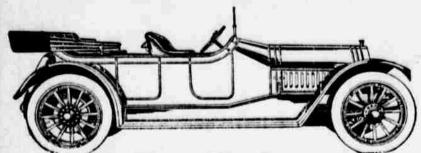
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Five Passenger

Just weight enough to hold to the road and run smooth. Every mechanical part has been tried out and made to stand the strain it is subject to. This reduces the chance of a break-down, and saves repair bills.

The motors are small bore and long stroke, which increases power and lessons friction. The exhaust valves are large, thus reducing back pressure and loss of power.

This machine is equipped with a Westinghouse storage battery and electric starter that will run the machine for miles after all your gasoline is exhausted. This factor alone is a wonderful improvement. If the motor goes dead, you can continue your journey to the nearest town with power your starter will develop.

These machines are contracted faster than the factory can turn them out, so it will be June before I can make delivery.

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To believe a thing is impossible is the nearest way to make

The ptomaines of fraud are publicity.

Factions are an unknown

together. Good sidewalks make the

town's life walk easy. Knockers are as a banana peel on the threshold of progress.

Be a booster. Conservation and reclamation his stomach. are the watchwords of Twentieth Century Industry.

tomers appear where but one appeared before.

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About the only man in this country who can get what he wants without advertising for it is the one who goes out looking for trouble.

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destroyed by the sunlight of iron is hot, but there are men who fail to recognize a hot iron when they see it.

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re the watchwords of Twentieth entury Industry.

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If you have land you want to exchange for other land or

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HASKELL, TEXAS

MONEY!

other properly anywhere, list it with us and we will get you

a trade. We have correspondents everywhere, and can do

correct abstract we can furnish it on short notice at reason-

MONEY!

IN LAKE WICHITA

J. W. Collins was notified by spread. A number of citizens phone of the drowning of his went out in automobiles and and daughter, Miss Sibyl, on Lake a special street car carried a Wichita. The terrible news number of others. A large supprostrated Mr. Collins, but as ply of lines and hooks was taken soon as he could, he and a party and the lake was systematically of friends secured an auto, and dragged for a long time without drove through that night to results. Wichita Falls. Sunday morning "Officers were dispatched to the sad news soon spread over Bugg Point in an effort to apover this city, and cast a gloom prehend the two men who it is over every one who learned of alleged tampered with the row the terrible accident. We clip boat but these had not returned the following account of the ac- at 2:30. A fire could be seen cident from the Wichita Daily burning on the point. Times:

morning.

"Ed Richardson and Miss Pauline Gebhart the other occu- in his auto promptly upon hearpants of the boat, were rescued ing the news and took personal They saved their lives by cling- charge of the search work. ing to the boat after it overturned, a party of young men row- the Oil Well Supply Company of ing out from the pavillion to this city. While Miss Gebhart where they were marooned.

"When the boat upset, Stew- office. art and Miss Collins started to swim for the shore, Stewart remaining close to the young ladies to back and make an effort and bring the overturned boat to her the law office of Huff, Barwise and turned around. Seeing that and Bullington. She is a daugh-

"Stewart had been here only taken. a day or two, coming here from Amarillo Friday. He travels for a coal company. Miss Col ought to, never gives as much lins was 25 years of age and was employed by Orville Bullington as stenographer.

Say Boat Was Damaged

"That the accident was due to esteem by all" Pointing out the weeds in your the boat's being tampered with those in your own yard more quartette was at Bugg Point is but in the passing of Miss Colthe story of Richardson. He lins, we are most deeply impressaid that while the two couples were walking around at the After all, one of the best ways point, they noticed two men, booster is the one who keeps his after setting out in the boat they ualability and useful qualities posnoticed that it was leaking badly essing an independence and freeand determined to cut across the When about 75 yards from the and distinguished her in any in the water.

"Stewart and Miss Collins jumped out, overturning the ed to appreciate her friendship, boat, to which Richardson and Miss Gebhart clung. The boat turned completely over and Miss Gebhart was sitting upon it when the rescue party arrived.

"Cries for help attracted the Willow Cemetery, Tuesday morn-attention of people in the pavil. ing, May, 20, 1918. lion and two boats occupied by Bob Roark, Joe Perry, Ed Gorsline Jr., Reilly Hickman and Harry Lewis went at full speed of the Haskell Creamery: Arto the scene. They found Richardson and Miss Gebhart on the boat, but there was no sign of to buy all butter fat and pay the others. Miss Gebhart was highest market price for same. taken to the Lakeside Hotel, while Richardson joined in the search which was quickly begun.

"News of the

Last Saturday night, about brought to town by Joe Perry ten o'clock, our fellow townsman and the alarm was quickly

"The four occupants of the "H. C Stewart of Denver, Col- boat were members of a small orado, aged 28 and Miss Sibyl picnic party, which went out Collins of this city, were drown- late yesterday and the stillness ed in Lake Wichita shortly after of the lake, with the moonlight, 11 o'clock last night when a row prompted them to take a boat boat which they occupied was ride. Richardson declared that overturned near the eastern the boat gave no trouble on the edge of the lake, about 75 yards way over to the point, and that from the dam. Their bodies it did not begin to leak until were recovered at 2:30 this after the two men were seen to toy with it.

"Mayor J. M. Bell went out

"Richardson is employed by is registry clerk at the post-

Miss Collins Well Known

"Miss Collins is a niece of Mrs W. H. Cousins of this city and side. He evidently decided to for more than a year has been employed as a stenographer in she was about to sink, he swam ter of J. W. Collins, a prominent back to her and they sank to- citizen, of Haskell, Texas, where it is probable her body will be

> "She was an exceptionally bright young woman and one who was very popular with all who knew her. Here vivacity and charm made her a great favorite with the younger people and she was held in highest

The Free Press is often called upon to announce some sad event sed with sorrow.

The deceased belonged to one of Haskell's most prominent to please a prospector is through seemingly drunk, tampering families, and possessed a most with the boat. Fearing that charming personality and happy the intruders would steal the disposition, that endeared her craft, the four returned and to all who knew her. She was a drove the men away. Shortly young woman of strong intellectdom from cheap conventionallake as directly as possible. character and personal charms, dam, the boat suddenly settled company. Her untimely death creates a deep void in the circle of friends and associates who grew up with her, and who learnand strong womanly character.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in this city and the services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Arbuck-The deceased was buried in

Notice

To all patrons and customers rangements have been made with Nissley Creamery Co. Ft. Worth Butter fat to be delivered in good condition Wednesday and Saturday of each week, commencing accident was Wednesday, May, 14, 1913



YOUR PURSE AND **PERSONAL APPEARANCE**

We know it's to the interest of your pocketbook and personal appearance; so we going to do our utmost to persuade you to buy BRANDEGEE KINCAID & CO.

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The College Chap Jr.--\$20 to \$25 Here's where the young chap can let his fancy run riot and go as far as he likes. Here are the nifty, spicy, delightful effects that all the stylish fellows are wearing; only these have even newer and better style lines and more classy fabrics. Whatever you do, see these styles before deciding on your Spring suit.

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Maskell, Texas

May;24th 1918

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THE REXALL STORE

YOUR DRUGGISTS

Allegretti's & Liggett's Chocolates

LOCAL

Our drays are always subject to Pinkerton & Loe.

Oak Dale Nut coal E. A. Cham-

Gingham petticoats at 60c at Alexander's.

Get a bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

Wells-Pinkerton. King chocolates on ice at West

Side Drug Store. A. R. Couch, or Weinert, was in

this city Tuesday. Children, see those nice hats at

18-tf the Farmers Supply. Mrs. J. E. Eaton left Thursday

for a visit at Munday. G. T. McCulloh, of Abilene was

in this city Wednesday.

Go to Sherrill for a strictly first class lamp burner. 21-21

Nib Shaw of Stamford, spent a few days in the city this week. M. B. Kinney made a business day.

trip to Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hemphill returned Monday from Abilene.

We sell new and second hand sewing machines. Wells-Pinkerton.

bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

Get a sweet and juicy milk chocolate at West Side Drug Store

Miss Jessie James, of Hamlin, is visiting the Misses Kinnard of

this city. Symphony Lawn Stationery is

supreme, Spencer & Richardson.

Oak Dale Nut coal; mothers'

delightful cooking fuel, sold at Chambers'

Mrs. A. C. Sherick returned Monday from her ranch in Tay lor county.

Mrs. C. C. Doniphan and daughter of Clayton, N. M. are visiting the tamily of Mr. N. McNeill. Mrs. Doniphan is a daughter of Mr. McNeill.

Mrs. J. K. Simmons left Mon lay morning for Granger to visit

Mrs. A. J. Smith returned Sunday morning from a visit to relatives at Belton.

A shipment of fresh cakes and bulk crackers just received at the Farmers Supply.

C. E. Sammons of Stamford, was in the city a few days this week on business.

Miss Nell Smith, of Quanah. is in this city visiting her friend, Miss Dorcas Fox.

Give her a box of Whitman's We buy or exchange furniture. Candy. "nuff ced"

Corner Drug Store.

30 acres good land to rent, 1 mile from town. For feed or cotton. - O. B. Norman.

Allegretti's and Liggett's Choccolates, can't be beat.

Spencer & Richardson. We take the greatest care

your goods hauled by us. Pinkerton & Loe. When you want candy get

Guy Hemphill, of Swenson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob . Hemp-

WANTED-A man and pony team to work on the farm. Have riding planter. J. E. Garren, Has-21-1t-pd kell, Texas.

"The sweetest story ever told" Liggett's Chocolates fresh and

cold,

Mrs. Lowry of Seymour, who who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Draphome Monday.

DR. JOSEPH DALEY

and the scientific fitting of glass. future home.

Next Visit to Haskell, June 2nd.

This will be my last visit to Haskell until October.

office at

WRIGHT HOUSE

J. M. Whitfield and family have noved to Rotan.

Mrs. A. Y. Paris visited at Weinert last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kinney have moved to Wichita Fails.

Mr. D. J. Mayfield left Wednesday for Denton county.

Judge J. F. Cunningham of Abilene was in this city Wednes-

For Sale-Sweet patato slips. 25cts per hundred. Henry Free

Whitman's Candy is par excel-

ence. Always on ice. Corner Drug Store.

When you think of some good chocolates or candies think of Spencer & Richardson's.

S. H. Foster returned Tuesday from Denton, where he spent several days with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Rule spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitman of this city.

is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hughes of this city.

Mrs. M. R. Smith, of Sagerton,

Miss Liddie Bowers of Munday visited with the family of Rev. A. M. Griffin last week.

Mrs W. H. Everheart, who has been visiting Mrs. O. B. Norman, has returned to her home at Belis.

Mrs. Morris has returned from Milisap, where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennis Jones of Rule spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rusell of this city.

Lost at the Methodist Church Whitman's, The Best Made. All Sunday, a long gold bar pin. ways on ice. Corner Drug Store. Finder report to Mrs. R. E. Sher-

Miss Rosa Lee Wright of Stemhill, arrived in this city Thurs- ford spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Lucile Hughes of this

> Just like you like it. Oakdale Nut, specialy prepared for cooking fuel. Phone, 157. E. A. Chambers'.

Mr. J. S. Sloan reported to us that the crop prospect in the Spencer & Richardson. () Finkerton community simply fine.

last week from Dallas where he er of this city returned to her attended the Shriners meeting in that city.

> Jas. A. Hankerson left for Dallas last week, where he will join Mrs. Hankerson for a visit to relatives.

Practice Limited to diseases of took the train here Thursday for a header. Will also need other passengers on the northbound of the Eve, Ear, Nose, Throat Dallas, where they will make their hands for harvesting. Address J.

> J. W. Johnson returned Sunday Mrs. Andruss.

Mrs. T. C. Williams left Tuesday evening to visit seveal days at Waco and Marlin, with her mother and sister.

The finest creation since the Egyptians made papyrus is Symphony Lawn Stationery.

Spencer & Richardson.

Nice, comfortable rooms, plenty of good hot water and other conveniences for a bath at the White Front Barber Shop.

Mrs. Geo. W. Meador and Miss Mamie Carothers, of Gainesville arrived Sunday for a two weeks visit with the family of W. F. Prince.

For Sale-Fawn and white Indian Runner duck eggs, \$1.25 per doz. R. I. Red eggs, 50 cts. per setting. Mrs. Belva Norton, Pinkerton.

summer session of the Baylor of the Shriners. Iniversity.

visiting with their sisters, Mrs. Wallace Alexander and Mrs. John Oates of this city.

please you.



A fresh shipment of Allegritti's and Liggett's Chocolates just received and stored in our special Pithias at Stamford Tuesday night. candy refrigerator.

Spencer & Richardson.

Detriot gasoline and kerosene stoves heat quicker and better. longer and far more simple.

just panied her niece, Miss Myrl ney of Stamford was on the train farmers require a great deal of Chapman of Rochester to Abilene of the Union store of this city. Mr. A. H. Alexander returned last week where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

> LOST-Between the residences of Mrs. Terrell and Mrs. Hudson, six yards of new dress goods. Finder please return to Mrs. S. G. McConnell and receive reward.

WANTED-To hire a man and Mr. and Mrs. Armour of Rule, three good mules or horses to run E. Garren Haskell, Texas. 21-2t p

Mrs. May Hubbard and daughmorning from Rotan, where he ter Ourda, of Moran, Texas, came he has been visiting his daughter in Monday morning to visit her aunt, Mrs. W. C. Newton, and other relatives in the city of Has-

> Mark Perry and sister Miss Fowler Perry, came down from Amarillo last week to attend the bed side of their father who is ill at his rooms at the Commercai Hotel.

Thomas Pence of the West side was in the city Monday, and while here, called at the Free Press office and renewed his father's subscription to the Free Press.

The daily papers issued Saturday contained the announcement of S. G. Dean's appointment as postmaster to succeed Mr. Baker, whose term as postmaster expired some time ago.

Judge H. G. McConnell and Miss Annie Ruth Hale is visit and Mrs. McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. C. D Long, returned ing at Dublin. From there she Saturday from Dallas 'where will go to Waco to attend the they attended the big meeting

Threshing. We have an excel-Misses Burnie and Elsy Neath Pent prospect for a small-grain ery of Stamford spent last week crop. If it makes you must have it threshed, so remember that the people who will treat you fair and right are Sherrill & Stuart. Hold Let the Free Press do your job your grain for us if possible, and printing. We are prepared to we will do our best tothresh it to suit you.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas A Greer attended a banquet of the Knights of Mr. Greer returned home Wednesday, but Mrs Greer remained for a few days visit with friends.

J. R. Johnson, R. M. Smith, and you can test it free. Last much J. F. Culp went as as delegates to 1-2t Sherrill Bros & Co. meeting of the Union of the Wich-Mrs. W. P. Whitman accomits Valley District. G. E. Court-put in more shops. He says the as well as Mr. J. F. Posy, manager smithing to keep their imple-Mrs. J. O. Jackson who has been

visiting Mrs. J. S. Sloan of the who is visiting her son, A. W. west side and a sister of our McGregor of this city, went out county Treasurer, Emory Menefee, to the Ranch of her son, Chas. left for her home at Waco Tuesday. McGregor on the Brazos and She was accompanied by Misses spent a week with him, and will Eula and Bulah Sloan, who will return to Haskell for a further visit in that city a few days, visit of ten days with the family

train Sunday, on their way to Seymour. Mr. Standefer was raised in this city but for the past few years has been in Canada. He was boss of a big ranch up there and afterwards went into the cattle business for himselt. He is now in Texas for his health.

Vernon Cobb of the Nabors community, who is secretary of the Nabors Commercial Club, was in this city Sunday and spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cobb. Mr. Cobb says Nabors is on a big boom. They now have two stores Wichita Fall Monday to attend the four blacksmith shops and are ments in repair.

Mrs, A. P. McGregor of Waco Edgar Standefer and wife were of Mr. A. W. McGregor. Mrs. A. W. McGregor, Mrs. J. S. Williams and brother W. A. Black, accompanied Mrs. McGregor to the ranch of her son, where all of them spent a week and enjoyed the hospitality, of the ranch, and wild scenery of the Brazos.

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Be sure that selections your conform to your sweetheart's idea of Candy excell-

Will Surely whitman's Try some Fancy Cream Chocolates. Every

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And it is always Fresh and Nice.



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We Handle RELIABLE goods--from the kind that are Good, to the Best. We are pleased to announce to our trade that we have received this week a Modern, Up-to-Date Refrigerator--One so constructed that a constant circulation of cold air keeps the interior sweet and wholesome. No Odor, No Mold. Absolutely the Best. Yours to please,

THE FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY THE STORE OF QUALITY

A PRE-NUPTIAL **ENTERTAINMEN**

Last Thursday friends received dainty invitations to a morning party at the beautiful suburban home of Mrs. J. W. Meadors with Misses Anlida and Lucile Hughes and Mamie Meadors as hostesses. Since these young ladies had so frequently scored high for their charming social affairs the guests left town at an early hour Saturday anticipating a most enjoyable morning and right well were these anticipations realized for the very air perfumed with the sweetest of spring flowers bespoke that something unusual was to hap-

Misses Hughes and Meadors were assisted in receiving their friends by Misses Salome and Until a book would be hardly Gladys Anthony of Austin and Mrs. Meadors.

The guests had assembled in amid laughter, music and happy greetings a white winged messenger appeared, a beautiful From any country or any race, pigeon bearing a message- For a single moment cause a Every ear was strained as Miss Salome Anthony opened the And make here stop and look dainty beribboned message and

'Tis the same old story that's as old as time,

have heard it in poetry, music and rhyme,

It's as old as creation, yet al way new,

It is told us in fiction, but this story is true.

A maiden most fair with bright



eyes of blue. To college went an education to pursue.

She was a true daughter of the Golden West,

And a spirit of daring this maiden possessed So strict Chaperones she was

sure to elude, If on "personal liberties" dared to intrude.

On the street one day, right under the chaperone's eye, She happened a handsome young

man to spy, And couldn't resist to wave once on the sly.

Then shopping tours to a certain furniture store This maiden at once began to adore,

And strange as it is to tell, The man in love with the maiden fell.

And on and on this story could these girls to have announced Wichita Falls, Texas, run,

begun For around the world this maid-

en went, the spacious reception hall and Time and money both were spent,

But never a man in any place, doubt,

about,

Not for a moment she never feared,

She returned home certain her Prince had appeared.

Now in the city of Waco there noes was heard and six interestappears, A cottage built for the coming A tempting salad course with

And on Friday the 13th day of served. The stroke of twelve June.

The wedding march will be the ure and each guest reluctantly tune,

And a man named Waldrop will lightful morning spent with take from this clime, The maiden who "flirted"

him one time. To the First Baptist Church at 8 o'clock

The people will begin to flock, And Margaret Pierson this

maiden fair, The orange blossoms and veil will wear.

Nothing could have been more Texas. Kindly accept our heart

LISTEN TO THIS

Sherrill Bros. & Co. Haskell, Texas

Sept. 30, 1912

I have a McCormick Row Binder bought of you nine years ago, and while I had some trouble the first year, it has not since given me trouble, except that I have had to get a good many extras. But I have cut on an average about 609 acres every year since I bought it, and it is now running day and night.

W. L. Norton. Over 5,000 acres and still running day and night.

charmingly appropriate than for

this wedding of one who has

been their friend and companion

Miss Pierson received the

As the fair honoree's friends

closed around her to wish her

well, she looked indeed "the

girl of the golden west" gowned

in a beautifully embroideried

Chiffon robe purchased for her

trousseau, while she was in

The guests drew score cards

and soon the click of the domi-

Apricot sherbet and cake was

announced the time for depart-

said "Goodby" happy for the de-

Appreciated Message.

Mr. J. W. Collins, the father of

Miss Sibyl Collins, has received

the following telegram from the

brothers of the young man that

Vernon, Texas, May 19, 1913.

was drowned with his daughter:

Mr. Collins and family, Haskell,

felt sympathy in this sad hour.

We bury our brother this evening at four, and want you to -know,

that we had rather have his corpse

knowing that he did his duty in trying to rescue your daughter,

than have him alive without your daughter's safety. (Signed) R. T.

these charming hostesses.

ing games of 42 were played.

since High School days.

characteristic of her.

Paris.

Listen Again to J. W. Wright

"Cut and bound this season with a 6 ft. broad cast McCormick Binder about 250 acres of cane, good deal of it 10 and 11 feet high, getting \$1 per acre for all of it, all paid, and all but one crop paid in money. No trouble and but few extras."

This machine was afterwards sold and run for 8 or 10 years cutting all kinds of feed.

Do you want a machine of this kind?

Sherrill Bros. & Co.

Words of Condolence.

May 21,1913. My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Collins: At the request of Mr. Bullington I write you about how we pretty compliment of her friends happened to go to the Lake on in that bewitching manner so Saturday night.

> My mother, Mrs. Ella Bryan, and Mrs. Gebhart chaperoned a us and went out about 8 o'clock. After we had been there about one hour and a half, Sibyl, Miss Pauline Gebhart, and two boys

with them, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Richardson, went out for a boat ride, all four of them getting in one boat. Mother, Miss Gebhart, a Miss Bonner, myself and Sibyl were going to stay all night at the Lake Hotel. The last car left the pavilion at 11 o'clock, taking the rest of the crowd after the car left, about thirty or New Mexico before returning. forty minutes, I poesume, we heard the report that they were drowned.

The names of the party are as follows: Mrs. L. Gebhart, Mrs. Ella Brran, (chaperones), Pauline Gebhart, John Bomer, Mary Lou Sherrill, Vera Young, Mary Bryan, and Sibyl, Messrs. J. P. Anderson, E. L. Fulton, Ted Land, Jim Richardson and Mr. Stewart.

Words cannot express the grief and the sympathy we have

pleasure in doing it for you.

Yours very sincerely, Mary Bryan.

Subscribe for the Free Press.

A BIG CATTLE TRANSACTION

Col. C. W. Merchant will leave tonight or Tuesday for his Carlsbad. New Mexico ranch. He expects to be absent for about back to town. In a short time 30 days and will visit Roswell,

Col. Merchant goes to deliver 2000 head of cattle which he has sold for \$41.00 per head or a total of \$82,000.00 He reported his cattle all in fine condition and everything in good shape on his ranch.

"Old cows are worth money these days and the fellow who has a few on hand is lucky" said Mr Merchant.-Abilene Reporter.

Don't You Owe Yourself Something?

For beautifully illustrated for you. There is no earthly literature descriptive of the way of consoling you in this numerous splendid, home-like great sorrow. Consolation can and not unreasonably expensive only come from a higher power. resorts throughout Wonderful We all loved her so much. Colorado and along the Pacific She had a host of friends here, Coast, including the Great Coloand her death is mourned by rado Chautauqua at Boulderall who knew her. If there is the Beautiful', address A. A. crowd of us on a picnic at the anything further you want to Glisson, General Passenger Lake. We took our lunch with know or want done, I shall take Agent, "The Denver Road" Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacation in those directions are always worth more than they cost!

21-13t

THAT SPRING SUIT?



If Not, Why not join the many satisfied customers and wear CURLEE SUIT?

We have received the Third shipment and we would like for you to take a look at 'em.

These are known as the biggest values on the market for popular priced clothing

Ranging in Price from \$12.50 to \$25.00

Haskell

Texas

Like You Like

Summer time is here now and we are good and ready for it too in our store, because we have our large and Sanitary refrigerator full of ice and able to keep such eatables that ought to be kept on ice, and there is many things in the grocery store that ought to be kept

THIS WAY

We found this out long ago, and when you trade with us you will get the best, and the goods that are kept in the best way.

Ours is better than the law requires.

f. G. Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

Stewart, O. E. Stewart. The sentiment that prompted the above message has been a great consolation to Mr. Collins, his family and the many friends of Miss Sibyl in this city. The family and friends of Miss Collins have never at any time blamed the young man for the unfortunate accident but on the other hand appreciate his heroic effort to save

Most Prompt and Effectual Cure for Bad Colds.

When you have a bad cold you want a remedy that will not only give relief, but effect a prompt and permanent cure, a remedy that is pleasant to take, a remedy that contains nothing injurious. Chamberlains Cough Remedy meets all these requirements. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has a world wide sale and use, and can always be depended upon. Sold by All Dealers.

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Join us, We need you, and we believe you need us. Remem

bor, Life Insurance is a necessity, and not a luxury, and can only be obtained when death is apparently afar off,

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MASKELL, TEXAS, May 24, 1913.

Swat the fly, but better still disinfect the stables, which is the breeding place of the house fly.

How about that p a villion? Haskell needs one to accomodate the conventions, the big meetings and other occasions.

The Haskell merchants have been doing a heavy trade this spring, and if the prospects culmanate in fruition, the trade will be fine this fall.

Texas is having many conventions this year. The farmers are prospering and business is ther proposition of putting our good. With good crops this fall Navy and Army at the service prosperity will be universal all of American bankers, if they over the state.

Those who have not renewed their subscription to the Free Press are requested to come in promptly, as under the present postal regulations we can't carry delinquent subscribers as we have done in the past.

The Texas Press Association met last week at San Antonio. There was a big time shown the Press and fitting honors to the versatile profession. The meeting next year will be held at Wichita Falls.

wide importance and influence.

It takes two impressions, or. this service.

Raining In Texas.

The announcement that it was raining in Texas caused a flurry in New York cotton market, ac cording to press reports. When the cotton belt of Texas is dren ched with rain the bears scamp er to their dens and the bulls paw the earth. A rain in Texas is a world-wide event, far more important than the discovery o gold, the inauguration of rulers or the movement of battleships It is a messenger of charity and prosperity. It brings clothing to the world's poor, puts value in our securities and moves Eur opean gold to Texas. A rain is a good advertiser, a good provid er and makes us good dividers

The Dollar Diplomacy

When you read where Wilson repudiated the "dollar diplomacy," do you know what that means? It has heretofore been the policy of the Republican Party to pledge the use of force by the American Government to collect the loans, when neces sary, of the American citizens and bankers to the Chinese Government; and our President Woodrow Wilson, refuses to en ter into an arrangement which involves the proposition of our Government prescribing the kind of taxes the Chinese Gov ernment shall levy and the fur should need it for the collection of their debts.

A new era has dawned in American government under this ideal administration. Our President looks upon govern ment as an agency of horner and justice, rather than an ally of business-Free Lance.

The accumiation of wealth does not unbalance well-balanced peoually or suddenly. It is often the at Mr. Bryan and affirming as the learn something from the dryness case, as is the observation of all they were the final authorities on of his dinners." Bryan's Commoner is getting moderate circumstances have, by to be a state paper. It is full of the accident of fortune, or other- this right, and guests submit to comment whether they are "such political news and editorials cop- wise, become rich and affluent, ied from the leading journals that they at once assume an arisdealing with such questions, tocratic bearing and lordly mien, The fact that its editor holds the to the utter disgust of all rightimportant position of Secretary thinking people, but such people of State, has given it a world are not responsible for their conduct; it is due to cause over which they have absolutely no control.-Free Lance.

in other words a paper is fed If you do not furnish the houseby hand twice through the press fly a breeding place he does not before it is ready to mail out to increase. It was remarkable how a subscriber. It has to be free Haskell was of flies in the stamped with the address by first year of its settlement. Peohank, and in most country shops ple remarked that we were in has to be folded four folds by a region that the house fly did not aund, and to non-resident sub- infest. In those days there were scribers has to be wrapped. In no stables. The horses were kept four years we print for each sub- staked in the open and fed very scriber 209 papers, making 418 little. But in time the peoimpressions, *36 folds, stamp ple built stables and then it was the address 200 times, mail and demonstrated that the house fly pay postage on same 209 times. flourished in Haskell. Swat the We have several delinquent sub- breeding places. The authorities scribers for whom we have done on flies say swat the breeding places first.

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better story with a moral than to be very great." We read: the retiring British Ambassador, as for public honor." self to the ridicule and harsh crit- Globe says. icisms of newspapers in three con-

much to the American people." President, when the State port- laughed at." to Mr. Bryan's discretion.

way," with the courage of his temperance: and it hints that convictions. The Banner adds:

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> Bryan's dinner, the New York from his table. Christian Advocate (Methodist) vocate says in conclusion: The "Whatever Europe may think of ed by all thoughtful citizens."

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the practice of President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall not to serve spirituous liquors to guests, The United Presbyterian (Pittsburg) lauds Secretary Bryan and serve of the Administration its concessment of feeling?" nd says of the Administration itsconcealment of feeling.

wr. Bryan's Grape Juice Banquet. that it quickens the pulse to read of its "open lovalty to religious Secretary of State Bryan acted convictions and practices" The within his rights and sets a good Catholic Temperance Advocate example to the whole country, in (Chicago), the official organ of the unanimous opinion of the re- the Catholic Total Abstinence ligious press, by declining to serve Union of America, says that "the alcoholic beverages at his table, effect of Mr. Bryan's advocacy The Nashville Christian Advocate of temperance, while in a position (Methodist) says it knows of no of honor and power, can not fail

this one of a man who from boy. "He will deal with the reprehood grew up with "a strong con- sentatives of all the nations of the viction that the drinking of spirit- earth. The moral influence of uous liquors, including wine, is America for good or for ill has morally wrong." He abides by been greater than many of us his convictions through his career have realized. We believe the atin victory and in defeat. Now in titude of Mr. Bryan on the temone of the highest posts of the perance question will help to American Government, he finds make America stand more than it necessary to give a banquet to ever for private decency as well

the Hon. James Bryce, and to the Similar approbation of Mr. other members of the diplomatic Brvan's stand is to be noted in corps. Could he go contrary to papers of the lay press, which are the long established custom of at pains to defend him against providing wine at his table. The the strictures of their foreign Advocate asks, and submit him- contemporaries. The New York

"Mr. Bryan's dry dinners will tinents? This is just what he did, not cause unadulterated derision and the Advocate votes all honor in this country. Mr. Bryan is an to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, affirming unwordly man, no doubt, but that "their example will be worth even he must have known what would be said of his innovation. The comment, widespread and He knew, and he did not care. immediate, that followed the Believing that the world would Bryce dinner, remarks the Bos- be a better place without alcohol, ton Zion's Herald (Methodist) he thought ridicule not too high drew from Mr. Bryan a public a price for the privilege of testifystatement in explanation of his ing to his faith. This is an atposition. As this was the first tractive courage, of a kind few of dinner they had given to the us would be capable of if we occudiplomatic corps and as the guests pied Mr. Bryan's official position. were all from foreign countries. The knowledge of Mr. Bryan that he stated frankly before sitting the incident gives is in harmony down that he and Mrs. Bryan, with what we all knew about him. like their parents before them, And so one arrives at the paradox were total abstainers, and never that Mr. Bryan is less laughed at had liquor on their table. Mr. than he would have been if he Bryan had explained this to the had not known he would be

folio was offered to him, and Mr. Continuing, The Globe admits Wilson had left the drink matter that it feels moved to criticize one point-namely, that he regrets the Mr. Bryan's statement of his reasons for serving grape juice ment on the non-use of wine at a state dinner, instead of wine at a state dinner, says The Presbyterian Banner holds that the great publicity given to Mr. Bryan's dinner departure of Paddy Breen, and the properture of Paddy Breen, and (Pittsburg) met with the approval en to Mr. Bryan's dinner deparant all the time for everyone in the a saloonist.

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On the way to his death he said a cheerful tarewell to Charles (Pittsburg) met with the approval en to Mr. Bryan's dinner depar-"silence would imply a hope in "It is only some newspaper men Mr. Bryan's breast that foreign ple, whether it is acquired grad- and congressmen who are jeering ambassadors, for instance would it is impossible for them to get

"Hardly, yet that seems to be the effect of the comments upon On the question of the etiquette Mr. Bryan's adherence to a life of the absence of wine at Mr. long custom of barring liquor appetite and strengthen the di-

"There is nothing, however, in suggests that those who tremble Mr. Bryan's dry banquet to prefor the dignity of our nation, es- vent a thirsty diplomat from havpecially when the Secretary of ing his dinner with all the wet State has distinguished Europeans courses before he goes. Thus at his board, may calm themselves fortified, he ought to be able to "if they reflect on the importance survive the function. But failing of having men in charge of inter- that no guest need lack intoxicatnational affairs whose brains are ion if he lends an ear to the exnot muddled by alcohol." The Ad- hilarating eloquence of the host.'

fewer drinking men there are at grape juice at a State dinner," the the head of governmental affairs Baltimore Sun points out, "the in Washington, the greater will Bryans will suffer nothing in be the sense of security experienc. American esteem for carrying out their principles on this subject in Mr. Bryan's decision, says the their own house." Nor will ridi-Chicago Continent (Presbyterian) cule and satire disturb Mr. Bryan, has attracted more attention than asserts the St. Louis Globe-Dem-

"A man who has braved the is doing in the state Department. resentment of a thousand Demo-The newspaper correspondents cratic diners, at Democratic banseem to have been surprised at quets, in keeping his glass turn-Mr. Bryan's course, but there ed down while all the rest were Mr. Bryan's course, but there quaffing the nectars of the gods, would have been greater cause for will find it easy to endure the surprise if Mr. Bryan had done polite shoulder shrugs and raising violence to his well-known tem- of eyebrows which is as far as the refined gentlemen or the diplo Reminding us that it is also matic corps ever allow themselves

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on the Texas Cotton Crop, but ing Doan's Kidney Pills so highly the large yield in the State was, recommended I got a box and used in a measure offset by the partial them as directed. In a short time failure in other portions of the I was cured. I can highly recom-South which has had a tendency mend Doan's Kidney Pills to do all to keep up prices.

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Settled In Heaven-Perhaps

By M. QUAD

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Nobody could ever exactly fix the date when the dispute between Joab Warner and Moses Stansell originated. but it was generally concluded that it hated twenty-nine years before Providence put an end to it. One fall evening, when Delhi consisted of only seven houses and a huckleberry patch, Joab and Moses met at the postoffice, and after a little talk Joab said:

"Moses, I'm told that you've got a tolerable appetite for cider." "Yes, tolerable," admitted Moses. "You allus lay in a bar'l for winter?"

"I surely do." "And what do you put into it to keep It from gettin' bard and twangy?"

"I allus use a little peppermint." "I've heard you did, and I'm goin' to tell you of a better thing. Put in sassafras instead of peppermint, and you'll have a bar'l of cider equal to champagne. You know how folks cry for my cider along in the winter, and it's the sassafras what does it."

in workmanship, material and grateful to me all the rest of your

"I don't doubt you mean well, Joab, but I shall stick to peppermint."

"I'm givin' you sassafras. Moses." "And I'm givin' you peppermint,

"Waal, I wouldn't give peppermint to a grubby caif!"
"And I wouldn't give sassafras to an

That was the beginning of the dis-

"'Cause Mose Joab. "'Cause Joab is an idiot," replied

Moses. "That is not Christian talk." "Let him give up, then, and say he's

"He's the one that's got to give up." "But you will divide the church if you keep this up," warned the pastor. "I'd hate to see it," replied Moses, "but peppermint's the thing to preserve

"And I will never divide a church if tle two months' treatment, and body but a idiot would use peppermint Bassafras is the thing, parson-sassa

> "Peppermint, parson-peppermint!" "But if both are good"-"But they hain't!"

Almost every night in the year Joab and Moses met at the postoffice, and after sort of elbowing each other around for a spell Joab would say: "Why, hello, Moses, is that you? thought I smelt peppermint around

"And I smelt sassafras as soon as you left home!" Moses would reply. "Still stickin' to it, are you, that pep-

permint is the right thing to keep cider from gettin' too hard?" "I am, and allus I shall, and so would any one else but a born fool!"

There would be more to it, and's dozen men would go over the question and call each other fools and liars, and the trouble kept spreading. It beat Joab when he ran for supervisor, and it downed Moses when he wanted to be a deacon of his church. If a lightning rod man or a tin peddler showed up within ten miles of Jericho he was asked for his opinion on the cider question, and the man who favored peppermint couldn't do business with the sassafrasers. Many people tried to smooth over the quarrel, but when

they went to Joab he said: "I'm willin' enough to be friends with Moses, but, durn his hide, be's got to drop that peppermint business

Then they would go to Moses and talk and argue and point out his duty. but he would shake his head and reply: "It's no use talkin' till Joab lets go of sassafras. He's stickin' to it jest because he's pigheaded and wants to

come out on top. The thing had been going on for nearly forty years, and Joab and Moses had got to be grandfathers and old men, when they met at the postoffice for the last time. Both were tottering and feeble, and as they caught sight of

each other Joab called out: "It's that blamed peppermint workin' in your system, and I don't care how soon it takes you off!" "It's that sassafras in your blood." re-

plied Moses, "and your folks needn't expect me to come to your funeral!" The next day both of them were in bed, and after looking them over the doctor said their time had come to go. They lasted two weeks and died on the same day, but before dying Joab sent word to Moses:

"I ain't got no pity for such a critter. If you'd used sassafras you might have lived to be 100 years old." When Moses received the message

he braced up and sent back word: "Nobody wants any pity from you. If thar's cider in heaven they'll use peppermint to keep it from growin'

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A HOTEL THIEF

By LUCY K. WYNKOOP

When mother and I went to the city we always stopped at the Arlington hobel. It was in a quiet part of town and · hotel suitable for women.

We had finished one of these sojourns to the city during which we had done considerable shopping. I had packed to pack hers. Then I went back to my room. I found the door ajar, which I left the room, and in the center of the room saw a man standing, look ing rather dazed. I stood stock still. boking at him, when he said to me:

"Pardon me, I must have entered the

wrong room.

He was a very gentlemanifke young tellow and withal very handsomenothing at all like a thief-and I was shout to say something to make him feel more comfortable when I noticed that my trunk which I had left closed mood open and the articles I had laid to it carefully were much diserranged. I ran to it and found certain articlesparcels recently purchased-missing Then I was convinced that I had cought a thief in my room who protended that he was there by mistake. I went to the electric button and was about to press it when he seized my wrist and said:

"For beaven's sake, what are you soing to do?"

"Summon assistance." I didn't feel afraid of him. Why I don't know, uniese it was his manner, which was very deferential.

"You don't need assistance. And if you and I are caught here together in your bedroom the consequences will be unfortunate, to say the least. I assure you that I have got into the wrong ticular form do you refer?" moon."

"The has rebbed me?"

"Rebbed you?"

"Yes; articles are missing from that trank."

He at once turned his pockets inside out to show me that he did not have my property. Indeed, the lost articles were too bulky to be on his person, besides being quite valueless. I was puzzled.

"I don't understand ft." I said. "Nor I. But I'm not going to remain here to hunt for an explanation. Be-Here me, if I am found here it would reflect upon you, a woman, far more

than on me: a man." "Go;" I cried. "It is bad enough to be robbed without any additional mis-

fortune." He shpped out of the door and left me standing over my trunk, bewilder ed. My brain was filled with conflicttor conjectures concerning him. He bore the stamp of a gentleman, and yet surely be was a thief and by some

trick had got away with my property However, there was nothing for me to do, so far as I could see, but pocket my less and say nothing about it. This course commended itself to me, because if the man were innocent I did not wish to accuse him. The articles lost were not of sufficient value to make is worth while to appear against him in court, even if I could find him. which was not probable. Besides, if be were what he pretended to be it

might make trouble for me.

some months later I made another wip-to the city and with me was my nother, and while walking along the street met the man I had found in my room in company with a lady, whose appearance was as refined as that of the man. I remarked to myself that if he were a thief he certainly had very aristocratic looking associates. He saw me, recognized me and turned pale. But as we were face to face but a mement I could not see how lasting was bis emotion

One day when I was at home I saw in a paper an item headed "Capture of I do?" a Noted Hotel Thief." The article went on to say that a thief whose assurance was unlimited and who was master of all sorts of subterfuges had been caught in a certain hotel and had confissed, turning over plunder that he had been a long time accumulating. The description fitted the man I had found in my room at the Arlington, 1 gave up all idea of his innocence. It game me something of a pang to do so. and yet why I could not tell

A few days later I received a note from the proprietor of the Arlington. repeating what I had read in the newspaper and saying that packages bearing my name had been recovered. Should be send them to me or would I exil for them? The latter course was advised. I went immediately to the efty and to his hotel.

I identified some property as belong ing to me, and it was returned. I was enxious to see the thief, but could not get sight of him without going to jail. which I would not do. Before I left the landlord sent up to my room to know if I would meet blin in the ladies' parlor. I went down, and there beside the proprietor was the man I had found in my room.

"This is Mr. Brainard." said the proprietor, "who desires to offer you an apology for something that occurred in this house some time ago. Mr Brainard is a patron of my house and a gentleman of the best social stand-

ing." "I am exonerated," said Mr. Brainard, "and a mystery is explained This hotel thief who has been captured was in your room intentionally before I got into it by mbetalce."

in Mr. Braitmed I found a friend who has now been such many years.

The Final Argumen

Unrendered

By BELLE STORMS

It was the season when the roses bloom, and they were sitting together in a garden on a rustic bench enjoying the deilcious perfume. He had just proposed marriage, and it would seem that their surroundings would induce that fervor which is to be expected at such times, if, indeed, the case was one my trunk and gone into mother's room of mutual love. But the lady was above such influences. She was look ing at the step before her analytically surprised me, for I had closed it when The wherewithal to keep house together did not concern her, for each pos sessed a fortune. Her mind dwelt rather upon those matrimonial quicksands married persons are liable to fal into and which, though she knew them not, she dreaded.

"I confess," she said, "that I am predisposed in your favor, but"-

"But what?" "It is not marriage with you that causes me to pause. It is marriage itself ludeed, we hear more and more every day of the disadvantages of two persons binding themselves together for a lifetime. We hear a great deal of divorces, of marriage being a failare and lately of experimental marriage and independent marriage. These things indicate that the world has passed beyond that old fashioned union of the sexes wherein the man provides. the woman takes care of the home and the children, and domestic life is

like a field of growing cabbages." "Not a garden of roses, with their delicious perfume."

"And their thorns." What do you say to our entering upon independent marriage?"

"There are many marriage contracts that may be classed under the head of independent marriage. To what par-

"Suppose we consent to live together as man and wife; that we may not shock society and for the sake of our children we submit to a marriage ceremony. But to us it will be a form without meaning since we will live together only so long as we both desire to do so. The finances are kept separate."

A silence followed this suggestion during which the lady pondered and the man waited.

"I cannot see," she said, "that your proposal can alter the case. We will be on the same footing as other married persons."

"There is this advantage we will feel an independence, a freedom, that we would not feel if married under the understanding that the contract was till death do us part."

Again the lady maintained silence, turning the matter over in her mind Stretching out her hand, she grasped a rose growing near her and held its stem so that its waxen petals fel against her lips while she inhaled its

"I have a counter proposition to make." she said finally. "I will accept your proposal, it being understood that you are bound till death do us part, I to be free, as you have stated." It was now the man's turn to con-

sider. He said nothing for a time, though he gave a startled glance at his companion. He was young, and this was his first serious experience with womankind. The proposition that had tust been announced seemed a triffe one sided.

"Would you consider that an equitable arrangement?" he asked.

"Perfectly." Why so?"

perfume.

Because if we should not get on together-if you ill treated me. if any of the misfortunes of marriage should come upon us-I would be free to return to my present state." "And 1? What, in case of these

matrimonial misfortunes-what would

"These matrimonial misfortunes would not be my fault. Therefore you would have no occasion to exercise freedom."

He was a law student and had the day before listened to a lecture of an eminent jurist on "contracts." Is it to be wondered that this specimen of feminine jurisprudence in the abstract astonished him?

"I think," he said, rising, "that I would not care to enter upon matri mony with such an understanding." "Why so?" she asked, looking up at

him reproachfully. "It would avail nothing to give my reasons. I do not care to do so." "How absurd! Didn't I just give

you my reasons?" "Reasons" Do you call them rea

"Of course. Why not?" "Very well. I will give you mine am to be an attorney, perhaps some day a judge. What would I do with

justice in court and such want of jus-

tice at home? Goodby." He had taken but two or three steps when he heard a sound. Turning, he saw her holding her handkerchief to her eyes, while convulsive sobs shook her. He went back, drew down the

hands and kissed away the tears. "You see," she said, still weeping. "that I was right. Just think of being tied to a man who would treat me so!"

"Sweetheart, I'll never do it again." He did in time become an eminent judge. His decisions were always confirmed by the upper courts. But when he went home he left justice in the rourtroom. And yet his wife said to him one day:

"I don't see how a man can be a judge with so little idea of the rights of his wife."

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He Left a Clew Behind Him

By GROVER J. GRIFFIN

I was down on my luck and altogether discouraged. I had come to the city six months before with \$400 in my pocket to look for a position. A but \$7 was gone, and I had not found the waters as indicated and brought the position. Besides, I owed a board within the field of view a ship's boat, bill which I couldn't pay. I decided now raised high on the crest of a wave to go home, but didn't like to remove and now sinking low in the trough. my baggage without paying my in- Whenever it was inclined sidewise todebtedness, so I left my trunk and all ward me I could see lying motionless my clothes except what I absolutely on the bottom the body of a woman. needed. These I rolled in a bundle I gave an order to put the ship's bow and carried out under my arm. I would write my landlady from home its contents. that I had left and was not coming back.

to spare for the luxury of a satchel. I found a man in the store looking at some buit cases. He bought one and transferred some clothing and a package to it from a suit case that I thought as good as the one he purchased and asked the storekeeper to throw the latter away. As soon as he was gone I asked the storekeeper what he would take for the case that had been left. and when he said 50 cents I bought it.

I did not notice till I was boarding the train that it was marked on one end with the letters "E. R. N.," and then my attention was called to them by a man standing near the car steps looking at them with considerable attention. He followed me in, took a seat directly behind me and, pulling out a newspaper, began to read. It was not till we had left the city limits that he leaned forward and said:

"How are you, Nayler?" "My name is not Nayler," I said. "You are mietaken in your man."

"You are Edward Nayler, alias Bill Shanks, alias Pete Devon, and you don't want to deny it with your initials on the end of your suit case. The only thing that puzzles me is that you should attempt to get away with the swag with such a dead give away about

I told the man hew I had come to buy the suit case and, opening it, show. ed him that it contained nothing but ciethes. He believed my story and at once asked me if I would know the man to whom the case had belonged. I told him I would. Then he said that the fellow had been a value in an immensely wealthy family and had walked off with some \$80,000 worth of jewels. A maid in the same service who was implicated in the theft had confeesed to my informant that Nayler established—the three letters on the be would doubtless be disguised, "He will probably wear the same clothes and make up as when you saw him in abundantly provisioned, and the girl the trunk store," added the man behind had been well supplied with wraps. me, "for he wouldn't have had time to make a change. I wish you would go through the train and spot him."

The man who was working for a reward of \$20,000 offered for the recovery of the jewels dickered with me for some time, offering me amounts ranging between a tenth and a half of all he was to get out of it. I closed with that some person or persons who had him on a half, and, going rapidly through the train to the baggage car, I turned and walked back slowly, looking carefully at every one. I recognised my man in the next car ahead of the one I had been riding in.

"What is there in it for me?" I asked.

My friend-Dawson was his namewas delighted, and, taking some paper wrote an agreement to pay me what of success. Then we changed our seats was glad to have some one to lean upon arrest a man, and at our first stop I by the result. got out and sent it, having first arrang-ed with the conductor to hold the train

On approaching the place where the arrest was to be made I stood at the front door and Dawson at the rear, so would leave the train at that point we felt confident, for the conductor had informed us that his ticket would carry him no farther. If he did not we were to hail a policeman from the platform.

Our man left the car by the front door. I followed him and saw several men in police uniform looking up at the train. I beckoned one of them and pointed out Mr. Nayler. He was the most surprised man I ever saw. He turned as white as a sheet, and when one of the policemen took his suit case from his hand I thought he would drop. We took him to a police station, where his suit case was opened, and I saw the package he had transferred in the trunk store. The outside wrapper being taken off disclosed a box and inside the box a display of jewelry worthy of the window of a high grade jeweler's sbop.

Well, we all returned to the city together, where our captive was landed in fall. I went back to my boarding house and said nothing about having started for home. In due time the reward was paid-half to Dawson and half to me. Then I started for home again, but this time with my baggage. When I recurred to the city I set up a detective office and have been since reasonably successful.

THE CASTAWAY

By SUSAN YOUNG PORTER

"Boat on the starboard quarter." cried the lookout.

I was first officer of the Helen Drew and on duty. With my glass I swept toward it and when within a reasonsble distance sent a boat out for it and

On its return I ordered the boat raised to the main deck, and the body was On my way to the station, passing a immediately lifted out. It was that of trunk store, I thought I would go in a young girl not more than seventeen and buy a cheap bag in which to care years old. The ship's doctor at once ry my belongings. My ticket to my made an examination to determine if bome would be \$5.50, so I hadn't much she were dead and reported signs of life. She was removed to a cabin and by the united efforts of the doctor and the stewardess was restored to consciousness.

When she seemed sufficiently recov ered to be questioned she was asked how she came to be in an open boat at sea, but could remember nothing about her lonely voyage or any of her past

I made a personal examination of the boat in which she had come to us in order to identify the ship to which it had belonged. It was an old one and had either not been painted for some time or had been so weather beaten that the paint was very much worn. The stern had been jammed against something, and but few of the letters of the name were legible. This was many years ago, before it became the universal custom to paint the ship's name on both sides of the stem of the boat. I could make out the first, fourth and eighth letters. The other five were either partially or entirely obliterated. Those I could read were N T S. I think that if I had been familiar with the names of marine animals I might have hit upon the name.

We had started from Boston on a cruise around the world, taking in the Cape of Good Hope, Japan, the Hawattan Islands, San Francisco and other American ports. We picked up the girl after having left the cape, and since we were approaching countries which were then barbarous there was nothing to do but keep her with us. In a couple of weeks she had recovered ber health, but not her memory.

Being nearer her age than any other of the officers, I became more companionable with her. There were only two clews by which her identity might be was to leave the city on that train, but stern of the boat in which she had been picked up and two letters on her underclothing. The boat had been From these facts I argued that after an accident, collision, fire or other disaster she had been put in the boat with a number of others. She was not likely to have been turned adrift alone. and the supply of provisions had origimally been sufficient for a number of persons. This feature of the problem has never been solved. My theory is the girl in charge, in order that she might have all the provisions, after a certain date committed suicide by jumping overboard. Possibly such an act might have been the result of delirium.

It is to be supposed that a young man of twenty-three making a voyage and a fountain pen from his pocket, he around the world with a girl of seventeen would fall in love with her. Such he had verbally agreed to pay in case was the case with me, and the poor girl into the next car forward, where we in her lonely condition. I told her that could keep an eye on Mr. Nayler, she need not fear for anything since Dawson wrote a telegram to the chief she belonged to me. At the end of our of police at the first large place on our voyage we would do all in our power route to have a force at the station to to find out her identity and be guided

We spent hours together working over the letters on the stern of the boat in which she had drifted. The captain had a dictionary among his books, and we undertook to make a check against every noun beginning with N. Having that from whichever door he went out the relative position of all the letters we could keep track of him. That he was a great advantage, and having the

first letter was even a greater help. We found a number of words of eight letters beginning with N, but the one that fitted the conditions exactly was Nautilus, and it was the only one that was a proper word for the name of a ship. It must be remembered that ships have often been named for a person, and these names are not to be found in a dictionary. However, we believed that Nautilus was the name of the ship in question, and we would learn of such ship on reaching our home port.

We were not disappointed. The ship Nautilus of Providence, R. I., bad sailed from there and had never been heard of afterward. I took the castaway to that city to learn that her father had been a sea captain, and, his daughter Alice being in poor health, he had taken her on a voyage with him. Since she was the only person saved and had lost her memory no further explanation was forthcoming.

Alice found a mother whom she did not remember. It was sad that, having her daughter unexpectedly returned to her, the girl should not be able to respond to her caresses. But Alice did all she could to comfort her mother, remaining with her till three years later, when she married me,

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A TERRIBLE SUSPENSE

By EDWARD L. BISSELL

How persons whose daily work carries with it the sufety of the lives of other persons ever became accustomed to it I don't know. I have been one of them, and I couldn't do it, though I confess I had an experience that took away all my confidence. Those I refer to are engineers pilots and the like. I was a druggist. I was obliged to put up prescriptions all day and often at night. Most of them were harmless, but in some were ingredients calculated if given in large enough doses to kill. We had a system about the polsons, but I defy any system ever invented to work every time Sooner or later something will go wrong with it.

I was putting up a poison one day for vermin killing purposes. I had an engagement to meet my wife at a milway station at a certain hour to go to the country with our little boy, who was ill and who we feared was slowly dving. It is such situations as this that will break through systems and cause accidents. I had just so many minutes to reach my train and put up two prescriptions, the one a poison the other harmless. My mind was preoccupied. If I should not reach the station in time my wife with our sick child would be in great distress. was thinking of her while ! was doing my work and delivering the packages to the two different persons, who were waiting for them. This done, I seized my hat and ran for the station.

I barely renched it in time, and, having put my family aboard the train, sat down beside them, mopped my brow and my mind settled back to what I had been doing before I left the store. A horrible suspicion came to me. I doubted if I had not given the poison to the wrong person. Another suspicion followed on the heels of the first, Had I not neglected to paste the label marked "Poison" on the bottle?

My first impulse was to jump off the train, though it was moving at a rate of fifty miles an hour. This, of course. I controlled. I must remain for no one knew how long in suspense. I had intended to stay a week with my wife in the country before leaving her there, but I now resolved to return the next day. If the blow was to fall upon me I preferred that it should fall while I was at my post than when away. Besides, I hoped that work would help to relieve me of the burden on my mind.

Not being willing to give my wife an additional trouble, I refrained from confiding to her my horrible suspicion, but I told her that we were so busy at the store that I would be obliged to go back the next day. This in itself was a bitter disappointment to her, and when the time came for my departure my boy was so ill that I lost much of my worry on account of my suspected blunder in my worry about

Several days passed, and I heard nothing indicating that any one had taken poison, though I studied the newspapers regularly, seeking for what I feared to find. Then it occurred to me that the poison might have been taken, but the one who had swallowed it saved. The blunder might have been reported at the store; but, owing to my distressing situation, they might for a time withhold the facts.

A week passed. My boy was much better, and I returned to the city. On the way while scouring a newspaper as usual my eye fell on a heading. "Fatal Mistake of a Druggist." I could read no more. I covered my eyes with my hands and groaned. Thrice I tried to muster up courage to read my fate, but was unable to do so and at the end of my journey left the newspaper in the train. Time enough to know all that had happened when I go to the store.

When I went to the store there was no evidence of anything having happened. I didn't dare ask about the case of poisoning I had seen in the newspaper, for the druggist might not have been located, and there was no use in giving myself away. But I

worried all the same.

The two customers to whom I had given the medicine were an old man and a young woman. The poison was intended for the man, the ordinary dose for the young woman. I believed I had given her the poison. Her features were firmly fixed on my mind, though I had never seen her before, she being not a regular but a casual customer. I did not suppose that she was getting the medicine for herself, for she was the picture of health.

One morning I heard the store door close, and, looking up, there was this woman coming straight for me. My imagination pictured her with an accusation of murder in her eye. My heart stopped beating. I stood waiting for the blow to fall. She stood before me on the other side of the counter. With an effort I controlled myself, though I am sure I was deadly pale.

"Did you sell me some medicine about two weeks ago?"

"Polson?" I gasped.

"Polson: No. medicine! I want you to give me some more of it—the same kind—I can't recall its name."

Oh, the happiness of that moment: The same afternoon I went to the country, and my little boy, quite restored came running to meet me. Then I told my wife what a foolish worry I had been through.

A SINGULAR DUEL

By GEORGE ATWATER

I was attending a vaudeville show one evening in a small town in Nevada wherein a part of the performance was knife throwing. Dan Weathertil throw the knives at a board against which his wife stood, sending a knife about two inches from her body till they marked her outline. The performers were a young couple, and Mrs. Weathertil was very pretty.

Such performances were not to my taste, and instead of watching this one I looked elsewhere. Weatherill had pinned his wife in with knives al most completely when what was supposed to be an accident occurred. But it had a definite cause which I, looking up at a stage box directly opposite the knife thrower, witnessed I saw a man partly concealed by a curtain take something from his pocket that at first I supposed to be a pistel. He turned it in the direction of Weatherill, but not taking sight as with a weapon. I best of my knowledge and belief. saw a flash of light from one end of the thing in the fellow's hand, which I now saw was a cylinder, and almost instantly there followed a cry from the audience. Turning my eyes upon Weatherill I saw him give a momentary ginnee up at the box where I had seen the light, then run forward to his wife. I noticed that one knife sticking in the board near his wife's side was out of line. She smiled at him to show him that she was unburt.

I think I was the only person in the audience who was cognizant of the cause of the knife being thrown amiss, for every eye except mine was at the time of the flash fixed intently on what was going on on the stage. To me all was at once plain. The man in the box had flashed an electric light in Weatherill's eyes at the moment he was throwing a knife with intent to cause him to injure his wife. The curtain was lowered, and when it was raised again the next piece on the program was produced.

After the show I asked where Weatherill was stopping and found him in the lobby of his hotel. I told him that I had witnessed the attempt of the man in the box and asked if he would give me the reason for the man's inhuman act. He said that it was the old story of a man turned down by a girl and marrying his rival At the same time Weatherill apologized for his wife's ever having been mixed up with such a man by saying that it was all the man's doings, he having forced himself upon the woman. I asked Weatherill if I could be of service to him as a witness, and after considerable thought be said that very likely I could.

The next evening curiosity led me to attend the show again. I wondered if the Weatherills would have the hardihood to repeat their performance and if the man who had flashed the light would be there. Both of these occurred, though the light flasher this time occupied a box facing the wife instead of the husband. I did not see him till the knife throwing commenced, and then he drew aside the curtains only sufficiently to show

Weatherill had about balf pinned in his wife and was about to throw the next knife when suddenly he turned and sent the knife at the box where his enemy sat. Of course there was a commotion in the audience.

Thought will sometimes act with lightning rapidity. It was so at this time for me. I saw that Weatherill would be tried for murder and could only get free by producing evidence that his enemy had tried to destroy his aim the night before with a view to cause him to kill his wife. I sprang to the box and, pushing my way through others to the injured man, searched him and found in his pocket an electric lamp. The audience and I had witnessed a duel, fought in two

As soon as a policeman came in I gave him the lamp, and I noted the names and addresses of those who had seen me remove it from the wounded man's pocket. He was carried to his hotel, but died on the way.

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Weatherill, leaving the theater, walk ed to a police station and gave himself up. He was taken to jail, and I went to see him to inform him that I had taken an electric lamp from his enemy's pocket and had the names of several who had seen me do so. He grasped, my hand with a fervent pressure, realizing the favor I had done him, for my having seen the flash the night before which caused his knife to go amiss and the fact that his enemy had the lamp ready for use when he was killed would be sufficient evidence for

an acquittal by any unblased court. The man who had been killed was a leader of a rough element who threat ened to take Weatherill out and lynch him, but the sheriff prepared for them, and, feeling sure of a conviction of the prisoner, they finally concluded to let the law take its course. But they did not know of the testimony I was to give. Indeed, if I had not happened to be looking away from the stage and in a certain direction on the evening the lamp was flashed I fear nothing could have saved Weatherill. As it was, my story was corroborated by the finding of the lamp in the pocket of the man

Weatherill and his wife could not do enough to show their gratitude for my action in the matter and we became warm friends. But there was no more knife throwing for I took Weatherill into my employ

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I certify upon my official cath that the foregoing delinquent tax rolls for the year 1910 is a true and correct list of delinquent taxes for the year 1910, as is shown on resident, non-resident and unrendered rolls for said year, made up by myself, assessor and collector for the city of Haskell, Texas, for that year, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

April 14th, 1911.

THE FREE PRESS

THE new Postal Laws have forced us so near the cash-inadvance system, that The Free Press management has determined to adopt this policy this Fall. We believe it will be more satisfactory to our subsrcibers, and we know it will save us many dollars.

We have begun to collect up and get in shape to put the cashin-advance policy in operation, and our subscribers are coming in,
paying up or remitting in a most satisfactory way. We expect to
get in nearly all we have out. Of course there are a few who have
been getting The Free Press for years by paying a little and disputing the balance of their subscription account. We have learned such as these and they will be eliminated as subscribers, or
will have to pay just as other people have paid. We have had as
many games worked on us as any paper, and we know how they
are worked. We can tell an old trick as soon as it is sprung.

We notice another thing when we send out bills: Those who appreciate The Free Press, respond. If they have not the cash to spare, they make a courteous response anyway, and promise to pay as soon as they can, but the fellow who wants service for nothing, treats the matter as a joke.

The time has come when we all must pay our just bills, and we are going to expect our subscribers to be more prompt in the future than in the past.

The Free Press has a long list of appreciative subscribers, as well as a fine commercial patronage, for all of which we feel grateful.

Now if you owe us anything on subscription, we will thank you to pay as soon as you can and we assure you we will appreciate your promptness.

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AS OTHERS SAW US AT THE CONVENTION

As I believe the time to scatter roses is while our friends are feel that we are brothers; that alive and with us. I feel it my duty as well as privilege to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy shown us by the people of Haskell on that great occasion. Great? yes great, because it created in every song loving heart a new interest in the songs of praise to our Lord, the giver of all good. Great because it brought us together as brothers, as friends, as neighbors, as nothing else could do. Great because you could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in every prayer, every song, every speech and love and good cheer in every all good. eye, in every hand clasp, and in all and everything that was done, and it made us feel good the beginning to the end. to be there.

noon Saturday, by auto from Throckmorton.

At three in the afternoon we went to the Baptist church Not one rowdy, not one with the the association, which entitled where the meeting was held, smell of liquor did I see, which them to four delegates in the asfeeling like lost sheep, but we speaks more for the good name were not there long until some of the county than could be of the big hearted fellows found us, and such a hearty welcome as we received, there was nothing short about it. We were assigned to good homes and made to feel at home, and right here I want to thank our hosts for us, but I have not the words to express myself, but some day I hope to have the opportunity to show you better than I can tell you. Well it is no use to try to tell it all, you that were there know, and the rest will have to go next time, and see and hear for themselves.

I think the good people of Haskell did their very best to make the convention a success, and they did if I am any judge. I could see but one thing lacking and that was a building to accommodate the vast crowd that was there, but I am sure it will not be the case next May, for everywhere as the best remedy men and women would feel amfelt the need of a building, and and also for burns, bruises and always have a good appetite, if I was told by several men that they would build a tabernacle before the next convention boils. Reduces inflamation and they would do the sensible thing for health—take Electric Bitters, Nothing better for the stomach, before the next convention before the next con terest to have it from a business as well as a social standpoint. These gatherings together of the

people of town and country. mixing and mingling together, freely and without reserve, as as they did on Saturday and Sunday of the Convention brings us closer together and makes us we are friends and that we are dependent on each other, that State Fireman's Association, no one can live to himself, that the only true happiness comes This was our boys' first attendfrom making others happy, and while you have been to lots of was a great trip to them. trouble and expense to prepare About fifteen boys from here for this convention, I am sure you are glad you did it, and sorry ing at Wichita Falls Tuesday aftyou could not do more. I con- ernoon, May 13th they were consider it a good advertisement ducted to the secretary's office for town and country, and will return to you four-fold the cost and trouble, to say nothing of pleasure and the upbuilding of the Lake, Glass Factory and interest in song and praise to other amusements arranged for to the glory of God, the giver of

This, I am afraid will find its We arrived at Haskell about way to the waste basket, but I want to congratulate Haskell and Haskell county for the good order, and good behavior of all. T. R.

> What a Baptist Preacher Did This is to certify that I have used one box of Hunt's Cure for a skin trouble, and same cured me after using about \$8.00 worth of other ointments and salves. Noth-Hemphill, Texas.

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HASKELL FIRE BOYS HAD A GOOD TIME

In our last issue of the Free Press made mention of a number of our fire boys attending the which met at Wichita Falls. once at a state meeting, and it were in attendance and on arrivwhere each one registered and received his credential, which entitled them to a free pass to the Association. After viewing the ways of the fire boys and Our visit to your town on this learning more of the proceedings occasion was one pleasure from of the association composed of men who have the preservation of life and property at heart, our boys became anxious to become members of this great body of fire-fighters, and the three Haskell companies joined sociation and transportation for four delegates to the next convention which will meet at Victoria in 1914.

The Haskell boys feel that they derived much benefit from attending this convention, and desire to thank each one and all of those who contributed towards I want to thank our hosts for ing like Hunt's Cure for Skin of those who contributed towards the kindness and courtesy shown trouble. Rev. H. T. Sizemore, their expenses. It was money well spent.

Those who attended the convention from here were: Mayor T. C. Cahill, John Ellis, chief; Jack Simmons, captain of Company No. 1; John R. Mauldin, captain of Company No. 2, W.

O. Killingsworth, secretary, Jim Killingsworth, Lee Killingsworth, Jesse Smith, Will Collier, Mark Whitman, H. A. Farmer, Alex Edwards, Frank Robertson, J. V. Hudson, Matthew Alexander, and J. W. French, fire marshal.

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> Eyes Sunken With Pain Three years ago I had a very bad spell of neuralgia which caused my eyes to become sunken and bloodshot with pain. Hunt's Lightning Oil was recommended and after using, the pain left and has not returned; says A. M. Coffey, 316 Van Buren Street, Letchfield, Ill. This wonderful medicine is

sold by all druggists everywhere. Absence of ocupation is not rest.-Cowper.

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Dodson's Liver Tone Acts Mildly, but Surely. Livens Up the Liver and You Stay on Your Feet

It is the experience of calomel users that if they take enough of the drug to have the desired effect it seriously interferes with their work the day after. But this is the least important item, for calomel is often a dangerous drug and acts on the system violently.

Don't take chances with calomel. Get a bottle of the pleasant, sate and perfectly harmless Dodson's Liver 1 one, guaranteed to take the place of calomel. Instead of making you teel worse the next day it makes you feel better-and you actually are better, for no remedy in the whole world livens up the liver, regulates the bowels and really rejuvenates the system any better than this dose.

You are the sole judge of its merits. The Corner Drug Store is fully authorized to hand you back your money without question if it fails to please you and relieve

Remember, if you feel constipated and bilious, what you need is Dodson's Liver Tone. A large bottle and a good guarantee for 50 cents from the Corner Drug

An exchange says: "If men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is necessary—surgar is a luxury. can be no reason why ladies should Vicious men are salt-perter; stern have to suffer with headaches and men are rock salt; nice men are neuralgia, especially when Hunt's table salt. Old maids are brown Lightning Oil gives such prompt relief. It is simply a question of getting the ladies to try it. All druggists sell Hunt's Lightning pulverized sugar. Please pass the pulverized sugar.'

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ise."Detroit Free Press.

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"In China the oath of brothera lawyer,"-Chicago Record-Her- our cook would be sealed to us for lent milk cows. life."-Kansas City Journal.

STRAYED STOLEN

From my Ranch 4 miles North of Haskell, Two weeks ago, One light brown filly, Two years old, about 14½ hands high, Unbranded, has one white hind foot and white spot in forehead.

Will give \$10 reward for return or information leading to recovery of same.

Mrs. J. B. Tompkins Phone 159. Haskell, Texas

Missionary Notes

The last lesson in our reading course was given Monday evening. We hope to have a review on the book soon. Our ladies seem much impressed with the facts brought out, we trust the interest may not die, but that country. We fear that some of our members are not sure of the

Next Monday will be our literary day. Mrs. Morton will be lican. leader. We feel sure a good programme will be given, for she never does things by halves.

During 1912 there was an actual increase of 603 auxiliaries and 12,672 members in our Home Department. These are figures taken from the Conference Secretary's report. The Treasurer's report shows the collections as a total to be \$191,461.42. Can you get in a better work-be a missionary, if not a Home, be a Foreign—at any rate be a mis- Dealers.

The council meeting in Birmingham Ala., April 9-17 was a success from the first evening, service up to the moment the President announced the adjournment. The third annual session of the Bible and Mission School is to be held at the Methodist Dormitory, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex. June 3-13 under directions of W. M. Society. Press Reporter.

Constipation Cuured Dr. King's New Life Pills will relieve constipation promptly and get your bowels in healthy condition again. John Supsic, of Sanbury. Pa., says: "They are the best pills I ever used, and I advise everyone to take them for constipation, indigestion and liver complaint." Price 25c. Recommended by West Side Drug Store.

Statistics of Our Dairying Industry

The Federal Census Bureau has just announced reports by Counties on dairy products. Mother-"Don't cry, dear. Which Have you had many proposals?" The annual milk production of "Oh, but not one from man Haskell County is 841,679 gallons Dear—"The one with the black worth suing for breach of prom- and 348,218 pounds of butter is Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by made annually. The reports all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for con-County that have an aggregate value of \$190,720 and there are tomobile and a yacht?" "Yes, he hood is taken by breaking a cup." 2,193 yearling heifers in the is even richer than that. He keeps "If that worked in this country, county, which will make excel-

> The annual dairy production of Texas is 30 per cent less than consumption. The value of the annual dairy production of Texas is \$20,162,500.

Calomel is Bad

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial convinces. [In Yellow Tin Boxes Only.] Tried once used always.

A Good Show

The colored ministrels were witnessed by a large and appreciative audience here last Tuesabout day evening. It is very seldom we get to see as good a ministrel show as this except in larger cities. The darkies were right there, both in singing aud dancing and were encored to almost every number. The show carries a fine brass band which rendered some excellent music. -Genesco Post.

Haskell Wednesday May 28th.

One Good Trait Anybow.

The remnant of the devilish anp deprayed Republican party must understand this much from the beginning. Our party may not be wise in all things, but, thank the Lord, we are pure.—Houston

For Sale.

I have several hundred bushels of good heavy corn, almost clear smut, at 60 cents per bushel, at my farm one mile east of Munday. S. A. Bowden. Telephone Connections. 20-2t-p Subscribe for the Free Press.

The Busby's Minstrels, under the management of J. M. Busby, were here last night and their fine large tent was crowded with people who enjoyed the entertainment. They have a good band, and give a clean show in our work we may be of some Mr. Busby is a gentlemanly help to keep this sin out of our fellow and his performers are colored people who behave well out of the tent and their acting hour of meeting, judging from in the tent is all that is claimed the attendance. We meet at 4 for it. It is worth the money o'clock sharp. Don't be absent, if you enjoy laughing, and who you lose interest, to say nothing does not? This Minstrel Comof how the president or leader pany will get a large attendance when they return for another engagement.-LaCross Repub-

Busby's World's Greatest Minstrels pleased a large audience here last night. They have the best colored show that has been here for a long time. - Atica Current.

Haskell Wednesday May 28th.

Care for Stomach Disorders.

Disorders of the stomach may be avoided by the use of Cham-berlain's Tablets. Many very re-markable cures have been effected by these tablets. Sold by All

Accidentally Shot

Last Tuesday night, Ned Roberts, a drayman was in the North Side market, and a gun that had been deposited by a customer, fell over and was discharged, the ball passing through Mr. Roberts leg, breaking the bone above the ankle. The gun was a 30-30 and the bullet a steel jacket. The bullet had struck something and glanced.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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We, the undersigned, have
known F. J. Cheney for the last
fifteen years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. National Bank Of Commerce,

Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inblood and mucous surfaces of the

stipation.

A Card of Thanks.

We desire, through the columns of the Free Press, to express our heartfelt thanks to those who rendered such great assistance, and priceless sympathy, during the terrible ordeal through which we have passed, in the death of our daughter and sister, Sibyl. May you all have such should a similar misfortune come to you. J. W. Collins and Famiy.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

The Brute.

Co-Ed-"What tense do I use when I say, 'I am beautiful'?" Bold Soph-"Remote past."-

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You will make no mistake by buying one of these Refrigerators. They are made of Ash, Golden Oak finish, Enameled and Zinc finish. Eight walls of insulation. Automatic Trap, Built In Water Cooler, makes it the best.



Cream Separators

We can furnish you from \$35 to \$65.

One Separator and five cows are equal to six good cows.

Separate your cream and get your wife an Oil Stove for Summer.

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Classified Column

Black eyed peas, no weavels, for seed or to eat. Write or were present to witness the

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An Excellent Performance

Busby's Minstrels played to a crowded tent last night. They were by far the best minstrels that ever visited this city under canvas. They have an excellent performance, especially the dancing, while the old time minsrel performance and songs delighted the audience. They carry a fine band and are a tuneful, musical, talented crowd.—Yates Center Advocate. Haskell Wednesday May 28th.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

Special Train Excursion to Yellowstone National Park

Join the Southern Methodist University's Second Annual Personally-Conducted Special-Train Excursion to Yellowstone National Park. It is easily America's Greatest Scenic and Health-Getting Trip and will leave Fort Worth July 4th. Total Expense \$110 to \$140.

For particulars, including literature illustrative of the numerous interesting sights and unusual experiences to be enjoyed, write Frank Reedy, Manager, Care Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Married

The marriage of Mr. Charlie Rodgers and Miss Bernice Martin took place at the Cornith school house on the 10th inst., Rev. S. F. Hawkins officiatiating A number of relatives and friends ceremony. The Free Press joins many friends in expresssions of best wishes.

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A Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere house for two, four miles south thanks to our neighbors and of Haskell. Route three, box friends for their assistance and 21 4tp sympathy during the recent severe illness of our little son. F. T. Sanders and Wife.

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Hello Editor and Chats. If you will give us space we will step in and chat awhile.

Health of our community is very good at present.

Mrs. Elia Fulier and little Saturday. daughters spent Tuesday with Mrs. Cauthen.

Miss Susian Hood of Post com- noon. munity is visiting Mrs. Patterson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore enter- Sunday morning. tained the young tolks of this All report a fine time.

Haskeli.

Callie May McClusty and little and Mary Kretschmer. brother of Rule have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. W. Harlson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore spent a few days last week with Frank Elmore and wife of Post community.

Misses Eula and Rilla Kennamer visited Mrs. Briden Friday after-

Mr. J. D. Rohdes spent Saturday night with Elzie Harwell.

Quite a crowd of young folks visited at Mr. D. M. Grosse's Sunday afternoon. There were, Misses, Daisy and Essy Chandler, Laura and Binnie Cauthen, Messrs. Elzie Harwell, J. D. Rhodes, Atley Harkson, Eugene McLennan, Guss Patterson

Miss Mary Harlson returned Saturday after a short visit with her aunt Mrs. McClusty of Rule.

Clyde Gross and Eugene Mc-Lenan attended the party at Will Bland's Friday night.

Mrs. Lena Cauthen and Mrs. Pearl Elmore visited Mrs. Rhodes Saturday.

Mrs. Briden visited Mrs. Elmore a short while Monday afternoon. Bob Cauthen made a business trip to Stamford Saturday.

Mrs. A. S. Rhodes visited Mrs. P. C. Patterson Friday eve. Mrs. G. W. Haralson was in Rule

Saturday. Give us our bonnets and we will be going.

Two Bashsul Girls.

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives ou aris and builds up the system. A true tonic sure Appetiser. For adults and children, 500

Extra Session, National Congress, Tariff Revision, etc. Special Announcement.

The most popular general news and farm paper in Texas is The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News. something for all of them, and the Junction News. best to be had at any price. The Haskell Free Press and Semi-Weekly Farm News will be sent a whole year to any address for \$1.75. We accept and receipt for all subscriptions at this office. We do all the ordering and take all

Airkoale

Dear Editor and Chats: Health of the community is very good.

Mrs G. F. Atchison and Miss Lelia Jeanes were in the city

Bro. Lipscombe filled his regular appointment Sunday after-

Mrs. W. R. Hunt, and son Bry an, attended church at Roberts

Among those who attended place with a party Saturday night. the dance at Mrs. Maellor's of Irby community were Misses Le-Mr. and Mrs B. F. Chandler lia Jeanes, Nora Turnbow, Mrs. spent Saturday night and Sunday G. F. Atchison, Mesars. Earl Mcwith their uncle, Mr. Bishop, of Neil, Frank Kennedy, Bruno Koch and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Atchison

> The Kirkdale School closed Thursday, May 15th with a picnic. The picnic was in Mrs. I. W. Kirkpatrick's pasture one-half mile east of the school house. Everyone enjoyed themselves fine. It came a shower of rain, but it takes sunshine and rain to make happiness, so it was a pleasant day to all.

> Miss Lelia Jeanes spent a short while with Miss Annie Ruth Hall Wednesday afternoon.

> Miss Hettie Kennedy was guest of Miss Grimsley. Sunday Mrs. W. R. Hunt and daughter Bertha, were in the city Friday. Robert and Earl Kennedy spent

> Floyd Grimsley. Mr. Nixon Hallmark was a pleasant caller at Mr. G. F. Atchison's Sunday.

Sunday morning with Ira and

Miss Anna Kuth Hale left Friday for Dublin, Texas.

Mr. Earl McNeill spent Saturday night with Frank Kennedy. Brown Eyes

Busby's Ministrels Won Loud Ap plause

The best tented show seen in Grand Junction in a long time, was produced last evening when the ministrels owned and produced by J. M. Busby appeared before a crowd that packed the seats. The show is full of tuneful and humorous acts and keeps the audience in a roar of laughter from start to finish. The singing had all the fascinating qualities which only the negro can impart, won loud applause. The band yesterday entertained the crowd at the parade and won many compliments for their ex-

cellent grade of music. The wardrobe of the company is exceptionally fine and the It is read by more people than silk and velvet and make a most nie McNeely Sunday evening. any other publication in the South- brilliant appearance. The acts Mr. Allen Adams and Mi west. It is the favorite with men are clean and the humor refined readers, women readers and boy and appealing to the highest and girl readers, because it has grade of the audience.—Grand

Haskell Wednesday May 28th.

Since Eve's Time.

A woman can say "dear" to another woman and make it sound like "I'm a liar.—Cincinnati En-

Couldn't Walk!

"I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women," writes Mrs. Anna Jones, of Kenny, Ill. "For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides. I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, our druggist advised Cardul for my complaint. I was so thin, my weight was 115. Now, I weigh 163, and I am never sick. I ride horseback as good as ever. I am in fine health at 52 years."

have thousands of such letters, and more are arriving daily. Such earnest testimony from those who have tried it, surely proves the great value of this vegeta-

ble, tonic medicine, for women.

Cardul relieves women's sufferings, and builds weak women up to health and strength. If you are a women, give it a trial. It should help you, for it has helped a million others. It is made from pure, harmless, herb ingradients, which act promptly and surely on the womanly organs. It is a good tonic. Try it! Your druggist sells it.



Come and get some Nice. Cool Clothes. We Keep the kind through which refreshing breezes may sift and keep you comfortable, The long, long summer is yet before you. You can't enjoy it in hot, ugly old clothes, When you think of buying, remember that our store is the best store in Haskell to buy new, clean, fresh clothes.

have not been carrying clothing until this season, and every suit in our house is brand new. Absolutely nothing but NEW Spring clothes. Bough at absolutely Bargain prices. We have just received 18, Men's all wool, blue serge suits, that were manufactured to sell for \$17.50, but as they were cancelations, we picked them up at a bargain. We can fit you in any size from 34 to 42. Special \$11.75

Saturday and Next Week's Specials

Mens' All Wool Crash Suits Worth		Boys	\$2,50 Knic	kerbock	er Pants.	Special	. \$2.00		
\$12.50, Special	. \$8.50	. 11	2.00	**	**		1.65		
Men's Fancy Mohair Suits Worth		**	1.50	4.6	**	**	1.20		
\$12.50, Saturday and next week	. 8.50	- 4	1.00	**	**		75		
Boys \$12.50 Widow Jones Knick-		(Sizes up to 18)							
erbocker Suits, Special		Men	's \$6.00	Durs	Pants,	Special	\$4.50		
Boys \$10. Widow Jones Suits, Spe		**	5.00	44	"	**	4.00		
	" 6.00	**	4.00	44	**	**	3.00		
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Saturday and Next Week will be Men's Week at our Store. We will make special prices on all Men's and Boy's Clothes and Pants, Shirts, Underwear, Shoes, and everything that a man wears. Be sure and come to see our store for

WHITMAN.

Hello! one and all: Health in our community is good at this writing.

Mr. Virgil Bailey and Miss Isabelle Tubbs visited Miss Min-Mr. Allen Adams and Miss

Hayes girls Sunday evening. Mr. Robert Hayes and sister,

Effie, visited Mrs. Bluford Griffin and sister Ruby Sunday eve. Mr. Jim Maxwell visited Mr. Watson Adams Sunday night.

Saturday night with Miss Minnie McNeely. The entertainment at Mr.

Miss Thelma Bledsoe spent

Cearleys Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

G. L. Hayes and wife. Mr. Chris Parr and wife, Ben Parr and wife, Miss Thelma and nature usually favors cotton Bledsoe and Minnie McNeely vet a farmer should plant

Haskell Saturday eve. A crowd of young people spent a short while with Miss Janie ty expend \$27,554 annually for Goodwin Saturday night.

Mottie Frierson visited Mrs. Paul Frierson Monday eve.

The entertainment was enjoy ed by all at Mr. Lawson Friday. is \$95. By proper diversifica-Pearl spent a short while at Mr. kept at home. Hayes Sunday eve.

There will be singing every Second and fourth Sunday eve at the school house.

Everybody come to preaching Sunday morning. Milton Hayes and brothers

Griffins Saturday night. Bro. Griffin and wife visited in Throckmorton last week.

Wesley and Will visited at Bro.

while at Mrs Haye's Wednesday. As news is scarce I'll be going. Rose Bud.

Eleven Million Annually For Feedstuffs

The farmers of Texas do not Thelma Bledsoe visited the crops for their own farm animals ing off the grounds. They expend, according to a recent census report issued by the Federal Department of Comually for feed stuff. The official figures show that twenty- place. seven per cent of the farmers

buy feed, Mr. Mose Hayes and wife of feed. While cotton is our mon- Society. Rose, spent Sunday night with ey crop and the moisture requirements of cotton and cereals are in a measure antagonistic, visited Mrs. Frank Tompkins of enough feed to take his stock through the season."

The farmers of Haskell Coun feedstuffs. 218 of the farmers of this county report purchases of feed-stuffs and the annual expenditure per farms reporting Nellie Crouch and brother, tion of crops this money can be

> I will leave Saturday morning for Chatanooga to spend 3 days with a few comrades and then take a final depart ure and return to Texas.

Love for all G. J. Miller

How It Was. "Is- your wife going away this Mrs. Mosier spent a short summer?"

Aid Society Notes

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church held a yery enthusiastic meeting in the home of Mrs. D. L. Cummins.

Plans were perfected for re- 30th, 1913: painting the church, putting new raise enough cereals and forage carpeting on the aisles and clean-

Mrs. Boone will be hostess to the society next Monday. It is our desire to make this the very merce and Labor, \$10,800,000 an- best meeting of the year and we want to see every woman in her

Not only those whose names are on the Ladies Aid Roll but Peter Radford, President of every woman who is a member the Farmers Union, in discuss- of the Christian Church is urged ing the subject said: "A farmer to be present. Come with some should, as a rule, raise his own plad in your mind to help your

> After the Business Session, Stamford. which begins promptly at four, we will have a Social Hour.

Reporter,

Decoration Day

The annual decoration of the graves of the Old Soldiers will be on the first Sunday in June, and all parties that are interested in this decoration will please bear this date in mind and come and take part in the service.

Due notice will appear in the paper giving the hour and etc. Committee.

Rural Carriers to Meet.

Program of the Letter Carriers Association of Jones, Haskell, and Knox Counties to be rendered at Stamford, Friday, May

Welcome Address by the May-

Response by Walter W. Hyde, Knox City.

"A Parcel Post Package" by Judge Stinson. Address by Supt., L. C. Cun-

ningham. He to select his own subject. "Proper Erection and Main-

taining of Mail Boxes" by Pres., Geo. D. Foster of Haskell and E. L. Neal of Hawley. What We Shall Expect of Our

Delegates," by R. S. Palmer of Hawley, and G. A. Daniel of "What We are Here For," by

R. L. Vick of Rule, and W. P. Pilgaim of Goree. "Good Roads and How to Get

Them," by Homer D. Wade Executive Session.

Basket Dinner, after which amusements such as motorcycle racing, trap shooting, etc.

All are requested to be pres ent at 9:30 sharp, so we can get through by noon. Everybody come. Carriers, Patrons, All. Program Committee

Instant Relief from Eczema

You can stop that awful itch from czema and other skin troubles in two econds.

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Just a few drops of the simple, cooling wash, the D.D.D. Prescription for ezema, and the itch stops instantly. We give you enough to prove it for 56 ents.

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Just a few drops of the simple, cooling wash, the D.D.D. Prescription for eczema, and the itch stops instantly. We give you enough to prove it for 50 cents.

Cerner Drug Store.

How I Saw A Real Play

By MARGARET BARR

During the winter of 1911-12 I visited the isthmus of Panama to see the big ditch. Having satisfied my curiosity by going over it from one end to the other, I boarded the steamer at | an acre of ground commanding a bean Colon for my return. I was standing tiful view for \$10 and built a log caninon deck, leaning on the rail, looking down at the passengers hurrying about on the wharf or thronging up the gangway, where a party of tourists, consisting principally of young girls, came trooping along together, carrying the usual hand baggage and evidently intending to sail for home. That they were Americans was plain from their speech. A young girl of this party and a young man stopped on the dock directly below where I was standing and. unmindful of my presence, engaged in a hurried conversation.

She-You are coming with us, are you not?

He-Impossible. How can I leave here with work unfinished, without leave?

She-There are other engineers, are there not, who can do such work? Do you consider yourself the only capable one in the canal zone?

He-World you have me do all this

for you? She-Is it as much as what you said you would do when we stood on the side of the canal-that you would jump down a hundred feet for my glove if I would throw it over?

He-That was gallantry. This is the real thing.

She-The real thing is the test. At this moment I caught sight of s dark face above a pile of fruit boxes on the dock watching the couple-the face of a girl with a devil in her eyes. She was doubtless of mixed Spanish and Aztec blood, with all the virulence this mixture of races contains. The young engineer and the girl, who were evidently the objects of her interest. were unaware of her presence. He stood irresolute. Since I was looking down from above I could not see much of their faces, but I believed her eyes were holding him in thrall. My position, akin to that of eavesdropper, was hardly an excusable one, and I was about to turn away when I caught sight of the dusky creature, who was even more of an eavesdropper than I was myself. Indeed, in her fierce looks I saw danger for the lovers. remained, thinking it possible that I might need to warn them of that dan-

Besides, in this scene enacted on life's real stage I saw a play-a play that might readily be turned into a tragedy. I saw the young engineer at his daily work on the canal, the half breed girl viewing him as some superior creature doing what to ber was miraculous. He smiles at her, thoughtlessly chats with her, possibly after ly he is innocent of any wrong intention. It does not require a courtship under such circumstances to set a girl wild about a young man so far above

Then come the party of Americans to visit the canal. Possibly the young engineer is directed by his superior to show them the section on which he is engaged, to explain to them the processes involved. They may be persons, or some among them may be persons. having influence at Washington. The hearts of this girl of the party and this young man, who are thrown together by fate on the great waterway forming to girdle the world, spring for each other like the positive and negative poles of a magnet. Or it may be she has a passion for bringing a man to her feet, like the huntsmanfor sport. Let us hope the first supposition is correct.

She draws him with her to Colon-to see her depart. Once there she wishes to try her power over him still further. It may be that she has wealth and that his work as engineer on the canal is less to her than her desire to have him with her. But this is all supposition. The only feature evident is that she is trying to make him gratify her wish.

In some way the dark giri-the "heavy woman" of the play, as the atrical persons would call her-has got wind of his infatuation. She follows at a distance. What for? Who knows? Does she know herself? Perhaps not. Nevertheless I can see danger to her fair rival in that flerce black eye. The dialogue below me continued:

"Are you going?" she asked. There was no reply. I knew she was drawing him with her eyes, and I believed she would win.

"Once more, are you going?" she

asked again. "Yes. I'll go with you if you take"-

I heard no more, for they passed out of hearing toward the gangway. They were the last passengers to come aboard. The gangway was hauled in. and the engine was slowly started. The girl in whom I was interested

came up and stood on deck near me. She was waving to some one on the pler. I saw the dark girl run to the edge of the dock and draw a knife from her bosom. Taking a deliberate aim at her rival, she threw it. Before the knife had time to reach the girl on deck I caught her by the arm and whirled her away. The knife passed within a few feet of her breast.

She looked at me, indignant. She did not know that I had probably saved her life-had certainly saved her from a wound. I did not enlighten her. "Pardon me." I said: "I made a mis

But I told the engineer the true story.

The Williams Investigation

By DONALD CHAMBERLAIN

Ben Williams was queer, but Ben was a genius, and geniuses are usually queer. He lived a roving life till be was past sixty years old, then bought

How he lived-that is, how be bought clothing and food, for he raised noth in-no one knew. He had been some thing of an artist, a newspaper man, a poet and an author generally. Whether he had made enough money to enable him to supply his limited wants no one knew He occasionally walked to the store, six miles distant from his cabin. to buy provisions or anything else be needed and always had the cash with which to pay. No one could solve the ciddle, so it proved an endless source of gossip for the countryside

But one day a possible clew to how Williams obtained the necessary funds presented itself. A robbery was committed in the region, and the fact at once suggested itself to the community that Williams was the robber Every one wondered why that solution of the problem had not been thought of be fore. A report was started that the robbery had been committed by a masked man just the height and build of Williams. For a week this report circulated, growing more definite as it spread; then it occurred to some one to mount a horse and ride over to the man. who had been robbed and ask him. about it. He said that his store had been entered in the middle of the night and he knew nothing about the rob bery till the next morning. Neither he nor anybody else had seen the robber

But Williams having been suspected of the robbery notwithstanding the correction of this report, the talk went on, and the more talk the more the certainty not only that he made his fiving my robbery, but that he was guilty in the case under discussion

Cy Adams, a man who had the reputation of being the principal talker thereabout, said that Williams "ought er be investigated." It wasn't to the credit of the community that a man could live in it without any visible means of support and robberies going on without giving some account of himself. A committee should go to his cabin, ask him to explain how he lived and see if the building contained stolen goods. No one had ever been there. and for all any one knew Williams might have the place full of plunder.

He talked the matter up; but, though he got a number of persons to agree with him, somehow he couldn't get anything done. Then he called for volunteers to serve on the committee No one volunteered, so at last he said that if he were appointed a deputy sheriff he would do the job alone There was no objection to his appoint ment or his going to interrogate Mr. Williams The only objection in the case was by individuals who were not minded to go with him

He concluded to go armed only with the sheriff's badge. His mission was to be a peaceful one, therefore he wouldn't need a weapon. He set out one morning on horseback for Wil itams' cabin and on reaching it dismounted, tied his borse to a sapling and appeared in the doorway. Wil liams was sitting at a table writing He looked up, saw the man standing before him and asked what he could do for him.

"Mr Williams," said Cy. "I'm com missioned by the people of this county to come to you and ask your business." "My business not being the business

of the county, I decline to answer" "In that event I am commissioned by the people to explain to you that the people make it their business to find out your business, and with that end in view I am directed to search your house. You understand that this is simply a legal process, not a forcible

Cy threw open his coat and showed his badge.

"Proceed," said Williams and resumed his writing

There was one room and a loft in the cabin No search was needed for the room, for there was nothing but a bunk and a washstand and a cooking stove in it. The sheriff saw it all and looked aloft.

"Any way to get up there?" he asked "Yes, but I'm too busy to get it for

"Tell me where it is and I'll go for it myself "

"I keep it hidden. I'll go for it." Laying down his pen, he went out and returned with a ladder, which he placed in position Cy climbed up and, finding it dark up there, asked for a light Williams handed up a candle. Having satisfied himself that there was no stolen goods in the loft. Adams was about to come down when he saw that the ladder had been re moved Williams was driving a pen at the table The sheriff asked for the

ladder "Not till you-settle," was the reply. "Settle for what?"

"For the ladder and the candle."

"How much?" "Ten dollars each "

There was a gun on the table ready for use, and Adams thought he wouldn't jump. Not having the money with him, he agreed to give an order for the amount in goods at the store. Williams put up the ladder; the sheriff

wrote the order and passed out. Williams, though he lived twenty years longer in his cabin till his death. was never again investigated.

A Memorial Day Story

By ANDREW C. EWING

"Memorial day has come around again," said an old fellow to another at the soldiers' home, "or Decoration day, as we used to call it when we first started putting flowers on the graves of our dead comrades. It was a solemn day then, but now that nearly two generations have grown up since the war and that struggle has passed into history the day has become a regular holiday."

"That's right," said the other old chap, grinding on a quid of tobacco. 'You don't expect every generation that comes on is going to mourn for men who died long before the newcomers were born, do you?"

"No, I don't, but somehow Memorial day brings it all back as fresh as if it were yesterday. I can see my Nanny now just as she looked the day I come out of that wood the day after the battle of Seven Pines and she caught sight of me, the raggedest, dirtiest, hungriest, bloodiest, ghostliest voung ragamuffin vou ever saw

"By the bye." interrupted the other vet. "I went down into Virginia last summer and all over Seven Pines. It was a cornfield when we fought there. Now it's overgrown with a forest of trees. It reminded me of the generations that have grown up since the

"Just so. That day, when I saw Nan standing by the well, I was about as near gone up as I ever was in my life. I'd been taken prisoner by the Johnnies, but before they could get us where they could corral us I'd managed to slip away. I knew if I didn't get some belp and some sustenance I'd die right there in the wood, for in addition to having nothing to eat I'd got a bullet in my leg, and I couldn't get any help or food unless I trusted to the girl. If I trusted her the chances were she'd give me away to the Confederates and I'd get back into Libby. where I'd been once before, and I'd rather die than do that.

Well, there was nothing to do but risk it. So I stepped out before her You'd ought to seen her look. It was like suddenly coming on to a scarecrow. At first she was frightened: then she laughed. When she laughed at me I was all broken up, and a worse expression than before came over my face that made her laugh again. Then all of a sudden she began to pity me, and, sobering down, she asked:

"'Are you Yank or Johnnie? You're so ragged and dirty and bloody I don't know which you are.'

"T'm Yank.' I admitted. 'I suppose you'll give me away.' "'Give you away! Who would want

such a looking thing as you?' "There's lots like me in Libby

prison. "'Oh, nothing, only sick and tired and hungry and wounded."

" 'Is that all?' "The humor of it struggled with her sympathy. She told me that her folks were strong Confederates and she dare not take me into the house, but the hayloft would make a good hospital. and she put her arm under mine and helped me around, skirting the wood so that one could get into the barn without being seen, and she almost had to carry me up the steps to the

bayloft. "You'd better believe that hay was soft. I've slept on hair matressee since, but none of 'em ever gave way under me like that hay. But I had to wait a long while for a breakfast. You see. Nan had to wait till she could steal out of the house with the provender. And when she did she couldn't bring anything bot I'd have given my wounded leg for a cup of our

United States coffee. "Well, Nan nursed me in that loft for a week or more. I couldn't tell how long it was, since I didn't take any account of time. She stole some old clothes her brothers had worn out and brought 'em to me and kept my leg bandaged and did a lot of things for me. I suppose it was taking care of me that way that got her used to having me round, for when there was no more excuse for my staying and l

thought I'd better light out she cried. "And Memorial day's come again! must be off to put these flowers on Nan's grave. I've been putting 'em on for ten years now, and it won't be long before the few boys that are left will be putting 'em on mine. I'd like to live till Memorial day in '15. It will then be fifty years since I was dis charged and went to that farm in Vir ginia and we were married. We went out to the barn where she had nursed me, and I lay on the hay just to see if it was as soft as when I sank down on it that day I first saw Nan. She told her folks how I looked when she brought me in there and how she'd stolen things to take out to me, and they couldn't understand how she could have managed it without getting caught. Truth is, those times in the south made everybody rely on their wits, and there was more deceiving done in those four years than in a whole century of peaceful times.

"I brought Nan back north with me. and a mighty good wife she made for a matter of nearly forty years, and the rest of it since she left me I don't count for anything.

"Well, so long. As I was saying. I must take these flowers and put them on her grave. You fellows can take care of the boys in the cemetery back of the house. So long. Don't forget

His Father's Ghost

By EDITH V ROSS

Albert Tweed and Henry Ashurst, two chums eighteen years old, made an agreement that whichever died first would appear to the other Later they separated

Twenty years passed. Tweed, who was a steady chap, remained in the place where he was born Ashursi went to Australia From there be wrote several letters to his friend, aft er which the correspondence ceased From that time forward Tweed heard nothing of his friend. He did not be lieve that Ashurst was dead, for if so he would have appeared to him, for tude. Tweed was full of the idea that the dead may come back to us This belief was owing to his disposition. which was easily influenced by tales of such wonders.

When Tweed was forty-three years the oldest a girl of nineteen. Her father had told her of this agreement of his youth, and she was at an age to be interested in it. Now and again she would ask her father if he had seen be ghost of his friend

One spring he was called away from home When he returned, though it was no later than April, the weather was very warm, as sometimes hap pens in that month. He was foud of sleeping out of doors and considered it exceedingly healthy His house stood in the center of a large yard, and his front porch made excellent sleep ing quarters. Bringing some blankets. he placed them on a hanging bed and turned in

In the middle of the night be was wakened by a sound. There was nothing to obstruct his view of the lawn before the house, and, the moon being at the full and on the meridian, he could see all about him as plain as day The figure of a man was coming up the walk, but with a tread that was absolutely silent. One thing he noticed immediately-that the walk of this approaching person was that of his friend Ashurst. The figure came on up to the steps and looked up to the heav ens. This threw the light of the moon full on his face, and Tweed recognized Ashurst just as he had seen his friend last, a quarter of a century before. If he had grown older there was not suf ficient change to be noticeable. The only difference in his appearance from that remembered by Tweed was that his face was livid.

Having gazed a few moments at the heavens, the figure came up the steps with the same silent tread and on reaching the porch turned toward Tweed and had taken one step when he seemed to the latter to be suddenly enveloped in a glare of white light. Tweed, who was sitting up watching the apparition, gave a moan and fell back unconscious.

That moan made a sudden change in the situation. Ethel Tweed ran out of the house and, throwing her arms about her father, endeavored to bring him back to consciouspess. "Father." she cried, "it isn't a ghost at all! Do speak to me!"

The ghost advanced to assist her. but she motioned him away, and he went into the house. Tweed opened his eyes and, seeing his daughter, gave a shudder, closed his eyes, opened them again and gasped:

"Harry's dead! He's been here!" "No. father; he hasn't It's a mis

An electric light in the roof of the porch was gleaming in the father's yes. He asked who turned it on

"I did," said his daughter, and, sitting beside him on the swinging bed, she told him that while he was away his friend's son had appeared with a note of introduction. Young Ashurst and Ethel had talked of their futhers' friendship and of the agreement that had been made years before. Being young and thoughtless, Ethel proposed that they should play a prank upon her father. The young man, who was a few years her senior, objected, but finally consented. Taking advantage of Tweed's sleeping on the porch, he had chalked his face, walked across the lawn in the moonlight, then up the steps. As soon as he stood on the porch Ethel. from within, turned on the electric light directly above him Tweed had by this time become so convinced that he saw his friend's ghost that he failed to notice that the figure

was illumined by the lamp. The next day young Ashurst called upon his father's friend, who, had not his own daughter been implicated in the prank played, might not have re ceived him as kindly as he did The young man presented a sealed letter from his father. Tweed read it, but made no comment. He invited Ashurst to make him a visit, which was pro longed indefinitely. He said that his father had married in Australia, but had gone from there to England and after a short stay had taken his family to South America, where he had be come a coffee planter in the interior of Brazil When his son concluded to go north to study a profession he had urged the boy to see his old friend.

In time young Ashurst asked Tweed for his daughter, saying that he hoped for his own father's consent to the

"No fear of that," replied Tweed He asked for my daughter for you in the sealed letter he sent. But he said nothing about the prank you played en me and, I take it, had no hand in it. Had you not been your father's image when he was your age you could not have imposed upon me as his ghost."

A CASE OF GRATITUDE

By M. QUAD

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"Thar ar' folks as will contend that the mewl has no gratitude in his soul. said the old possum hunter as he walk ed through the chestnut forest on the side of the Cumberland mountains "but them thar folks is wrong."

He halted to rub his itching buck against a tree and then continued;

"Every critter is agin the mewl and ready to wallop him, and why should he be grateful? Why shouldn't he be onery and cantankerous? I'd be meaner'n pizen if I was a mewl. Howsumever, I'm goin' to tell you about grati-

"Soon after the wah some fellers come along yere with a drove of mewls. and one of the critters fell sick, and they gin him to me. He was about the meanest lookin' mew! I ever did see, but I kinder hoped he'd make up old he had a wife and three children. fur it in bein' good. He didn't, however, doggone his hide, but when he got well he was meaner'n skunks. He'd bite and kick at anybody who come within ten feet of him, and if I hitched him to the cart be wouldn't pull a pound. I was keepin' him around in the hopes to trade him off when along comes a stranger one day from Arkansaw. The old woman was gone to a naybur's, and I was sittin' on the doorstep when this stranger halted and said:

"'Kin I everlastin'ly and eternally flatter myself that I am addressin' the celebrated and notorious Zeb White? " 'That's me.' said I.

"The critter who has killed 9,000 possums, 3,000 woodchucks, 4,200 coons and fifty b'ars?' "'Them's about the figgers, stran

"The man who crowded a circus elephant into the ditch, flung a bull over the fence and licked three wildcats barehanded?

"That's mostly me." "The man who has outrun, out jumped, outwrassled and outfit every

critter in Tennessee who would tackle him? "Kinder that' "'Waal, now,' goes on the man as we shakes hands, 'yo' seems to be some pumpkins, and I hope yo' ar', fur I

walked over from Arkansaw to gin yo'

a trial. I'm gwine to do my best, Zeb White, to lick yo' outen yo'r butes!" "'What fur? said I. "'Jest to take yo' down a peg and let yo' know that thar ar' two or three other folks on airth. Yes, I'm either

on roots all the rest of my days!" "I don't want no quarrel with any body,' said I, but I soon diskivered that the critter from Arkansaw was bound to hev a fuss. He bragged and crowed and had so much to say that I had no other way but to tackle him. We peeled off coats and vests out the old mule standin' with his hind quarters out of the woodshed doah.

"'I tell yo' what I'm gwine to do," said the stranger as be made ready. 'I'm gwine to bite off yo'r right ear and carry it back to Arkansaw with me as a sort of a certificate, and I hope you'll write the date on it with pen and ink before I leave.'

"We finally got to work, and I soon found that critter all I could manage. He was peart in his feelin's and a hard hitter, and as be danced around

"'Yo' might as well begin to boller right now. Zeb White, fur I've got yo licked.'

"Jest about that time I fetched him a awat that keeled him head over heels and broke my thumb. He got up as peart as yo' please, and, seein' my thumb was broke and my right hand useless, he put on mo' steam. It did seem to me that fur the fust time in my life I was gwine to be licked, and I had a feelin' of goneness clear down to my butes. Broken bones don't count in a fout down in this kentry. yo' know. The man who comes out on top gits the credit, and the other fellow hasn't a word to say. Yes, sab. I jest dun reckon I was hevin' a pow orful clus shave of it when Providence interfered. I was bein' banged all around when I happened to see my old mewl backin' up on us from the shed. He'd heard that row and wanted a hand in. Tother feller's back was to'ard the mewl, and I played to keep it thar. He never had no warnin' of what was comin'. Then fust thing he knew the mewl backed up to within kickin' distance and let go both feet, and old Arkansaw went rollin' most down to the bresh fence. His breath was gone when he stopped. and I was also sittin' on his stomach. In three or four minits he opened his eyes and looked around and said:

'Ar' I back in Arkansaw ag'in?' "'Not skassly,' said 1.

"'Zeb. I acknowledge to bein' a lick ed man, but I'd like the consolashun of knowin' how 'twas done.' "'It war a fa'r fout.'

"'I reckon it was, but I was gittin' the best of it when yo' fastened a couple of horseshoes to yo'r hands and hot fight for five minutes, and then one reached over my shoulders and hit me in the back and sent me tumblin' Was that what licked me?

" 'Reckon it was.' "'Shake hands, Zeb White, and bid me goodby.

"And he shouldered his bundle and went off whistlin', and to this day he son't know why that fout went ag'in night, and that blister on your foot is him. I heard the he went back to Arkansaw and to d to fight with hoss

lets into him."

Aunt Hannah and Jack

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You may have read a dozen stories about misers and other folks who mistrusted banks and kept their money in the house to lose it at the hands of robbers, but you have never read of Aunt Hannah Day, though she was just that sort of person. She was a widow and had passed the middle age and had a little farm near a village where she fived and hired a man to work it

Aunt Hannah wasn't a miser, though she was known to be stingy and to be suspicious of every one that came along. Her first thought toward a stranger was to ask herself if he was after the money, for she kept money in the house While her husband was still alive a bank had failed on them, and they had lost \$1,000. From that date on the woman had looked upon every banker as a robber.

In one way and another Aunt Hannah had got together \$3,000 in gold. She had buried it down in the cellar in a fruit jar, but she didn't believe she would ever receive a visit from robbers When people warned her that she was running a great risk she re-

"Oh, in, la! If robbers ever should come I'll make 'em a cup of ginger tea and ask them to please go along and not bother an old woman. Robbers have mothers as well as other folks, and when they see my gray hair and wrinkled face they'll think of their own mothers and not harm me."

One day there came tolling up the long hill on whose crest stood Aunt Hannah's rather gloomy house a boy about fourteen years old. He was ragged and hungry. He was a city waif who had left the city behind and was tramping. He saw Aunt Hannah in her cucumber patch and opened the

"Well, bub?" she queried in her brisk

"I want to live with you for awhile," was the reply.

"But you have a lazy look about

"Gimme semething to do and see how I'll make the dirt fly!" After a few more questions and an-

swers he was given a slice of bread and butter and set to work. Aunt Hannah had always figured that if robbers came it would be at midnight and that there would be three of them and each wearing a black mask. She had written down and then committed to memory the gwine to make yo' holler or else live very first words she was going to

> over her bed and flashing the light from a dark lantern in ber eyes. Jack had a bed in the garret, which was not a bad sort of place, while Aunt Hannah had a bedroom on the first floor. The tired boy was always waited an hour longer before winding the clock and retiring. One evening at half past 8, as she sat sewing, the door opened and two men entered. No masks No dark lantern. They

> speak when she found them bending

didn't look a bit like robbers. "Madam," said one, and he smiled when he said it, "we have come for

that money!" Aunt Hannah's robbers had come at last: but, alas for her, her program had been all knocked out. She was so frightened that she was tongue tied for the next three minutes. She just sat and stared at them and wondered if she had grown deef and mis-

understood their words. "Will you hand over the money?" "No, I'll be snummed if I will!" she exclaimed as she suddenly found her voice and at the same time began to

In fifteen seconds she had a gag in her mouth and one of the men was saying:

Too bad, isn't it? We thought the old lady would see things in the right light. Guess we'll have to hurt her after all!"

Five minutes after Jack had gone to bed he was asleep. That sleep lasted about twenty minutes, and then a touch of colic woke him up. He had been eating green apples all the afternoon to make him grow. The hired man had told him it was a sure thing. He didn't get out of bed at the first twinge, but at about the tenth. He would go downstairs and 'fess up to Aunt Hannah and get a remedy. He got so far on his way as to know that there were strangers in the sitting room and that one of them was saying to the widow:

"We should hate to burn the soles of her feet with lighted matches, but we must have that money!"

Jack scuttled back upstairs and from a back window dropped to the roof of the kitchen and thence to the ground. Half a mile away was a farmer who was cutting his meadows and had five or six harvest hands at the house. The distance was covered in short order. and the laborers turned out with guns

and pitchforks. She had just got one blister when the harvest hands arrived. There was a of the robbers was captured and the other made his escape. Jack came in after the affair was over, and Aunt Hannah tried to embrace him and tell him what nice things she was going to do for him, but his reply was:

"It's me for the road again. I can't stand colle and robbers on the same goin' to keep you yellin' at somebody for a month to come!

shoes tied to his hands, but the other And he turned his back on the crowd critter evened up by shootin' for buland walked away into the darkness. whistling as he went.