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## SAMPLE SPELLINGS.

Words on Which Dictionaries Agree and People Differ.

It is not strange considering that our language is in a stage of transition—growing, as all languages do—that authorities should differ on many points; hence we find that our three great dictionaries sometimes differ in the matter of spelling. The following spellings, however, are agreed upon by the Century, International (Webster's) and Standard dictionaries, though many people often vary from them:

absinthin	glycerin
acoustic	gully
ax	hacienda
axmidin	Hindu
antemetic	Hindustan
arabin	Mohammedan
adz	mold, -er, -ing
baptize	moit, -ed, -ing
barytone	moneys
benzoin	mustache
Berling (sea)	nickel
blond (adj.)	oculist
bluing	offense
houquet	paraffin
Budapest	pedagogy
bur	poit
caldron	quartet
calc, -er, -ing	quintet
calligraphy	rarefy
camellia	ruble
cantharadin	straitlaced
carbured	sestet or sextet
Chile (S. A.)	smolder, -ing
colter	sobriquet
consensus	stanch
cozy	supersede
darky	tranquillity
defense	typify
denouement	veranda
dilettante	vermillion
dram (weight)	vitreous
dumfounded	whir
Eskimo	whisky
gelatin	

How many readers are aware that all our dictionaries give "wolverene" as the correct spelling of the name of the animal from which the Wolverine State takes its name? Here is where the dictionaries vary from popular usage.—Chicago Chronicle.

## WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?

Some of the Numerous Theories on the Mysterious Current.

Well, what is it? It is scarcely possible to say. There are theories—many of them. It is evidently something of which we cannot take a part. We cannot cut a piece of it off and subject it to analysis, nor can we pour a little of it into a bottle for future study and contemplation. It is like the wind—its effects can be measured; its force, strength and quantity can now be calculated to a very nice degree. Still, to liken it to the wind, it is a stupendous power, a mighty typhoon, blowing, as it were, without moving, two ways at once along all parts of its path, giving off a halo of magnetism at right angles to that path everywhere.

One of the nicest theories perhaps is the one that considers electricity a "condition" of atoms brought about by chemical action, as in a battery cell, or by what might be called a severe irritation of the magnetic halo, as in a dynamo, and by other means, such as heat and friction.

What this condition is is beyond us. It may be a violent rotation or it may be an equally violent vibration of atoms, but as no man has seen an atom at any time, not even with the most powerful microscope, it is impossible to say. Friction in some form or other is present, as heat is produced before burning or destruction takes place.—Exchange.

## Ever Read a Cento Book?

"This volume," said the bibliophile, "is a cento. It is composed of detached sentences taken from the works of Thackeray. It makes a novel, sensible, but short, and it was composed in seven years by a bedridden baroness. The best known cento is probably the Empress Eudoxia's 'Life of Christ,' made entirely of lines from Homer. There is a similar life, composed by Ross, that consists wholly of detached lines from Virgil. Centos are often very valuable. One compiled by Alexander Hamilton from Milton's 'Paradise Lost' sold not long since for \$500. The book was a history of America."

"When I was a boy," said the rather vain person, "everybody said I was going to be president of the United States."

"Yes," answered the seasoned politician. "Your case simply illustrates my argument that it isn't safe to start a boom too far ahead of election."—Washington Star.

George L. Dobson has resigned his position as consul general at Hangchow, China, after but a few weeks. He says Hangchow is the filthiest city on earth. The Chinese don't bury their dead, sometimes even when they die from cholera, and he is coming back.

## INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

Bursting a Strong Cask With Half a Pint of Water.

That a small quantity of water, say half a pint, may be made to burst a strong cask seems a startling statement to make, and yet it is true. It is a well known law of physics that the pressure exerted by liquids increases in proportion to their depth. Suppose, therefore, that we have a strong cask filled with water and standing on end. The staves of this cask may be made to burst apart by adding a very small quantity of water to what is already in the cask. As the cask is already full, some way of adding the water must be devised. To do this a hole is bored in the end or head of the cask, and a long tube of small diameter is inserted upright. At the upper end of the tube is a small funnel into which water is poured until the tube becomes full, and when that point is reached the cask will burst.

This seems almost incredible, but it is only a demonstration of the law that has been cited. When the water is poured into the tube it unites with the water in the cask, and the depth of the water is several times as great as that in the cask alone. The fact that there is only a small quantity of water in the tube makes no difference, for it is now one body, and its depth is gauged from the top of the tube to the bottom of the cask.

As a matter of fact, this experiment is only an artificial reproduction of what we know takes place in nature. Some of her greatest convulsions are caused by this very process. Suppose, for example, that there is a great mass of rock, under which there is a cavity filled with water that has no outlet. Suppose, moreover, that there is a crack extending from the surface of the ground through this mass of rock to the water filled cavity underneath. A rock in this condition is a common thing in nature, the crack being caused by some disturbance of the earth or by its splitting in the natural order of things. Now, when it rains enough to fill that crack, thus increasing the depth of the water in the cavity, the pressure will become so great that the rock will be torn into a hundred fragments.

## SIAMESE BELIEFS.

Some Peculiar Notions of a Very Superstitious People.

"The Siamese are a very superstitious people," says Ernest Young, author of the "Kingdom of the Yellow River." "They have many peculiar explanations of natural phenomena. Thunder, for instance, is 'the sky crying.' They believe that in the realms above is a horrible giant whose wife has a violent and uncertain temper. When they quarrel the echo of his voice comes in long, rolling notes from the clouds. If he is very angry he throws his hatchet at his unruly spouse, and when this ponderous weapon strikes the floor of heaven the thunderbolt falls through and comes to earth.

"Falling stars are accounted for by the fact that the angels occasionally indulge in torch throwing at one another. When these same beings all insist upon getting into the bath at once the water splashes over the side and it rains. The winds that sigh in the night are the voices of babies that have lost their way in their travels to the land beyond the grave.

"When a Siamese dies he is not buried, but his corpse, fully dressed and then wrapped in a winding sheet, is placed in a sitting posture in a copper urn. A tube is placed in his mouth, and through this a mixture of quicksilver and honey is poured into the body. In this way it is kept for a long time, often for years. Eventually, it is burned, and the ashes are carefully preserved. The souls of those whose bones at least are not burned are supposed to become slaves of a horrid taskmaster with a head like a dog, a human body and the temper of a fiend. He sits for all time with his feet in the fires of hell, and it is the duty of his slaves to keep these fires from growing too hot. To do this they must carry water in open wicker baskets through all eternity."

## Killing a Robin.

There are persons at the present day—and not all old women either—who believe that killing a robin will bring bad luck. According to ancient belief, the storm cloud was a huge bird. The Arabians represented his wings as measuring 10,000 fathoms. This bird lived on worms, the latter being the streaks of lightning accompanying storms. The Germans remodeled the fiction by creating the god Thor, whose bird was the robin. Consequently to kill a robin first meant death by lightning, then bad luck.

## NEWSPAPERS.

Striking Things That Great Men Have Said About Them.

A correspondent requests that we print some of the striking things great men have said about newspapers—that is, sayings that embody the purpose and doings of the press. With pleasure.

Bryant said: "The press is good or evil, according to the character of those who direct it. It is a mill that grinds all that is put into its hopper. Fill the hopper with poisoned grain, and it will grind it to meal, but there is death in the bread."

James Parton said: "The newspaper press is the people's university. Half the readers in Christendom read little else."

Jefferson said: "The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Cardinal Gibbons said: "The dread of exposure in the public press keeps many a man sticking close to the path of rectitude who otherwise would stray off into the byways of graft."—Chicago Journal.

## ON DUTCH WATERS.

A Journey Along a Canal and the Scenery It Presents.

"I can think of no more reposeful holiday," says a writer, "than to step on board of one of those barges wedged together in a Rotterdam canal and, never lifting a finger to alter the natural course of events—to accelerate or divert—be carried by it to, say, Harlingen, in Friesland, between the meadows, under the noses of great black and white cows, past herons fishing in the rushes, through little villages with dazzling milk cans being scoured on the banks and the good wives washing and the saturnine smokers in black velvet slippers passing the time of day, through big towns, by rows of somber houses seen through a delicate screen of leaves, under low bridges crowded with children, through narrow locks, ever moving, moving, slowly and surely, sometimes sailing, sometimes being towed, with the wide Dutch sky overhead and the plovers crying in it, and the clean west wind driving the windmills, and everything just as it was in Rembrandt's day and just as it will be 500 years hence."

## The Paris Jewelers.

"To stroll about the London streets," says Harper's Weekly, "is a pastime in Paris it is also an education. I hardly understand how an Englishman after a walk down the Avenue de l'Opera or the Boulevard des Italiens can bear to even glance at a Bond street jeweler's. To see what the French are doing in jewel work of every kind is to make one feel that London is not merely a generation behind, but could not in a hundred centuries catch up."

## Not a Question of Seasons.

"How should we get married if there were no London season?" asked the debutante.

"Some of you would get married if you were bricked up in an ogre's castle and had to be rescued," said the American millionaire. "And ten seasons wouldn't marry the rest."—London Boudoir.

## Eavesdropping.

She—I wouldn't be surprised if the servant girl were listening at the keyhole. He—Nor I. That's a woman's trick. Sh.—Oh, indeed? He—Of course. That's why it's called Eve's dropping.—Philadelphia Press.

In the ten rate zones the maximum of heat is attained about a month after the longest days.

## THE "LOST ARTS."

They Are Not So Much Lost as They Are Discarded.

"Not so many years ago it was quite commonly asserted that modern workmen could not quarry, or, having quarried, could not handle stones as large as the monoliths of Egypt," says a scientist, "and the writer has heard a public speaker of note assert that it would be impossible to handle, with modern implements, such large stones as were used in the pyramids or to join them as perfectly as they are joined there. Yet, when occasion arose, larger stones than any of these were quarried in Maine, and some of the larger monoliths themselves were transported not only to sea, but across it and erected in England, France and America.

"There are individuals today who might if they chose cause the transportation to and erection in this country of the largest pyramids or build new ones ten times larger and more durable. Pyramids are not being generally built nowadays because they are not in line with the trend of modern ambition, that's all.

"It is very doubtful if a 'Damascus blade' would stand half as severe usage as a modern hand saw blade or even as much as the spring of a forty cent clock, while the ornamentation of those wondrous blades, so far as the mechanical execution is concerned, can be excelled by apprentices and amateurs of today."

## The Game of Life.

Life is a queer game of blind man's buff, played in a mist on a mountain top, and the players keep dropping over the precipices. But nobody heeds because there are always plenty more, and the game goes on forever.—H. Rider Haggard.

## WORK WEAKENS THE KIDNEYS.

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## MONARCHS FOR A DAY

GERMAN PEASANTS WHO PLAY ROYAL ROLES ONCE A YEAR.

The Picturesque Trachtenfest of the Plattdeutsch That is Held Annually at Scheessel, in Prussia—Costumes and State Coaches.

Royalty in Europe is not confined to a few crowned heads. It is also to be seen in the humblest of subjects. In the coarse clad, coarse fed, ignorant, downtrodden peasant there smolders a spark of the imperial fire which at times bursts forth into flame. Yet these upheavals of his nature are not revolutionary. He does not then take up arms against the government. His insurrection is entirely peaceful. He simply dons a suit of fine clothes and struts about like some peacock just let out of a coop. And so throughout Europe there have been peasant festivals from time immemorial when for one day in the year the laborer believes himself a king.

An illustration of this regal side of the European peasant, and one that has become especially magnificent, is the Trachtenfest of the Plattdeutsch, or Low Germans. Each year it is held at Scheessel, Prussia, and there the natives of the country round congregate as if it were the court of some potentate. They come dressed in the gala apparel which is peculiar to their own communities, and some of them are attired in even greater splendor than may be seen at the palaces of certain all the year monarchs. Nearly all the costumes are family heirlooms, which have been handed down from parent to child, and for the reason that they are enriched each year by a little more velvet or gold lace they represent the wealth of long generations. Some are worth more than the houses in which their owners live.

Just as their hats and coats have descended from ancestral sources, so the songs and dances and all the other features of this peasant pageant hail from times remote. Scheessel is halfway between Hamburg and Bremen, and the American traveler who lands at either port can thus pass from modern to mediaeval times by only an hour's railroad ride. Should he arrive early on the morning of the fete day he would first see the triumphal procession. At the sound of a trumpet these one day "kings," with their "queens" and "princesses" parade the main street in a long procession, each community characterized by a different costume and each believing that its own is the most beautiful.

There is little attempt to adorn the "carriages of state" for their occupants feel that nothing else should detract from their own personal glory. They believe that their costumes are the chief attraction, and so it matters not that they ride in cumbrous farm wagons, used on other days for hay or cabbages and touched up for the occasion with a little paint or some loops of bunting. The dignified appearance of the wagons, however, suffers not a little from the simplicity of their equipages, for, as the wagons have no springs, the "kings," "queens" and "princesses" frequently receive such jolts that they have to clutch one another to save themselves from falling.

Almost every wagon brings to view a different variety of dress. The women of Scheessel, for instance, are attired in great white aprons, the servile aspect of which contrasts rather ludicrously with their headdress of artificial flowers and fruits, built up in the shape of a tiara. Around their waists are tied gorgeous ribbons of variegated colors. In another wagon girls from Vierland wear hats which look much like those their American sisters don when they are graduated at college. They are not quite so flat, however, as mortarboards and are more nearly like inverted soup plates. Their outlandish appearance is still further increased by two huge bows which protrude on either side from their back hair and which appear at a little distance like two fans of a windmill. In other wagon ride madchen from Elsdorf and Selzingen, Leer, Gottum and Apensee and, most gorgeous of all, the Buckerburger fasses.

Some of the young women of Buckerburg deck themselves out in dresses estimated to cost \$250 apiece. So fantastic is the medley of colors to be seen in a single costume, so extravagant is the use of laces, braids, fluffs, fringes, flowers and jewels, that it looks more like the sacred robe of some oriental priest than the bridal dress of a simple peasant girl, for it happens that a great many Plattdeutsch maidens postpone their weddings until just after the Trachtenfest, so that they may appear then in the costumes they are to be married in. Next year the dress will be worn by some other bride, and so on down the years.

A costume peculiarly grotesque is worn by the Stadthagen women, their headgear much resembling that worn by the "great tormentor" at the initiations of a certain American secret society. On their breasts they wear a shield the size of a saucer, and the edges of their aprons are elaborate with needlework, over which hundreds of bands have tolled. Yet not all of the paraders are gay. Some of the Scheessel women wear the staid gait

of communicants, with white yokes and white caps, and from Sitten comes a delegation which walks behind a wagon with heads bowed and in weeds of mourning.

In comparison with the women the men appear extremely plain. Their ostentation is limited chiefly to buttons, with which some of them fairly cover themselves and which vary in size from a pea to a butter dish. All the "kings" appear peculiarly stiff and awkward in their fine clothes, and even those who are wont to wear their costumes now and then on a Sunday instead of stowing them away for the rest of the year seem to feel uncomfortable restraint.

The music heard when the procession has ended and the various couples are "treading the mazes of the dance" would make one think that these people are akin to the Scotch highlanders. One dance is especially like the highland fling, and as a matter of fact it is called the "Klapper Scottish." The celebration generally ends with tableaux showing the peasants in the dairy, the harvest field or among the beehives.

Of recent years the Trachtenfest has grown in importance, drawing peasants to Scheessel each year from a much greater area and a far greater number of visitors also. The emperor, too, has taken a special interest in the festival, and not only does the empress offer each year a prize to the community which revives most faithfully the customs, songs and dances of its ancestors, but the imperial example has led many wealthy families of the Plattdeutsch country to lend their patronage in various ways.—New York Tribune.

## STRENUOUS STILLNESS.

Posing For Meissonier Was a Trying Athletic Feat.

Perfect stillness is something that scarcely seems compatible with physical strenuousness. Nevertheless posing for an artist may become, in the maintenance for long periods of a difficult attitude, one of the most trying of athletic feats. When Meissonier, the famous French artist, was painting one of his battle scenes he hired several old soldiers for models—seasoned, tough veterans, whose experience and endurance would, he thought, be useful in enabling them both to understand the positions required and to hold them. They did so, indeed, as well as any one could, but it was an everyday affair for a model to faint and more than once to collapse with exhaustion and require the services of a physician.

Especially difficult were the poses representative of cavalrymen slain or wounded and falling from their saddles. Despite an ingenious arrangement of straps and slings hung from the ceiling of the studio to afford such support as was possible, these poses remained so hard that one old soldier declared fervently when the picture was finished:

"M. Meissonier, I have been six times wounded and once nearly frozen on the field, and once they were going to bury me, but it was all nothing to this. Nothing! Nothing! It is not hard to fall out of the saddle, really. A bullet helps one so neatly one scarcely knows when one touches the ground. But then, you see, one is allowed to fall all the way; one is not halted in midair."

"You are painting a great picture, monsieur, and I am proud to be in it, but if you could have put me there with a pistol instead of a paint brush I should have preferred it."

It was long a current tale that the model for another painting by Meissonier, entitled "The Brawl," actually died as the result of long posing in an unnaturally strained position for one of the two intertwined and struggling combatants in the picture.

This was not true. Indeed, he lived to boast much and volubly of his achievement, and it served him as his chief professional recommendation afterward.

Rolling up his sleeve and displaying an arm heavily corded with muscle, he would say to a prospective employer:

"Monsieur, behold! Is not that an arm? Ah! Truly! You are not the first to admire it. And a leg to match, monsieur; a leg that is veritably superb! But I do not praise them, I. There is no need. These arms and these legs have been immortalized. They belong to art; they are consecrated to art—at any sacrifice of personal convenience. Monsieur, it was I—I—who posed to M. Meissonier for 'The Brawl!'—Youth's Companion.

## A Philosophy of Joy.

A quiet home; vines of our own planting; a few books full of the inspiration of genius; a few friends worthy of being loved and able to love us in turn; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or remorse; a devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion, empty of all bigotry, full of trust and hope and love—and to such a philosophy this world will give us all the joy it has.—David Swing.

## Lots of It.

"I should think there would be a great deal of local color in this village," said the lady novelist to the old resident.

"There be, mum," replied the latter. "There be his more houses painted this year than there be for ten year."—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

## HOW BIRDS SOAR.

The Kite a Master of the Art of Soaring.

"In the summer of 1872 I was visiting on the Warm Springs reservation in eastern Oregon," says a writer. "The residences of the government employees were in a deep valley between table lands through which the water courses had cut deep canyons. I climbed up on one of these tables, the edge of which was in most places perpendicular for ten, twenty and more feet, and as I stood there in a strong breeze blowing against the face of the slope a small hawk came gliding along eight or ten feet above the edge and following the course of the edge, and he kept on until he was little more than a rod away from me. He seemed to be making no effort except a little balancing and turning in order to steer himself. The explanation seemed to me very simple. Just there at the edge there was a strong, sharply ascending current which enabled him to use wind and gravity against each other."

"In the autumn of that year I went to Fuchau, China, and there I found the city frequented by a species of large bird which we call a kite. It seems to be half hawk, half buzzard, in its build and habits. Its flight is heavy and awkward, its wings being too big for its pectoral muscles, and their tips are not pointed like a hawk's, but broad and square across. But it is a master of the art of soaring. There are in Fuchau two hills which lie square across the path of the afternoon sea breeze. Here toward the close of a breezy autumn afternoon a dozen or a score of these kites will resort and have a genuine coasting game."

"These hillsides are quite steep, and of course there results a strong, sharp upward current at the top. The kites come to the top and, starting from the eddy in the lee of the top, glide out into the uprushing current, wings balancing up and down and head and tail turning and twisting till they are in the heart of the upward current, and then they turn broadside to it and are borne upward and backward seventy-five or a hundred feet. Then they descend again into the eddy and again steer themselves out into the uprushing current. Throughout it all there is very little flapping of the wings."—Chicago News.

## ERRORS IN ILLUSTRATION.

How Easily They Are Made in Hurry of Preparation.

"Perfection of detail," said the cartoonist, "is very rare in the making of pictures, whether they be painted on canvas by the great masters or drawn in line by men who illustrate the daily newspapers. It is the general effect that tells. There are few newspaper pictures—and I don't except my own—in which you can't pick some flaw from the standpoint of realism."

"In the hurried effort of the newspaper artist, who counts the minutes by the clock, there may be some excuse for this, but when we see a man carrying a turkey left handed on the cover of a magazine we must agree that the artist has either been careless, or else has employed a left handed model to pose for him, and the latter solution is scarcely probable."

"A fisherman landing a trout on a light rod with never a finger on the reel is quite a common mistake among magazine illustrations, and in the matter of costumes of various periods the illustrators are woefully lacking in information."

"To illustrate how apt we are to make mistakes," continued the cartoonist, "several years ago I drew a figure representing Cuba, emaciated, starving, a thing of skin and bones. The figure was half naked, and I tried to bring out all the horrible details—the shrunken limbs, the gaunt face, the ribs protruding through the skin and, above all, the hollow cavity where the stomach should have been. A friend of mine, a doctor, took me to task about it. 'Persons who are starving to death,' he said, 'may be abnormally emaciated in every other part of the body except the stomach. The abdomen in the advanced stages is expanded, giving the victim a grotesque appearance.' To substantiate this statement he showed me some photographs taken in India during a famine, and I was forced to admit that he was right."—Philadelphia Record.

## Women in Venice.

In Venice, says the Ladies' Realm, the women of the lower classes accept tributes to their beauty from perfect strangers as a matter of course. It is considered not only proper, but polite, to compliment a passing maiden on the charm of her beautiful eyes or complexion. If one treads on the skirt of a pretty woman, one has only to say, "Pardon, beautiful girl," to receive the most dazzling smile and bow in return for the awkwardness. At cafes frequented by the people it is the custom for waiters to say when placing a chair for one of the women, "Take this seat, beautiful blond," or, "Sit here, lovely brunette," as the case may be.

## Not Always a Sign.

"Knowit must be one of the brightest and best informed men in town."

"Why do you think so?"

"Because I understand he is running an intelligence office."—Dallas News.

## THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

Ceylon's Tradition About Adam and Eve's First Habitation.

Ceylon, in local tradition, was the garden of Eden, and you will be shown Adam's peak to prove it, and Adam's bridge, the chain of rocks and islets which the maps show stretching across from Ceylon to the coast of India. Eve, or Heba, as the eastern story calls her, was well satisfied with her lot in the garden of Eden, but Atami, manlike, showed a disposition to rove, or, as we might now say, emigrate. One day while wandering on the west coast he met a strange man, who in the course of conversation held before him a fascinating panorama of the lovely country across the waters—gardens and rich orchards, valleys teeming with birds and gazelles and all the rest. Atami had seen nothing like it in Ceylon. He had always been trying to coax Heba into emigration without success, but now his mind was made up, and he went home to the shades of Adam's peak and ordered her promptly to pack up and make ready for a start. Heba pleaded in vain, but Atami was persistent and led the way across "Adam's bridge" to India, where he found, to his dismay, a dreary and forbidding wilderness. The panorama man (it will be readily guessed who he was) had deceived Atami, and the disappointed wanderer fell into despair. Then it was that the angel messenger came and gave the disobedient Atami orders to go on into the desert and wild places and suffer the punishment that was his due. Atami's nobility of spirit showed itself here, for he begged the angel to intercede that his own punishment might be doubled and Heba permitted to return to the garden of Eden and be given a fresh mate and a fresh start! You will be apt to think that this chivalric example of gallantry set by the heroic Atami has not been generally emulated by his descendants in that corner of the world when you see a native walking along enjoying a smoke or a chew of bhang while his wife struggles wearily behind with the family load on her delicate head!

## DIAMOND SMUGGLERS.

Few Caught Owing to Their Ingenuity in Hiding Gems.

"Diamond smugglers are a constant source of worry to us," said the customs house inspector. "Despite every precaution taken here and abroad to spot them, not more than 10 per cent are caught with the goods. There seems to be no limit to the devilish ingenuity employed by these—I was going to say gentry—but there are quite as many women in the business as men."

"It is really wonderful when you come to think of it, that we are ever able to make a good haul when you consider how easily diamonds can be concealed. Hollow heels are a favorite receptacle for the precious stones, and I understand that there are places in Europe where you can buy shoes specially constructed with spaces in the heels."

"I remember one woman—she is still in the business—who displayed great ingenuity in smuggling diamonds. It was only by chance that we caught her at one of her tricks. She arrived with a very striking Paris bonnet, which was ornamented with bunches of grapes. While we were examining her baggage this dream of a hat blew off and was smashed by a passing truck. I rushed gallantly to recover the hat and then saw that each of the grapes contained a diamond or precious stone. She got what was left of the hat, but nothing more."

"What can a man of ordinary perception do with such people? They will best him every time unless he's gifted with second sight. I never see a chap with long hair but I think of the day we picked \$10,000 worth of stones from a fellow's head who wore a pompadour like a brush heap."

"No, we can't keep up with all their tricks and don't expect to. It's the behavior of the smuggler that generally gives him away. When we see a man or woman acting uneasy, nervous, betraying his or her guilt by gestures, we have him or her searched. One gets to know the smuggler face after a time, and so captures are made."—New York Herald.

## A Simple Cure.

It is said that John Wesley was once walking with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were that moment passing a stone wall to a meadow, over which a cow was looking.

"Do you know," asked Wesley, "why that cow looks over that wall?"

"No," replied the one in trouble.

"I will tell you," said Wesley. "Because she cannot look through it. And that is what you must do with your troubles—look over and above them."

## The Man For the Job.

"But," asked the proprietor of the Skyeyte apartments, "do you think this man is suited for the position of janitor?"

"Oh, splendidly," replied the manager. "He has been at various times an ice man, a coalman and a policeman. Oh, he's just as independent and sassy as he can be."—Philadelphia Press.

## LINCOLN'S FOREFATHERS.

A Strain of Tragedy Runs Through Their History.

Abraham Lincoln's forefathers were pioneers—men who left their homes to open up the wilderness and make the way plain for others to follow them. For 170 years, ever since the first American Lincoln came from England to Massachusetts, in 1638, they had been moving slowly westward as new settlements were made in the forest. They faced solitude, privation and all the dangers and hardships that beset men who take up their homes where only beasts and wild men have had homes before, but they continued to press steadily forward, though they lost fortune and sometimes even life itself in their westward progress.

Back in Pennsylvania and New Jersey some of the Lincolns had been men of wealth and influence. In Kentucky, where the future president was born on Feb. 12, 1809, his parents lived in deep poverty. Their home was a small log cabin of the rudest kind, and nothing seemed more unlikely than that their child, coming into the world in such humble surroundings, was destined to be the greatest man of his time. True to his race, he also was to be a pioneer, not, indeed, like his ancestors, a leader into new woods and unexplored fields, but a pioneer of a nobler and grander sort, directing the thoughts of men ever toward the right and leading the American people through difficulties and dangers and a mighty war to peace and freedom.

The story of this wonderful man begins and ends with a tragedy, for his grandfather, also named Abraham, was killed by a shot from an Indian's rifle while peacefully at work with his three sons on the edge of their frontier clearing. Eighty-one years later the president himself met death by an assassin's bullet. The murderer of one was a savage of the forest; the murderer of the other that far more cruel thing, a savage of civilization.—St. Nicholas.

## FLATTERING RULERS.

Their Weak Points Pass Unnoticed. Napoleon's Marksmanship.

Rulers have always been flattered, from Canute's time downward, it being, it would seem, an unwritten law that a monarch's weak points should pass unrecognized. Napoleon III, once said, in consoling a friend who chanced to be shooting with him for his poor marksmanship:

"You need not fret about it. The emperor (by which he meant his uncle, the great Napoleon I) was even a worse shot than you are. The only time they put a gun in his hand he killed a poor bound and went away thinking he had killed a stag."

"In those days the stag, whenever brought to bay, was left for the emperor to kill. One day, however, the emperor was not to be found, and the master of the staghounds finished the animal with his knife. Just then the emperor came in sight."

"They hurriedly got the dead stag on its legs, propping it up with branches, etc., and handed the emperor the 'carabine of honor,' as it was called. The emperor fired, and of course the stag tumbled over, but at the same time there was a piteous whine from one of the hounds, which had been shot through the head."

"The emperor wheeled around, unconscious of the mischief he had done, saying to one of the aids-de-camp, 'After all, I am not as bad a shot as they pretend!'"

## HOW A BADGER WORKS.

Can Excavate Almost as Rapidly as a Man With a Spade.

During the day the badger sleeps deep in his burrow, far out on our western plains and prairies, and at twilight he starts forth on a night's foraging. He is a dreaded enemy of the prairie dog and the ground squirrel, and when he begins to excavate for one nothing but solid rock or death can stop him.

With the long, blunt claws of his fore feet he loosens up the dirt. Dig, dig, dig! He works as though his life depended on it, now scratching out the sides of the hole, then turning on his back to work overhead.

At first he throws the dirt out between his hind legs, but soon he is too far down for that, so he banks it up back of him, then turns about and using his chest and forward parts as a pusher shoves it out before him.

He works with such rapidity that it would be somewhat difficult for a man to overtake him with a spade.—St. Nicholas.

## A Woman Soldier.

Women disguised as men have often served as soldiers. The following inscription is on a tombstone in the English town of Brighton: "In memory of Phoebe Hassel; born 1718, died 1821, aged 108 years. She served for many years as a private soldier in many parts of Europe, and at the battle of Fontenoy, fighting bravely, she received a bayonet wound in the left arm."

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### Fighting Shows Nationality.

"By the way they fight I can tell men's nationality," said a policeman. "An Englishman when he is going to fight throws his hat and coat in a blustering way on the ground. A Scot pulls his hat down tight on his head and buttons his coat carefully. The canny Scot is not going to endanger any of his property. An Irishman appeals to the crowd to hold his coat. The Celtic nature desires sympathy and tries to build it up. A German—methodical, precise—folds his coat in a neat bundle and lays his hat on top of it to hold it down. An American is so anxious to pitch in and have the thing over that he starts fighting without giving a thought to hat or coat."—Indianapolis Journal.

### Obliged to Smoke.

Every morning, as soon as the trains are relieved of their burden at the New York end of the Brooklyn bridge, every smoker has his cigarette or cigar in one hand and the ever-ready match in the other. It seems as if a minute cannot be lost for this most solacing habit of smoking. The boxes and half-burnt matches which lie like dead soldiers on the pavement are silent vouchers for the importance of the weed in our commercial life.—New York Press.

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### Was Too Honest.

Honesty is one of the leading principles taught in the public schools, and the teachers begin early to impress the value of this trait in character on the minds of the youngest pupils. A South Chicago teacher had a pupil who gave her much sorrow by his unfortunate habit of fibbing on every possible occasion. One day she kept him after school and gave him a serious "talking to." "Just look at the life of George Washington," she said; "he couldn't tell a lie." "Hub," remarked the unregenerate youth, "what was the matter with him?"

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### Insulted.

"Bigby insulted me today by inviting me to attend one of these flimsy musical farces," said the eminent legislator to his wife.

"Why, I thought you liked musical farces, John," said the lady.

"But this farce," responded the eminent legislator, with some degree of bitterness, "was called 'The Grafters.'"

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Martial law has been proclaimed in Moscow. The strike practically ended Wednesday.

Tom Vaughn, conductor on a Santa Fe work train, was caught between the bumpers while making a coupling at Dougherty, I. T., and instantly killed.

Because of the serious situation in Russia, Secretary Root has requested the navy department to take measures for the protection of American citizens in St. Petersburg.

George Reggier, alias Red Reggier, a tough character from Alabama, was found dead on the streets of New Orleans Tuesday morning with a bullet in the back.

Seventeen pounds of babies, divided, as Caesar said all Gaul used to be, into three parts, formed the unique gift with which Mrs. Yetta Vosbrand of Chicago prepared to present her husband Christmas.

Charters taken out in Eastern states during 1905 represent a total capitalization of well over two billions, according to figures made public Friday. The exact figures are \$2,153,334,811.

The visit of courtesy to President Castro of Mr. Bax-ironside, British minister to Venezuela, is resulting in a settlement of the dispute with Great Britain. Exequaturs will be given to the British consuls.

Word comes from Ogden, Utah, that the Reno, Nevada, club, has offered a \$25,000 purse for a finish fight between Marvin Hart and Jack O'Brien to take place April 15 and incidentally to carry with it the championship title.

Peter Ryan, an engineer, was killed and Peter E. Burk, a fireman, and C. M. Mitchell, a switchman, were injured in the yards of the Louisville and Nashville Terminal company at Nashville Thursday night.

The total amount of business done on the New York Exchange during the business year at noon Saturday, last, breaks all previous records, not excepting either in regard to stocks or bonds the banner year of 1901.

The delegates to the Trades Assembly from unions affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World, have been expelled from the body by the adherents of the American Federation of Labor, on the ground that their election was unconstitutional.

To force Arizona into a union with New Mexico is to do a great wrong to the people of the former territory who in racial antecedents, religious preference and industrial interests are wholly unlike the inhabitants of New Mexico, says anti-joint statehooders.

For the first time in thirty-five years the old scouts of the Lawton, Ok., country, held a meeting at Fort Sill, at which twelve were present. Ben Clark, of El Reno, was chief among the guests. Clark was with Gen. Custer at the Big Bend fight and was in several skirmishes with the Indians.

Wednesday night five miles north of Lodonja a difficulty occurred at a dance, during which Ben Williams was shot twice and killed. Jim Holcomb was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bose Jones and brought to Bonham and lodged in jail, charged with the homicide.

Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons said to a reporter: "Bob need not talk reconciliation to me. I expect he will be here soon and I am willing to talk compromise in the matter of the property, but will never consent to again living with him."

Mayor McClellan has announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. Theo A. Bingham, U. S. A., retired, as Police Commissioner, succeeding William McCafoe, who has held the office through Mr. McClellan's first term.

Announcement is made that Lieut. Edward Scharrer of Stuttgart, Germany, and Miss Wilhemina Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch, the brewer, will be quietly married on New Year's Day at the Busch mansion in St. Louis.

A strike was declared Friday and martial law has been proclaimed in Bialsk, Russia. By the accidental explosion of a bomb at a meeting of workers there eight persons were killed and twenty-eight wounded.

# NEW YEAR AT NATIONAL CAPITAL.

## Not Only the Diplomats and Grownups, But Little Children Were Received at White House.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The New Year's reception at the White House was one of the most brilliant functions of its kind ever held at the Nation's capital. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt were assisted in receiving the vast throng by the members of the cabinet and their families. The day was an ideal one. Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks were first presented to the President, and after wishing the President and his wife a happy New Year, took their places to the right of Mrs. Roosevelt.

Next came the members of the Cabinet and then the Ambassadors and the representatives of foreign governments. The army and navy were well represented by officers and brilliant uniforms.

As soon as the President had gathered about him his official family the doors of the red room were again swung open and Col. Bromwell announced the acting dean of the diplomatic corps, the Ambassador from Austro-Hungary, and Madame Hengel-muller. For the first time in five years the familiar figure of Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, was missing, and in the absence of Baron Mayor Des Planches, the Italian Ambassador who succeeded to the deanship, the place of honor of the head of the corps was yesterday held by Mr. Hengelmuller, who was in full uniform, and wore the many decorations conferred on him during his diplomatic career. After the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Mme. Hengelmuller had bowed before the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and shook their hands Mr. Hengelmuller stepped back a pace. He then presented the members of his staff personally to the President. This was an innovation at the White House, suggested by Col. Bromwell, and which had been approved by Secretary Root. It had always been the custom at other capitals for the head of an Embassy or Legation to present personally the members of his staff.

This was the third New Year's reception attended by the Ambassador from France and Mme. Jusserand, who were next presented. The Ambassador presented the naval attaché and the Viscountess De Faramond de Lafajole and Capt. Fournier, artillery corps, the military attaché. The Ambassador from Germany and

### WITTE URGES CONSTITUTION.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—It is learned from a high source that Premier Witte is again strongly urging the Emperor to immediately promulgate a moderate constitution, for the double purpose of reassuring the liberals that the present war against the "reds" does not mean reaction and blocking the attempt, which undoubtedly will be made when the National Assembly convenes, transforming that body into a constituent assembly. Moreover, the plan has other heavy backing, and the Emperor is showing an inclination to accept it. The Premier is understood to have informed His Majesty that such an act would be a master stroke at the present juncture and might rally the whole body of conservative and liberal opinion to the side of the government.

**Body of Accused Found.**  
Hempstead, Texas: According to a telephone message received here late last night, the dead body of Mont Paddy, a young white man, alleged to have assaulted and seriously injured a white peddler, with robbery as his object, in the lower part of the County some two weeks ago, was found yesterday afternoon but a short distance from the scene of his crime. The wire was directed to the sheriff, and contained no further particulars. At a late hour this evening details were unobtainable, though officers left here early in the morning to investigate the report.

**At the Austrian Court.**  
Vienna: The entire diplomatic corps, including Ambassador Bellamy Storer, Secretary George B. Rives and Military Attaché Lieut. John McCintock of the American Embassy called at the Hofburg yesterday to convey New Year's greetings to Emperor Joseph, thus fulfilling a time honored custom.

**Mexico Paying in Gold.**  
Laredo, Texas: Advices from Mexico City state that the first circulation of gold coin by the Mexican Government commenced on last Friday, when the mint delivered into the treasury 300,000 bright, freshly coined gold coins, to be used in paying the salaries of Government employes for the month of December. From this time on the mints of the country will be kept busy coining gold pieces to be put in general circulation, and instead of gold pieces being regarded as a curiosity as heretofore, they will become one of the circulating mediums of that country.

**Three Persons Killed.**  
Columbus, Ohio: Three persons are reported to have been killed and a number injured in a wreck on the Big Four Railway near here. No details now obtainable.

**Puerto Plata Threatened.**  
Cape Haytient, Hayti: Confirmation has been received of the report that Morales' cruiser Independencia yesterday landed 250 men near Puerto Plata and in the name of President Morales notified the Governor of Puerto Plata that the cruiser would attack the port by sea and land if it did not surrender within twenty-four hours. The American warships off Puerto Plata will not interfere with the operation of the Independencia and will take on board non-combatants who may desire to seek refuge under the American flag.

**City Hospital Tumbling.**  
San Antonio, Texas: For several months the City Hospital of San Antonio has been gradually disintegrating. Yesterday a large section of plastering fell and struck one of the nurses. Experts say the building may collapse, and the Board of Health has called the attention of the City Council to the matter. The authorities, however, show indisposition to take any steps.

Baroness Sternberg returned from Alken, S. C., where they spent the holidays, in time to attend the reception yesterday. The picturesque uniform of Baron Sternberg, or sky blue cloth with silver trimmings, with the Tartar cap and white aigrette, were perhaps the most striking worn at the reception. The Ambassador presented his staff, which included two new members. Wearing not only decorations conferred by diplomatic victories, but a long row of war medals for service in the field, Sr Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador, looked the soldier as well as the diplomat as he entered the blue room with Lady Durand on his arm and followed by Miss Durand and the members of the Embassy staff.

A new Nation made its appearance at the White House, that of Norway, which was represented by the Charge D'Affaires M. C. Hauge, and for the first time Mr. Grip was yesterday announced merely as the Minister from Sweden.

As soon as the diplomatic corps had been received the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root left the receiving line and returned to their residence, where they entertained the corps at breakfast.

At half past twelve the reception of the various military and other societies began, and at 1 o'clock the reception of the citizens began.

The reception ended at 2:44 p. m. By actual count 9,052 people shook the President's hand. Last year 7,157 were received.

Mrs. Roosevelt remained until the end of the reception. A feature of the public reception was the large number of children who passed the receiving line.

Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth mingled with the guests in the East room. Miss Roosevelt wore a gown of slate blue chiffon over pink silk, cut low. She also wore a diamond necklace and a pendant and a huge bunch of orchids.

Mrs. Roosevelt wore a pale blue chiffon built over white silk. The bell skirt was trimmed with rows of ruffles which fell from a shirred girdle. The waist was trimmed with white lace, and her only ornaments were a few diamonds. She carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

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### BOISE ASSASSIN.

A Man Is Under Arrest, Supposed to Be Steuben's Murderer.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 1.—A man has been arrested at Caldwell who the officers think may be the assassin of former Governor Frank Steuben. His name has not been reported. Five men in all have been detained on trivial charges in order that their whereabouts may be looked up. When daylight dawned on the scene of the tragedy it was found that the dynamite had been exploded by pulling a wire. Pieces of wire and waxed fish line were found on the trees on the lawn.

Further, it is believed that two bombs were used to make certain of carrying out the purpose to the assassin. They seem to have been together, both having been pulled at once. It was determined during the night that the bomb was fired by a wire. The explosive was placed against the post against which the gate closed, and on the inside of the fence. That post was to the victim's left as he entered, but the force of the explosion caught him on the right leg, showing he turned partially in closing the gate. Had the mine been set to go off from the movement of the gate the explosion would have occurred when he went in, and it is therefore certain that the mine was fired by a wire, and that the assassin, knowing his habit of making the turn to close the gate, waited until he turned around.

Shoshone county has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the murderer and has sent its sheriff to assist in the search. It was in that county, in the northern end of the state, that the Coeur d'Alene riots occurred in 1899. It is probable that the funeral will be held in Boise, the body lying in state in the capitol building.

### Petitions in Patrick's Behalf.

Milano, Texas: Albert Patrick, through his statement as published in the press the 29th instant, has gained many sympathizers here who feel that he has not had a "square deal" and want him to be given a "fighting chance." Numbers are writing personal letters to Governor Higgins in his behalf, and it may be that a petition will be gotten up.

James Stewart, who received serious injuries by being thrown from the track in front of an International & Great Northern freight train, is resting well and is expected to be out in a few days.

### Run Down by Train.

Alvarado, Texas: Robert McLeroy met death here yesterday morning in a horrible manner. He lived near the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railway track, near the oil mill, and was walking on the railroad track to avoid the mud. While crossing a high bridge he was run into and almost instantly killed by the passenger train due here at 10:15 from Cleburne. His body was bruised and cut and his head badly crushed.

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It is Surprising That the Deaths Are So Small in Numbers—Scene of Desolation.

Moscow, Jan. 1.—White flags flying from a dozen factories and tenement houses of the Presna district, where the revolutionaries made their last stand, now bear mute witness to the end of the December uprising in Moscow. The entire district is now occupied by troops.

During the night the vast majority of the members of the "fighting legions" either surrendered, or after throwing away their arms, endeavored to escape in the guise of peaceful citizens. Members who acted as a guard to the revolutionary forces stuck to their forces, and the surrender of this handful yesterday morning furnished the last act of the sanguinary drama.

The staging of this last act was admirable. A snow-covered landscape, the small black residence with a tiny red flag fluttering from its gable, the end of Gorbatoff Bridge, black with the guns of the artillery and an encircling line of the Semiovsky regiment of the guard, broken only directly in the line of fire. Suddenly there was a flash of red fire from the mouth of one of the guns and a solid shot ploughed through the walls of the house. A few spluttering shots replied from a window. The cannon spoke again and again until a dozen shots had been fired. It looked like murder to the spectators on a hill, and so evidently thought the officer at the battery, which ceased fire.

A reserve company of the Semiovsky then advanced and fired volleys at the upper windows. At the third volley a white handkerchief, attached to a bayonet, was pushed through a shattered red pane. It waved frantically, and it was all over.

### Americans Ask Hearing.

Havana: The Americans in the vicinity of Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, who are interested in the attempt to separate the island from Cuba, have issued an appeal to the people of the United States to aid in preventing the ratification of the Isle of Pines treaty pending in the United States Senate. The appeal says: "Thus far any hearing has been denied us. We ask you to save us from betrayal by a few unworthy representatives of our Government until we have had the only thing we ask for, namely, a hearing, at which it can be shown that our cause is just and that we are only striving to preserve for our country what belongs to it."

The appeal reiterates the arguments that the island belongs to the United States. It alleges that the sole motive back of the pending treaty is the desire to condone and conceal the disobedience of "the American officer who was responsible or permitting Cuba to take control of the Isle of Pines."

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# Farmers' Co-Operative Union of America.

## SOME INSIDE FACTS.

### President Calvin Details Some Information.

Dallas: In a recent interview, President Calvin made plain some information that should be general, but which seems to be not generally understood. President Calvin said in part:

"Persons not familiar with the Farmers' Union do not seem to understand the present charter. There are no State unions, and unless there is a change in the charter there can not be.

"This body was organized in Texas under a Texas charter. This charter declares that the headquarters shall always be in Texas. The association that has Dallas as its headquarters has now the sole power of granting franchises. It is true that we have allowed in several of the States a sort of State organization that is empowered to organize local unions, but from Dallas the charters must be issued. It is from here only that entry into new territory can be made. None of the States have a right to overstep their own boundaries in organizing.

"The charter franchise was bought by this union from a committee of ten original owners. It can be surrendered only by change in the State charter at Austin. All of the other States are using this same charter, filed in their respective States.

"On Jan. 2, 1906, what is sometimes called the Texas Union executive committee is to meet in Dallas. On Jan. 4 this committee will meet jointly with the executive committee appointed at Texarkana. It will be decided at that meeting just what the head of the National organization is and where the headquarters shall be.

"It is a fact that the conference at Texarkana was called by the Texas, but was not intended as a time for formation of a National organization other than already existed. The call specified that the conference was to take steps toward the formation of a union of the State unions if the way seemed clear, and it was not intended that the forming of the union contemplated should take place before the regular time for the annual meeting, that is in August. That is regarded as the time when any reorganization ought to occur.

### Surrender of Franchise.

"When the joint committee meets the matter of the surrender of the franchise by the present organization to the newer one is to come up and the terms on which that is to be done will be determined. The matter of headquarters is to arise, but under the charter it must be in Texas. The committees may see fit to change the charter, the instrument on file at Austin.

"Up to this time Texas has borne the burden of the movement and it will be a relief to those serving now if the new officers are recognized. It is possible, however, that something may prevent adjustment at this time. Should that be true, the regular National meeting will be held in August and the regular annual election take place. The Texarkana action will thus be ignored entirely. This is not a matter of rivalry between Texas and other States; it is merely a question of abiding by the charter. The law in the matter must be obeyed. Still it is all right to change the

### Future of the Farmer's Life.

The time is fast approaching when the intelligent, industrious and energetic farmboy will occupy a more prominent place in the affairs of the state and nation than he has occupied in the past. The rapid pace which has to be taken by people engaged in the professions and in mercantile pursuits in order to successfully meet the competition on every hand is not conducive to the mental endowment of the descendants, and the farmboy of rugged constitution and industrious habits will be in greater demand to take their places than has ever been known. Much as has been written in regard to the prominent part that such breeding and early training in the country have contributed to the successful management of great enterprises and the successful prosecution of professional matters, much more will be aid in the same direction in the future.—Manchester, N. H., Mirror.

charter and then to recognize the Texarkana action as proper and the officers there chosen will take their places. Until then those officers are not attempting to discharge any executive duties.

"We have a number of warehouses over the State, but in the present good price for cotton the farmers are not making use of them to any extent. We have arranged with companies that are ready to furnish money on easy terms at central warehouses. On scattered cotton, of course, no loans could be obtained in this way.

### Growth of the Unions.

"Such has been the growth of the unions that we have locals in Oregon and in the far Eastern States, and State organizations are forming rapidly. Why, at Texarkana, Texas had 61 votes against 173, so that it wasn't all Texas by any means, and it shows how we have grown.

"We have made no change in our minimum for cotton. It has not seemed best to depart from 11c., though President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association has urged repeatedly that we join him for Farmers Union W N U 15c. We did not think it best. Our farmers know when to sell.

### Still in Farmers' Hands.

"As far as we can judge there is at least 25 per cent of the cotton of this season still in the hands of the farmers. Many of our members have not sold at all.

"What is most pleasing of all to us is the fact that the farmers are getting from a time to a cash basis, and that is our first aim. Where we are strong the mortgages have decreased in the filing rate all the way from 50 to 75 per cent. It is the best thing for all concerned, and business men are just as eager to bring this about as we are. Texas farmers are best off in this respect by far.

"East Texas has had a comparatively hard time this year, and we have devoted ourselves so entirely to the cotton question that we have not operated in their potato and other garden crops as we shall do. Then East Texas, with her comparatively little cotton, shall fare as the rest. West Texas has done well in cotton raising this year, and the condition of the planters is excellent.

"From the Dallas meeting of the executive committees we look for nought but harmony. It is likely that the season will last for several days. They will be executive, of course, and will be held in these rooms of the association.

"I think Dallas will always be the headquarters."

### New Irish Peer.

It is said that among the new peers at the next "creation" will be Colonel Edward Sanderson, who is grand master of Orangemen and the hottest anti-home ruler in Ireland, and has represented County Armagh in parliament for twenty years past. Practically all he has done is comprised in his denunciations of the Irish Nationalists and eulogies of the long suffering landlords. Although a colonel, he never did any fighting except with his mouth, having been in the North Cork militia.

Opportunities fall in the way of every man who is resolved to take advantage of them.—Samuel Smiles.

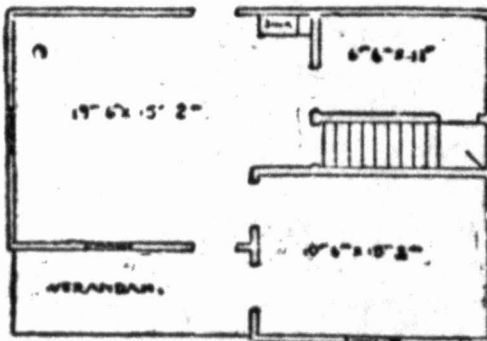
Within the last dozen years a wonderful change has come over the business of farming in this country. The appropriation that once attached to the occupation of tilling the soil has given way to a genuine respect and admiration for the farmers, who today live better in every way than a majority of those who claim the sordid, guelling cities as their homes. Most of the farmers nowadays have un-mortgaged dwellings on profitable acres. Their sons and daughters go to colleges and technical schools, where they learn how to return to the farm and get more out of the soil than the fathers were able to do. The cities do not offer the attractions to these young people they once held. It is hard to understand why more of the complainers and those who say they can not earn enough to keep themselves and their families in the cities do not go to the agricultural communities where they are sure of an abundance of food and good shelter.—Kansas City Journal.

## Four-Roomed House.



Front Elevation.

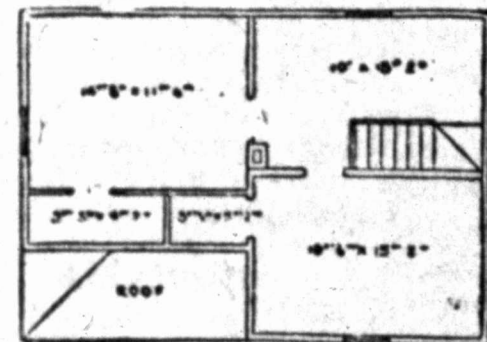
Would you publish plan for a four-room house—two rooms to be on the ground floor? I want the rooms large, as the kitchen will be used for dining room as well. Show best position for



First Floor.

clothes closet, pantry, chimney and windows.

The accompanying plan is for a one and a half story house, 16 feet by 22 feet, and a kitchen 16 by 16 feet. It is intended to meet the requirements



Second Floor.

asked for, but can be adapted to suit localities or fancy of individuals. The cost of such a building would be about \$1,000.

### Moving a House.

I would like to move my house, and it will have to be done by local carpenters. Would you give information how best to proceed and how much it would cost. The main building is 28x22, one and a half story, all gabled with plaster. A wing 16x16 is to be detached and the two moved separately. The distance for moving is about three-quarters of a mile.

The services of an expert should be obtained, as rollers will require to be used. A house could not be moved three-quarters of a mile without them. The charge is about \$5 per day for one man and the rollers. Besides this it would require eight men for four days. With proper handling there would be little injury to the building.

### Stoves for China.

The British consul at Niu-chwang writes that the Chinese are beginning to take to foreign stoves for heating their houses and that their use is likely to extend, in which case there might be a big market for these goods, as the winter in Manchuria is long and very cold. For the past year or two a native has been making small stoves of a foreign pattern, weighing about fifty and seventy pounds and costing \$5 and \$7, respectively. It is reported that the annual sales of this local manufacturer amounted to about \$1,000. This year the demand has greatly increased, owing partly to the needs of the large number of Japanese who have come in, and the native manufacturer recently had in hand orders amounting to \$5,000 and was obliged to refuse many orders which he could not execute. The material used is old iron from abroad.

### New Metal Creation.

Tantalum is a metal creation of Werner von Bolton, and is not only ductile, but in a marvelous manner becomes extremely hard after hammering. A sheet of tantalum one millimetre thick was drilled with a diamond drill making 5,000 revolutions per minute for seventy-two hours and was then found to have a depression of about one-quarter of a millimetre, the diamond drill being much worn. It is as useful in electric glow lamps as carbon, while the electrical energy consumed is less than half. It is not attacked by aqueous solutions of the alkalis and by only one acid—hydrofluoric, whose action upon it is extremely slow. Because of its strength and hardness tantalum, and its alloy, it is hoped, will be used in making engineers' machine tools.

### All in a Name.

Wife—The young lady who lives in the next flat told me to-day that she is practicing Wagner's "Simple Life."  
Husband—Well, I hope it is simple! Then she won't have to practice it four hours every night, as she does his "Tannhauser."

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

Tom Clark, a young man in Backbone Valley, was killed at Marble Falls by being thrown from his buggy, his horse running away with it.

Neil P. Anderson of Fort Worth, associated with others, is negotiating at Cleburne with a view of putting in a creamery plant.

The cornerstone of the new public school building at Detroit was laid Friday with Masonic ceremony, in the presence of a large crowd.

J. E. Gibson of Melissa, shipped another car of poultry last week, which makes over three cars of chickens and turkeys shipped in the last six weeks.

Recent rains have driven Waxahachians to a consideration of ways and means to build sidewalks on the principal streets of that city.

Eugene Bonner, a negro in Dallas, wrote, "I cannot be the man I want to be," took a dose of carbolic acid, and died the following morning.

J. W. Watson, living near Howland, sold ninety-one turkeys last week that netted him \$1.48 apiece delivered at Howland.

Property owners at Dallas in the neighborhood of a proposed skating rink have protested against building the structure.

Richard H. Booth, a lad of 7 years of age, died in Fort Worth Friday morning as a result of an injury inflicted by a toy pistol on Christmas Eve.

The test of qualification in the Waco Democratic primary convention this year will be that the participant must be white, and must agree to support the nominees.

A report from Beaumont says John W. Gates has decided to build a railroad from Port Arthur to Houston. Gates controls big industries at Port Arthur and owns most of the town lots, besides vast tracts of land.

Half devoured by crabs and fish, the remains of H. Boehme, a former Houston merchant, were found in Clear Creek at Seabrook Thursday. Two weeks ago he fell out of a boat at night.

Bénjamin Herbert Gordon, the 12-year-old son of B. H. Gordon of Dallas, who was wounded in the leg by a toy pistol last Tuesday died at the city hospital Tuesday afternoon.

On Dec. 22, at Galveston, Delfino Rodriguez, a coal-passenger on the Southern Pacific steamship, was severely scalded over his entire body, from which injuries he died at 7 o'clock Friday morning.

Four prisoners escaped from the Travis county poor farms sometime during Christmas night and three of them are still at large. Jim Hicks, O. G. Story, Harry Brown and J. H. Ramsey were those who took leave. The first three are negroes and the last a Mexican.

Sadie Hartz, aged 5 years, daughter of I. Hartz, of Wharton, died at an early hour Friday from the effects of a severe burn inflicted the day before by her clothes catching fire. Mrs. Hartz was also severely burned and is prostrated from grief and excitement.

S. F. Goble, an old settler of Ellis County, died a few days since at his home at Ferris. He was eighty-seven years old and was the father of eleven children. He had thirty-one grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Sheriff R. D. Senter of Stonewall County had arrested J. C. Hills, of Ft. Worth, in San Louis Potosi, Mexico, and Hills, after his arrest, committed suicide by taking poison which he had secreted on his person.

Robert Chapple, a negro at Houston, stabbed in a fight Dec. 17 last, died at the home of his brother, Gusie Chapple, his wife, is under arrest upon a warrant from the Court of Justice Matthews charged with the killing.

Nobles Holt, a young farmer of near Chico, claims he was robbed by two men. He came to town Friday, sold several bales of cotton and was on his way home, when, he says, these men robbed him of \$230.

It is reported that the government will abandon Fort Ringgold in the near future, temporarily at least, dividing the troops between Forts Brown and McIntosh. A small detachment will be left to garrison Fort Ringgold.

## ALTERNATES USE OF RAZORS.

Self-Shaver Asserts That Blades Require Regular Rest.

"The idea that a razor needs frequent grinding or honing is not in keeping with my experience," said a man who shaves himself. "I have a razor that I got in 1895, which has never been out of my possession, never had any other treatment than strapping, and is to-day the sharpest and best of six. A razor can only be kept in condition without honing, however, by using a hard strap; that is, one which is rigid instead of flexible, and not the kind that makes an arc of a circle when you use it. This latter sort will sharpen a razor for a while, but it also makes the edge round, until at last it ceases to cut. Why do I have six razors? Well, that is to use them in regular turn and give each one of them a rest. I shave every day, which I find the least troublesome method, and if I used the same blade every day it would soon play out. The edge of a razor needs rest just like every other machine."

You could hardly make a woman believe that she ought to judge a man's business ability by the way he treats his family.

### Just Wonderful.

Vestry, Miss., Jan. 1st (Special)—The case of Mrs. C. W. Pearson, who resides here is a particularly interesting one. Here is the story told by Mr. Pearson, her husband, in his own words. He says:—

"My wife's health was bad for a long time. Last July she was taken terrible bad with spasms. I sent for the doctor, and after making a thorough examination of her, he said undoubtedly the cause of her trouble was a disordered state of the kidneys. His medicine didn't seem to be doing her much good, so as I heard about Dodd's Kidney Pills, I got her a box just to give them a trial. Well, the effect was just wonderful. I saw that they were the right medicine and I got two more boxes. When she had taken these she was so much better that she had increased thirty pounds in weight. She is now quite well, and we owe it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Lettuce, spinach, kale, mustard and onions can be sown early this month in open ground and with a little protection will live over and come out in the spring away ahead of spring-sown seed. Try it.

### Old and True.

"For fifteen years I have constantly kept a supply of Hunt's Cure on hand to use in all cases of itching skin trouble. For Eczema, Ringworm and the like it is peerless. I regard it as an old friend and true one. Mrs. Enla Preslad, Greenfield, Tenn."

Some men are born great and keep great all their lives, while others who are born all right, become small and mean of their own accord.

## BOY'S TERRIBLE ECZEMA.

Mouth and Eyes Covered With Crusts—Hands Pinned Down—Miraculous Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little boy was six months old, he had eczema. The sores extended so quickly over the whole body that we at once called in the doctor. We then went to another doctor, but he could not help him, and in our despair we went to a third one. Matters became so bad that he had regular holes in his cheeks large enough to put a finger into. The food had to be given with a spoon, for his mouth was covered with crusts as thick as a finger, and whenever he opened the mouth they began to bleed and suppurate, as did also his eyes. Hands, arms, chest, and back, in short the whole body was covered over and over. We had no rest by day or night. Whenever he was laid in his bed, we had to pin his hands down; otherwise he would scratch his face and make an open sore. I think his face must have itched most fearfully.

"We finally thought nothing could help, and I had made up my mind to send my wife with the child to Europe, hoping that the sea air might cure him, otherwise he was to be put under good medical care there. But, Lord be blessed, matters came differently, and we soon saw a miracle. A friend of ours spoke about Cuticura. We made a trial with Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, and within ten days or two weeks we noticed a decided improvement. Just as quickly as the sickness had appeared it also began to disappear, and within ten weeks the child was absolutely well, and his skin was smooth and white as never before. F. Hohrath, President of the C. L. Hohrath Company, Manufacturers of Silk Ribbons, 4 to 20 Rink Alley, South Bethlehem, Pa., June 5, 1905."

The Kaiser has on only one occasion visited the French capital.

Be very careful about damp poultry houses or roop will be the result.

Women vote in some countries; she rules everywhere.

### DON'T DESPAIR.

Read the Experience of a Minnesota Woman and Take Heart.

If your backache aches, and you feel sick, languid, weak and miserable day after day—don't worry. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women in the same condition. Mrs. A. Helman of Stillwater, Minn., says: "But for Doan's Kidney Pills I would not be living now. They cured me in 1899 and I've been well since. I used to have such pain in my back that once I fainted. The kidney secretions were much disordered, and I was so far gone that I was thought to be at death's door. Since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me I feel as if I had been pulled back from the tomb."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Expensive Burial Ground.

Burial in Westminster Abbey is an expensive honor, although the sums exacted are considerably less than they were fifty years ago. The fees for interment are arranged on the following scale: To the fabric fund, £26, £36 or £46, according to the degree of the person to be buried. Other fees to dean, canon, choir, of flowers, vestment, etc., £34 2s. 2d. In lieu of scarves, etc., for the choir, etc., £31 2s. 6d. Making altogether £91 4s. 8d. £101 4s. 8d., or £111 4s. 8d., according to degree. Formerly the fees amounted to £150 or £160, besides the scarves, hat-bands and gloves charged in the undertaker's bill.—*London Tit-Bits.*

### A Football Dilemma.

The village football eleven was about to begin in the great match of the season with a rival team. Just before the game was timed to begin, the captain of the home team appeared with a worried look and dejectedly counted the spectators. They consisted of two farmer boys, a militiaman, and the local chimney sweep. He counted them over twice, but failed to make any more of them. As both teams took the field the home captain exclaimed:

"There won't be no match today. We scratch."

"Wot are you talkin' about?" said the opposition captain. "You can't scratch now!"

"We've got ter," replied the home captain, dolefully; "we ain't took in enough gate money to get the ball out o' pawn."—*Harper's Weekly.*

### Brain-Wearing Professions.

A scientist has gathered from statistics that the military and naval professions most quickly wear out the brains. Out of 100,000 soldiers and sailors, 199 were confirmed lunatics. Next came the liberal professions, artists heading the list, followed closely by lawyers, and more distantly by doctors, clergymen, literary men and civil servants. In 100,000 about 177 of these go mad. Of domestic servants and laborers 155 out of 100,000 go to the asylum, and of mechanics only 66. The sanest people, apparently, are commercial men, of whom 42 in 100,000 go mad.

We must lose ourselves in the happiness of others.

### MALARIA? ?

Generally That Is Not the Trouble.

Persons with a susceptibility to malarial influences should beware of coffee, which has a tendency to load up the liver with bile.

A lady writes from Denver that she suffered for years from chills and fever which at last she learned were mainly produced by the coffee she drank.

"I was also grievously afflicted with headaches and indigestion," she says, "which I became satisfied were likewise largely due to the coffee I drank. Six months ago I quit its use altogether and began to drink Postum Food Coffee, with the gratifying result that my headaches have disappeared, my digestion has been restored and I have not had a recurrence of chills and fever for more than three months. I have no doubt that it was Postum that brought me this relief, for I have used no medicine while this improvement has been going on." (It was really relief from congestion of the liver caused by coffee.)

"My daughter has been as great a coffee drinker as I, and for years was afflicted with terrible sick headaches, which often lasted for a week at a time. She is a brain worker and excessive application together with headaches began to affect her memory most seriously. She found no help in medicines and the doctor frankly advised her to quit coffee and use Postum."

"For more than four months she has not had a headache—her mental faculties have grown more active and vigorous and her memory has been restored."

"No more tea, coffee or drugs for me, so long as we can get Postum."—*Woman's Review of Religious Thought, Battle Creek, Mich.*

"Read the little book 'How to Wellville' in page 11."

## WHAT SUCCESSFUL MEN HAVE TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT OF SUCCESS

### Also Some Instances of Great Men Who Began Life With Serious Handicaps, and Mottos That Have Helped Them to Prominence and Wealth.

The following are extracts from a new edition of "Successful Men of To-Day," by Wilbur F. Crafts, published by Funk & Wagnalls.

Answers to the question, "What do you consider essential elements of success for a young man entering upon such a business or profession as yours?"

Mark Hopkins, D. D. LL. D., ex-president of Williams college—Capacity to work.

Franklin Carter, LL. D., President of Williams College—Concentration of mind.

Andrew D. White, LL. D., President of Cornell University, ex-Ambassador to Germany—Soundness of heart and mind, clear judgment, fair knowledge of men, great devotion to some one purpose or study, but with breadth of view.

Charles W. Elliot, LL. D., President of Harvard University—Intelligence, alacrity, energy, good judgment and uprightness.

J. H. Seelye, LL. D., President of Amherst College, former Member of Congress—Patiently to wait for it.

S. C. Bartlett, D. D., President of Dartmouth College—Conscientious diligence.

C. N. Simms, D. D., Chancellor of Syracuse University—Conscientiousness, systematic industry, heart in his work.

Joseph Moore, President of Abingdon College, Richmond, Ind.—That he take care of his health, that he act on the principle that devotion and application to duty are essential after success is secured as truly as before.

Joseph Cook—Complete surrender to God, clear thought, varied and accurate learning.

Noah Davis, Chief Justice, New York—The profession of law requires to achieve complete success, great industry, strict integrity and exclusive devotion to its duties and labors.

Nelson Dingley, Congressman, Maine—Character, industry, perseverance.

C. B. Farwell, Chicago—Integrity, with money, but integrity without; integrity even as a policy.

Joseph Medill, proprietor of the Chicago Tribune—Sobriety, avoidance of intoxicating drinks, and all forms of gambling, a virtuous life, fidelity to employers or clients, close study, hard work, honesty.

Gen. John A. Logan—Unceasing labor.

Levi Taylor, banker—A taste for the calling which one intends to pursue, honesty of purpose and strict integrity in dealing.

Gen. A. C. McClurg—Integrity, embracing perfect truthfulness, absolute honesty and general trustworthiness; good judgment, willingness and ability to work.

Anthony Comstock—Consecration to the service of God; perfect faith and trust in Him; moral courage and untiring zeal.

John Wanamaker—Close application, integrity, attention to detail, discreet advertising.

E. P. Roe, the author—First ability to write correctly and clearly, acquired by patient, well directed training; second, ability to write interestingly and freshly; third, sympathy with the subject we are writing about; fourth, careful study of real men and women; fifth, have some worthy purpose.

### Living by Eggs Alone.

The other day a number of persons attending a meeting of pure food advocates in New York made the announcement that the only really pure food is the fresh egg. This raises the question whether a man's life might be prolonged indefinitely if he limited his diet to eggs. Luigi Cornaro, the famous Italian of some centuries back, who at the age of 40, with his constitution apparently ruined through excesses adopted a regimen that enabled him to live as long as he wanted to live, and died of ennuil on the threshold of his hundredth year, set great store by the egg. It was this interesting gentleman who reduced his diet by degrees until he sustained himself in serenity and comfort on a single egg a day.—*Boston Globe.*

### Inconvenient.

During the Spanish war a young lieutenant of infantry, whose sole ideas of military glory began and ended with knowledge how to wear a uniform with becoming grace, was detailed on guard duty, and spent some time perusing some newspapers two weeks old.

"What's the news, lieutenant?" asked a corporal of the guard.

"Very serious," answered the young officer in disturbed tones. "Shafter has been practically repulsed at Sanikago." Then to the great amusement of his auditors, he added: "The first thing you know they'll be dragging us into it."

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott—Study how to do the most good and let the pay take care of itself.

George H. Corliss, inventor of the Corliss engine—Brains, habitual and persistent industry, self reliance.

G. W. Pach, photographer—Thorough study, close observation and doing work on a cash basis.

William Jennings Bryan—Honesty, industry and sympathy with the common people.

H. J. Heinz, delicatessen manufacturer—Love for work, mastering of details, a disposition to strike for sixteen hours a day while others are striking for eight, thereby having twice as much time for one's business as others.

John S. Huyler, candy manufacturer—Principles, and attention to details generally considered too small for serious consideration.

Edward W. Bok—Love work for the sake of your work and not for the money in it, and consider that something difficult is simply something to overcome.

### GREAT MEN'S MOTTOES.

John Wesley—Always in haste, but never in a hurry.

Abraham Lincoln—Right makes might.

Gen. Neal Dow—Deeds, not words.

John Randolph—Pay as you go.

Theodore Roosevelt—A square deal for every man. It is hard to fail, but worse never to have tried to succeed.

Alexander H. Stephens, Vice President of the Southern Confederacy—Tide and time wait for no man.

A. G. Lane, Superintendent of Schools, Chicago—Never give up one job till you get another.

Gen. O. O. Howard—Obey your parents in the Lord.

MEN WHO OVERCAME NATURAL OBSTACLES.

Kitto—Born in a poorhouse.

Alexander H. Stephens—A dwarf; with a broken scythe he overmatched in the harvest all those who had perfect ones.

Oliver P. Morton—Lame; walked on crutches.

Chief Justice Chase—Near-sighted; had an impediment in his speech.

Estey, the organ-maker—Given away at four years of age; had scarcely any schooling.

Peter Cooper—Was only one year at school.

Thurlow Weed—So poor in boyhood that one cold March day he had to wrap pieces of cloth about his feet in place of socks and shoes.

Nelson W. Aldrich—Entered Providence on foot with his clothes strung over his back.

Elihu Burritt—Son of a farmer; became an apprentice in a blacksmith's shop.

Andrew Carnegie—Son of an immigrant; worked as bobbin boy in a mill for \$1.20 a week.

—From the New York World.

### Aunt Belinda's Idea.

It was Aunt Belinda's first ride on a steam road and she was very much interested in the interior of the coach.

"Hezekiah," she whispered, pointing above, "why do they carry that saw and ax in a glass case?"

"To be used in case of a wreck," replied the old man at her side, as he solemnly took a pinch of yellow snuff from a leather box. The old lady toyed with her corkscrew curls for a moment as if in deep thought and then said:

"We-all, I always heard that these newtime surgeons were brutal, but I never thought they would go so far as using a regular saw and ax on people."

### Navy Not a Reformatory.

Lieut. Bierer, Jr., charge of a naval recruiting station in Kansas City, does not countenance the idea that the navy may be used as a reformatory for bad boys. A father brought his 18-year-old son to the station and showed unusual anxiety that the lad might pass. The lieutenant asked some questions and learned that the boy had bad companions and was disobedient at home. Therefore the father wanted him to have the strict discipline of the navy. "It is not the purpose of the navy," said Lieut. Bierer, "to enlist boys who are incorrigible at home, for the purpose of reforming them. I don't want your boy or any other whose parents are unable to manage them."

### The Summer Girl Wins.

The doctors have found that kissing in winter is especially dangerous. Those who can should arrange to do most of their kissing in the good old summer time.—*Toledo Blade.*

### The Family Joke.

"That young man who took \$360,000 from a New York bank insists that he didn't steal it."

"Maybe he is a blood relation of the president of a life insurance company."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

### Stands Head.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains, it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours,

T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

What a man likes about the Fourth of July is the way he can cuss things he did when he was a boy.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

Few Russian trains travel at a faster rate than 22 miles an hour.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. In a bottle.

General Trepoff is a man of most aristocratic appearance.

It takes a woman with an imagination to wear the hat of the day.

Piso a Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENDSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Of the 105 counties in Kansas 44 are without a pauper.

A new French Order of Merit is on the point of being instituted.



### No Limit!

You too would have to build bigger barns if you would only listen to reason and "increase your yields per acre" by enriching your soil and feeding your plants with that wonder-worker,

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A Happy,  
Prosperous  
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## Local Items.

### Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for advertisements must be in this office not later than Tuesday morning to insure insertion. No deviation will be made from this rule in the future, because to do so delays publication, causes the paper to miss outgoing mails and works an all-round hardship on all concerned.

Evaporated fruits at Parker's.

I. W. Sweet is again in the city.

Dr. J. S. Collins of Oakhurst is here.

Moore & Harrison sell the best cigars.

T. D. Craddock has corn and oats for sale.

For a good cigar see Moore & Harrison.

Fresh breakfast foods, fruits and nuts at Parker's.

Allegretti candies at Moore & Harrison's.

Fresh rice, grits and hominy at F. P. Parker's.

Moore & Harrison's drug store has the goods.

The best sponges at Moore & Harrison's.

Hams, breakfast bacon and lard at F. P. Parker's.

Hon. John B. Peyton of Trinity is visiting in our city.

There is danger of another overflow of the Trinity river.

Miss Emma Fulgham of Palestine is visiting Mrs. Sue Smith.

All toilet articles can be found at Moore & Harrison's drug store.

D. M. Craddock of Dallas was visiting home during the holidays.

The finest soaps and perfumes at Moore & Harrison's drug store.

Luther Eastham of Huntsville was a visitor to Crockett this week.

Moore & Harrison have a full line of drugs and druggists, sundries.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters and little daughter have returned from Huntsville.

R. M. Atkinson of Bentonville, Ark., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lucy Collins.

Our people are again feeling the necessity of a better system of public roads.

A. N. Henry of Groveton was shaking hands with friends in Crockett New Year's.

Mrs. Ingham S. Roberts and children returned home to Houston Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood will leave next Wednesday for Florida where they will make their home.

H. Wedemeyer of Ash and J. E. Bean of Grapeland were among those calling at this office Saturday.

Messrs. John Hockin, J. W. Brewer and Tom Bayne were New Year's callers at the COURIER office.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kyle of Durant, I. T., were visitors to Crockett and Augusta during the holidays.

John Goodwin of Lovelady and Rev. S. F. Tenney are among those remembering the COURIER this week.

### Ear Corn for Sale.

I have ear corn and hay for sale. Office at depot. Phone 172.

B. L. SATTERWHITE.

Mr. Ingham S. Roberts, of the law firm of Roberts & Crawford of Houston, was a pleasant caller at the COURIER office during the holidays.

T. D. Craddock solicits a continuance of your trade for the year 1906. We expect to keep on hand the best goods possible and at competition prices.

Forty negro laborers were taken from Crockett Monday and Tuesday to work on a tram road being built by the Louisiana and Texas lumber company from Kennard.

Services at the Methodist church begin promptly at 11 A. M. and at 7:15 P. M. The public cordially invited.

IRVIN B. MANLY, Pastor.

### For Sale Cheap.

2 choice registered Poland China sows, 18 months old, bred for March farrow, also 3 nice quilts and 1 boar, 5 months old.

D. T. ADAIR.

The first announcement for the campaign of 1906 for county and precinct officers appears in the COURIER this week—that of Mr. C. R. Stephenson, the blind man, who is running for justice of the peace.

### Another Distillery Arrest.

Last Thursday Sheriff A. W. Phillips arrested Alex Douglass, a negro living in the northeastern part of the county, who is implicated with the three white men arrested the day before for running a distillery. The sheriff took his prisoner to Grapeland and caught the train carrying the deputy marshal and other prisoners on their way to Tyler. The four men were taken to Tyler and their bonds set at \$1000 each, which they failed to make.

### In Bed Four Weeks With LaGrippe.

We have received the following letter from Mr. Roy Kemp of Angola, Ind: "I was in bed four weeks with la grippe and I tried many remedies and spent considerable for this treatment with physicians, but I received no relief until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar. Two small bottles of this medicine cured me and I now use it exclusively in my family." Foley's Honey and Tar has long been a household favorite for all throat and lung troubles. Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

### Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by S. L. Murchison.

### New Year's Reception.

The home of Col. and Mrs. D. A. Nunn was the scene of New Year's hospitality Monday afternoon. The daughter of the home, Mrs. Corinne N. Corry, and Mrs. Robt. H. Wootters received from three to six. In the receiving line were Mrs. Corry's visitors, Mrs. Raguette Tyler and Miss Storey of Austin, and Mrs. Wootter's visitors, the Misses Smith, her sisters from Virginia; Mrs. W. R. Jordan of Lake Charles, Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb and Miss Margaret Foster. In Mrs. Corry's studio chocolate and cake were served by Mrs. S. L. Murchison and Mrs. C. M. Newton. The graceful Southern smilax predominated in the house decorations, relieved here and there by the red berries of the holly and bows of ribbon. Many called to wish the New Year "the best you ever saw and the worst you will ever see."

### Collins-Kennedy.

It has been proven that Cupid is no respecter of persons, for his darts are cast here and there, piercing the hearts of the young, bringing to mind Owen Meredith's lines:

"Two souls with but a single thought,  
Two hearts that beat as one."

On Wednesday evening, December 27th, at the First Presbyterian church, occurred the marriage of Miss Mattie Denny Collins and Mr. William Isaac Kennedy. The beautiful, solemn service was conducted by Rev. S. F. Tenney of the Presbyterian church and Rev. O. C. Payne of the Baptist church. The decorations were very artistic, the color scheme being green and white. About the altar were groups of stately palms and graceful ferns. Two white ladders entwined with smilax formed an arch under which the bride and groom stood. From the center of the arch was suspended a large wedding bell, from which hung white ribbons. These ribbons were gracefully caught up and fastened to the ladder on each side. Perched upon the arch were two white doves, bearing in their beaks the gold letters U and K. To the accompaniment played by Miss Aldrich, Miss Bromberg sang very prettily "All for You." To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party entered the church, preceded by little Misses Sarah Crook and Totsie Foster, dressed as cupids, who climbed the ladders and gracefully unfastened the ribbons, giving one to each of the bridesmaids and groomsmen. The attendants were Miss Bromberg, maid of honor; Misses Bettie Smith, Leila Howard, Essie Kennedy and Margaret Foster, bridesmaids. The groom was attended by Mr. Fount Kelly, best man; Messrs. Clifford Kennedy, John Campbell, Alfred Collins, Dudley Woodson and Messrs. Newman and Ellis, ushers. But fairer than all was the bride in her radiant youth and beauty as she entered the church with her maid of honor. She enjoys the well merited reputation of being a most beautiful and popular girl and winning admiration from far and near. The groom is a well known young man of ability and is congratulated in winning for himself such a prize in this lovely young woman. While the impressive ceremony was being read Miss Aldrich played a soft interlude upon the organ. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Collins, the bride's parents, where an abundance of flowers and ferns were arranged with artistic effect in the reception suite. Many beautiful presents were received.

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### GRAPELAND NEWS.

#### The Holidays Have Been Filled With Pleasure.

##### EDITOR COURIER:

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 29.—"Merry Christmas" is now numbered among the things of the past, and "Happy New Year," or "swearing off time," is in the near future. Taking everything into consideration, Christmas holidays have been full up to the standard of "Merry Christmas" in the way of entertainments, turkey dinners, etc., and, what is more remarkable, it has passed without any "serious accidents" or any fighting as the result of the introduction of plenty of "booze," so much so that the regular train from the north is known as the "booze wagon."

The many changes, both in private and commercial circles, are yet in the future, although many are spoken of by the gossips.

The new addition to the depot is completed and the agent is happy.

The Grapeland pulpits will be for the New Year in charge of the following pastors: Rev. Mr. Coberly, Methodist; Rev. V. R. Graves, Christian, and probably Rev. W. E. Harris of Henderson, the Baptist.

D. N. Leaverton, with his family, today departed for La Texo, where he and his brother, T. H. Leaverton, are putting in a large planing mill. The mill will be under the control of D. N. Leaverton.

Sam Kyle and wife of Durant, I. T., are here spending the holidays. Sam was born and reared near Augusta, in this county; studied law and got license to practice at Crockett; is now located at Durant, I. T., where he is doing a lucrative law business. His many friends are ever proud to meet him and his estimable wife. They will return to their home tonight.

Mr. Bass and wife, formerly Miss Kate Woodard, of Indian Territory spent most of the holidays here visiting Mrs. Bass' father, Dr. Woodard. Mrs. Bass was reared here and has many warm friends among us.

Mrs. Lorena Blalock of Livingston and Mrs. Jewel Edens of Emporia and Jewel Davis spent the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis, and their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Osborne of Kemp spent the holidays visiting Mrs. Osborne's mother and meeting their many friends. Mr. Osborne is a legal light, as well as the editor of the Kemp Voice, a very popular newspaper published by Jack at Kemp.

Mr. Lester Brooks and wife, formerly Birdie Eaves, were spending the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Brooks. As Mrs. Brooks was principally educated here she was at home with her schoolmates.

Mrs. Mabel Sadler of Kountze was here during the holidays. Mrs. Sadler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony, whom she was visiting as well as old schoolmates, as she was a pupil in school here for several years.

Clarence Prestridge of Mans-

field, La., is visiting his family at this place.

Captain W. S. Johnston and wife are spending the holidays at Houston, visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Perry.

Miss Moselle Martin, Miss Iva Sadler, Miss Callie Hill and Mr. Henry Daily of the Sam Houston normal at Huntsville have been spending their Christmas at home. They returned to Huntsville yesterday.

The following rural school teachers have been spending their holidays with relatives here: Prof. Snell of Enon, Prof. J. B. Oliphint of Hays Springs, Miss Jennie Oliphint of Gum Springs, Cleo Murchison and Mrs. Cora Williams of Walnut Creek.

H. H. Walton and S. E. Howard went to Markel to spend their Christmas and at the same time prospect for the future. They say that it is a fine country, but they came back, saying that "Houston county is good enough for me."

N. J. Tims spent his Christmas at Waneta, his old home, visiting relatives and friends.

D. W. Martin has sold out this time beyond a doubt, and will leave soon for "fields that are green and pastures that are new."

Rev. Beveridge Payne and wife, formerly Miss Etta Eaves, spent several of the holidays visiting Mrs. Payne's parents, friends and schoolmates.

Mr. Lee Eaves of Lamar county (at least he is teaching school out there), is spending Christmas with his parents and shaking hands with his many friends. Lee is making quite a reputation as a teacher, which makes us mighty proud of him, as he is a graduate of Grapeland high school.

Charley Moore and wife of Crockett were visiting relatives and friends during Christmas.

Miss Annie Saxon of Crockett was here Christmas visiting her sister, Mrs. B. F. Hill.

Mr. George Richards, a very popular merchant of Trupee, is here visiting relatives.

Misses Sallie Caldwell and Lela Howard went to Crockett Wednesday to attend the Kennedy-Collins wedding.

Mr. Odell Farris of the Grapeland Bon Ton is spending the holidays at Bay City, visiting friends.

Kid Luker, editor of the Messenger, left Christmas eve for parts unknown, returning yesterday. On being interrogated as to where he had been, his reply was: "I have a pass over the Gould system and this was the only chance that I have had to ride on it." He also said that he never met Paul Jones anywhere on the system.

Married, Jan. 1st, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. N. Sory, Mr. J. B. Calvert of Lufkin to Miss Maud Sory, Rev. C. S. Coberly officiating. Mr. Calvert is senior partner of the mercantile firm of the Calvert-Smith Co., and is a very popular young man at his home. Miss Maud is one of Grapeland's society leaders and is very popular. May their future new year days be as happy as this one.

**American Stag Cigars.**  
Smoke American Stag—our leader—\$40.00—5c.  
Murchison's Drug Store

# The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic party:

For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1.  
C. R. Stephenson.

## PNEUMONIA CURE.

The COURIER reprints the following prescription for use in cases of pneumonia. It is highly and strongly endorsed by the boards of health of several northern cities and by some of the state boards. Our attention was first called to it during the summer of 1905 in the action of the board of health of the city of Boston. Since then other boards and medical authorities of high standing have used it and unqualifiedly endorsed it for its curative and healing qualities. We advise COURIER readers to cut it out and file away for application in emergencies that may come to any family.

New York, Nov. 5.—Owing to the prevalence of pneumonia and the great mortality therefrom during winter and spring, several boards in Northern New Jersey have been taking measures of protection. The Health Board of Washington, Warren County, has published a remedy which is said to be a sure cure for pneumonia, and other health boards are looking into the matter with a view of having the tidings spread broadcast for the good of the public. This is the remedy:

"Take six or ten onions, according to size, and chop fine, put in a large spider over a hot fire, add the same quantity of rye meal and vinegar, enough to form a thick paste. Stir thoroughly, letting it simmer five or ten minutes. Then put it in a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs and apply to the chest as hot as the patient can bear. In about ten minutes apply another, and thus continue by reheating the poultices, and in a few hours the patient will be out of danger."

## A Millionaire Combination.

A Pittsburg special announces that the millionaires of Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York have combined against reform, fearing the independent movement that gained such headway in last year's campaigns. The combination is to undertake to capture the party organizations of the various states so as to win next fall's election if possible.

We do not know what there is in the story, but the millionaires are not trying to capture the democratic organizations. That much is evident, and it is not clear why they should undertake to capture the republican organizations, for they already have them.

There is reason to believe, however, that the millionaires in politics is not going to play such an important part hereafter as he has been playing since 1896. The country has had ten years of trust domination and tariff exploitation as a result of the millionairism which Mr. Hanna injected into politics some ten years ago. The result is that the people are sick and tired of the corruption and abuses which have followed.

The insurance companies, the banks, the railroads and the protection interests will not find it easy to play politics together

hereafter. There is reason to believe that the insurance companies, banks and railroads are pretty well out of it, and the burden of raising campaign funds for the g. o. p. will hereafter fall upon the protected interests. These will subscribe a healthy slush fund, but it will not be anything like the amounts which Mr. Hanna collected for his two campaigns or that which Cortelyou got together for Roosevelt.

Public opinion is strongly set against the corrupt use of money in politics and there is reason to hope that next fall and two years hence the country will obtain an expression of the popular will freer from corruption than has been the case within a dozen years past.

The Post, therefore, is not inclined to put much faith in the Pittsburg report of a millionaire combination. There has been a millionaire combination all along since 1896, but the indications are it is going to pieces, and once separate the republican party from its corruption fund and there will be surprising results.—Houston Post.

## Railway Growth in the Southwest.

During the year 1905 about 5000 miles of railway has been built in the United States, of which the southwestern states are credited with 1106 miles, or more than any other group. Texas is second in the list, with 337 miles, and Louisiana, of which a large portion is west of the Mississippi river, is third with 2343 miles. Missouri, which was at the head of the list in 1904 with 364 miles, is about the middle this year, its new construction standing at 82 miles. Nearly half the new mileage completed is in the states and territories with which Missouri is closely in touch. Illinois is sixth, with 199 miles. Arkansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi are not far below. New Mexico and Indian Territory have each added more than 100 miles to their aggregate.

Far more than half the activity in railway building is west of the Mississippi. More construction is going forward in the northwest than for several years past, a fact due to new enterprises reaching toward the Pacific coast. North Dakota leads all the states this year, with its 525 miles of new railway. The six New England states are down to 78 miles, and the middle Atlantic states to 252 miles. In the south Atlantic and gulf states the total is over 1300 miles. Less than a fifth of the railway building of 1905 was in the territory of the original colonies. The southwest makes a continued fine showing, without including Mexico, where railway development is at a high mark.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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