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SHUPAK

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do."
When in Crockett,

Wear Shupak Clothes



Shupak Clothes

are constructed along such substantial lines that our guarantee gives you that ease of mind that harmonizes so nicely with the easy, graceful draping of our clothes.

Shupak Tailoring Co.
Crockett and Teague

SHUPAK

THIS MAN WANTED IN GEORGIA.

**Accused of Embezzling City Funds
While City Marshal—
\$50 Reward.**

With a standing reward of \$50 for his arrest, Will H. Morgan, former city marshal of Hazelhurst, Ga., has been serving as night watchman at a saw mill near Lovelady. Morgan was arrested by Sheriff J. C. Lacy of Houston county last week and held in custody for the Georgia officers. The accused is a young man and is charged with embezzling city funds while serving as city marshal at Hazelhurst.

Sheriff Ellis of Jeff Davis county Ga., reached Crockett Monday night and left with his prisoner for the Georgia city Tuesday at noon. Morgan begged to be not handcuffed, but to no avail, for the Georgia sheriff was determined and put the nippers on him. The Georgia sheriff paid Sheriff Lacy the \$50 reward while here.

Marriage of Prominent Couple.

Miss Hortense LeGory and Mr. I. W. Sweet were married at the Methodist parsonage Friday evening of last week at about 6:30 o'clock. The affair was kept very quiet, there being no witnesses to the wedding except the family of the Methodist pastor, Rev. F. M. Boyles, who performed the ceremony. Between 6 and 6:30 o'clock Miss LeGory and Mr. Sweet met in town by appointment and proceeded to the parsonage, Mr. Sweet having procured the license only a few minutes beforehand. But wedding news travels on swift wings, and shortly after leaving the parsonage Mr. and Mrs. Sweet were compelled to retreat into the home of Mr. and Mrs. John LeGory to receive the congratulations and best wishes of many of their friends. Later they returned to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. LeGory, and are now domiciled at the Pickwick hotel. The bride is one of Crockett's most charming and popular girls. She was reared here and since completing her education has been a social favorite. The groom, Mr. Sweet, is a native of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of this city for the past five or six years and during that time has made many friends in both social and business circles.

The Circus

acrobat finds it necessary at all times to keep his muscles and joints supple. That is the reason that hundreds of them keep a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment always on hand. A sure cure for rheumatism, cuts, sprains, sore throat, lame back, contracted muscles, corns, bunions and all pains. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

1-4 of Pound a Week

at least, is what a young baby ought to gain in weight. Does yours? If not there's something wrong with its digestion. Give it McGee's Baby Elixir and it will begin gaining at once. Cures stomach and bowel troubles, aids digestion, stops fretfulness, good for teething babies. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

HOW TO FIGHT THE MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

Successful Iowa Retail Merchant Tells How to Do It.

(By John H. Darrah, Retail Merchant of Charlton, Iowa.)

We hear much complaint today of the curse of the mail order evil and the menace that these great retail institutions are rapidly becoming to the small retailers of the country. We hear on all sides the lamentations of the retail merchant and his appeal for protection from this great retail octopus, whose tendencies have penetrated every hamlet and every home in every county upon every rural route throughout the country. The picture of this great evil has not been overdrawn, nor has the danger been overestimated. The menace of the mail order house to the small retailer is present and exists to an alarming degree.

I have said that this is a great evil; that it does exist and that it is here to remain permanently. There is no escape by legislation. There is no such thing as relief through public sentiment. It is now a clean cut issue between the mail order house and the retail merchant for the business of every community. The result will be determined by the future, and it is but a question of the survival of the fittest. I say there is nothing left for the merchant but to fight for his existence, and there is but one weapon with which to fight. The old adage of "fighting the devil with fire" is very applicable in this case. The mail order houses of this country are a living example of the value of retail advertising. They have built their business from a small foundation into the enormous concerns that they have now become largely through the judicious and extravagant use of printer's ink. They have placed a catalogue of prices upon every rural route in Iowa.

If the retail merchant in a country town would place himself upon an equality with these larger concerns he must convince the people that his store can serve them best; he must place his advertising in those homes also so that the things which he has to sell and the prices that he gets for them may be compared with the price of the mail order house.

I am a firm believer in the generous use of printer's ink. I

attribute to a very large degree what little success I have made in business largely to two things—first, effective advertising that brought people into my store and, second, the fact that I delivered the goods when they came according to the advertisement.

There has not been a year in the past thirteen years that the volume of my sales have not shown a considerable and substantial increase over the year previous. I have frequently thought that my business was a sort of mushroom business—in other words, it has grown out of proportion to my surroundings. It is a sort of high pressure business. That is to say that through strong advertising and keeping strongly at it I have got to a point where advertising has become an absolute necessity to keep it at that point. I am firmly convinced of this, and I believe that my advertising is directly responsible for the size of the business, and I thoroughly believe that if I should discontinue advertising for a single year my business would decrease 30 to 40 per cent in volume.

**So Sore He Swore;
He Swears No More.**



There was a Merchant mighty sore—
In fact, so sore he swore and swore
And kept on swearing more and more.

The trouble was that folks, instead
Of patronizing him, by Ned!
Were buying goods by mail, he said.

One day he got a little hint
On how to make his store a mint;
Then hope took on a rosy tint.

He came and ADVERTISED his stock;
His store was crowded, chuck-a-
block,
From seven until six o'clock.

So now this Merchant swears no more;
No longer is he feeling sore,
Since ADVERTISING crowds his
store.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR CROCKETT.

**Woman's Home Mission Conference
to Convene Here Next Week**

The Woman's Home Mission Conference of Texas will be in session in our little city from Monday until Friday of next week. The first meeting of the conference for the week will be held at the Methodist church Monday night. Following that, services will be held both day and night until Friday at noon. These services will be for the public.

The conference will bring many visiting ladies from all over the state to our town, and provision is being made for their entertainment. A reception in honor of the visitors will be held Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. E. Downes.

Bankrupt Sale.

Notice of saw mill sale in bankruptcy in pursuance of an order of the District court of the United States for the Eastern district of Texas.

In the matter of Cherokee County Lumber Co. et al in bankruptcy No 1606.

I will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Court, at Crockett, Texas, on April 30th, A. D. 1909, the following assets belonging to the above estate in bankruptcy:

First, saw mill machinery and appurtenances thereto belonging, saw mill buildings and houses of an estimated value of \$12,750.00.

Second, wagons and livestock of an estimated value of \$1,700.00.

Third, 1351 acres of land on which mill is located, of an estimated value of \$7,500.00.

Bids will be entertained separate in each of the above items. For full information, address Thos. D. Bonner, Trustee, Tyler, Texas.

Wind and Rain Storm.

With the wind blowing like fury and the rain falling with the velocity of the wind, Crockett and the rest of Houston county, as far as the Courier can learn, were deluged Monday night. The wind and rain storm was preceded with an electrical storm that made the strong as well as the weak sit up and take notice and think of all the mean things they had ever done. The storm reached Crockett about midnight.

The only damage the Courier has heard of was that to a chimney at the residence of G. Q. King. The chimney was struck by lightning and almost rent in twain. Mr. King and his family were in the house, but did not know of the damage until next morning. Although Houston county has not suffered from the drouth, as has most of the western counties, the recent rains have added plenty of moisture to the ground and the prospects were never better.

Eminent Authorities Say

that out-door exercise is needed by the American people. That's all very well, but, how can people with rheumatism follow that advice? The answer is very simple—use Ballard's Snow Liniment and the rheumatism will go, leaving you as spry as a colt. Gives quick and permanent relief from rheumatism, neuralgia, lame back and all pains. Sold by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

People past middle life usually have some kidney or bladder disorder that saps the vitality, which is naturally lower in old age. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects urinary troubles, stimulates the kidneys, and restores strength and vigor. It cures uric acid troubles by strengthening the kidneys so they will strain out the uric acid that settles in the muscles and joints causing rheumatism. McLean's Drug Store.

Smith Brothers

offer to the farmers and stock-raisers of Houston county the services of a

Thoroughbred Young Jack

recently purchased by them and now on exhibition at their brick livery barn.

Raise Mules and Become Prosperous

THE BIG STORE



Jas. S. Shivers & Company

SAYS

By Giving "Safe" and "Sure" Values They Have Won the Confidence of the People.

The goods handled by this store are dependable goods and every article is a sure value at the price. The cleanest credit system in the world is available to our customers who desire to take advantage of it (that of buying goods at the lowest cash prices on credit). Come in and let us show you the goods quoted below together with many more. Face to face, with the goods in hand before you, we feel that we can prove to you their merit better than we can tell you on paper. Our stock is complete in all branches and we feel that we are better able to fit you up all round than any one else in the city. Then, why buy a pair of pants at one place, a pair of shoes at another, a sack of flour at another and a wagon at another when you can get it all under one roof from us and at almost wholesale prices.

You Can See the Point---Now Notice the Few Items We Wish to Mention Specially

<p style="text-align: center;">Hats.</p> <p>The first we will mention is our stock of hats for men and boys in all styles, shapes and colors, from the cheapest to the best John B. Stetson make.</p> <p>No. 1886—Keystone, black and white, good, clean stock and fine value at \$2.50, our price while they last..... \$1.98</p> <p>No. 2560—Youths' black and light color, medium brim, extra value at \$1.25, our price..... 98c</p> <p>Then we have the celebrated Thoroughbred hat in all the new styles, shapes and colors, the best hat on the market for \$3.00</p> <p>Our line of new dress straw hats are the very thing for summer wear and all at very low prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shoes.</p> <p>Yes, we have them for everybody and we are still trying and shall continue to try to hammer the idea into the minds of our customers that Star brand shoes are better and cost less. Come and let us show you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clothing.</p> <p>Our stock of clothing is entirely too large and we have decided to cut the price and reduce it before we take inventory in July. We have suits for men ranging in price from \$1.50 to 15.00</p> <p>Special—one lot of youths' black, No. 2101, well worth five dollars, our price only..... 3.00</p> <p>No. 871, light small check, good value at \$4.50, our special price only..... 2.98</p> <p>Lot No. 3602, light gray, checked, regular price \$5.00, our special price only..... 3.98</p> <p>PANTS—we have them for all in all colors and stripes, and from 25c to \$1.00 a pair for boys and from 75c to \$5.00 for men, and they are worth the money, too.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Millinery.</p> <p>Don't overlook this department when in our store. Our milliners keep pace with all the latest creations in this line and can please and save you money.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laces and Embroideries.</p> <p>Our stock of lace and embroidery with insertions to match is very large and we are making very close prices on these in order to reduce the stock. It will pay you to look at them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dry Goods.</p> <p>This is where we wear our long suit. Our stock is entirely too large for us to undertake to mention all that this department contains. However, it is enough to say that the stock in this line is complete and we shall call your attention to only a few items.</p> <p>First we will mention line 5 24—Poplin, in all the late shades and stripes, regular 65c value, our reduced price, per yd... 41c</p> <p>Line 4-25—Regular 45c value, our reduced price, per yard only..... 29c</p> <p>Line 4-17—Pongette, in brown, blue, gray and old rose, regular 40c value, our reduced price, per yard, only..... 25c</p> <p>Line 4-25—Taffeta corderette, in all the pretty colors, just the correct thing for light coat-suits, regular 35c value, our reduced price, while they last, per yard, only..... 24c</p> <p>Line 5-31—Beautiful white madras waisting, would be extra value at 30c per yard, our price only..... 20c</p> <p>Line 2-8—Fine at 15c per yard, our price only..... 10c</p>
<p>Therefore, call and let us sell you your whole bill of safe and sure values.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   <p>HARDWARE AND FURNITURE</p> </div>			

THE BIG STORE

EXTEND STATE RAILROAD.

Connect the State Penitentiaries and Open Up New Fields of Industry.

Austin, Tex., April 15.—The bill by Terrell of Cherokee and others, authorizing an extension of the State Railroad, received a favorable recommendation from the House committee on Penitentiaries today. The bill is identical with the measure introduced at the regular session of the Legislature with this exception: The original bill authorized an extension from Palestine; the new bill authorizes an extension from any point on the road, and in any direction, to connection with other lines, the extension not to exceed in length 100 miles.

G. A. Wynne of Huntsville, representing a committee consisting of himself, W. L. Dean and J. G. Ashford, appointed at a mass meeting of Huntsville citizens, appeared before the committee to offer the suggestion that the bill be so amended as to designate a specific destination.

Mr. Wynne submitted a map showing several routes which the proposed extension might take through Huntsville, terminating at the mouth of the Brazos eventually. He presented a supplemental argument showing that if such a general route were chosen the road would open up territory rich in timber, lignite, farming products and building stone, and would effect paying connections with existing railroads. Furthermore the properties of the penitentiary system could be linked together expeditiously by the extension, which he thought would prove a consummation productive of beneficial results to the penitentiary system. Mr. Wynne's argument was not confined to a single specific route but several ramifications of the general idea of extending the State road from some point thereon through the Huntsville territory. The committee, however, declined to amend the bill by

specifying even a general route of the extension, preferring to leave that matter to the penitentiary board, as the specification of a route might endanger the passage of the bill.

Next Sunday's Services.

My Sunday morning sermon will be "Miracles." The low (so-called higher critic) questions and puts his own private interpretation upon "Miracles." But I believe the bible and put a bible estimate upon Jesus and the foundation of christianity, the "Meracles." The critic will be handled without gloves. Come and hear me.

Sunday evening sermon at 8 o'clock will be "The Church." We will take the bible, the facts and the figures and show up the New Testament church. We will tell you things new and old—no guess work. A proper estimate of the church makes one a better christian. If you differ with me, come and hear me. If you do not differ with me about church matters, come and hear me anyway. I will make these subjects a special effort.

James A. Arnold,
Pastor Christian Church.

Best Treatment for Colds.

"Most ordinary colds will yield to the simplest treatment," says the Chicago Tribune, "moderate laxatives, hot foot baths, a free perspiration and an avoidance of exposure to cold and wet after treatment." While this treatment is simple, it requires considerable trouble, and the one adopting it must remain in doors for a day or two, or a fresh cold is almost sure to be contracted, and in many instances pneumonia follows. Is it not better to pin your faith to an old reliable preparation like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, that is famous for its cures of colds and can always be depended upon? For sale by The Murchison Beasley Drug Co.

Letter to W. E. Bennett,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir: Suppose you are growing an acre or two of cabbages; where'll you get your seed? The price of Long Island seed is \$2 lb; the Germans send over tons of "cabbage-seed" 50c lb.

Most gardeners buy the German seed; of course, you know they wouldn't pay \$2 for cabbage-seeds, when they could get it for 50c. And that's how people do about everything.

Careful people buy the smallest package of each, count-out 100 seeds of each, and grow them a week in a hot-house; then count their plants. They've got 100 Long Island plants and 10 German.

How, do you think, the Long Island cabbage-seed-growers account for that? They'll tell you the German seed is mostly turnip, which looks like cabbage, but isn't.

Why didn't the turnip-seed grow? The Germans had killed it, baked it. What did they bake it for? Dead seeds tell no tales.

There's a whole business in killed seeds. A dealer can get all the dead seed he wants, that look like cabbage and something else; he can mix 'em with actual seeds, a pound to the ounce, and sell you your seeds at whatever price you like to pay and whatever profit he likes to take.

The same with paint; you can paint with whitewash or paint, poor paint or good; you can pay your painters \$3 a day for brushing it on. But whitewash is whitewash, poor paint is poor paint, and good is good.

You'd better buy good and pick-out your good by the number of gallons it takes to cover a job; least gallons, best paint; least cost by \$5 a gallon; least gallons, most wear.

Better buy Long Island seeds, but try 'em first. Better buy Devoe, but try it first.

Yours truly,
81 F W Devoe & Co.
P. S. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co. sell our paint.

IT'S ALWAYS BAD.

The Best of Backs are Bad When They Ache, and Crockett People Know It.

A bad back is always bad. Bad at night when bedtime comes,

Just as bad in the morning. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it?

Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill? If you don't, some Crockett people do.

Read a case of it; Mrs. A. Inman, living in Groveton, Tex., says: "For sometime I was subject to a dull, nagging backache and also suffered from pains in the back and top parts of my head, occasionally accompanied by dizzy spells. When arising in the morning I felt dull and languid no doubt the result of my resting so poorly at night. My back was very weak and greatly handicapped me in attending to my household work. I used a number of remedies, but until I learned of Doan's Kidney Pills I received no relief. They promptly strengthened my back, eradicated the pains and invigorated my kidneys. I was so pleased with the results that I gave a statement at that time recommending Doan's Kidney Pills. I am at present pleased to confirm all I then said."

Plenty more proof like this from Crockett people. Call at I. W. Sweet's drug store and ask what customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Foley's Honey and Tar is a safeguard against serious results from spring colds, which inflame the lungs and develop into pneumonia. Avoid counterfeits by insisting upon having the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar, which contains no harmful drugs.

McLean's Drug Store

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Office over Bricker's Jewelry Store. Telephone No. 67.
Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty.

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WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge



THE GUARANTEED
WORM REMEDY

THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.
THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY
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WE PRINT
SALE BILLS
AND PRINT THEM RIGHT

Our Sympathy
Is always extended to those in distress, but we have no sympathy to waste on the man who borrows his neighbor's paper when he can have one of his own at a mere nominal expense. Your home paper stands for your interests and the interests of your home town. It deserves your moral and financial support. If you are not a member of our family of readers you should begin now by standing in your subscription.

Printer's Ink
When used on good presses and neatly displayed type for your stationery is valuable. We have every facility for doing the best of job work, at a minimum price.

THE LOVES OF THE LADY ARABELLA

MOLLY ELLIOT SEAWELL
ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS
SYNOPSIS.

At 14 years of age Admiral Sir Peter Hawkshaw's nephew, Richard Glyn, fell deeply in love at first sight with Lady Arabella Stormont, who spurned his attentions. The lad, an orphan, was given a berth as midshipman on the Ajax by his uncle, Giles Vernon, nephew of Sir Thomas Vernon, became the boy's pal. They attended a theater where Hawkshaw's nephew saw Lady Arabella. Vernon met Philip Overton, next in line for Sir Thomas Vernon's estate. They started a duel which was interrupted. Vernon, Overton and Hawkshaw's nephew found themselves attracted by pretty Lady Arabella. The Ajax in battle defeated French warships in the Mediterranean. Richard Glyn got \$2,000 prize money. He was called home by Lady Hawkshaw as he was about to "blow in" his earnings with Vernon.

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.
And that night I made a strange and terrible discovery. Lady Arabella was a gamester of the most desperate character, in ready money, as far as her allowance as a minor permitted, and in promises to pay, when she came into her fortune, as far as such promises would be accepted. But they were not much favored by the gentlemen and ladies who played with her; for the chances of her marrying before her majority were so great, that her I O U's were not considered of much value, and found few takers, even when accompanied by Lady Arabella's most brilliant smiles; for your true gamester is impervious to smiles or frowns, insensible to beauty—in short, all his faculties are concentrated on the odd trick.

A great mob of fine people came and there was a supper, and many wax lights, and all the accessories of a fashionable rout. I wandered about, knowing no one, but observant of all. I noticed that a very clever device was hit upon by Lady Arabella and others who like high play, which Lady Hawkshaw disliked very much. The stakes were nominally very small, but in reality they were very large, shillings actually signifying pounds. All of the people who practiced this were in one of the lower rooms, while Sir Peter, who was allowed to play sixpenny whist, and those who in good faith observed Lady Hawkshaw's wishes, were in a room to themselves. I must not forget to mention, among the notable things at this rout, Lady Hawkshaw's turban. It was a construction of feathers, flowers, beads, and every other species of ornament, the whole capped with the celebrated tiara which had been bought from the Portuguese, and the diamond necklace beamed upon her black velvet bosom. Sir Peter seemed quite enchanted with her appearance, as she loomed a head taller than any woman in the rooms, and evidently considered her a combination of Venus and Minerva—not that the pair ceased squabbling on that account. I think they disagreed violently on every detail of the party, and Sir Peter was routed at every point.

Among those who did not play was Daphne, then quite as tall as I and well into her sixteenth year. I could not but acknowledge her to be a pretty slip of a girl, and we sat in a corner and I told her about our bloody doings on the Ajax, until she stopped her ears and begged me to desist. I regarded Daphne with condescension, then; but I perceived that she was sharp of wit and nimble of tongue, much more more so than her cousin, Lady Arabella.

After a while I left Daphne and went back to watch Lady Arabella. I soon saw that she was a very poor player, and lost continually; but that only whetted her appetite for the game. Presently a gentleman entered, and, walking about listlessly, although he seemed to be known to everybody present, approached me. It was Capt. Overton, as handsome, as dextrous, as on the first and only time I had seen him.
Much to my surprise, he recognized me and came up and spoke to me, making me a very handsome compliment upon the performances of the Ajax.
"And is my cousin, Mr. Vernon, here to-night?" he asked, smiling.
I replied I supposed not; he had received no card when we had parted that morning, and I knew of none since.
"I shall be very glad to meet him," said Overton. "I think him a fine fellow, in spite of our disagreement. I see you are not playing."
"I have no taste for play, strange to say."
"Do not try to acquire it," he said; "it is wrong, you may depend upon it; but indulgence in it makes many believe it to be right. Every time you look at a sin, it gets better looking."
I was surprised to hear sin mentioned in the society of such elegant and well-bred sinners as I saw around me, who never alluded to it, except of-



I Could Not But Acknowledge Her to Be a Pretty Slip of a Girl.

cially, as it were, on Sunday, when they all declared themselves miserable sinners—for that occasion only. Overton then sauntered over toward Lady Arabella, who seemed to recognize his approach by instinct. She turned to him, her cards in her hands, and flushed deeply; he gazed at her sternly as if in reproof, and, after a slight remark or two, moved off, to her evident chagrin.
Daphne being near me then, I said to her with a forced laugh:
"What is the meaning, I beg you to tell me, of the pantomime between Lady Arabella and Capt. Overton?"
Daphne hesitated, and then said:
"Capt. Overton was one of the gayest men about London until a year or two ago. Since then, it is said, he has turned Methody. It is believed he goes to Mr. Wesley's meetings, although he has never been actually caught there. He lives plainly, and, some say, he gives his means to the poor; he will not go to the races any more, nor play, and he does not like to see Arabella play."
"What has he to do with Arabella?"
"Nothing that I know of, except that she likes him. He does not like to see any one play now, although he gamed very high himself at one time."
I had seen no particular marks of interest on Overton's part toward Lady Arabella; but, watching her, I saw in a very little while, the deepest sort of interest on her part toward him. She even left the card-table for him, and kept fast hold of him. I recalled the way she had striven to attract his attention at the play that night, more than two years before, and my jealous soul was illumined with the knowledge that she was infatuated with Overton—and I was right.
Some time afterward, whom should I see walking in but Giles Vernon! Lady Hawkshaw received him most graciously. I went up to him and asked: "How came you here?"
"Did you think, Dicky, that I meant to let you keep up a close blockade of the lovely Arabella? No, indeed; I got a card at seven o'clock this evening, by working all day for it, and I mean to reconnoiter the ground as well as you."
I thought when he saw Lady Arabella with Overton that even Giles Vernon's assurance would scarcely be equal to accosting her. He marched himself up with all the coolness in the world, claiming kinship boldly with Overton, who couldn't forbear smiling, and immediately began to try for favor in Arabella's eyes.
But here I saw what I never did before or since with Giles Vernon—a woman who was utterly indifferent to him, and actually seemed to dislike him. She scarcely noticed him at first, and, when he would not be rebuffed, was so saucy to him that I wondered he stood for it for a minute. But stand it he did, with the evident de-

termination to conquer her indifference or dislike, whichever it might be.
Overton seized the excuse of Giles' approach to escape, and left the house, which did not cause Lady Arabella to like Giles any better. She returned to the card-table, Giles with her, and, by the exercise of the most exquisite ingenuity, he managed to lose some money to her, which somewhat restored her good humor.
At last the rout was over, and soon after midnight all had gone. I was shown to a bedroom, with only a partition wall between me and Sir Peter and Lady Hawkshaw; so I had the benefit of the nightly lecture Lady Hawkshaw gave Sir Peter, with the most unflinching regularity. On this particular night, they came nearer agreeing than usual, both of them discussing anxiously Lady Arabella's marked fondness for play. And Lady Hawkshaw told of a late escapade of Lady Arabella's in which a certain ace of clubs was played by her; the said ace of clubs being fashioned out of black court-plaster and white cardboard. When detected, Lady Arabella professed to think the whole thing a joke, but as her adversary at the time was a very old lady whose eyesight was notoriously defective, it took all of Lady Arabella's wit and youth to carry it off successfully, which, however, she did. As for her trinkets, Lady Arabella was always buying them, and always taking a distaste to them, so she alleged, and Lady Hawkshaw suspected they took the place of shillings at the card-table. Sir Peter groaned at this and remarked that the earl, her father, was the worst gamester he knew, except her grandfather. I do not remember any more. I tried to avoid hearing what they were saying, but every word was distinctly audible to me, until, at this point, I fell asleep and dreamed that Lady Hawkshaw was appointed to command the Ajax and I was to report on board next day.

CHAPTER V.
I spent several weeks in Sir Peter's house and strange weeks they were in many respects. I never had the least complaint to make of the kindness of Sir Peter or Lady Hawkshaw, except that Lady Hawkshaw insisted on investing my money, all except ten pounds she gave me, charging me to be careful with it; but Sir Peter secretly lent me a considerable sum, to be repaid at my majority.
Sir Peter was actively at war with all the women-folk in the household, from his lady down, except little Daphne. He assumed to conduct everything in a large town house in Berkeley Square exactly as if he were on the Ajax, 74. He desired to have the lazy London servants called promptly at two bells, five o'clock in the morning, and to put them to hoisting, scullageing, and swabbing off the

decks, as he called it. Of course the servants rebel'd, and Sir Peter denounced them as mutineers, and would have dearly liked to put them all in double irons. He divided the scullions and chambermaids into watches, and when they laughed in his face, threatened them with the articles of war. He wished everything in the house stowed away in the last compass possible, and when Lady Hawkshaw had her routs, Sir Peter, watch in hand, superintended the removal of the furniture from the reception rooms, which he called clearing for action, and discharged any servant who was not smart at his duty. He had a room, which he called his study, fitted up with all the odds and ends he had collected during 40 years in the navy, and here he held what might be called drum-head court-martials, and disgraced the domestic staff, fined them, swore at them, and bitterly regretted that the land law did not admit of any proper discipline whatever.

It may be imagined what a scene of discord this created, although Sir Peter was of so kind and generous a nature that the servants took more from him than from most masters, and, indeed, rather diverted themselves with his fines and punishments, and, when dismissed, declined to leave his service, much to his wrath and chagrin. The acme was reached when he attempted to put the cook in the brig, as he called a dank cellar which he determined to utilize for mutineers, as on board ship. The cook, a huge creature three times as big as Sir Peter, boarded him in his own particular den, and, brandishing a rolling-pin that was quite as dangerous as a cutlass, announced that she would no longer submit to be governed by the articles of war, as administered by Sir Peter. She was sustained by a vociferous chorus of housemaids and kitchen girls who flocked behind her, the men rather choosing to remain in the background and grinning. Sad to say, Admiral Sir Peter Hawkshaw, C. B., was conquered by the virago with the rolling-pin, and was forced to surrender to the mutineers, which he did with a very bad grace. At that juncture Lady Hawkshaw hove in sight, and, bearing down upon the company from below stairs, dispersed them all with one wave of her hand. Sir Peter complained bitterly, and Lady Hawkshaw promised to bring them to summary punishment. But she warned Sir Peter that his methods were becoming as intolerable to her as to the rest of the family, and Sir Peter, after a round or two for the honor of his flag, hauled down his colors. This became especially necessary, as his retirement was at hand, consequent more upon an obstinate rheumatism that fixed itself upon him than his age. There was doubt whether he would get the K. C. B., which he certainly well deserved, on his retirement; there was some sort of hitch about it, although, after the capture of the two French ships, he had been promoted to the office of admiral. Lady Hawkshaw, however, went down to the admiralty in a coach with six horses and three footmen and four outriders, and, marching in upon the first lord, opened fire on him, with the result that Sir Peter was gazetted K. C. B. the very next week.

Little Daphne, who had always submitted to Sir Peter's whims, did so more than ever after he had been vanquished by the cook; and Sir Peter swore, twenty times a week, that Daphne had the stuff in her to make a sea officer of the first order.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SHREWD SCHEME OF MOTHER.
No Roseate Postcard—Without Its Thorn of Suggestion.

Harold's mother—we'll call him Harold—went abroad a month ago, leaving Harold under the somewhat unsubstantial control of his elder sisters.

In spite of the itemized directions with which even unto the moment of final leavetaking she had not ceased to bombard him, Harold's mother was far from sure that her efforts would have any lasting effect.

Her voyage was more or less disturbed by these doubts, but before she landed on the other side she had determined on a course of action. Like all small boys, Harold is most covetous of picture postcards and had looked forward to a harvest from his mother's trip.

He got it. Every day she sent at least one card. And, whatever else it bore in the way of inscription, there was not one which failed of this introduction: "Just as soon as you get this go and brush your teeth."

A Medical Bill.
Patient—I have a touch of ague.
Physician—Yes.
Patient—I shall keep within doors for a week.
Physician—Yes.
Patient—I shall diet myself carefully.
Physician—Yes.
Patient—I shall take ten grains of quinine twice a day.
Physician—Yes.
Patient—How much is your bill?
Physician—Half a guinea.

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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.

The owner of a large turkey ranch in North Carolina who is also an extensive tobacco grower is authority for the statement that a flock of from twenty-five to fifty turkeys will keep a tobacco field almost entirely free from the worms that do them so much damage.

From extended experiments that have recently been made at Macon, Ga., it has been found that a fine grade of paper can be made from pulp prepared from the okra stem, and a plant for making paper from this source is likely to be erected in that city at an early date. Okra is easily grown in the Southern states, and could be produced in large quantities as a paper-making plant. The plant is an herb belonging to the mallow family, genus Hibiscus. Its botanical name is Hibiscus esculentus.

In spite of the rapid increase in the number of automobiles and trolley cars, the horse continues to hold his own. According to figures published in the last report of the Department of Agriculture, the number of horses in the United States increased from 13,537,000 in 1900 to 19,993,000 in 1908, the total value of the same having risen from \$608,000,000 to \$1,867,000,000. The fluctuations in the average price of horses have been remarkable. In 1893 it was \$61; in 1897, \$87; \$44 in 1900, and \$93 in 1908.

According to an eminent German economist the aim of a healthy transportation policy should be to diminish, as far as possible, the economically unproductive cost of transport. It is in agreement with this policy that Germany has built up and is continually extending her inland waterways, upon which, during the past twenty years, she has expended \$150,000,000. At the present time Germany possesses in navigable rivers, canalized rivers, and inland canals over 8,273 miles of navigable waterways.

With all due modesty we believe the home paper is the most important institution in any town. It is the medium through which the town speaks to the outside world and is the means of communication between the people of the town and vicinity. Long ago, under inspiration, it was written, "No man liveth to himself," and this truth was never more apparent than it is to-day. No man can retire from activity and live. He must know what is going on about him, and the world must know what he is doing. The use of the newspaper is the best plan by which this is carried on.

According to a daily press report a safe lock has been invented which is provided with phonographic mechanism so that it can be opened only by the voice of the owner. A monthpiece like that of a telephone takes the place of a knob on the door, and this is provided with the usual style of needle which travels in a groove in the sound record of the phonograph cylinder. Before the safe

can be unlocked the password must be spoken into the cylinder by the one who made the original record. The report does not state what would occur if the owner should come down to his office with a bad cold.

Those living in sections where alfalfa can be successfully raised or are on what might be called the border line and would like full information about the plant, its habits and how to grow it successfully should write to the department at Washington for bulletin No. 339, which is devoted to this subject.

PAPER FROM COTTON STALKS.

If it is going to reduce the price of news print paper we wish the Georgia company organized to manufacture paper from cotton stalks every possible success.

Many raw materials have been experimented with to secure a pulp of suitable consistency from which to manufacture paper. In an editorial on this subject the Cleveland Plain Dealer says in part:

"It is likely to reduce the price of paper, to save the wholesale destruction of trees and to bring new prosperity to the south by utilizing a product that has hitherto been considered the mere waste of a great industry.

"For years it has been known that a large percentage of cotton stalk is pure cellulose, but patient experimenting has been required to devise a method of treatment sufficiently simple and inexpensive to allow of its use on a commercial scale.

"Each year will supply an immense amount of raw material for the cotton paper mills, once they are established. Now the stalks are left standing all winter, and the fields are usually burned over before the next crop can be started. Reaping and baling the stalks or sending them to mill in bulk would require small labor and outlay. And instead of diminishing the supply there would be a constant reproduction of raw material impossible for the paper manufacturers who must look ever for new fields from which to get their wood pulp."

RAILROAD BILL REPORTED.

Senator Senter Will Have Minority Report to Sell Road.

Austin, Texas, April 27.—The senate committee on internal improvements this evening decided to favorably report the house bill authorizing an issue of \$200,000 of bonds to be sold to the school fund, to take up the obligations and to enable the completion of the penitentiary railroad into Palestine. The vote in favor of the bill was 4 to 3.

Senator Senter will bring in a minority report, recommending that \$200,000 be appropriated out of the general revenue for the purpose in question and requiring that the railroad be sold, when completed as soon as the cost of its construction can be obtained therefor.

Object to Strong Medicines.

Many people object to taking the strong medicines usually prescribed by physicians for rheumatism. There is no need of internal treatment in any case of muscular or chronic rheumatism, and more than nine out of every ten cases of the disease are of one or the other of these varieties. When there is no fever and little (if any) swelling, you may know that it is only necessary to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely to get quick relief. Try it. For sale by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

THE RUSK IRON INDUSTRY.

Will Cost Naly a Million to Rehabilitate It.

Austin, Texas, April 27.—The senate committee on internal improvements met at 3 p. m. and considered the house bill, providing for the completion of the State railroad from Rusk to Palestine.

B. F. Guinn, assistant financial agent of the penitentiary system, appeared before the committee. It developed that \$500,000 would be needed to resume the Rusk iron industry, the major part of which would be expended in accumulating a stock of pipe and other products.

Judge Guinn stated that every man engaged in the iron industry earned for the State an average of \$31 per month, which was double the amount earned on lease contracts. He said the iron industry was closed down in October, 1907, on account of the panic and the expert employes had been sent to the sugar plantations which the State has been buying during the past two years. Since the resumption of the demand for iron products there had been no able-bodied convicts at Rusk to enable the resumption of this industry and the State was losing money thereby.

Judge Guinn stated that the penitentiary board had charge of 3000 able-bodied convicts and that the profits from their labor amounted to over a half million dollars a year, but the money was all consumed in buying more property and improving it.

A statement was submitted showing that the State railroad twenty-eight miles long had cost the State \$341,000, or \$12,143 per mile. This does not include the cost of labor. Railroad builders figure the labor expense at 60 per cent of the total cost of constructing a railroad, and on this ratio the State railroad has so far cost about \$20,000 per mile. The State road is not ballasted and is laid with 56-pound steel rails.

Judge Guinn stated that there was a great demand for sewer and water pipe and that the penitentiary system could now sell all they could make. He also asserted that since the closing of the Rusk foundry the price of pipe had gone up \$3 per ton.

For Constipation.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Sprit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

THE PRISON BIRD.

Tyrannical and Jealous Feathered Beauty of Africa.

The peculiarity of the prison bird, a feathered beauty of Africa, is that he is the most tyrannical and jealous of husbands, imprisoning his mate throughout her nesting time. Livingstone watched the bird's habits while in Monpour, and in his subsequent observations referred to the nest as a prison and the female bird as a slave. The nest is built in the hollow of a tree through an opening in the bark. As soon as it is completed the mother bird enters carefully and fearfully and settles down in it. Then papa walls up the opening, leaving only just space enough for air and food to pass through. He keeps faithful guard and brings food at regular intervals without fail. The female thrives under her enforced retirement. But if the prison bird is killed or in any other way prevented from fulfilling his duties the mother and her little ones must die of starvation, for she cannot free herself from bondage.

Normally the imprisonment lasts until the chicks are old enough to fly. Then the male bird destroys the barrier with his beak and liberates his family. "It is charming," writes Livingstone, "to see the joy with which the little prisoners greet the light and the unknown world."

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 23 day of April, A. D. 1909, in the case of J. H. Gorman et al versus D. K. Chenoweth et al, No. 5103, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 23 day of April, A. D. 1909, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in June, A. D. 1909, it being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door of said Houston County, in the city of Crockett, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which D. K. Chenoweth and A. K. Fretz had on the 26th day of February A. D. 1906, or any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property to wit: The B. F. McQueen 120 acres preemption survey, situated in Houston County, Texas, about 6 1/2 miles north of Crockett, and being the same land conveyed to A. K. Fretz by B. F. McQueen and wife, on March 2nd 1906, recorded in book 41 page 10, Houston County deed records to which reference is hereby made for description. Also all the right, title and interest which A. K. Fretz had on the 29th day of February A. D. 1908, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described five tracts of land to-wit:

First Tract. 40 acres of land in Houston County, Texas, about five miles north of Grapeland, a part of the Z. W. Dillard 160 acres survey, and being the same land conveyed by J. S. Caskey and wife to A. K. Fretz, by deed dated December 20th 1907, recorded in book 51 page 4, Houston County deed records to which reference is here made for description.

Second Tract. 100 acres of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about 12 miles N W of the city of Crockett, a part of the J. D. Williams survey, and being the same land conveyed by A. L. Zachary, Jr. to A. K. Fretz, on the 17th day of December A. D. 1907, recorded in book 51 page 5, Houston County deed records to which reference is hereby

made for description, and being the first tract described in said deed.

Third Tract. 100 acres of land, a part of the said J. D. Williams survey, situated about 12 miles N W of Crockett in Houston County, Texas, and being fully described in a deed from A. L. Zachary, Jr., to A. K. Fretz, on December 17th, 1907, recorded in book 51 page 5, and being the second tract described in said deed, to which reference is hereby made for description.

Fourth Tract. 109 acres of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about 15 miles north of Crockett, a part of the J. de J. Procetta league of land, and being the same 109 acres conveyed by A. L. Brown and wife to A. K. Fretz on the 18th day of December A. D. 1907, of record in book 50 page 236, Houston County deed records to which reference is hereby made for description.

Fifth Tract. 55 acres of land, situated in Houston County, Texas, about 15 miles north of Crockett, a part of the J. de J. Procetta league, and being the same 55 acres of land conveyed by A. L. Brown and wife to A. K. Fretz on December 18th, A. D. 1907, recorded in book 50 page 236 Houston County deed records to which reference is hereby made for description.

Said first described tract of 120 acres being levied on as the property of D. K. Chenoweth and A. K. Fretz, and said last described five tracts of land being levied on as the property of A. K. Fretz to satisfy a judgment amounting to the sum of \$745.30 with interest thereon from March 9th 1909 at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and all costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 24 day of April A. D. 1909.

John C. Lacy,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

Mr. F. G. Fritts, Oneonta, N. Y., writes: "My little girl was greatly benefited by taking Foley's Orino Laxative, and I think it is the best remedy for constipation and liver trouble." Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children, as it is mild, pleasant and effective, and is a splendid spring medicine, as it cleanses the system and clears the complexion.
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