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WE NEED ROAD **LEGISLATION**

The road bond election held in No more convincing evidence Texas during the month of Jan- of our advancement in civilizauary carry a lesson of unusual tion can be presented than in the inportance to the members of growth of our interurbans. the Legislature, presenting, as They are the finishing material they do, an unquenchable desire in transportation and remind us on the part of the progressive that we have reached the cosmopublic for the improvement of politan mile post -in industrial our public highways, and give a progress; and that we are now working demonstration of the ready for business enterprises isting powder of our present of every character and people of to progress.

ve bond elections were held, and issue was defeated amount. miles are under construction, ing to \$190,000, Ten elections A few more years and our prinwere called during January in. cipal cities and towns will be linkvolving a total bond issue of \$2, 115,000 which will be held in will be next door neighbors, February. All the elections carried on a majority basis, but wo fell short of a two-third vote.

There is as much reason why he State of Texas should teach ts citizens the elementary principles of progress, as that it should teach the children to read and write, yet during the threequarters of a century of our existence, the State has never her curly head nestled comfortspent one cent in encouraging ably against his shoulder. he improvement of our public highways,

Would Never Agree.

Mrs. Flubdub-Why shouldn't women serve on juries?

Mr. Flubdub-I suppose the courts are afraid a husband and wife might be drawn on the with or without the vendor's lien same jury .- Puck.

INTERURBANS **DENOTES PROGRESS**

every legitimate vocation.

We now have 267 miles of inter ting in three bond issues of urbans, 85 miles have been com-5.000 and in two elections the pleted during the year and 530 ed together by interurbans and our urban and rural population who have the interest of Texas

> a minute in her room to adjust problem as relates to the State her transformation, change the as a whole, but the difficulties of angle of her Grecian bend and Haskell county are peculiarly made sure that her skirt fitted our own and the progressive cit like the peeling of a plum, de- izens of this county should or scended to the parlor to find the ganize and solve tnem in so far family pet ensconsed upon the as local action can meet the sit knee of the young man caller, uation.

> "Why, Mabel," the young ant farmer becoming a land own-lady exclaimed, "arn't you er which require co-operative ashamed of yourself. Get right action to surmount, The rate of

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THE BIG STORE

HOME OWNERS

this county is vividly presented consolidation bill with objections in the Federal Census reports of as follows: Haskell county recently given county will be a land of peasants. States.'

In Haskell county the Federal tenancy was divided into four the act of 1891 above referred to." classes, 1007 farms were worked for 1900 shows 256 farms and 181 were operated by owners and 75 by tenants and managers.

and the farm owner less than company. 3000 per annum.

aroused many thoughtful citizens M. K. & T. Railway Co. of Texas, at heart and the Texas Farm Life Commission was organized The lovely girl having lingered to suggest a solution for the

There are many difficulties that stand in the way of the teninterest is too high; the method "Shan't do it," retorted the of marketing too uncertain and child. "I got here first."-Ex. our economic sytem has many other defects which must be corrected. Likewise if we are to hold our successful farmers on the farm we must make country tion 5 of article 10 of the constilife as satisfactory as city life tution, which prohibits the conand the business of farming solidation of parallel and competmust be made more remunera-

> The greatest thing a human can do is to build a home and those who own homes should as believe that the conclusions of the Texas Farm Life Commissist in making it easy for others the supreme court in the East sion, is directing the work of to secure them.

> Dallas, under the Editorial man decision of the supreme court in maintain this undesirable condiagement of B. Q. Evans of the East Line and Red River tion at an early date and Haskell Greenville, with the assistance case the people have changed the county will come within the of Mrs, Mary Winn S. Smoots, constitution, authorizing the scope of the inquiry as the Fedis destined to fill a place in Texas establishing of the railroad com- eral Census Reports show 104 real necessity. In the February and authority to establish and tain more than 500 acres. number which has reached our maintain freight rates over the exchange table. are some able several lines of railway in this Haskell county is 212-5 acres, articles anent the evils of rail- state." road consolidation legislation. In the department edited by Mrs. Smoots, is dialect story by Lucinda Rainwater", in which the high cost of living and absurd conventionalities are hit by the quaint character, the author uses as the spokes woman.

THE GOVERNOR **USES VETO POWER**

The need of home owners in Gov. Colquitt returns the Katy

"1-Because it is an enlargeout from washington and there ment of the control of railway is an element of alarm in the corporations in Texas, by the per centage of gain of the tenant sanction of the legislature, by farmer over the farm owner, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Many of our most substantial railway Company, a foreign corfarmers desert our farms annu- poration, in violation of section 6 ally for the advantage and com- of article 10 of the constitution of forts of the city and the opport the state of Texas, which tunities of the city lure many of reads as follows: "No railroad our brighest young men from company organized under the the farm. Their places are fill- laws of this state shall consolied by the tenant farmer and the date by private or judicial sale or hired hand but another half otherwise with any railroad comcentury of rural transition and pany organized under the laws of our farm population in this any other state or of the United

"The stock of the Missouri, Census reports for 1910 showa Kansas & Texas Railway Compatotal of 2210 farms. Of this ny of Texas is owned or controllnumber 850 farms were operated ed by the Missouri, Kansas & by owners, 1348 by tenants and Texas Railroad Company of Miss-12 by managers. The form of our and Kansas, as shown by

"The reports of the M. K. & T. on shares, 8 on a cash basis, 26 Railway Co. of Texas show an on cash and share basis and 307 accumulated deficit in operation on basis specified, The census of \$11,381,808,-65. I believe that this deficit is due to the ownership, domination and control of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Taking the entire state there Railway Co. of Texas by the M. are 195-85 farms operated by K. & T. Railway Co., a foreign owners, 219,575 operated by ten-corporation, and that a proper ants and 2,332 by managers, system of books and division of The tenant farmer has increased freight and passenger earnings at the rate of over 5000 per year are not accorded to the Texas

"Outside of the saving in book-The study of this subject has keeping and in operation to the or to the parent and owning foreign corporation, the bill does not promise any public benefit and with all due deference to the opinions of the owners and operators of the properties of this company, I am of the opinion that the prejudice growing out of such legislation outweighs the benefits ever to the corporate interests asking for the consolida-

> "For the reasons above assigned, house bill No. 29 is returned to you. I attach to this message the able and exhaustive opinion of the attorney general, Hon. B. F. Looney, in which he holds that the act is unconstitutional on four different grounds."

The attorney general believes that the act is in violation of sec-Line and Red River case apply that body. to the lines of railway involved | The Commission will begin an The Free Lance, published at in House Bill No. 29. Since the investigation into the causes that

Caveat

name, please?

Witness-Cornelia Rent. Let the Free Press do your ed.-March Woman's Home ly compiled. There are 28,966 on me left-hand side Companion.

MEN CAN YOU BEAT IT?

How'd you like to slip your foot into a good new shoe that'd feel like an old one from the start? Sounds rather queer don't it? You can do it though and right here at Alexanders is the place where you'll find just such a shoe.

How many pairs of shoes have you thrown aside because they hurt your feet? Don't do such a thing again—that's extravagance.

No use to grumble at your feet, they can't help hurting-it's your fault not theirs, and you can't change them, but you can get good new shoes, good looking ones and good wearing ones that will slip on with the smoothness of a glove and will feel like a pair of carpet slippers and they won't be too large either. Don,t take our word for it—we don't ask you to. This is just an ad, but like all of ours, it is backed up by our iron bound policy of telling the truth.

Our Howard and Foster shoes are made for men, made for men who appreciate comfort, durability and style. They're not made for extravagant men either-There's value in every pair-they sell at \$4.00 to \$5.00 and they're the best in the world for the money according to the judgment of our shoe man. We say our H. & F. \$5.00 shoe is as good as money can buy, and we don't ask you to take our word for this either-we're ready to prove it.

The new Spring styles are here, and you owe it to your feet to bring them here and try a pair of our H. & F. shoes on them.

Usually you can judge a man's head by looking at his feet. If he wears a good shoe that fits, you may rely on the fact that he has a good head and a good understanding. A man with a good head on him will be fair to his feet-Treat 'em right and put 'em in a pair of H. & F. shoes.

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS

THE BIG STORE

February 20th, 1913

WE HAVE TOO MANY BIG FARMS

Haskell, Texas

"There are too many large ing lines of railway in this state. farms in Texas and the average With all due deference to our Texas farmer is trying to do too distinguished attorney general's much," said Judge S, A. Lindopinion on this point, I do not sey of Tyler, who as chairman of

journalism, for which there is mission, giving to it control over, farms in this county that con-

The average size of a farm in which is 56.6 acres under the State's average.

We have a total of 2210 farms Judge (to spinster)-Your in this county while the total number of the State is 412,770. The average size of a Texas

Judge-Now your age-but farm is 269 acres while those of first let me warn the public that Ohio and Indiana contain 71 and if there is an out-break of hilar- 78 acres, respectively, according ity the court-room will be clear- to Federal Census figures recentfarms and ranches in this State | Woman's Home Com

that contain more than 590 acres and Texas ranks first with other States in the Union in this re spect. A large number of these tracts are said to be held for speculative purposes and only a small portion are being used. The classification by size is shown in the following table for Haskell county

destroit conditions	
Size	Number
Under 8 acres	
3 to 9 acres	
The second secon	27
100	
50 to 99 "	472
100 to 174 "	930
175 to 259 "	
260 to 499 "	
500 to 999 "	68
1000 acres and o	ver36
	2210

Patrick of the Left Band

Pat, who was left-handed, was being sworn in as a witness in the West Side Court of Denver, Colorado.

"Hold up your right hand," said the Judge. Up went Pat's left hand.

"Hold up your right ha commanded the Judge st-"Sure and I am, yer ! declared Pat! "Me rig!"

hy You Should YOUR DRUGS AT THE REXALL STORE

BECAUSE. They buy and sell so rapidly the drugs don't have a chance to get old.

BULLUCE. They show their appreciativeness by attention to

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BECAUSE, This is the only store in Haskell County where you can buy the famous REXALL REMEDIES -- one for each human ailment--ALL GUARANTEED.

RICHARDSON THE REXALL DRUG STORE



Our drays are always subject to Pinkerton & Loe.

A nice fit in glasses at W. H. (Fort Worth. Parsons

New Red Seal Ginghams at Haskell

T. E. Bowman made a trip to Weinert Thursday.

Dr. Gibner has returned from a trip to Spur, Texas.

Morris R. Lock of Abilene was Haskell Texas, in this city this week.

Come in and Warm. West Side Drug Store.

Red Seal Ginghams in the new patterns at Alexander's.

Floyd Terry of Wichita Falls was in this city Friday.

Henry Johnson made a business trip to stamford Thursday.

Sheriff Allen was at Rochester the early part of the week.

W. H. Starr left Saturday for a business trip to Gorman.

F. C. Lowe of the rule commu- make her future home. nity was in this city Tuesday.

Mr. Worther Long visited friends at Stamford Sunday

Have you seen our Show Win-West Side Drug Store. dow?

Miss Dode Poole left Friday to visit her sister, at Austin.

Remember The Farmers Supply have Ribbon cane syrup in barrel.

For Sale-A work mule. Cash or credit. F. G. Alexander & Sons. Read our add, see how cheap

Haskell Laundry can do your work. Full stock of Red Seal Ginghams at F. G. Alexander & Sons'.

Hngh Meadors of Dickens spent several days in this city this week.

Just Received by McNeill & Smith. Car Load Moon Bros Bug-

For Sale-A second hand surry, Apply to this office or G. F. Lang-

Mr. and Mrs. Lacky spent Sunday with relatives at Stam-

Mrs. A. R. Couch of Weinert was visiting with her parents this

C. D. Long returned Wednesday morning from Dallas and Fort Mrs. W. A. Neal a daughter. The

ton & Loe

Mrs. A. M. Getz returned Wed- Rough Dry Family wash, "New her home Thursday, ne sday from a visit to friends at process" by Haskell Laundry Co.

left Friday for a visit to friends duties as court stenographer. at Merkel

IP. Carr returned Friday from night for Dallas, where he was St. Louis, where he has been to called on a business mission.

A. B. Carothers of Rochester Hancock left Sunday night for Itook the train here Monday for

Send your family bundle to Laundry, Satisfaction 5-tf guaranteed.

> You will get Eupion oil at F. it's the best For Sale-Three horses and two

mules. Apply to McNeill & Smith,

Miss Henrietta Zanders of Stamford visited with Mrs. Furror last week.

Mrs. Clark Dennington of Dallas, 5.tf is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mckee.

Mrs. Regina Stein and son, Mr. E. C. Stein of Sagerton were in this city this week.

William Wells has leased the Callahan building and will put in

a stock of furniture.

Miss Margaret Moore is visiting at Killeen, where she will

We take the greatest care of your goods hauled by us. Pinkerton & Loe.

W. P. McCarty, left Wednes-day night to attend the Agricultural meeting at Abilene.

Mr. G. W. Brantley has opened up a barbership in the Lynch building on the south side.

Judge Jas. P. Kinnard left Tuesday evening for Belton, where he was called on legal business.

Miss Lois McConnell visited with Miss Neathery at Stamford the early part of the week. Plant your potatoes in the moon

if you like, but buy the seed from The Farmers Supply, Get your dinner when in town

at Mart's Restaurant. Mrs. Isam Lynch and Miss Jewel Yoe. 8-4t

If you are bothered with prairie dogs see us. We have the dope. 7-tf Spencer & Richardson.

Wizzard Oil Mop, Lightens House work, gets in the corners. For sale by McNeill & Smith H dw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bernard of Stamford were visiting with Mrs. Theo. Wright of this city this

Born the 13 instant to Mr. and Get your stove wood from Pink- weighed 12 lbs but was dead is Dill Pickles and Sour Kraut at when borned,

Let Us Rough Dry Your Family Wash

Washed, Starched, Dried and all flat pieces ironed for 6clb

(No shirts or collars included in Rough Dry)

PROMPT SERVICE AND GOOD WORK GUARANTEED

Mrs. Henry Alexander return ed from Dallas and other cities, where she has been visiting with

Don't forget those indispensables at The Farmers Supply. Tetleys' Teas and Barrington Hall Bakerized Coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Meadors have returned from Roswell, N. M., Where they have been spending the winter.

The sweetest morsel ever tasted is Aliegrettis deficious soft cen tered chocolates. 7tt

Spencer & Richardson.

J. B. Wadlington of Goree, was in this city Tuesday. Mr. Wadlinton was for some years a citizen of this county.

Hold your orders for winter you receive. coal and save 50 cents per ton, by taking coal from the car, delivered by M. A. Clifton. 38-tf

who has been visiting her daugh-\Center, Texas. ter, Mrs. V. E. Lamm, returned to

J. A. Hankerson left Sunday Mr. Courtney Hunt and family night for Anson to resume his Three in family, no children. Mrs. S. L. Robertson. E. V. Grffin left Saturday

F. G. Alexanders & Sons. Messrs. Norman and Marvin

> Henry Kelley, a prominent one time a citizen of this city.

A great deal depends on the legislature as to the progress Texas I have taken office room with is to make in building railroads. Sanders & Wilson. in the Pierson If our representatives will take the Building. I can loan you money G. Alexander & Sons because people into their confident, they on real estate, sell or trade your will approve wise amendment of land, and write your fire insurance. T. G. Williams.



the stock and bond laws.

Nothing's Too Good For Baby

Whatever the future may have in store no one can tell. But now every precaution should be taken for

Health and Comfort

Our line of baby goods is complete-Sanitary nursing bottles, rattles hair brushes, and all the foods and medicines of acknowledged merit.

Corner Drug Store

Will Marr, Prop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Morton have returned from an extended trip to New Orleans and cities in south

Mrs. Lowery of Seymour, who returned to her home Monday.

Mrs. Plants of Seymour, who es has been visitingherdaughter, Mrs. Next visit Monday, March 3rd K. V. Robertson of this city, returned to her home Monday.

W. C. Collier has returned from Abilene, where he successfully underwent an opperation a few days ago for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. N. Wiley and Mrs. M E. Hamilton, who have been vistheir home at Stamford Sunday. can be warm and comfortable. 2-2t

F. G. Alexander & Sons.

The Farmers Supply.

DR. JOSEPH DALEY Abilene, Texas

and the scientific fitting of glass-

office at

WRIGHT HOUSE

Go to the White Front Barber on the border and the ranchmen unincorporated towns to "The Shop for your baths. They have were being stolen out by the red Pioneer Natural Gas Co. and The iting in this vicinity, returned to a stove in each room, and you flaggers and revolutionists.

Mrs, Ritch, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Walden of this city, left Sunday night to visit her parents at Gor-

Don't worry about wash day. Let our machine do the work, Our wash man discovered a new way on rough dry wash. Haskell Laundry.

Improved Rowden Cotton seed t Sims & Harris Feed store. 1400 pounds of seed cotton of this variety is guaranteed to make a 500 lb. bale.

Mrs. Pres Baldwin has returned from a visit to relatives at Stamford. She was accompanied home by her grandmother, who is visit-

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COME YE TO West Side Drug Store

R U SICK OR ABOUT TO BE SICK? HAVE THAT PRERCRIPTION FILLED AT WEST SIDE DRUG STORE "NOTHING BETYER" .- Dur Motto.

EASTMANS KODAKS

If you want a nice bath, go to the Wnite Front Barber Shop,

Mrs. Barren, who has been vis- acted: iting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Draper of this city, left Mrs. V. E. McGee of Krumb, Sunday night for her home at banks for county depository.

Mr. M. L. Lynch has moved to per cent. The Haskell National, Grandview to put in a bakery and | 3 per cent, and the Continental Help Wanted-A woman to his restaurant here is now in State Bank of Sagerton 4 per cent. cook and do general house work. charge of Mrs. Isam Lynch and The bid was awarded to the Con-Miss Jewel Yoc.

If you don't get the best oil Oklahoma were in this city Sat then awarded the depository to it's your fault, because you can urday. Mr. McLester made a the Haskell National Bank, which get Eupion oil, it's the best at socialist speech here on the 4tf street Saturday.

175 acres farm near Batesville St. Louis to purchase their spring farmer of Segoville was in this Ark., to trade for Haskell property city Friday. Mr. Kelley was at or farm. If you want to go to Owing to the delay in getting up Ark., see me at once.

J. D. Kinnison, and were accompanied by Miss ment, Mabel Hill, who will trim for them at Stamford this Spring.

Mr. F. E. Cowsert and Mrs. were appointed by court. Laura Jones, both of Stamford, came over Sunday and were united in marriage at the Methodist W. P. Garvin.

Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Guest the renditions of Claude Speck for of Aspermont, parents respectively the years, 1909-10-11.12. of Mr. and Mrs. Dunwody of this city spent Sunday with their son the Discourt court was transferred and daughter.

Miss Jewell Pardue returned The offices of Constable in the visit to friends at Stephenville and ne return trip.

Mr. L. C. Kinney, made a busihas the process for briqueting coal. He is getting his process in operation at several mines in this state.

Mrs. Pat Lewis had a severe attack of appendicitis this week and was taken to a sanitarium Wed- and Sollock voting no. nesday night for an operation. Mr. Robert Reynolds went down Sheriff Allen 50cts per day for with her. She was also accompan- boarding each prisoner. ied by her husband and family physician, Dr. D. L. Cummins.

For Sale—A four months old Jer-sey male calf. This animal is a has been visiting her parents, Mr. Practice Limited to diseases of twin calf, is from a known strain and Mrs. W. F. Draper of Haskell of the Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat of splendid milkers, I have owned this strain of milkers for four gen- ized to have trees put in the place erations, and every cow has been of those that died in the court a splendid milker, and of splendid house yard. qualities. Price \$25. Oscar Martin.

Ross Hemphill has returned was ordered to sue on the vendor-from a trip to Fort Stockton. He lien notes held against the old jail. saw Tennessee Jones while there and reported that he was selling land right along at \$200 per acre. over the public roads of the coun-He also stated that it was tough ty, over the streets and alleys of

Eupion oil only, the best there at the beside of their father who is Rell county the least of Haskell in Schackelthe beside of their father who is seriously ill at his home at Temple. Bell county the last few months able that these companies are getting in shape to pipe fuel and gas there was still a lot of cotton in oil to this city. the fields, but he said the sowing of small grain was heavier than it had been for years, and that it was looking fine.

here in Haskell.

Commissioners Court

A resume of a report of the where they have them at a small proceedings of the February term price compared with the comfort of the commissioners court, will show the following matter trans-

The court had the bids of three The Farmers State Bank bid, 2,91. tinental, and the bank came in and G. B. McLester and wife of withdrew the bid. The court gave bond in the sum of \$125.000.

The quarterly reports of all the county officers were approved. reports from which the clerk makes the tabular report, he was Mesdames Howard and Collier granted until the March term to have returned from St. Louis make the annual tabular state-

The officer of elections in the 45 school districts of the county.

The tax collector was authorized to correct errors in assessments as parsonage at 1 o'clock by Rev. follows, viz: D. H. Hamilton, \$1000. C. C. Webb, \$1500, Rochester Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunwody of State Bank, \$3200, and corrected

\$500 of the \$1300, received from to the jury fund.

the early part of the week from a Rule precinct and precinct no. 2 Hico. Miss Annie, her sister went as far as Stamford to meet her on liams was appointed constable in recinct no. 6.

The petition of J. M. Vines et al ness trip to Wichita Falls Monday, for a public road was granted, and Mr. Kinney is the gentleman who W. W. Chapman, W. J. Teaff, Jno.

> B. W. Bryant was allowed \$27 50 as a fee in the jail case, Rike Menefee, and Ridling voting aye An order was passed allowing

The county clerk was ordered to mail all warrants issued on the

order of the court, to their respective owners. The county judge was author-

County attorney Gaylord Kline

The court granted a franchise Texas Company giving them the right to transport oil, water and

S. A. Price has returned from a prip to Corpus Christi. He stopped over in Haskell Wednesday and went on to Goree Thursday there are the control of the cont Standard Dress Goods Company, Dept 610, Binghamptor

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HASKELL, -TEXAS.

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GET THE HABIT and make yourself happy by buying everything you eat from

THE FARMERS SUPPLY COMPANY

Program

of the Preachers and Laymens Friday Feb. 15th at the beauti-G. Putman, Presiding Elder, at Society held their annual "tea." Haskell, Texas, Mar., 6, 7, '13 Thursday, Mar. 6th

9:am Devotional,

10:00 The Missionary idea in to come. The Gospels-L. N. Lipscomb.

Acts-W. P. Garvin.

D. Steward.

the Womans Organized Work-Mrs. P. D. Sanders.

B. McCarley.

Friday, Mar. 7th. 9 a. m. Devotional.

9:30 The Preacher and the Prayermeeting - A. L. Moore.

10:00 Pastorial instruction of children-What does it imply in its relation to question 3 in Quarterly Conference?-W. P. Garvin.

10:30 The Necessity of Revivals.-How shall we have them-Mill., J. H. Morris.

11:00 Sermon-R. D. Steward. Adjournment.

For a sprain you will find Char

Notice To Public

The Haskell State Bank, having consolidated with the Haskell Na- judge all enjoyed the evening very tional Bank, all parties wishing much. statements of their accounts will

Thanking our customers for their business in the past. We are yours truly.

Haskell State Brnk.

good your Hunt's Cure has done me. I had suffered with Itching Piles fifteen years, and when the suffered with Itching is for sale by all dealers. was traveling thru Texas a man told me of your Hunt's Cure. I got a 50c bottle and it cured me. John Bradley,

Caney, Kans.

FARM LOANS

tered the loan business to handle your loan business,

and as I have secured some new connections for money, I can now safely say that I will at all times

have plenty of funds to meet all demands. Our terms

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J. L. Robertson

I am now better prepared than ever since I en-

Loan business is my specialty and I have no

See me if you need money. I have moved my

For Sale or Rent.

all smooth land.

T. C. Cahill, agent Haskell, Tex-

are liberal and expenses low.

Valentine Tea

Conference and Missionary In- ful home of Mrs. J. U. Fields the stitute of Stamford District, J. ladies of the Woman's Missionary

The house was artistically decorated to suit the occasion. The cozy fire burning in the grate 9:30. The Missionary idea in drove away the chill of the air, the Old Testament W. B. Mc- pot plants here and there made one think of the spring days soon

he Gospels—L. N. Lipscomb.

10:20 The Missionary idea in door by Mrs. Gilbert, assisted by Solider is a pure specific in every way, Solider is a pure specific in every way, and has been proven beyond question to and has been proven beyond question to 11 a. m. Sermon-A. L. Moore. the parlor where they were greet-2:30 The Missionary idea in dames Garvin, Montgomery, Marthe Epistles and Revelation-R. tin and Rike, Here, under the management of Mrs. S. W. Scott, 3:00 The benefits derived from had been arranged a unique contest: by having paper hearts pined in various places, each heart 3:30 The importance of Early represented the name of a book Collection—A contribution from about hearts. From here the Solace Company as follows: guests passed into the dining "I want you to send a box of Solace to my father in Memphis, Tenn., for which I enclose \$1. This remedy has been used every member of the Church-J. guests passed into the dining 8:00 Sermon-W. K. Strother. Mesdames Marr, Kimbrough by some friends of mine here and I must Sutherland and English a delicious salad on lettuce leaves with Put up in 25c, 50c and \$1.00 pickles and heart shaped sand-wiches, followed with a cup of tea. On the dining table was a basket of small hearts of various colors and weights. Each guest

> Mrs. H. E. Bell. and Morris were in charge of the surprise of the evening.

strung across the hall, the numberlain's Liniment excellent. It bers on the hearts corresponding allays the pain, removes the sore-to the numbers on the mysterious ness, and soon restores the parts to a lealthy condition. 25 and packages on the table beneath 50 cent bottles for sale by all deala soft ball and told to hit a number-the number calling for its package on the table.

From the laughter going on we

We were glad to see so many kindly call and have same made ladies out, and appreciate the help out at Haskell State Bank build- you gave us. We trust you feel that your investment was not in vain. A Member.

> than in any other of the minor ail- SINGLE DOSE relieves sour stomments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and remedy which never fails.

> > Removal Notice.

190 acres of Land, seven miles and ranch loans and notary and and jewelry repairing guaranteed. north of Haskell, 155 acres in cul- conveyance work. I am better tivation two sets of improvements, prepared than ever to render the best service.

> J. L. Robertson, At Farmers Bank.

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Money Back for any case of

Rheumatism, Neuralgia or Headache That Solace Fails to Remove

SOLACE REMEDY is a recent medical discovery of three German Scientists that dissolves Uric Acid Crystals and Purifies the Blood. It is easy to take, and will not affect the weakest stomach.

The guests were met at the from opiates or harmful drugs of any de-

be the surest and quickest remedy for Uric Acid Troubles known to medical trouble (Uric Acid) and purifies the blood. THE SOLACE CO. of Battle Creek are the Sole U. S. Agents and have thousands of voluntary testimonial letters which have been received from grateful people 30-LACE has restored to health. Testimon-

ial letters, literature and FREE BOX sent upon request.

R. Lee Morris, president of the First

(Signed) R. L. Morris.

NOTICE

drew and had her fortune told by The Farmers National Bank located at Haskell in the State of They passed from here to the Texas is closing up its affairs. Texas and moved to Cliff to go in- liams. hall-way, where Mesdames Long All note holders and others, to the mercantile business. creditors of said association, are hereby notified to present the a trip to Haskell and back Sunday. Hearts had been numbered and notes and other claims against Bob Merchant is sick with pne- from an extended visit to Electra, the association for payment.

> O. E. Patterson, Cashier.

Dated Haskell, Texas. February, 12th, 1913.

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thorn bark and glycerine mixture, known as Adler-i-ka. This simple German remedy first became famous by curing appendicitie and it has now here the simple for our risk. First dose helps. J. R. Wells, Floydada, Texas, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery cured my terrible cough and cold I gained 15 Do you know that more real famous by curing appendicitis and danger lurks in a common cold it has now been discovered that a

DIAMONDS

Messrs Meek and Clough of Seymour will carry a complete line of Watches, Jewelry Cut I have moved my loan office to Glass and Hand painted china in the rear room of the Farmers their new jewelry store which Bank and will be pleased to have will be open for business by the all parties call there for any bus- first of March in Spencer & Richiness in my line, which is farm ardson's Drug Store. All Watch Eyes tested and glasses fitted, examinstion free,

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The injourious effect and unpleasantness of taking calomel is done away with by Simmons' Liv-er Purifier, the mildest known liver medicine, yet the most thorough in action. Put up in yellow tin boxes only. Price 25c. Tried once, used always.

Might Just As Well

lawyer. "I wish to explain to of the real. The best such bonds you," said he, "about willing my will bring on the market is 80 per property,"

said he, "leave that all to me."

ly. "I suppose I might as well," money to build a railroad in our said he, turning upon his pillow. state, The writer as an original

WEINERT

C. D. Long from Haskell was in Weinert last week. Mr. W. H. Parish and wife took

trip to Lubbock Wednesday. Mrs. Johnson from Lubbock left Wednesday for her home.

Mrs. F. W. Rogers paid a visit

Mrs. G. M. Williams left for future home.

Dr. E. E. Cockerell and W. A. appointment Sunday afternoon. Bergfeld made a trip to Haskell and back Wednesday.

T. A. Rogers went to Seymour Hettie Kennedy Sunday. Saturday.

Mrs. Charley Barton returned went to Rule Friday. from Stamford Thursday morn-

Co. have received a supply of nice nity Sunday. up-to-date furniture.

H. J. Rickelmann purchased a new buggy from McNeill & Smith | Mills Co. Hardware Co.

kell and back Monday.

N. B. Hunt of St Louis spent a urday. day and night with us Monday. a night here Monday.

Arthur Willis came from Bowie,

E. Meyer and T. L. Casey made

Ed Kaeger's wife is down with pneumonia. W. A. Bergfeld's baby is on the Thursday night.

sick list this week.

Reporter.

Are You a Cold Sufferer?

Take Dr. King's New Discovry. The Best Cough, Cold, Throat and Lung medicine made. Money refunded if it fails to cure

Advertised Letters.

Haskell Texas, Feb. 17, 1913. W. J. Kendiick. Emma Littlejohn. M. P. Jones. J. F. Link. Wm. Connolly. H. J. Donstell. Walter Riggins. Mrs. W. P. Spingeon.

Miss Ira Dalby. Jno. B. Baker, P. M.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlains Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Railroads are built by selling bonds. The law and the commission will not let a company issue healthy condition. For sale by all The sick man had called his more bonds per mile than the cost dealers. cent of their face value so there is The lawyer held up his hand a deficiency of something like five reassuringly. "There, there," thousand dollars per mile on average cost of construction. For this cutter I will trade for a calf. The sick man sighed resigned reason no promoter can raise the "You'll get it anyway."-Stray Hogg man is willing to amend the Pearls with Opal in center. Re-Hogg laws where needed.

KIRKDALE.

Hello, dear editor and chats, Health of our community is very good at present.

Miss Bertha Hunt, who has just recovered from the typhoid fever is able to be out again.

C. C. Webb and E. Meyer made Miss Ruth Hale spent Friday a trip to Haskell and back Wed- night and Saturday with Miss Emiline Weekly.

Willie Kirkpatrick spent Saturto her sister, Mrs. E. Meyer Fri- day night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Kirkpatrick.

Earl McNeill spent a short while Knox City Thursday Feb. 13, her at Mr. Kennedy's Saturday night. Bro. Lipscomb filled his regular

Misses Juanita and Nora Kirkpatrick were the guests of Miss

Messrs. Sam and Forest Ernest

Messrs. Earl McNeill and Frank Kennedy had business at Mr. McNeill & Smith Hardware Co., Atchison's of the Roberts commu-

Will Reece returned Sunday morning from a short visit to

Mr. J. F. Kennedy and sons, G. A. Hicks made a trip to Has- Frank and Robert and daughter, Miss Hettie were in the city Sat-

Miss Emiline Weekly was the Arthur Willis and family spent guest of Miss Ruth Hale Sunday, Miss Nora Turnbow spent Sun-

day afternoon with Mrs. Wil-Will Reece took dinner at Mr. Hunt's Sunday.

J. F. Kennedy returned Friday Memphis, Clarendon and other

Miss Emiline Weekly was a welcome guest at Mr. Turnbow's

Robert and Earl Kennedy spent Sunday afternoon with Melvin and Earl Turnbow.

With love and best wishes to the Free Press, I remain, Brown Eyes.

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Leader—A. J. Smith. Subject—"A Spiritual Religion." Song Prayer

What do we mean by Spiritual Religion-O. B. Norman. The Church-Rev. J. A. Ar-

buckle. Personal Strenth-J. E. Wall-

Prayer-Mrs. T. B. Russell. A Happy Christian Life-Mrs.

D. Scott. Benediction.

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you get your money back.

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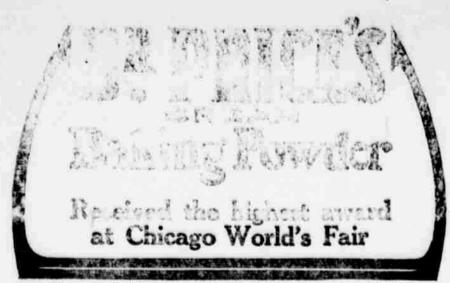
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Thanks, 3 cents per line per issue. HASKELL, TEXAS, Feb. 22, 1913.

Get busy in the garden.

co are still fighting.

Mr. Wilson will assume the presidency with some intricate international problems pending.

The legislature has some important measures to consider, and it is unfortunate that the meningitis has attacked the members.

The red flaggere in Mexico are fighting for loot. If a fellow raises an army and equips them there is no assurance they will not desert.

February 22 is a legal holiday. All the banks will be closed on ple. They do not pay much at- man. tention to holidays, They use It dees not matter how innoto get drunk on Xmas and have cent she may be of all wrongdoa picnic on the 4th of July, but ing: the world has a right to for several years they have quit question her modesty, her good getting drunk in this country, sense and her moral nature if with the exception of some old she allows a married man to sots, and we have not celebrated compromise her by his attention. the 4th of July in years. We She must lack good taste and are glad to note the reform as to a kind heart, for otherwise she drunkenness but regret to note would not do what is tactless and the loss of appreciation of the what will give pain to some other declaration of independence. woman-the man's wife. Some time we fear that the rule of the private corporation is not that of the private corporation.

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The Married Flirt.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A question has arisen for animated discussion between a man

and him wife

The man contends that there is no proof of disloyalty on the part of a husband who admires the opposite sex to such an extent that he indulges in harmless dirtations with them, and even

bestows a caress now and then. He loves his wife no less for such little diversions.

really love his wife who conduct ed himself in this manner.

She is confident she could not Cents per line per issue.

Obituaries, Resolutions and Cards of flirt with other men and indulge her husband.

The husband, of course, argues from that of woman, and what use of drugs. And ofttimes is The different factions in Mexi- would be disloyal and undignified the result, or cause, of one of in her would be quite harmless

putting the merely marital ques-The stock and bond law needs tion aside (of what is right or sustenance is a natural and proand companies can finance a new question must obtrude itself up partake of food and to sustain on the mind of any man with the body. But this does not common sense:

> What is his influence upon the women with whom he indulges in these passing flirtations?

Who are these women?

If a single woman or girl permits a married man to be familiar and to pay her attentions and to caress her, surely she must lose her standing among all decent people.

She cannot retain the respect this day. This is the natal day of single men: for nothing so of George Washingtion, and quickly tarnishes the reputation should be observed. There is of a girl as to have her name one peculiarity of western peo- linked with that of a married

If the woman with whom this appreciated in this country as it married Don Juan flirts is anought to be. We fear many peo- other man's wife, the situation is ple think the English rule of the just so much worse, for then old days is to be preferred to there are four people to be considered instead of three.

The wife who permits another man to tarnish her good name by his attentions lacks all the quali-

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Account Washingtons Birthday THROUGH CAR SERVICE City Ticket Office 110 S.4th, St. J. C. Jones, P. & T. A. ties which makeup sweet, whole some and noble womanhood.

There is always a time when she must know that the man is passing the boundary line between honest friendship and the attitude which leads to the corespondent.

She must know, too, that a attentions is trying to test her good sense and her self-respect. or clieble is a work used, bent on amusement and distraction without thought of the consequences.

the married man who has tried to convince his wife that his flirforth one argument to substantiate his assertions

There is still another type of woman he may be flirting with world, whose business it is to ensnare men-

But he would hardly argue with a good, pure wife that his attentions to such a woman were harmless.

are as empty as they are selfish. The married man who carries on harms his wife and harms himself.

There is nothing in it but weakness, self-indulgence, vanity and in familiarities and still care for the folly that leads to every phase of crime.

The habit of sex conquest is that man's nature is different like that of strong drink or the these habits.

Sex attraction is a powerful This is very old-fashioned reas- and beautiful emotion, given to and best uses. The appetite for mean that we should devour all the food on a hotel menu, or rob our neighbors' larders, and call it harmless amusement.

> There are great and wonderful things in life to do and think about; and one of the greatest and most beautiful and most wonderful is to be a clean, wholeto keep the home the center of happy, moral life; to protect it from every shadow of evil. and to control the impulses (which come to every human being at times) for indulging in weakness or folly by the will, which is like a rudder to the ship.

> The married man who has been arguing with his wife is showing himself to be a very common type of selfish, weak man. Let him try being uncommon and living a life that will benefit the world and help all women who know him to respect him.

When Manager A. Bell of the Haskell Opera House booked Jos. Howards latest musical farce comedy success, "The Only Way," he secured for his season, this funniest of all funny comedies is written for the purpose of laughter, it is one long laugh from the beginning to the end, the comedy is clean and moral, nothing to offend the most refined audience, each and every role is in the hands of an with the greatest care, they are Frances Ellen Holman, the comis known as the Emperor of Mirth, who plays the leading comedy role is good for a laugh a minute. His many love affairs and mixups are so funny, that the audience is kept in a convulsion of laughter, from the start to the finish. Jack Houston, the Laugh Merchant. Not only is Mr. Houston a comedian but he is also a singer of note, having appeared as soloist on most of the leading vaudeville circuits, as well as with some of the leading musical comedies on the road. Arthur Harper. droll comedian, he talks and more you laugh. He is also not- to please you.

SALE OR TRADE

No. 1. -90 acres, 2 1-2 miles Southwest Jarrel, Williamson Co., 80 acres in cultivation; 10 acres pasture; well improved, well located. Price \$75, good terms.

No. 2.-2190 acre ranch in Blanco Co., 40 miles west of Austin; 12 miles Johnson City, 10 miles Blanco, all fenced and cross-fenced; in 3 pastures, 2 small houses, 50 acres in cultivation; plenty of water. Will trade for a farm in Haskell or adjoining counties; price \$10,000.00.

man who is paying her loverlike No. 3.-To Trade for a small farm: 4 roomed house. Fine orchard; well located in Sentinel Okla., Price \$2,000.00.

No. 4.-160 acres 4 1-2 miles east of Blackwell, 60 acres in cultivation; all fenced; all good and pretty fair improvements. Will trade for draft stailion. Price \$2400.00

No. 5.-Fine Black Smith shop in a fine east Texas County for sale.

Therefore it seems difficult for No. 6.-160 acres three miles west of Dayton, N. M.; 50 acres in cultivation; fenced and cross fenced 4 roomed house, barn and other out buildings situated on Penasco river; has water right. Price 850 per acre; will trade for a farm or made in Texas, Okla., or Missouri,

tations are harmless to bring No. 7.-2 sections land 9 miles Seminole, Co. seat, Gaines Co. Will trade for mdse.; price \$10 bonus 100 acres in cultivation; House windmill and tank.

> No. 8.-960 acres 22 miles N. of Snyder, in Kent Co., 250 acres in cultivation; 3 sets of houses, 2 springs, 3 tanks: 500 acres good tillable land: to trade for good farm, per acre \$8.00

that is the woman of the half- No. 9. - 80 acres first class land in Wichita Co. 60 acres in cultivation, price 850 per acre. Incumbrance \$1,100.00 on long time, 6 per cent; well improved: Want Drugs.

No. 10. -320 acres northwest corner of Archer county; nearly all good land smooth, level, larger part in cultivation; good houses to trade for Hardware.

No. 11.-2 farms; well located, near town, plenty of water, near the coal fields of Young county. Price \$40.00 to trade for mode or grass land. 100 acres and 175 acres. All such masculine arguments No. 12. -205 acres of black land in Palo Pinto county, seven miles of Gordon, Texas. 50 acres' in

cultivation; fenced; house and barn. All good land; plenty of water and timber; in a German settlement. Price \$20 per acre

The wife thinks no man could flirtations with other women No. 13.-150 lots and 20 acres of land in Merkel, Texas. This is a fine proposition and will bear inspection. To trade for Western land.

No. 14.-194 6 10 acres Karnes Co. 6 mi. of Hobson 6 miles of Falls City, 9 miles Karnes City, fine black sandy land; 43 acres in cultivation. Nearly all tillable, fairly good house, barn, and stables; all fenced, well located and a bargain. Price \$46.50 per acre-

No. 15.-4400 acre ranch in Taylor Co. will take a small farm; on this price; \$5.00 per acre, this is the cheapest ranch to be found.

No. 16.-160 acres in Wharton Co., 20 acres in cultivation, all fenced with 4 wires; ever-lasting water 12 miles of good railroad town; this is a fine tract of land. Price \$16 per acre.

No. 17.-220 acre rice farm; 2 pumping plants equipped with 2 20h.p. gasoline engines. Guaranteed to water 200 acres of rice. Crop sold last year for \$7000. This is a fine farm and a bargain for some one. Price \$50 per acre.

oning and quite out of date, But, men and women for the greatest No. 18.-104 lots plated and in Blocks, streets and alleys 1 block west ward school; 4 blocks state university. Law and Medical school on Main st., business part of town. Nice dry land. Title perfect, clear of debt in Norman, Okla. Want Mdse, Price \$5000.

amending so independent lines unright in the matter), another per feeling. It is quite right to No. 19.-307 acre farm in Ellis county. 2 sets improvement, lasting water near town, 250 acres in cultivation. Price \$75.00 per acre.

> No. 20.-50 room 2 story brick hotel, with opera house and barber shop. 90x240 feet; sewerage system, furnished complete, price \$50,000.00

> No. 21.-153 acres 1-4 miles railroad station 7 miles Corsicana, Tex. one 2 story four room house one 2 room house; small orchard; 130 acres in cultivation very good barn. Price \$58. No. 22.-5 room frame house, 64 lots, \$165 storm house. \$300 of cement walks, garden, barn and

> other out building. Shallow 10 ft. in South Haskell Price \$10,000. 23.-10 acres 5 roomed house water piped away when plenty water. Good barn chicken h

This can be irrigated. price \$3000. some and honest wife or husband; No. 24,-5 1-2 acres in South Haskell, 1 three room house; 2 wells, one mill water 10 feet deep. fine

No. 25.-160 acres 4 mi South of Rule. 120 acres in cultivation. Good house and barn. Price \$40

No. 26.-144 acres 6 miles west of O'Brien, all level smooth sandy land as fine as can be found. acres in cultivation. 2 room house with gallery. Well and windmill, all tillable, public road.

R. F. D. and phone. Price \$40. No. 27.-113 1-3 acres black land 5 miles north of Stamford; 90 acres in cultivation, all level and tillable good house and barn, well located near school, church on public road; R. F. D. phone, sur rounded by farms. Price \$50 per acre.

No. 28. -To trade for small east Texas fruit farm, 640 acres, 3 miles Roseae, Nolen county, 150 acres in cultivation. Some more tillable; rest fine grass fine house; extra good improvements. price \$15 per acre; Incumbrance \$1500, plenty of water.

No. 29. -160 acres unimproved 4 miles northeast of Erick Okla., price \$15.

No. 30.-To trade for Abilene property. 160 acres in southwest Oklahoma. Good improvements, all good land. Well and mill, 60 acres in farm and a good residence in North Haskell.

No. 31,-1440 acres in Fannin Co. 15 miles northeast of Honey Grove. 1100 acres in cultivation, 1000 acres of it is fine alfalfa land. 18 or 20 tenant houses, one of which is a 5 room frame house 18 or 20 good barns, school house on land, good orchard, well or cistern at each house, plenty of timber, all fine land. Good country town in 1-2 mile of this farm. Price \$50 per acre.

patrons the laughing hit of the I have some fine tracts of land in Callahan Co., also many propositions over the State as well as Okla., and Ark. SEE ME IF YOU WANT TO MOVE.

artist that have been selected ed for his singing ability. Miss noted for their ability to make edienne known from the eastern Coach Stallion 6 years old. 167 weighs about 1150 pounds, 8 people laugh. Ben Benard, who to the western coast as one of feet high; weight 1400; will trade years, good shape, see A. P. Kinthe cleverest fun makers on the for Land stage. In this play she has been a great favorite wherever she has appeared and has been praised by both press and public. Marie Travel the singing and dancing soubrette has been ing and suffering with colds, all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and wothe talk of the public. Winnie Coughs, throat or lung troubles, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder trouble in Children. If not sold by your this play she is a scream. The ford, Niagara, Mo., writes: "Dr. druggist, will be sent by mail on above performers handle the King's New Discovery changed receipt of \$1.00. One small botprincipal parts in this musical our boy from a pale weak sick boy the two months' treatment, and farce comedy success, "The to the picture of health." Always seldom fails to perfect a cure. Only Way." This attraction will be be be be be better than the bottom of the single bottom o Only Way." This attraction will that play in our city on Fri. Feb. 21.

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The Last Word

The Washington Star tells of this dialogue:

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I am going to be a suffragette and march in a parade."

"You are, eh?"

"Yes. I feel it my duty to show an active interest in politics."

That's not politics. That's parode." the alphabet."

Well how about direct primarles or the initiative or referendum?"

"Oh, I never pretended to mow much about Latin."

'How about banking

don't they?"

phantly, "you don't know a sess to tell. Then he give me a quarter, and that opened me up. I told thing about the subjects that are him Ellen sent it. Then I went to Elbeing discussed." "Well, Charley, dear, you

mean well, of course. But I o' toy at gittin' a valentine from Ellen must say that it seems very that he couldn't think of anything eise stupid and silly of you to learn all those hard words and puzzle over problems to show your in-"I see. Well what are your terest in politics when we can views on schedule K of the tariff?" do so simply by marching in a

Surprise Your Friends!

For four weeks regularly use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They stimulate the liver, improve digestion, remove blood impurities, 'How about banking and right, at the West Side Pharmacy.'

'How about banking and pimples and eruptions disappear from your face and body and you feel better. Begin at once. Buy at the West Side Pharmacy.

I wears gold cords down the legs o' up with The gentleman I works for took me from sellin' pa-He used to buy a paper of me mornin' when he took his train, I standin' just outside at the end o' the street he come down. One day he said to me: "You's a bright lookin How'd you like to be a page?" "Wot's a page?" I asked. "Oh, a little felier dressed up mighty fine to answer the doorbell, run errands and all that." I said I'd like that. So be tole me to come to his house that

The next day after I went to him he sent me with Tom Gummage, the butler, to git rigged out. Then when I got back before I put 'em on I was put into a great big white bathtub and told to sonk myself for an hour. I did this, and when I come out and put on my uniform and looked in a glass I wouldn't 'a' knowed myself, I looked so fine.

When I went into the kitchen the cook sald I was too illigant for anything, and the housemaid give me a kiss. She was lookin' mighty fine berself, with her black dress and ruffles on her cap and apron, to beat the band. Right off I liked her better than any one of the help, and I haven't had any occasion to change my mind since, for if I made any mistakes she always helped me out of 'em. and once when I broke some chiny she give me the money to go and git an other jist like it, and nobody knowed I did the breakin'.

One thing bothered me a lot. Gummage and the housemaid, Ellen, hated each other like poison. Sometimes when Ellen would give me somethin' Gummage would give me somethin' better, just to show his spite, I reckon. Then Ellen would say, "If you're goin' to take presents from that fellow, Dickey, I won't give you anything more." And sometimes Gummage would say: "I saw Ellen givin' you a kiss for takin' a letter out to the mail box for her yesterday. I don't think that much pay. I'd rather have a nickel any day, if I was you."

"I wouldn't. I think Ellen's a mighty fine girl, and you don't show good taste in runnin' her down."

Then he'd give a grunt, and that would be the end of it. And when Ellen would run Tom down I'd say: "Ellen, Tom's first rate. He give me 10 cents yesterday just for carryin' some hot water upstairs that he was told to bring himself." And Ellen would make what she had to say about Tom.

Well, they was both a-snarlin' at each other when Valentine's day come round. The day before it come Tom showed me one of the comics-a maid dressed in her white and black uniform, only she was awful ugly, and there was some mean poetry on it. He said he was goin' to send it to Ellen. I told him he needn't waste any stamp on it: I'd got some stamps that had been used. I'd stick one of 'em on the valentine and hand it in when I took the mail from the postman. which I always did.

That same night Ellen she showed me a comic, too, with a pictur of a man struttin' round like a turkeycock. I asked her if she was goin' to send it to Tom.

"The very thing!" she said. looks just like him. I'll do it."

I told her the same thing I'd told Tom-that I'd put a used stamp on it and pretend to take it from the postman. But I didn't tell her that I was going to do the same thing for Tom. She said that would be a first rate way. and she gave me the valentine.

I'd just got 50 cents for a tip, and I went out to a store and bought two o' the lovenest valentines I could find. They was all covered with bleedin' hearts and little boys with wings and not a stitch of clothes on 'em, and I wrote Tom's name on one and Ellen's on another and put an old stamp on each of 'em, and the next mornin' when the postman come, after leavin' the letters for the family on the library table I took the valentines for Tom and Ellen to each of 'em. pertendin' I'd got em from the postman.

During' the day Tom came to me and asked me if I knew who sent him "You see!" he shouted trium. his valentine. I said I had no bustlen and told her I'd seen the valentine she'd got in Tom's room. She was awful surprised. Tom he was so full He broke two plates and one o' the small teacups that come from some pot-*ery or another in Europe.

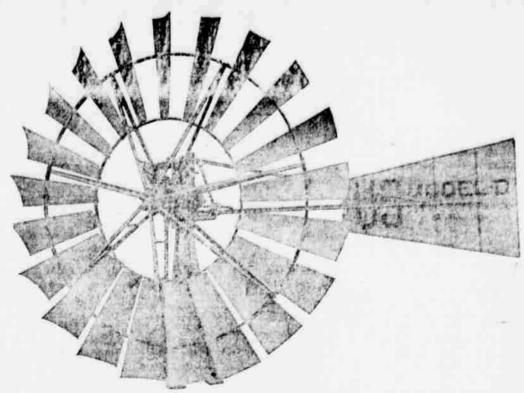
> It beat anything I ever seen the difference them valentines made between Tom and Ellen. It wasn't more 'n three days when I caught 'em behind the drawin' room window curtains kissin' for all they was worth.

> I jist enickered right out. Tom drop-ped a salver be had in his hand, and a dustpan Ellen was holdin' rattled on the floor too.

> But that wasn't the end of it. Last Saturday both Tom and Ellen give notice they're goin' to leave, and they're goin' to be married. It's the queerest case o' hate turnin' to love I ever seen I wonder if them pictures o' naked boys with wings done it.

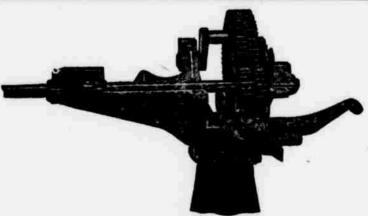
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the proceeds of his industry had might arouse the race pride of been reduced to the sum of \$49. the white thieves and they would He complained to the Sheriff's not be so destructive. Under department yesterday. The on- present, conditions most any been conducting a private bank. ly clew he was able to furnish as farmer had rather live in the to the probable thief was that one neighborhood with thieving neof his neighbors "has been wear- gros than thieving whites. We

doubtedly a negro. If he had negro thief is to be preferred. been a white man he would have caken all the money We have and Led by that means doubtless contrasted the negro thief with the white before, in discussing watermelon thieves in this country. The negro does not steal to

damage people but he steals to stealing melons and they will destroy all the melons and sometimes the vines in the patch if they are not caught or scared raise boys to steal, could improve D. D. D. Prescription for Eczema the ethics prevailing among white thieves if they would take 6-tf lessons from the negro. A good lecture to white boys who are

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A DESPERATE **BANDIT**

By MARGARET BARRY

Lieutenant Giuseppe Griolano of the There are misfortunes and misfor Italian national police being summon tunes. It is a misfortune to be dump ed to headquarters at Naples, his chief ed into an ocean from a steamer leav said to him

terrorizing the mountains must be cap saved or your troubles are ended 1 tured I have sent out a spy, who says that in a ravine back of Sorrento he came upon the band lie was halted and told to turn about He could see no one, but remarked the position and says that if they remain there long enough for a competent force to attack them they must all be captured Take fifty men, go at once and bring Lanetti here dead or alive If you can bring the others do so, but do not fail to capture their leader "

"Have you a description of him? asked the lieutenant.

"No. Nor have I found any one who has seen him. He has but recently begun his depredations and thus far we have not been able to get any in formation about him Persons who have been captured by his band and held for ransom have not been brought before him'

Lieutenant Griolano with his men went by train as near to the point they intended to attack as possible, then at nightfall followed a road leading up into the mountains

As soon as it grew lighter the police all armed with rifles, advanced, turn ing a bend in the ravine, which led them face to face with a barricade of stones the bandits had erected across it Griolano halted his men and stood looking up at the barrier All was slent. Not a living thing was to be

"The bird has flown," he remarked

in a disappointed tone. No sooner had the words been ut tered than a bullet sang close to her

The bravest man will duck at being thus surprised, for the nerves do not give the brain time to reason that the danger has already passed Gramma involuntarily ducked then ordered tomen to he down under cover all b. could determine upon the best method of attack. He stood upright binuself. taking in the defense before him. Ilwas a hundsome man, twenty five years old and brave. White he was looking for an opening by which me make a flink attack upon the nostroanother bullet sang a few taches above his head. This time he was prepared and did not flinch.

On both sides of the ravine where a wall of rock, which the lieutenant only be captured from the front, and this could not be done without considerable loss of life. The young officer was at a loss how to proceed While deliberating another rifle cracked, and another bullet whizzed past him, this time knocking off the uniform Napo leonic hat worn by the national police

"For heaven's sake lieutenant" cried a sergeant. "Cease to expose yourself in that way. The next shot will surely bring you down"

Those shots have come from different parts of the barrier," replied the Heutenant without heeding the warning "There must be half our number behind it, and if we attempt to carry it by storm we shall lose the greater part of our men I must find a way to get at them from"-

Ping! Another bullet grazed the offi cer's shoulder

"I beg of you, lieutenant," reiterated the sergeant, "to get behind a rock Why the villains have missed you four times I cannot understand

"Nor I," replied Griolano "However, there is nothing for it but to carry

the place by assault over the rocks in his own way Every moment all expected to receive a vol

ley that would thin their ranks, but shot had come from the harrier Every eye he said half musingly. neck was stretched, every eye bent on was covered and yet no sign of defense

"They are waiting," said the serthen each handit will sim at one of us. and they will fire all at once."

But in a few moments more they were at the base of the barricade. then on and over it, all unburt.

In the farthest corner crouched the garrison, a girl some seventeen years old. No other living being was there. Griolano stood in amazement.

"Where is Lanetti?" he asked.

"I am Lanetti." "You Lanetti?"

"Yes, signor."

"Where are your men?"

"They are cowards. They have deserted me."

After a brief silence, during which the officer was lost in wonder, he said-"Why did you miss me so many

times. Are you so poor a marksman? "No, signor. I can hit a bird on the wing." "Well?"

"You looked so handsome in your beautiful uniform I could not kill

The police went back to Naples and reported that the brigands had disappeared. But this is not the last of the story so far as Griolano and the bandit are concerned. The rest is a tale of love.

A Punster Punished

By F. A. MITCHEL

ing you at the rate of twenty knots an "This brigand Lanetti who has been bour, but you are very soon either than when they fight a foreigner. with my birth, was added to at my baptism and has been endured ever since My father's name was John Darling If he had named me John for himself one-half my life's suffer ings would have been avoided, but my mother's family name was Rosedale and I was given that surname I presume I should remember my parents with reverence and affection. As for the latter, so I do, but how can one revere a pair of intellects which even combined were too stupid not to fore see that I, as boy and man, would be Rose Darling?

The trouble began when ! ? * t went to school, the boys suggesting at I be classed with the girls When , prew older and joined a musical club I was asked if I sang soprane or contraite I was called Rosie Dear, Darling Rose -indeed, every play upon my name that could be invented

Foreseeing that a manly part in life was needed to help me to throw off this suggestion of effeminacy, I deter mined to become a soldier. I applied to the congressman of my district. He told me that he had given out his appointments, but I saw from the amused expression on his face that he would not think of recommending a hoy with such a name. I walked away to the nearest recruiting station and enlisted

I knew what I had to expect from my compides, and I was not disappointed. I was soon given the souler quet at "Sweetheart" and except odicirilly was never called anothing else-I here it stricelly. When addressed as "Sweethers" or "Rosie I serr" I did not complete, taking it as a matter of purse that is, protonding to do so though exery time I was thus address red it was like a stub

I resolved to be the bost soldfor in my company, and I was Notwith standing my Incubus I was promoned to be corporal, then sergount and final by orderly sergount. When I rem be the highest noncommissioned office i my company it secured an advantage It enabled me when on duty to compethe men to address me by my rurb name I permitted them to call me the barrier had been erected there was what they liked unofficially but the moment one of them did so upon any saw no way of passing Indeed, the official occasion I brought him up with position the bandits had taken could a round turn. This gradually killed

> My service in the ranks was during the last Indian troubles, and in a fight that occurred in attempting to drive a tribe of redskins back on to their reservation I, preferring to die rather than not gain something by which to bal ance the disadvantage of the name un der which I lived, fought regardless of danger The result was that when we got back to the fort the colonel commanding sent for me, complimented me and told me that he had recom mended me for a commission He knew me as Sergeant Darling Darling by itself is not a very bad name, and ! hoped that when I came to associate with the commissioned officers I should gain a respite I would be Mr Dar ling, and when I came to the next grade above I would be Captain Dar ling. Then I would get rid of the "Rosie Dear" and all that

But I was doomed to disappointment I found that the higher I rose the more ambitious were my associates Ambi tion takes many forms The ambition of the stupidest persons seems to be to crack a joke. And the stupider the Given the order to advance the men person the more reliant be is upon an moved up the ravine, each man getting opportunity. When a few weeks later the colonel sent for me to hand me my commission I found him looking at the parchment with a smile hovering they made half the distance and not a about his lips. With a twinkle in his

"Rosedale Darling Rose Darling. the improvised fort, looking for a burst. Ha ha! Mr. Rose Darling, I am pleased of flame and smoke and a haustorm of to greet you among the commissioned bullets. Half the remaining distance officers of the army I dare say you will be very dear to the ladies of the garrison

"Thank you, colonel," I said, forcing geant, "till we get right before them, a smile. "That's a very good pun of yours. How did you happen to think of It?

> "Oh, it's in the name-Rose Darling Darling Rose, Rose Dear, see?"

"Upon my word." I replied, my face lighting up with assumed surprise and admiration. "Excellent! I wonder no

one ever thought of it before." "Haven't they?" His own face reflecting the pleasure in mine "Well I suppose it's my sense of humor."

Then and there I resolved that I would make a bold stroke for revenge upon him for indulging in that humor I had often seen a pretty girl of seventeen at guard mounting or dress parade whom I had been told was the colonel's daughter. I laid siege to her heart and after a struggle won her, though the colonel tried to head me off by trumping up charges against me. I was tried and acquitted, and I married the gir! Since then every time a (Darling) child is born to me I feel that I am giving my bumorous father in-law a new stab. I have at times been tempted to lay an incubus on oncof my own boys by naming him for myself in order to be able to gloat the more over the old fool who thought he was the first man to pun on ony

She Took to the Road

By BERTHA L. TOMLINS

All civil wars are terrible, but all civil wars are full of romance. This is because people divided and trying to kill one another brings greater grief

Gertrude Milbank, the daughter of suffer under a misfortune that began a country gentleman of Devonshire. found herself at the time Cromwell be came ruler of England under the title of lord protector-her father and two brothers having been killed fighting for their king-an orphan and without any one to lean upon. Her father's estate had been forfeited, and she had no means of sustenance. Reared in lux ury she was brought face to face with want.

> In that age two professions were practiced by gentlemen, one of which is now obsolete, while the other has been relegated to the criminal classes These were highway robbery and pi racy. The highwayman was a popular character, while Morgan, the most brutally bloodthirsty of pirates, died in England unpunished for his many crimes. At the end of the war that lost Charles 1. his kingdom and his head many of the young officers who had fought for him being impoverished took to the road for a living Gertrude Milbank, bitter against the Roundheads who had beheaded her king, killed her father and brothers and robbed her of her patrimony, having heard of these cases of ex-soldiers turning highway men, determined to imitate their example She stood five feet eight inches and was a marvel of beauty and state liness. The former did not serve her purpose, for while on the road she was masked, but the latter helped her to maintain the appearance of a man-

> Having attired herself in the male costume of the period, her own black hair falling in curls over her broad white lace collar, booted and spurred mounted on a horse she had ridden constantly since she was a little girl she sallied forth one starlight night to take a purse. Having waited for some time behind a clump of trees for the passage of a victim she at best hours the sounds of wheels. Her courage was coving out of her finger ends but she stopped it by recalling the wrongs of her family and, riding into the road called mean the coachman to stop. He obeyed, and Certrude, putting a pistor in through the window of the coach. called out in somewhat tremuleus

> "Your money or your life!" There was no reply for a few me ments, then a man's voice said. "I have which you are welcome, sir But I a ring of considerable value which you will be able to turn into money

> "Such liberality." replied Gertrude "could not come from an accursed Roundhead. You must be a loyal subject of our king across the water; there fore I shall let you pass without trib ute, for I will take nothing from one of the king's party."

Gertrude was about to whirl her horse's head around when the man in

the coach stopped her "You are mistaken," he said. "! would not save my property under false pretenses; I support the protec

Such action was a surprise to Ger trude, who could not understand why the man should give her information unasked and with it property be might have saved. While she besitated her victim got out a wallet, took a ring from his finger and handed both to her. She accepted them mechanically. her mind being diverted by the man's strange action.

"You need not take the trouble to raise money from the ring." he added "It is an heirloom, and I prefer to re deem it.

"I shall not make myself known by calling upon you to do so," replied Ger trude. "Rather keep it."

"Drive on," was the only reply, and this was addressed to the coachman. who whipped up his horses, resuming the journey As the carriage drove away the man within called out, "I will call upon you when I wish to re deem the ring, Miss Milbank, and will give you thrice what you can get for it elsewhere."

As the coach rolled away Gertrude sat on her horse paralyzed. The man till he spoke the last words disguised his voice and she had not recognized it. She had robbed one to whom when the war broke out she was engaged. but whose father had persuaded him to espouse the cause of the parliament The son had refused to listen to Ger trude's efforts to retain his loyalty for the king, and when he broke with his

king she forced him to break with her The recognition was quite enough to cure her on its very threshold of any desire to follow the career of a high wayman and, riding back to the cottage she had come from, she divested herself of male attire and resumed her wonted garments

The next morning she was meditating hiding herself from the man she had robbed and wondering how she could return his property before doing so, when he rode up to her door, dismounted and entered the house.

"I have come to redeem my ring. Gertrude," he said. "Taking it from her finger, she hand-

ed it to him without a word, but intending to refuse his offer of money Instead of handing her gold he took her hand and placed the ring on her

Then her head sank on his breast.

BUYING A **CLAIM**

By TIMOTHY W BARLOW

Bills Watkins was a lovable sort of a fellow. Indeed, he was too lovable to ever make anything of himself. He had some capital and started a business of his own. Any one who is experienced in business knows that somebody about the premises must stand with a club to keep back all sorts of inroads upon the treasury Everybody that has anything to sell the concern invents all sorts of stories as to why it should be bought. Everybody employed has a reason for increase of salary And so it goes. If there isn't some one to turn a deaf ear to such talk bank ruptcy is sure to come

Billy paid me a big salary to be a buffer between him and persons who wanted something But in spite of all I could do they would get past me to Billy himself, and the concern was sure to be "out" some more. "Jones," Billy would say to me, "has sickness in his family and needs an advance of \$100," or, "That drummer who was in here this morning showed some beautiful goods Besides, he's been having hard luck lately I'm sure his wares will go off like hot cakes." The result would be that Jones would quit us in debt, and the goods would remain in stock unsold

Of course the inevitable red flag came in time. After we were sold out I loaned Billy \$200 for present expenses. When I loaned it I never ex pected to ask for it. Billy said that when he got on his feet again he would pay it, and I knew he wouldif he ever got on his feet. But I was taken ill soon after I left his service and was obliged to submit to an im portant operation. The consequence was that the great specialist who oper ated on me, hospital board bills and loss of time took all I had

I applied for a payment of my loan. but Billy had given so much in sympathy that he hadn't anything with which to pay his just debts. He sold some heirlooms for a matter of \$20. which he gave me, and when I was obliged to apply to him again sold his overcoat and sent me the proceeds. I or I wouldn't have accepted the sacrifice. The sale of his overcoat brought on a cold which was followed by pneu monia, and Billy came out of a hos pital more deeply in debt than before

Not being able to work after my operation and not knowing of Billy's real financial condition. I applied to but a few pounds in my pocket, to him several times in succession, get ting less and less amounts each time. till at last I received a silver dollar After that I didn't try to squeeze any

more blood out of a turnip. One day a very nice looking lady called on me and asked for Billy fancied he owed her money, so I was

chary about giving her his address. "Mr. Watkins can't pay any bills." said. "He's awfully hard up." "Does he owe you anything?" she

asked "About a hundred and fifty dollars." "What will you take for your claim?"

"Anything you like to offer." "How would \$50 suit you?" "Make it \$75 and it's a go." I said. more to follow the thing up from curiosity than in the expectation that she

would take me up. "I'll split the difference and give

you \$62.50." "All right," I agreed, wondering what it all meant. She pulled a little checkbook out of a reticule and wrote me a check for the amount, and I assigned my claim on Billy to her. Being a woman I didn't suppose that she would do anything mean in the prem ises, though after I had made the transaction I was sorry for it, fearing she might want the claim to get re-

venge for something. I didn't see Billy after that for some time. Indeed, I didn't care to meet him, for the more I thought about the weman's buying a claim against him the more I believed she had done it to secure some revenge. I feared to hear

of his being prosecuted in some way. One day I saw Billy coming on the street I was about to dodge into an alley when a second glance showed me that he was much changed. He was dressed handsomely, with a chrys anthemum in his buttonhole and swung a smart cane. As soon as he caught sight of me he made a dive for me. I waited as a man will stand for an automobile he expects to run bite down, not knowing whether or not i would receive a shower of reproaches. When coming up to me he put his arms about me, giving me a bear's

bug. "Where the deuce have you been keeping yourself?" he said. "I've been wishing to see you to tell you of the luck I've had. Not long ago an old fame of mine who once refused me sent me a check for \$87.50, saying that a claim against me had been transferred to her for less than it was worth that I was welcome to the difference for as long a time as I liked. Well, I took this for a hint to ask again, and I did, with the desired result. We're to be married next month, and I wish you to be my best man."

"What are you going to live on?" "Oh, my girl's rich. I would like to go into business, but she says she has enough for me to do to take care of her property."

"Whose claim did the lady buy?" "I don't know. She won't tell me." Billy and his wife concluded to make teur in Europe before settling down.

A Village Enigma

THE RESERVE OF THE PROPERTY OF

By M. QUAD

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It was three years after Mrs An drew Wakefield became a widow that things began to happen to disturb the peace of mind of the town of Hooper ville. Mr. Wakefield had been a man without ambition or energy and addict ed to intoxicants, and the main support of the couple had been the earn ings of the wife with her needle

Mr. Wakefield sometimes complained because he was not met on even terms by the the best citizens, but the wife never complained of her lot If she expected a merchant's wife to associate with her dressmaker on terms of equality she never gave atterance to that fact. And never, that any one could recall, did she ask to be consider ed a martyr or find fault with her husband When other wives told her what they would do in such a case she sometimes smiled, but never complained After trying for years to make her out people decided that she was an enigma

"And what in the name of cats is that?" asked good old Deacon Peters of his wife when she applied the term "Why, Moses, don't you know what

an enigma is?" "They've invented so many darned things in the last few years that I'm

all mixed up' "An enigma is a thing you don't un derstand.

"Want, is Mrs. Wakefield an enigma?" "Folks say so." "Mebbe she is She strikes me as a woman wno is waiting for something

to happen." Something finally happened. It wasn't anything of great importance-just the

death of Mr. Wakefield Later the Widow Wakefield was left a great sum of money by English rela tives. It was all in the papers, and her lawyer confirmed it. She became the richest woman in the state almost in a day And of course the query

with everybody was: "What will she do with it?"

There were events in the history of the widow that Hooperville had not taken cognizance of. She came from an aristocratic family. At eighteen she had fallen in love and eloped with didn't know of either of these sales and wed a young man who made a worthless husband. Her father had cast her off, and she had been living hundreds of miles from him She had felt the bitterness of the slights put upon her, but had realized that the sit uation could not be changed for the better by open resentment. She hadn't fived her real life, but a false one, and had thus come to be an enigmn to such | draw. as were interested enough to discus-

> When the money came the widow set about getting even with Hooperville There was no malice in it, but just a sense of satisfaction. A bridge over the river had long been unsafe, but the taxpayers had hung off about renairing it, trusting that the Lord would divert all the accidents to other bridges.

The widow hired a lawyer to take the matter up, and the bridge was con demned and replaced by a \$6,000 struc ture. The taxpayers howled.

She hired a surveyor to go over the lines of the streets, and it was discovered that all the store fronts encroached and that hardly a fence occupied its legal position. All encroachments were ordered removed.

The spire of the Methodist church edifice had a decided leaning toward sunrise. The widow set the law at work, and it cost the congregation \$700 to brace up its spire.

There was an old ordinance against hitching horses to shade trees. That was also suddenly enforced and \$50 in fines collected the first day There was another about chimneys

being cleaned every year. Nearly 100 house owners were brought to court and fined \$5 on their admissions that their chimneys had not been cleaned for ten years.

There was a dead ordinance about the use of profane language in public. The Widow Wakefield revived it and had sixty men fined the first day. Among them were the mayor, all the aldermen and the judge who inflicted the fines

"Moses, what on earth is the woman at?" the good wife of Deacon Peters would ask after each new move. "She's paying us back, I guess."

"But it don't seem as if she could do much more."

"You wait and see. What was it you called her?"

"An enigma." "So 'twas. Waal, you'll learn that they've got claws. She'll wind up here with a grand whoop."

When the day finally came that the lawyer could suggest nothing more to upset things he was instructed to rent the gristmill, the sawmill, the tavern and two stores and five dwellings for a year. The tanner and the cooper wanted to be counted in, and they were accommodated. The rent was paid in advance, and the buildings locked up and the industries closed

Then the Widow Wakefield sent to the city for an auto and chauffeur and Paris gowns and hats and, dressed in the latest style and regardless of expense, made a slow tour of the town and departed from it forever. "Moses, what has it cost the town?"

asked the good wife of Deacon Peters "About \$30,000, I guess."

"And because she was mad?" "No. Because she was an enigma, or whatever critter you call it. Goldarn their bides!"

The Butt of the Camp

By SADIE OLCOTT

Hauging about a mining camp in the for west was an Indian girl whose name was so unpronounceable that she was called Sal. She was not the typical Indian maiden of song and story, but a real daughter of the forest. which means that she was not beautiful, not over clean, and her hair hung down, coarse and straight, on her shoulders. At least it would have hung straight if it had been combed.

Sal was not popular with the camp

ers, but she could be made useful for a very small expenditure. Men who had an accumulation of unwashed dishes could hire her for a few cents, an old piece of ribbon or some tobacco to do the job so that they could start anew with their tableware and use it all over again. A drudge like that is always sure to get all the cuffing that springs from ill temper, and Sal had no one to divide it with. If any one lost anything she was accused of having taken it and ill treated until it. was found, which was often in the possession of the owner. The Indian is proverably revengeful, but Sal seemed unusually patient under the rough treatment she received. All wondered why she didn't stay with her people, who were settled on their reservation on the other side of the divide, but despite her ungainliness Sal seemed to realize that whites were superior to redskins, and she would rather be the butt among the former than stand high among the latter.

One day Sal got in the way of Tom Barton when he was stamping his way through the camp in a very bad humor. He gave her a bat on the side of her head that sent her to the ground. A young and comely man called Ohio Sam, he having come from the highly civilized state of that name, saw the transaction and was so incensed at a man striking a woman that he walked up to Barton and batted him as he had batted Sal Barton was too cowardly to fight, so he took it out in jawing. As soon as Ohio Sam was convinced that he was not called upon to give the fellow any satisfaction be turned and

walked away A coward, a mean coward, who will domineer over those he can safely impose upon, though he will not stand up in open fight, will usually take a mean revenge. Sal seemed to understand this better than her champion. She kept an eye on Barton, expecting that he would manage some day to get the drop on Rowley, which was Ohio Sam's real name, and shoot him before he could

One night Rowley was awakened by a pistol shot within a few feet of him-There was just light enough-it was coming dawn-to see two persons at the entrance of his cabin. One was Barton, with a smoking pistol in his hand; the other was Sal, whose hand was under Barton's weapon. It was evident that she had just knocked it upward. The villain retired and was not seen around the camp again.

Rowley, sensible of Sal's having saved his life, after this treated her with as much consideration as he could one of her low degree. This seemed to encourage her to tidy up a bit, and she appeared in a white woman's discarded dress that she picked up somewhere. One day she went to Rowley and told him that his enemy, Barton, was hange ing at a distance about the camp and she believed he was bent on mischief. Rowley had best avoid going out where he could be shot in the back. The young man smiled and said he didn't believe Barton quite so low as that and thought no more about the matter.

That same evening, having occasion to go beyond the camp, he was walking along when he heard two shots in a wood by the path and thought he heard a woman's cry. Turning toward it, he came upon Sal lying on her back with a bullet hole in her forehead. She was dead. Seeing a man's legs on the ground, his body concealed behind a tree, Rowly went to where it was and found Barton gasping. He died in a few minutes from a builet wound behind the ear.

It was perfectly plain that Sal had again saved his life, and this time at the expense of her own. Taking her up, he carried her to the camp, and as the denizens gathered round while Rowley told the story hats came off one by one and there were those who had imposed on the girl whose eyes were moist.

Rowley sent word to the girl's people asking if they wished to show their dead kinswoman any funeral honors. They responded: "Sal no good, Sal leave her own wigwam to be white

people's slave. We no want her." This was the reply Rowley received with regard to a girl who had owned his life, yet gave her own for its preservation. The message stung him. What had he done in acknowledgment, in repayment for her first interposition? He could do nothing for the second. Sadly he arranged for the interment of the body, and when it took place those who had not given a kind word to the Indian girl in life stood reverently about her grave, each cast-

ing in a green sprig. Somehow Rowley was never the same man after the tragedy. He could never forgive a selfish world for ill treating one who was so unselfish. He did not blame himself for not having shown a more perfect acknowledgment of the girl's interest in him, for there was nothing that he could have done. The board he erected over her grave be simply marked "Sal."

HANGING THE **WRONG MAN**

By M. QUAD

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You see, William Bovers was as much to blame as any of us, and, being be was the man who was bung, he ought | tense at an explanation. to have entered into particulars to a further extent than he did

I shall always blome him that he didn't.

William was placed. I knew him for know of his countenance undergoing a change for even a second.

twenty-four Indians, and his counter thwirty. nance expressed homesekness. The I slept in a room on the second floor third change is what I am going to near the head of this staircase. The tell you about.

There had been a good deal of rebbing and killing around the camp that summer, and somehow it had been impossible to lay a hand on one of the perpetrators. The men had become rolled and desperate, and it was generally understood that the first offender that fell into our clutches would step king!" Another cried: "The rebel is up suddenly by a rope and a limb

One day when some of the boys were returning from Pot Luck creek with flour and pork they came upon the one cry, "My God, I'm done for," placid William Bovers in a bad situation. He was bending over the body | fierce oaslaught upon the door below of a man named Powers, who had been | and I heard it give way settled by the thrust of a bowie, and his hands were bloody.

The placid William was nabbed

What did he do? Just nothing at all. boys laid hands on him he quietly remarked that he had discovered the body only five minutes before and was inspecting it in hopes to discover signs of life.

Too thin!

And too placed to fit that crowd! The camp didn't waste any valuable

time over William's case. Within an hour a court was convened. William anger, as if suffering some grievous was arraigned, and the dead body was placed in sight of all.

Well, the court could scarcely fail to convict under the circumstances, and in less than an hour it became the painful duty of the judge to arise and remark:

"William, you have been found guilty of murder Does it make any great difference to you whether you are hung this afternoon or tomorrow? Weather's liable to change here mighty sudden, you know, and we may not have such an afternoon again for a week."

The placed William replied that he be was

He went to his shanty, accompanied by Colonel Smith, and when he had disposed of his property and written a letter to friends in the east he walked coolly to the gallows tree, mounted the barrel and never winked an eye when the noose was slipped over his head.

Then came a painful pause. It is a serious thing to kick a barrel from under the feet of a fellow man and let a rope catch and choke him to death. We felt it so, and when the pause came we could hear each other's hard breathing.

"William Bovers," solemnly remarkd the judge, "you are about to hang!" "Yes," calmly replied the prisoner. And now, once more, I ask you if

you are guilty of the awful crime?" "No," was the equally calm reply. But he had been tried, convicted and sentenced, and the sentence must be carried out. It was when the man advanced to kick away the barrel that William's countenance lost its placidity. For five seconds he seemed a stranger to us all. A white shadow crossed his face, a look of fear crept

into his eyes, and his taw fell. Then placid William was himself again. He braced right up, shut his teeth hard, and he died with a countenance as unreadable as a stone.

A week afterward a robber who was fired on and fatally wounded confessed that he was guilty of the murder for which William Bovers had been hung. That was a nice mess for us. We'd done wrong and we was sorry for it, but William orter made a better fight for his life.

One day, six months after the tragedy, a woman came riding into camp on a mule. We saw her when yet a long ways off, and we grouned.

As she came nearer we swore. As she halted we turned to each oth

er and asked: "What is it? Who is it?"

She was six feet tall. She had a broken nose. She had yellow eyes. She had tusks for teeth, and she chew ed plug tobacco. "Well, critters?" she queried as she

looked us over "What is it?" asked one of the mer

as he stepped forward.

"My William. Where is he?" "Do you refer to William Bovers?"

"I do, sir. I'm not the woman to go around referring to other women's

Your William has departed, madam "To where?"

"To a better land, we hope." "You mean that he is dead?"

#Dead and buried and probably play-

g on a harp." "How much did he leave behind

About \$30, and here you are." "Blast his neck, but he ought to have left a thousand " And she turned and rode away, and

no man spoke for ten minutes. Then We hung William, but I'll be durned

If he didn't deserve it!"

My Strange Vision

A Story For Washington's Birthday

By F. A. MITCHEL

I wish it distinctly understood before telling this story that I make no pre-

In New Jersey there are still standing houses in some of which buspeared scenes connected with the Revolutionary war. Most of these are now dilapithree years, and only three times did I dated. Of some only a part remains, while a few are well preserved. In one of these houses I once slept. The Once he met a grizzly face to face, only mark of its past grandeur was the and that placid expression gave way to staircase. The minute workmanship of a look of surprise and interest. He that day was apparent in it, though was pursued on another occasion by in its dilapidated condition it looked

original room had been divided into two small ones. I went to sleep very soon after going to bed and must have slept till after midnight, when I was awakened by a hammering at the front door below. There was a noisy confusion of men's voices without, and I heard above the din, "Long live the off the head of a barrel to be brought, within Watch every egress!" And still another shouted: "He's gone, you traitor Tory. You're too late" Then there was a shot, and I heard some

Immediately after the shot came a

Scarcely a minute had elapsed while this was going on before I sprang from my bed, rushed to the door of my room. opened it and looked out. Lights from What did he say? Why, when the below faintly illuminated the staircase Descending it was a woman in her nightdress, a shawl wrapped about her shoulders. She was young and beautiful. When I opened my door she had turned an angle in the stairs and faced me. A voice from below cried:

"The captain's shot! Give me that shawl to stanch the blood!"

The woman's face was lighted with wrong

"God forbid," she replied, "that I should give my shawl for any such purpose.

It was a sickening sight, that which I saw next. I wish I could forget it. but I can't. It will be with me to my grave. I saw a soldier in a three cornered hat, a red coat and buff knee breeches run up the stairs and plunge a bayonet into the woman's breast. She sank down with a moan. There were cries of "Shame!" from below. and I heard shricks and lamentations

in different parts of the house. was lying in bed, my heart beating like a drum. As I became more conscious of where I was I saw a streak of light coming through a shutter from

a street lamp without. All was still. What a horrid dream-nightmare, mean. I knew that I had got out of bed and gone to the door. But-

My thoughts went off in all imaginable directions. In an hour I was asleep again. My

vision came back, though this time it was more like a dream. Yet so real was it that when I returned to my ordinary consciousness I wondered if I had been asleep.

I sat by an open window looking out on large grounds. Persons were grouped below me, all subdued, speaking in low tones. There were soldiers among something in the punch we drank that them dressed in the Continental uniform. Before the door was a gun carriage. As in a moving picture, at the gate at the farther end of an avenue of trees appeared a commanding figure. and followed by several officers. They rode rapidly toward the house, and heard a voice below exclaim;

"General Washington has arrived!" Then I heard singing of hymns be low, after which I saw a coffin wrapped in the stars and stripes taken out and laid on the gun carriage. The cortege moved away, the general and the

officers being a part of it. I awoke in the morning feeling as if than a physical strain. After breakfast ticular about the women you marry." I called the man of the house aside and told him of my nocturnal experience. you?" He said that he was no interpreter of dreams, and that was all the informa- of such a thing?"

tion I got out of him. Some time after this visit I was telling my visions to a librarian. His interest in my story grew intense as I proceeded. We were in the library at the time, and when I had concluded he went to a shelf, took down a book, question." opened it at a certain page and handed

the volume to me. I read of a certain house in New Jersey where an officer in the Continental army was wont to visit his young wife. He was betrayed by Tories, and British troops sought to capture him. But, learning of his danger, he escaped before they arrived. The scene I had dreamed-or seen. I know not whichhad been enacted during the Revolution in the very house in which I saw

it more than a hundred years later. My friend the librarian hunted for an account of the funeral of the young wife who was killed by a British soldier because she would not give her shawl to stanch the blood of his captain, that officer being the one searching for her husband. No regord was found of the obsequies, but it seems probable that a woman who died in the struggle for independence would be given a military funeral and that General Washington, who was then at Morristown, would very likely be pres

Their Mutual Confession

By EDITH V. ROSS

When Tem Ashworth and Emma

clear year and contracts or digital it meant that Tom was a man of the and when we reached Naples were reworld and would never do for a super- duced to six, for we had scarcely east intendent of a Sunday school, and that anchor when two more men left us for Emma had been engaged half a dozen parts unknown. times not emerging from any of her

had no conscience in such matters. engaged to Tom Ashworth and while sailor. Waterman was so proud of be-

he was calling upon her she said: man in society. I wonder if after all I will be safe in marrying you."

errbat's very singular." "What's singular?"

"Why, a friend of mine when I announced my engagement to you exclaimed. 'For heaven sake, you're not going to tackle that, are you? And when I asked for an explanation be her has before he got through danced in bare feet on a hot stove."

"The horrid wretch, to say such a thing! She thought a bit, then with a very

serious air said: "This is not a flirtation between you

and me"-"It's the real thing."

"Now, I think it best before taking a step that is very difficult to back out of that we know the worst about each other. Let us make a clean breast of it; then if after being married we hear anything detrimental to each other we'll know just what it means."

"That's a good idea."

"Well, then, suppose you begin?" "Why not you?"

"It's the lady's privilege to"-"Confess last?"

"Man is always supposed to defer to woman."

"Certainly. I wouldn't think of going through a doorway before you. And on the same principle I'm willing that you should confess first. However, since you insist upon it, I will Where shall I begin?"

"I would like to have you tell me just what sin lies heavy on your conscience."

"Well, to begin with, once while in the country I went to a corn husking My companion, a pretty girl with red lips, wouldn't find a red ear, so I borrowed one and kissed her."

"The first time you met her! How shocking! They have horrid ways in

the country. Well, go on." "That affair of mine with Miss Turner you may have heard about was all made out of whole cloth. Nothing in

it whatever." "I have heard of that to your discredit, and I'm very glad to have you assure me that you were not at fault iu

the matter. Go on." "I once won \$5 gambling." "How? Where? At what game?"

"At a friend's house. We were a party of six."

"Anything else?" "I once got tipsy, but there was made us all sick."

"You should have been ashamed of yourself. Go on. Tell me the rest." "I can't think of anything more just now. If I recall anything very bad I'll also in Continental uniform, mounted tell you. Oh, yes. I once was weak enough to allow a married woman to

> squeeze my hand." "Good gracious! Come, bring it all out. Don't be afraid. I am forgiving you, you know.'

"That's every bit of it. Now it's your turn. Remember, don't leave a weak spot behind you. Tell it all."

"Oh, dear, I'm afraid you'll turn against me when you hear the many things of which I've been guilty. Not had suffered a great strain during the that any of them are so dreadfully night, though it was rather a spiritual bad either, but you men are so par-

"You never committed bigamy, did "No. indeed. What made you think

'Nor robbed a married woman of her husband?"

"Heavens, no." "Did any man commit suicide because you threw him over?" "You awful thing to ask me such a

"Didn't a divorced man once get a license to marry you?"

"If you accuse me of any more such horrid crimes I'll break our engage "I have heard that you once went to

a students' ball in Paris dressed in a very negligee costume." "It wasn't a students' ball at all. It was a very respectable affair given.

by the Parisian artists. I represent-"Never mind what you represented Go on with your confession."

"Well, there's one thing-just onethink you should know. Once when was very young a young fellow blew

"Kissed me." "Is that all?" "Yes."

out the lights and"-

"What?"

"Every teeny, weeny little thing." "I knew you were absolutely pure and innocent," be said, lifting her face

A Mutiny

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

On my last voyage with Captain. In Italy they celebrate the anniver-Treat's engagement was announced Waterman we had had luck with the sarry of the evacuation of the country everybody yild "That'll be a case of crew. Two men were los overbord in ar, and her. Davil." The remark didn't a storm, three died of sincress, and ave more that either of these had been con- deserted at dade to. We want through

We lay in Naples a week, taking on betrothals with a clear record for hav- a cargo of olive oil, figs and Halfan ing treated her fiance honorably. Not fruits. Several days before sailing on that she thought she had treated him the return voyage the captala was redishonorable. It was simply that she quested to take some money to New York. It wasn't much, but quite enough One evening after she had become to excite the capidity of a common ing intrusted with the amount-about "Tom, I have been told by my friends. \$12,000 that he had to tell one of the that you have the worst record of any men about it. The worst of it was that we were obliged to make up the crew at Naples in order to take the ship buck to New York, and any one who not ever been in Nantes will understand what kind of men we were obliged to accent. Some of them were a weak ened, degraced lot, while the rest look ed as if they had seen service as brigands. The fact is that before we gut said 'Any man who has made love to through with them I made up my mind that they had spent the greater part of

their lives behind bars. When we salled away from Naples I confess I had misgivings about ever getting across the Atlantic with such a crew. The second mate. Hanford. felt a good deal as I did about it, but the captain didn't seem to feel the least uneasy. Before making due westward we went down to Messina to take on oranges. The evening of our arrival I noticed by the looks of the men and certain burried consultations that took place among small groups of them that something was brewing Instead of going to my berth when I came off watch and feeling oneasy. when no one saw me I slipped into one of the ship's boats. I hadn't been there very long before there was a commotion beneath me. I heard shots down between decks, and several of the crew poured up the companionway, and the whole lot of them talked hurriedly directly beneath the boat I was in. I knew by what was said that they had killed the captain and the second mate and had been disappointed in not finding me in my berth. What had become of me was their chief topic of conversation, and it seemed to trouble them very much. Some one said that he had seen a man jail until he could raise the money. leap overboard, and this seemed to satisfy them that I had thus escaped, to remain in jail, for there is no posbut they didn't propose to take any chances, and their leader, dividing the ship into sections, detailed two men to search each section. Certain of being captured if I remained where I was, when no one was near me I let myself down into the water and. swimming to the rudder, climbed up on it. Not being a first class swimmer, I didn't dare to try to get to the shore.

which was fully a mile distant. It wasn't long before I heard the anchor being drawn up, and I felt sure that the men were going to put out somewhere and I would stand a good chance of being drowned perched where I was. However, I couldn't help myself and must take my chances of meeting death that way rather than giving myself up to be murdered. They sailed northeastward and in a few hours came near land, which was a part of the toe of the boot of Italy. as it appears on the map. They coasted along till they came to a very thinly settled region from which mountains rose from a beach. There they ran the ship ashore. Taking two of

the boats adrift, they began to walk northward on the beach. I was now relieved of my fear and turned my whole energies toward following them up and turning them over to the authorities for punishment. Swimming forward to the bowsprit chains, I climbed up on deck, lowered a boat and when the men were passing around a spur in the mountain pulled away from the ship. When I came in sight of them again I was to them simply a man in a boat, for they were too far away to see who I was. and, in order to full any suspicions they might have. I pretended to be

the boats, they landed, and, turning

fishing. After proceeding northward for couple of hours, coming to a gap, they turned eastward. I pulled ashore and, leaving my boat, took the only road they could have followed. They stopped at a small town, and I halted outside. When they left the place I entered it. and, finding telegraph facilities, I sent a message to the nearest point where I would be likely to find a police force sufficient to handle them and sent an account of the situation, with the direction the men were moving I was requested to keep track of them if possible and post the police from judge time to time of any change in their route.

About 5 o'clock in the afternoon met the police detachment and guided them to a point where I knew the men were journeying. We let them proceed to a sort of pocket, where we called on them to surrender. They were only partly armed, and the police, besides outnumbering them, all had rifles. This brought them to terms, and we captured them, including the \$12,000 they had with them.

They were taken to Naples, where they were tried. Some of them had been compelled to join the mutiny, and they were let off. The ringles were given solitary confinement for life, while the rest got light sentences.

A PETTY **TYRANT**

By MARGARET BARR

by the Austrians much as we Arrest cans celebrate the Fourth of July.

On he of these on the car ladies were waiking on a street in Milan. They were Austrian tourists of high degree, one of them the Countess. Czuega Being citizens of that empire which had lost its hold on Italy, it is not to be expected that they would feel any sympathy with the celebration

While passing some persons who were firital explosives a man set off a back of fire rackers, several of which composed on to the counters, dress, larraing holes in it. She was in no mood. for such a misfortune and resolved on necessional it Calling on a noticemen she showed him the damage that had been done, pointed to the perpetrator. and demanded his arrest, that size those whom I treat emeinly. And might recover demages. The policeman agreed to do her bidding if she would accompany them. She consented, and the three went to the station, which happened to be only a block away

The officer in charge suggested that since the judge before whom the case would be tried was then holding court and the ladles desired to leave Milan the next morning they go at once before him and see if they could not get it disposed of without delay This pleased the irate countess, and they went to the courtroom.

Now, a gentleman who bad been walking the streets enjoying the cele bration had witnessed the accident and followed the parties first to the police station and thence to the courtroom. There he listened with marked attention to the proceedings. The lady claimed that the dress was worth 1,000 lira, or \$200. She had bought it in Milan only the day before and summoned the merchant who sold it to her to bear witness to the price paid. This established her claim, and, as to the man who had burned it, he confessed that he had done so, but accidentally

The judge ordered him to pay for the dress, but he said that he was a workman and without any means whatso-

He offered to bind himself to pay by installments, but the lady, who was revengeful rather than needy, declined to accept such terms. The judge thereupon said that in default of payment and costs the poor fellow must go to

"Then," said the man, "I shall have sum except by working for it, and I need all I can earn to support myself and my family."

The judge endeavored to persuade the lady to be lenient, but she declared that the man could pay if he would,

and she would make no compromise. "In that case." said the judge, "I have no discretion in the matter but to send the man to iail."

At this point the gentleman who had followed the party stepped forward and said to the judge. "I will pay the lady the 1,000 lira she paid for the dress, but in that case it will be mine. will it not?"

The judge ruled that it would. The lady, whose ire had had time to cool, seemed willing to accept the solution. and the stranger, taking out a pocketbook, handed her the money and paid the costs. Then be said:

"Judge, I know who this lady is, for I have met her at court in Vienna. though she does not remember me. Her ire at the man who unintentionally burned her dress was occasioned by the fact that our people are today celebrating the expulsion of our former masters, her countrymen. She has treated the unfortunate man with great rigor, and I propose to be equally exacting. The dress she wears is mine.

and I demand it immediately." The countess, somewhat abashed at this speech, said that she would deliver the dress as soon as she could go to the hotel and replace it with another one.

"You refused," said the stranger, "to give this man time, and I refuse to give you time. I demand my property."

The lady looked at the judge to learn if he would support that demand. The judge had already recognized the stranger and with great deference to him said that he had a right to compel the immediate delivery of his prop-

"What!" exclaimed the countess "Do "You showed no mercy." replied the

purchaser. "and I will show you none." "And if I refuse your insolent demand?" she asked, looking again at the

"I shall send you to jail," replied the There was a knot that only the purchaser could cut. He did it by making the lady an offer of her dress for 2.500

lira. Since she must either accent it or appear in public without it she angrily consented. The stranger took the money and handed it to the man who had burned the dress, saying at the same time to the lady: "My object, countess, has been sim-

ply to save this man from your tyranny, just such as our people have suffered from your Austrian government. I bid you good morning."

"Who is he?" asked the lady after had gone. "Prince Umberto," said the judge.

The Tragedienne

By DOROTHEA HALE

The tragedienne after playing the part of Queen Katherine in "Henry VIII" to an admiring audience went to her rooms at her hotel and, being very tired, took her supper alone and and dimens, the oparture of which

a wing of the hotel on an upper story. where she could rest in quiet after the strain of her performances. She had scarcely got into negligue and seated herself at her supper table, that she always found haid for her upon coming from the theater, when there came knock at the door, and before she could reply to it a man satered. The actress

looked at him in astonishment. "I witnessed your performance this evening," he said, "and was very much

impressed with th" "I am not receiving vis tors at this hour sir. Who brought you to my

apartments? "No one, I need no introduction to after I am through with them they need no introduction to any one else. I am the man who freed two of your husband's wives from their troubles. Anne Boleyn spoke her last word to me, and Catherine Howard did the

There was a glitter in the eyes of the unbidden guest which even without his words would have stamped him for a

The notress at once realized that, separated from the rest of the house as she was should the man become dangerous she would be without assistance.

On the wall there was a button to ring a bell, but already the man was between her and it. She was a courageous woman and believed that the only safety from a dethroned intellect was to master it. "These women you mention as my

husband's wives," she said, "were not married to him. He never had but one lawful wife, myself. The others were his mistresses." This was said with all the commanding force the actress had given in her character of the deposed queen. The

lunatic stood looking at her, evidently taken aback. "Did not he who was your sovereign as well as your husband put you

"Not by any law, human or divine. The pope alone could annul our marriage, and the pope would not. Then Henry declared himself pope and divorced me. He had as much right to declare himself God."

"But not the power. He could declare himself head of the church in England and as such divorce you But I did not come here to discuss the legality of his divorce from you. I came for another purpose. I relieved. as I have said. Queen Anne Boleyn of her troubles and Queen Katherine Howard. When I saw tonight at the theater the anguish of a greater queen than either of the others my heart was melted in sympathy, and I longed to make you happy, as I made them

happy." The actress' heart was beating like kettledrum. She formed a dozen different plans for calling assistance. but abandoned them all as soon as formed. She believed that at the slightest show of weakness the man would be upon her. He had no ax. nor could she see that he had any other weapon, but she did not doubt that he had concealed the means to take her life. Her only chance was to dominate him.

"Do you class me with those jades?" she said fiercely. "I, the daughter of a king and not a drop of blood in my veins that is not royal, to be mentioned with those women, in whose veins ran not a drop of blood that was royal? Do you dare speak of me in the same breath with Anne Boleyn. whose relations were of the common herd, or with Katherine Howard, who, though her blood was of the best. there was still between it and mine that great gap that divides royalty from the commoner? And why did you behead her? Because she was impure."

She kept her eye fixed on the lunatic and spoke the words so vigorously, shaking her fist at him and bringing it down with a blow on the table, that he made a step backward. Seeing her advantage, she rose with a view to following it up.

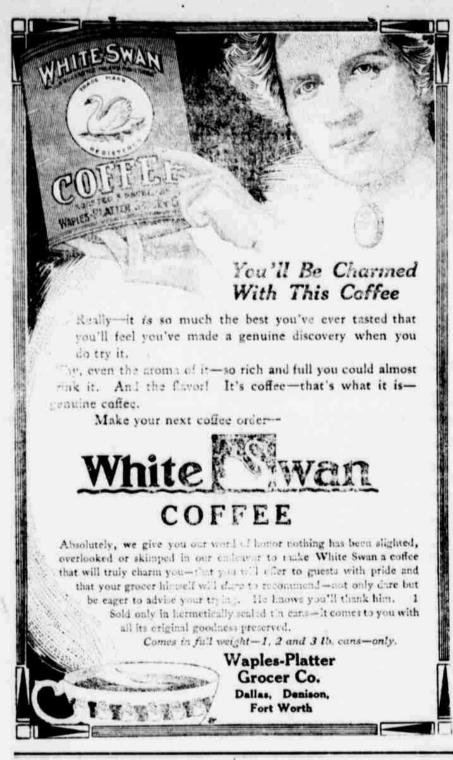
"And you have come here to treat me as you have treated these low born creatures? Are you aware of your sacrilege? Are you aware that you are you mean to force me to disrobe proposing the same death you inflicted on them? You propose that alone which can divorce my dignities?"

She made a stop forward, and the man made a step backward.

"Go! Go to the Tower and there behold the spot where you sent the two so called queens to their long home. and on your bended knees ask forgiveness for the insult you have of-

fered to a queen of England." She raised her arm, the fist clinched, and, rising on her toes to give ber height, giared at him with the combined dignity of half a dozen queens. And so, fearing every moment to lose her hold on him, yet summoning al! her will power to avoid doing so, she drove him out the door. The moment it was closed she turned the key, staggered to the button, pushed it and fell

When an attendant came and found the door locked he aroused the ho But another entrance was used and the tragedy queen was found in a real tragic situation.



Missionary Notes

regretted when time came to visitors with us, hope they may leave? That was the experience soon join us in our work. We is caused by an inflamed condition of those who attended the meet- invite all the ladies to attend our ing of the "Woman's Missionary reading course. Society," Monday afternoon. Next Monday will be our liter- sound or imperfect hearing, and Mrs. Garvin was leader for the ary day. The 1st vice president, when it is entirely closed, Deafness meeting, it being 3rd Monday, Mrs. S. R. Rike assisted by Mrs. is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this we had our reading course. The R. C. Montgomery will entertain tube restored to its normal con-leader proved her enthusiasm in the Society members at the dition, hearing will be destroyed the study, by the many good home of Mrs. J. S. Rike. Each torever; nine cases out of ten are things brought out. After the member is urged to be present, caused by Catarrh, which is noth lesson all were told to take out their needle work and be comfortable while the story of, "A Mormon Girl", was told very lungs, stops chronic and hacking you were not there what a treat you missed—long before the story was story was ended, every needle

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By JOHN GALLAGHER, Jr.

E ery large city has it parts where rogues do congregate, and as the city grows so grows the region of vice Many are the devices of the detectives or plain clothes men, as they are call ed, to trap those they are after and land them in jail. One would suppose that hiding in a crowded community would be easy compared with the country, where everybody knows everybody else's business and any one unaccounted for attracts attention. But the police say that if they can get a crook they are after into the municipal net they are sure to land him-that Jos. Howard known the world is, if they pounce upon him so suddenly that he can't have time to slip through their fingers.

The underworld has its "society" as well as the upper world, though it is far more transient. As to duncing, as the Turkey trot song goes, "Every-body's doing it." The social bottom has its soirces as well as the social top

One evening a young man entered a dance ball in Philadelphia where "toughs" and their girls met. He look ed tougher than any other man in the room. A stovepipe bat was mashed down over his eyes, under which were a pair of bleared eyes, a fisming red nose and a stubble beard. He was very agile and put on a good deal of style, which was comical in such a degraded person. Marching up to one of the women, he made a crooked bow and crooked his arm at her. She took it and strutted off with him, putting on all the airs of the upper ten thouformance will witness one of sand.

"Look at 'em!" "What illigance!"

"Where did the bloke come from?" "And the leddy-she'd make a pea cock ashamed of itself!"

The music struck up, and the dance began. The couple who had attracted the attention of the company continued to hold it by their remarkable antics in the dance. The gentleman seemed made of rubber, and the lady didn't seem to care as to showing her ankles. Now and again the former jumped three or four feet from the floor, and every time he gave a whoop. And after every jump of the man the woman would jump higher and whoop louder.

The dance over, they separated and danced with others, but later in the ache and kidney trouble that had Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother evening the man approached the woman again, jumped in the air before her. made a more profound bow than before, and they sailed away together fore, and they sailed away together in a round dance, spinning like a tee-totum. They evidently enjoyed the amusement they created and in order sults, even though other preparatotum They evidently enjoyed the amusement they created, and in order sults, even though other to increase it they began to bump con- tions have brought no benefit." ples they passed. This feature was more successful with the onlookers

than any other. began to come back to them with in-

terest. One couple after another ran into them and presently began to run into one another. The bumping became not only general, but increased in force. Then the bumpers began to THE STATE OF TEXAS-

In less than half an hour after this swell couple started the innocent pleasantry of knocking dancers off their pins the assembly resolved itself into a free fight. There were howling and swearing and whooping, and no man made more noise than the stranger and no woman more than the stranger's girl. The proprietor jumped on a table and yelled at the top of his voice:

What do you want to bring down the police on the house for? Shut up!" He might as well have tried to still tempest with a penny trumpet. It was biff, biff, biff! with here a growl, there a yell, a screech from some woman occasionally sounding shrill above the uproar like the wind howling through the rigging of a ship.

Presently two policemen rushed into the room. One of them cast his eye over the assembly and, seeing the imitator of swelldom sparring with a red headed man, a scar on his left cheek. went up to him and arrested him. As he pushed his prisoner along the latter said to him:

"Got 'em blocked below?" "Yes. Who's here?"

"Can't tell. Take in the lot and sift

There was a wild rush for the door. but a dozen policemen stood in the way. Then some of the men went to the windows, but the hall was on the third story of a building and nothing between it and the ground. There was s skylight, and some tried to get out on to the roof, but there were no means of getting up to it. The clang of patrol wagons sounded below, and one by one the recent revelers were taken down past a line of policemen, put into wagons and driven to the station.

Among the others were the hilaricus stranger and the girl who had belped him amuse the company. The policeman who had arrested them said something to the officer at the desk. and they were led into another room, where they stripped off their outer clothing

and both appeared as men. They were plain clothes men who had been sent to the dance to create a disturbance, giving the police cause to take in the assembly, expecting that some notorious crooks wanted for crime would be found in the general haul. Numerous criminals were taken. but the only ones the police were looking for were a murderer and two bur-glars, one of the latter having broken jail but a week before. These were

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sire to do so.
HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed

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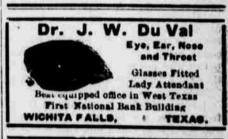
"Who's been having luck Convincing evidence in Haskell, now?" her husband asked.

"The Caldwells. Burglars broke into their house last night."

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