Very long ago Wolfram von Eschenbach, the fa-

mous minstrel, sang of a prevailing custom of going to the with green branches ornamented with burning candles, to greet honored guests.

There is a very weird legend of Scandinavia which tells of a certain "service tree," sprung from the blood-drenched soil where two lovers had been killed by violence. Upon certain nights in the Christ. lence. Upon certain nights in the Christ-mas time brilliant lights burn, which can-not be extinguished by earthly wind or

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HOLY EVE IN MANY LANDS.

ROME, long before the Christ child had been born, in pagan Greece, in the ancient days when barbarians overrun Germany, back in the very childhood of the world, when man was still young and Egypt was at the height of her splendor, the time of the winter solstice was kept with the

greatest rejoicings. Learned graybeards tell us solemnly that the Christmas carol is merely a survival of the hymns sung at this time, in the pagan saturnalia, and that holly and mistletoe are but the remains of ancient Druidie worship.

But whatever its origin, the winter fes-

theels and churches. For intrature and paper to C. H. Moore, Rockfort, beliefs concerning the mysterious eve which precedes our greatest Christian festival-Christmas day.

Concerning our own land and its beliefs, 9,500 Acre Ranch for Sale Howison relates that upon a certain clear The last big ranch left for sale in and starry Christmas eve he came upon an Matagorda County. Nearly all the Indian creeping stealthily among the trees former large number of ranches in this of one of our forests. The white man haltcountry have been subdivided and sold ed and questioned him, asking what he did as farms at prices from \$40.00 to \$65.00 in the

> The Indian's simple faith shone forth in his answer: "Me wants to see the deer kneel," said he. "Christmas night all deer kneel and look up to Great Spirit.

Where the German Alps rear their lofty peaks the peasants believe that cattle have the gift of speech upon Christmas eve. It is accounted a great sin among them, however, to eavesdrop upon this night. A typical Alpine story is told of a certain farmer's servant who seriously doubted that the cattle could speak, and to determine for himself, hid in his master's stable on keep Christmas eve and listened eagerly. A Ast long long time posseld, and the very slow ly the clock struck twelve. The horse stirh.

red in his stall and spoke first:
"Our work will be very hard this day
week," said he, sighing.
"You are right," said the second horse.

"The way to church is long and uphill,

week! Polish peasants say that on Christmas

eve the heavens are opened and the scene of Jacob's ladder is visible, but only to those on earth who are saints.

The whole of northern Germany is alight on Christmas eve. Tables are bounteously spread and lights are left burning so that the Virgin and her attendant angels may find food and warmth and light when they pass by in the murky streets and, entering in, may rest. In parts of Austria they have the very beautiful custom of putting lighted candles in the windows so that the little Christ, in passing, may not stumble in the dark.

A Christmas With Eskimo Children.

No woman in the world ever had to devise a Christmas celebration with less material at hand than Mrs. Robert E. Peary, wife of Admiral Peary, when she found herself hemmed in by ice at Cape Sabine, Greenland, in the winter of 1900.

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But she awoke one morning to find a huge, impassable ice-field between the ship Windward and a channel of departure. Moreover, no news had been received from her intrepid explorer-husband for many long months. The Eskimos, believing him dead, could not be induced to forego their aversion to looking upon dead people; they refused to make the journey over the ice to the place from which the last news of him had come.

Mrs. Peary declares that as she looks back upon the winter of that ice-bound Arctic night it seems more like a story than a real experience. At the time, however, the realization of her complete isolation from all of the civilized world was vivid enough; and the horrible uncertainty as to whether she was still a wife or had long been a widow was not conducive to

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"There were in all fifteen Eskimo youngsters, all of whom were playmates and intimate friends of little Marie Peary. To get up a regulation Christmas party for this number was no small undertaking.

"But we had a tree," said Mrs. Peary, 3151/4 MAIN STREET 'and its construction was such a genuine piece of ingenuity that I must tell you how it was made. The captain of the ship took a broomstick and attached wires at intervals for branches. These were covered with so tened wax until they were of varying degrees of thickness. The broomstick was also covered with the wax, and the wax given a liberal coat.

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.. Si success called for even greater effort ealism, and pine needles were the next p em. Finally hay was spread out upon x and painted green, and after had dried the hay was cut into ned to be regular pine-needle length More wax was melted, and then began delicate process of sticking these home-made needles all over the branches. The bre mstick wire, wax and hay Christmas t vas a startling natural reproduction

home-grown pine-tree. irse we had no holly or other t we had plenty of flags, and we e cabin out bravely in all that ind room to put up. For stock-well prepared, for I had taken ings I along

of canopy lace as a precaumosquitoes. From this I cut enough to go all around, and rsted stockings in good order proached I baked loaves u

powder, and so had to use te the Christmas 'cake' suger I put in raisins and cur-

ery, we had plenty of the very best of and, for as we were leaving New supply in hand, and it came in very well. I also made quantities of home-made taffy -molases taffy and fudge. Then, too, we had a pentiful supply of peanuts and a large stock of popcorn which we had taken for the shild's amusement. We filled the stockings with oranges, peanuts, popcorn balls and the different kinds of candy which, by the way, the children of the Arctic did lot care for at all.

"Christmas morning Marie found a tree blazing with about twenty-five candles and festooned with chains of popcorn and tinfoil, cornucopias and silver dollars (candy wrapped in tinfoil). She was so delighted that she declared the tree smelled just like our pine woods at home.

"The party was scheduled for 2 o'clock plant. Write or phone us for full particulars, price, etc. and the Eskimo youngsters made a rush for the cabin as soon as the word came that everything was ready. They were delighted with the blazing tree and never seemed to tire of looking at it. But when Marie tried to make them believe that trees like that grew in the ground in her home land they only laughed and reminded her that they had seen that tree made. Each child was given half a loaf of raisin bread and a stocking, and after a lively afternoon of games they went away with the first taste of Chrismas that had ever come into their

Mrs. Peary laughed as she spoke of their Christmas dinner. "It was all out of cans," she said, "and although we did not have any turkey there was nobody anywhere around to make us feel badly by letting us see or smell their turkey, so we made up what we lacked in the way of a conventional bill of fare by an abundance, and we relished our canned roast beef, tomatoes, dandelien greens, corn and baked beans. We also enjoyed a good plum pudding. In the evening I made a big pot of chocolate and say to it that each of the crew had his share, and also half a loaf of the raisin cake. Every one on board agreed that, taking the darkness and everything else into consideration, it was a pretty good Christmas for a ship frozen solid in the ice in the Arctic night."

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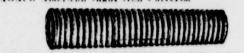
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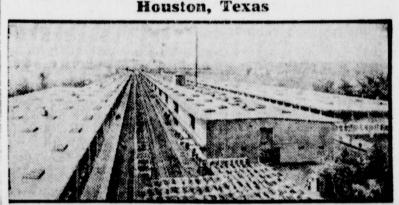
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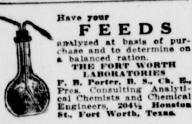


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FOR KRIS; FALLS IN In a Christmas story his school teacher told was a statement about Santa Claus lurking in the chimney the day before Christmas, so John Hattent, 14 years old, of Port Trevorton, Pa., climbed the roof to see him. Peering over the top, he lost his balance and fell in, landing on his head at the bottom. He was severely injured, but recovered.

MRS. WILSON'S LAST

his most prized Christmas gifts, it was learned here tonight. The work of art is a landscape, "The Woodchoppers," by H. Hobart Wishelse with the extraordinary big eye and a ington, where the President had kid-ain't that so, Bess?" seen it and expressed his admiration for the work. Some time before her death Mrs. Wilson purchased the picture, and it will be presented as a Christmas present to the President-Philadelphia

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ing and would cultivate more that even now the ranch was the door. self-sustaining within itself, with the exception that some cotton cake had to be purchased in the winter for the

cattle. Mrs. Adair is one of the pioneer ranch women of Texas. It was several years ago when she companying her husband over the plains with the cattle.

"I have often ridden on 300. mile drives with my husband," stated Mrs. Adair. "All cattle drives in those days were 300 miles or more.

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Don't say you hate Christmas
But think of the joy
It brings to each blessed girl and boy.
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ferings of gold and frankincen se and myrrh, followed the star which they saw in the east till it came and stood over the place where the youn; Child was, so artists, through the centuries, have followed the light of this inspiration, bringing their choicest gifts "with exceeding great joy." It was the story of the Christ which awak-ened the soul of art in the early Renaissance, which enriched the golden age of art with spiritual raptures, which encouraged the lesser years ensuing, like silent light beams shining in the east.

When Christmas rolls around with

the revolving year, and the children whom we cherish in our homes are glad in the love land of giving, we turn with open imagination to pictures of the Child of Bethlehem-Him of the beautiful name. With the Mary and with Joseph, we share that hush of wondering joy that shed its warmth and light about a cradle manger long ago.

Like Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar, we make our offerings tenderly before we depart to our own country, and like them we go back by a dif-ferent way than that by which we came. Through the artists' genius

we, too, with our own eyes have seen the prophecy fulfilled.

"There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall arise out of Israel."

The Christ Child Continued from Page Three.

He started. "And everybody was so nice CHRISTMAS PRESENT to him and seemed to like him s much painting President Wilson that they all insisted on coming back here. has long admired will be one of And one of those girls, somehow, she made

Nicholas, widely known as a rather conspicuous hat. "Why, if te can't landscape artist. Mrs. Wilson, help to make a little Christmas, I'clike to herself an artist, is the donor know what we can do. This is he first the Corcoran Gallery in Wash- Christmas party I've had since was a

> She turned to her companion ho had just finished her performance as the

mother Mary. "You said it then, old girl," at the eyes of Beatrice Delancy, beloved of the movie audiences, became suspiously moist. "This has been more fun the any-thing since the time when our photorapher turned off two reels with his camera not working. And if Mrs. McCraken will stand for us, we'll drop in tomorow and bring our Christmas dinner withus."

It was hard for Angus to undestand it all. His wife was whispering tohim.

"They made a collection for bey. They said it was worth a hundred ollars to have him in the picture." Shelaid the bills on the bed and whispered, "hat will ranch," said Mrs. Adair, "and I am preparing to inaugurate a new era of cattle raising on it. Land is getting more are.

cious every year and I propose to make the renges smaller and star, a wonderful star, now on

there seemed to come dow. realized slowly the deeper wife's words—"The Carp Tam was that, his Tam, the star ed that, it was His birthday.

And because the doctors said he mustn't Mrs. Adair also declared that she was beginning to hearken to the cry of diversified farm-"Our Father who art-"

of her ranch than has been the occasion in the past. She said so moving out her hand quietly Mary closed

Her Gift

Continued from Page Four. want you to give up your hair for me! You-"

"Never mind, Tony, dear. It will grow first came to Texas with her again, and in the meantime you can be enhusband, from her native state, joying your chair. And, see, I have brought New York. And many were some candy and nuts, and tomorrow we will the times that she has followed have the happiest Christmas we've known the herd, riding horseback, ac- since daddy and mother left us."

"But, Christie, you haven't any present for yourself!" suddenly exclained the

Oh, yes, I have, Tony dear. The chain is my present, too, and the best present of all is your gladness over it. That makes me happier than anything else in the whole world.

As she spoke a knock sounded at the She has left for her ranch at door, and on opening it the girl found to her surprise that the messenger had disappeared. On the floor lay an envelope which she picked up and opened with trembling fingers. It was addressed to her, and folded inside was a ten-dollar pill accompanied by the message:

"Peace on Earth; Good Will Toward A. ANTOINE." The Christmas spirit had roused a sleeping conscience.

Cruise of the Seabird

(Continued from Page Two.) in his labors many minutes together. At night he came up, having cleared out every bar.

"A tidy little fortune, cap'n, all round," he said. "We can afford a bit to the crew and to these chaps we are rescuing-what! Three hundred and forty-two bars in all That's not bad!"

"What! did you count 'em as you sent 'em up? By ginger! you're too sharp, my

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CHAPTER V. It was a happy family that gathered aorund the dining table Christmas day in the Gunter home. Young Stridham was there jesting merrily and casting admiring glances at the captain's pretty daughter. Upon the captain's advice Stridham had wisely invested his share of the Sea Bird's

a captain for his daughhe had a snug fortune to a reputation in the village on answering advertisers mention this paper. in business matters, yet honwell worthy the esteem and Captain Gunter reposed in at day when he accepted his offer to partnership in the "cruise of the Sea Bird" for the lost treasure ship.

Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is no relation to St. Nicholas though his name is often confounded with that of the holy patron of children. Santa Claus is a sort of modern, and somewhat pagan saint. He is jolly, as if he

lived well, and is always smiling. His name came originally from the Dutch, who had some difficulty in saying St. Nicholas-or St. Nicholaus, as they spell it-and so shortened it to saint, or santa Claus, the last word being in part the last syllable of the saint's name.

Santa Claus is better known in America perhaps, than in any other country. He has no place in any list of saints, though his sole business is doing good.

He is believed to live at the North Pole, though Peary saw nothing of him there. He travels with reindeers, but, sometimes by auto or aeroplane.

Kris Kringle, or Kris Kinkle, are names sometimes given Santa Claus. This comes from careless speech on the part of the Germans, just as the name of Santa Claus comes from the careless Dutch.

In German Christ-Kindlein means Christ child, the giver of all gifts. Kris Kinkle is easier to say, perhaps, and so from Christ child we get the nickname by which our modern Santa Claus is sometimes called.

Christmas Greeting.

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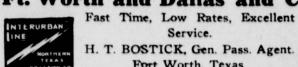
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Who is not familiar with the work and fuss of preparation for the Christmas dinner, not to speak of the baking of pies, cakes and cookies for general consumption during the holidays? Who is not also familiar with the inevitable after-effects of this preparation—the exhaustion, the indigestion, and, above all, the general illhumor? And what is the gain? Do the few moments spent in enjoying these delicious pastries make up for all the time and labor of preparation as well as for the unfortunate consequences of an overloaded stomach? I believe every woman of common sense will agree that all this wear and tear on the body and mind really does not pay for the very questionable

Now, instead of resigning oneself to this custom of subjecting nerves and temper to this unnecessary test, why not simplify THE IDEAL XMAS GIFT matters so that the holidays may be anticipated with some degree of pleasure rather than with feelings not unmixed with dread? And when these days are past, why not see that the inevitable sigh of relief is replaced with a feeling of genuine satisfaction?

Innumerable changes in the routine of Christmas preparations could be made to the advantage of all concerned, but I shall limit my suggestions to one small, but not unimportant feature of the Christmas festivities—the Christmas dinner. The following menus are simple, and economical, if one excludes the turkey; very few, however, are willing to substitute the less expensive chicken for the traditional Christmas bird:

No. 1. Oyster Bouil Roast turkey
Sweet potato croquettes,
Celery salad.

Roasted turkey.
Rice with tomatoes.
Lettuce salad with mayonnai.
Oronge sponge.

Roast turkel. Mashed potatoes.

Wine jelly.

Lady fingers. Note that the traditional puddings and pies are omitted from these menus. After a little intelligent thought, anyone can see that the worst feature of the usual Christmas dinner is the heavy, indigestible dessert of plum pudding and mince pie. It is surely obvious that a substantial dinner

Apple sauce. Creamed celery.

of soup, roast turkey, vegetables and salad requires a light, dainty dessert containing almost no nutriment. The heavy puddings and pies, if they must be eaten, should be reserved for lighter meals. I have likewise eliminated from these

menus the nuts, olives and bonbons, which are usually on the Christmas tables. is well known that both olives and nuts are rich in food value; consequently they are unnecessary merely as extras with a hearty meal. OYSTER BOUILLON.

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Twenty-five oysters, one-half tablespoon butter, one saltspoon pepper, one quart water, one saltspoon elery seed, or one head of celery chopped.

Wash and drain the oysters; put them into a very not kettle over the fire; shoke, and when the oysters have partly seared, drain them, saving the liquor. They the oysters; return them to the liquor; put into a double boiler; add the water, the celery seed or celery, and pepper. Cook slowly for thirty minutes. Strain, add the salt and serve at once.

GRAPE WHIP.

One-half hox selatin, one plnt grape juice, one-

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One-half box gelatin, one pint grape juice, one-half cup cold water, one-half cup sugar (or less if the grape juice is very sweet.)

Cover the gelatin with the cod water and let it soak for one-half hour. Add the sugar and stand the mixture over hot water and stir until dissolved. Pour in the grape juice; put aside until partly jellied, then beat with an ordinary egg whip until the whole mixture is like the white of beaten egg Turn at once into a mold to harden. Orange may be substituted for the grape juice, and makes a very delicate dessert.

HEIRLOOM RECIPES.

Mothers are like babies, they are the proper gender of "it" in the eyes of their DANCING proper gender of "it" in the eyes of their families. However, the opinion that moth-PHYSICAL EDUCATION.
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I amilies. However, the opinion that mother is an excellent cook has been shared by all who have been guests at our board. Housework has never ceased to be a novelet to her, and it has always seemed to be her desired to tickle the smaller. be her desire to tickle the palates and In answering advertisers mention this paper.) hearts of her children. And she has succeeded admirably.

The other day when we were looking over some of the old recipe books, the reminiscent mist that covered her eyes was Prints Only 21/2c and 3c Each. followed by a happy gleam at the thought MARK'S OLD STUDIO of the pleasure each savory formula has

It has always seemed that mother's concoctions are a little different from the ordinary housewife's. I know that they are, for the dear old soul is "deliciously" original, knowing the proper ingredient to add in order to make the mixture doubly good. Her sand tarts are one of the most precions tidbits.

SAND TARTS. This is the recipe: One pound of flour, one pound of sugar one pound of butter, one or two eggs to make the mixture a dough, a dash of cinnamon; strew blanched almonds on top of the cakes.

GERMAN PUFFS. This is an especially old way of making German puffs. Mother could hardly refresh her memory from the faded pages, but of course she almost knows it by hear, for at each Yuletide she makes the "goodles" over and over again. This is it: One pint of milk, four each over tablespoons full of four, two tablespoons full of butter. Bake in cups. When baked sift sugar over tops.

COCOANUT JUMBLE. mother gave this cocoanut jumble recipe to by: One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, of flour, two eggs, one cocoanut; cream and sugar, and then add eggs until light; but, then flour. Roll on board lightly with thape into rings. Keep about a half of cup r rolling.

CINNAMON CAKE.

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He fa a cinnamon cake combination that is rich and denceus: One-half pound of butter, one pound of brown sugar, two eggs, one ounce of cinnamon, flour to make a stiff dough; roll thin.

SPICE CAKES.

The directions for the making of spice cakes in before "the cost of living" was known: dis of brown sugar, two and a half pounds of brown sugar, two and a half pounds of brown sugar, two and a half pounds of in pit in pit in pit the cakes warm milk, fifty tablespoonful of cinnamon, for three teaspoonfuls of pearl ash dissolved warm milk, fifty tablespoonfuls of flour, in ast; bake next day.

LITTLE CAKES.

an irresistible way of making little cakes: pound of butter with the hand, one pound ie-half pound of sugar, one glass of brandy, bake in cups.

FOR CHRISTMAS TIME. C

ople usually delight in making confess to a good deal of enit myself. My memories go

old Dominion, but they are stimes now. In this day and ie sweets are of a character us in those earlier periods, porate, perhaps, yet toothsome and

I supply below a recipe for the candy of my girlhood and the directions for compounding more up to date dainties are, believe, no less trustworthy and excellent. When either variety of candy is wrapped in waxed paper and packed into one of the pretty boxes which may be found at the holidar season it makes an attractive and able present to put in the Christmas

Mix quart of New Orleans molasses, a cup of brown ligar, and a half cup of vinegar, put over the fire and cook steadily until a little of it hardens when dropped into a cup of cold water. Stir in then a tablespon of butter and a teaspoon of baking soda dissolve in cold water; when they are well mixed in pour the syrup into buttered platters or tins in shallow shets that it may cool more quickly. As soon as it can be handled begin to pull it, taking only a small sece at a time in the tips of the buttered fingers. Work as quickly as possible and remember that th onger the candy is pulled the whiter it gets. If you hoose you may braid the strips together after they as pulled or you can twist it in sticks or cut it into hort lengths. If you like the flavor of lemon in molasses candy, add enough of the juice to give the taste yu wish.

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together in a saucepan two cups of brown half a cup each of molasses and cream, four sons of butter and half a cake of unsweetened to the meat slowly, watching that they scorch before the ingredients are blended and and stew steadily until the candy becomes when a little of it is dropped into cold water, to teaspoons of vanilla after you have taken bepan from the fire, turn into a shallow greased d cut into squares with a buttered knife as the candy is partly cool. MAPLE CARAMELS.

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h coarsely two pounds of maple sugar, put it
e fire with a quart of rich milk—if it is part
so much the better—and cook steadily. You
be on the alert to see that the milk does not
before it boils. When the candy has reached
nt where it hardens when dropped into cold
turn into gerased pans and as it cools cut
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NUT CARAMELS.

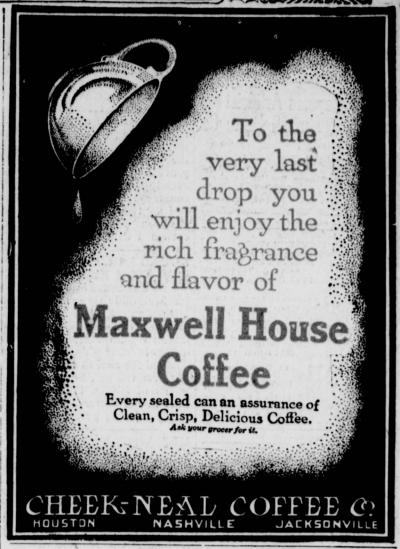
NUT CARAMELS,
together over a slow fire two cups of gransugar and a quarter cup each of butter and
s and when these are melted and well mixed
a half cup of cream. Sir until the mixture is
and begins to bubbe, but not after the boil
y under way. When the candy shows signs
ening if dropped into ice water, take from the
nd beat until the mixture becomes creamy, stir
of chopped nut kernels into it, turn into a
pan, and cut into squares as you would other
ls.

COCOANUT BALLS.

Put into a saucepan three cups of granulated sugar, add two cups of cold water, and boil until the sugar spins thread from the tip of a fork dipped into it. Inti this syrup stir a good sized cocoanut, grated—the prepared dry cocoanut does not answer the purpose quite is well—take the saucepan at once from the fire and turn the contents into a bowl or set the saucepan where the candy will chill quickly. When cool enough to handle make into balls with the fingers, roll these n powdered sugar and wrap in waxed paper.

SEA FOAM FUDGE.

Cook three cups of light brown sugar, a cup of cold water, and a tablespoon of vinegar together, heating spwly and not stirring after it begins to boil. When a litte of it dropped into cod water makes a hard all take it from the fire and pour it at once on the stiffly whipped whites of two eggs, bestling hard intil it begins to stiffen. Flavor with vanilla or any of her flavoring you like. If you wish you may put a hird of a cake of unsweetened chocolate, grated, with when it began to cook, or add nuts to it when it is done. Pour into a greased pan and cut in squares as you would other fudge.



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