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## HASKELL PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS

#### **Neccessary Changes**

Some changes have been made for the second term of school work. Miss Minnie Ellis who has been working in the East Ward has been moved to the North Ward. She now has all the sixth grade pupils of the town in her room. These pupils were in four different rooms before the change and it is useless to say that it took more than twice as much time to teach them as it should take. Miss Ellis had less than twenty in her room on the East Side-too few for good work-and she now has more than thirty-the number neccessary for good work and the number required to prevent the waste of school funds.

#### Haskell Wants A Graded School.

The Haskell Board of Trustees day. and the patrons of Haskell want Public School graded and oney ment capils classified according to the grading. Pupils graded according to their ity and inclination to do work. ne pupils are unable to do as uch work as others and are able to learn as fast. Such that the patrons of Haskell feel

grounds and the score was 38 to stay in their rooms from 8 to 10 9 in favor of Haskell. The p. m?

No wonder he looks so unpleasant he has not been a custo-

mer of E. A. Chambers for the year 1912.

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# EXAMPLE OF CIVIC ATTRACTIVENESS



HOME OF MRS. THEO WRIGHT, HASKELL, TEXAS

Work At Home Badly Needed Many pupils are failing to make their grades, This is due, for the most part, to the fact that children are either not given an opportunity to study at home or that they are not required to do so by their parents. An education can not be secured grade their own children in the opportunity or who fail to reteachers are proud of the fact pupil. The teachers furnish the instruction; the pupils furnish the ABILITY AND THE INthat they are friends of the DUSTRY. Investigations by children and that they are doing the Superintendent of schools of an to place the children Haskell show that comparatively sses where the greatest few children study at home. Many make their parents believe that it is not necessary. The teachers in the grades above High School boys mentioned urge parents to reame of basket ball quire much work at home. Pugh School boys from pils secure enough help. It is last Satuday. The game not help they need but it is work was played on the Haskell school they need. Do your children

#### Haskell team will play Stamford HOW CHRISTMAS WAS ed by a pioneer ranchman. For a long time this was the only OBSERVED AT THE FOX HOUSE family living in Haskell county. This family were noted for their hospitality, and for years all travel

First it was decreed a few other a tin whistle, it was condays before the 25th that we ceded by all that the eloquence were to have a Christmas tree, and jestures of this young discithen the day before the event ple of Demosthenes exceded the it was decided that we should all speed limit. in school buildings; it must be hang up our stockings, and there The next thing in order was a ils are not expected to keep worked out in the home. Chil- was a room set apart for that visit to the hosiery department, ith the rapid learning pupils. dren are supposed to recite purpose. I was told to bring up the march to that room was an eachers pass pupils to higher about one half of the time they a sock. Now Mr. Editor as I inspiring sight, as each dignigrades or to higher classes as applies to children in the fifth grade and above—and it is absolute a sock. Now Mr. Editor as I inspiring sight, as each dight-had bought a new pair of sox a fied matroa, shool marm, and few days before and paid the bachelor maid had closely hugged being done by the pupil is too lutely impossible for them to extravagant sum of 25c for them up a doll and a toy dog, that easy for him, or her. Parents prepare their work-all of it-at I felt a little doubtful as to the would walk if you pressed the requested to bear in mind the school building. All pupils in and above the fifth grade the teacher's judgment of should be required to do from grading and classifying of should be required to do from grading and g grading and classifying of one to three hours work at home me is me of an incident that oc- present had been neglected, and more selfish and seclusive race. pupil is the judgment which each school day-amount to vary curred when I lived in Throck- that old Chris Kringle must blowed by the Haskell School. with the grade. Parents who morton. Some of the farmers have been well ladened when he cents are not in a position to fail to give their children this had just begun to raise a little entered. As I cannot rememgrade their own children in the quire their children to use the sense that the teachers are used opportunity will be responsible mill in Young County and exto grade them. The children for the consequences. A strong changed it for flour; Uncle Billy others fared equally as well or can not grade themselves. The teacher does not mean a strong King took a load to the mill one better you may know that all to mill with a load of wheat also pin, three neck ties, a handker-The neighbor hailed him saying: chief, a tie rack, and Mr. Editor make it changing wheat for the old McLemore mansion, flour?" Well he said: "I had will show you the decorations to lay awake to get my sacks got from the tree consisting of

> would have it at the early hour a deep-seated faith in protection. of 6:30 Xmas morning. Well we arose at six o'clock and after got my sock back. much chattering of teeth and much shivering, we got into our best ready-made suit and hiked up to the Fox, where we found the tables had been moved to one side of the dining room, and several rows of chairs were filled witn guests facing the parlor, waiting for the curtain to part so that we might see what Old Santa had left us; we had not long to wait before we saw a sight that brought forth a hearty burst of applause. Mr. M. Pace acted as Santa Claus and every one received several presents.

And by the way, it is rumored by the first aids to injured heart that sly old Santa will have a blushing bride to assist in the distribution of presents at the next Xmas tree.

After the tree had been relieved of its many beautiful presents, came the presentation of some lovely silverware to our popular landlady Mrs. Fox, County Treasurer Emory Me & sites only knows what passed in the

months after his introduction she

roulette room. Nobody believes the

Pecos county. com-Suicide Mrs. P. G. Yoe

ers passing through this section were entertained by the Tuckers in the western style, without price and without money. All of the early cow boys looked upon Mrs. Tucker as a mother.

wheat which they took to a flour ber what each one got I will tell season and after leaving the mill felt that they had friends. I and getting away a few miles, found a pair of initial cuff butmet one of his neighbors going tons, a pair of silk sox, a scarf Well Uncle Billy how did you if you should visit my room at rattlers, whistlers, Xmas cards As I was ordered to bring a and last but not least a boy that sock I did so but I gave it up has a pillow securely fastened at with fear and trembling. Then the seat of his pants, who had a on the 24th day of December we date with his dad. That boy were talking again about having was wise in his day and generathe tree and decided that we sion for the future and also had

And by the way Mr. Editor, I

A. B. Mason.

to be eat up any minit, and I'm so

two days longer! Zob, if yo' love me.

#### T. F. Tucker Killed

Some days ago the daily press gave an account of the killing of T. F. Tucker, while he was plowing in his field in Pecos County. Mr. Tucker was well known to the old settlers of Haskell county, he being a son of Col. T. F. Tucker, who was the first county Judge, and a brother to A. D. Tucker, the first Sheriff of Haskell County. The deceased was a prominent Mason and was made a Mason by the lodge of this place. Some years ago he became famous in a desperate fight with some outlaws, on the Mexican border, where he almost wiped out the band with a Winchester rife. At the time of his the he was a county

eers Under the baneful influence of so called society, women forget their school chums and all old friends when afflicted with a little temporary prosperity, or their husbands get into a \$40 dollar clerkship. Unassuming, sensible people are snobbed for being sane and level headed and courteous to all whom they meet. Selfishness is taking the place of good old southern hospitality, vanity and snobbery is substituted for culture and true refinement. People who have not visited in the home of the old pioneer ranchman, can not appreciate some of the noble

and she was such indeed to many

stricken with typhoid fever, that

was so prevalent in the early days

Mrs. Tucker is a sister of Mrs.

Yoe, and it is almost the history

of the family, that nearly all of

of people compared to the pion

qualities, and the splendid virtues of the pioneers. Common sense, virtue, courteous and pofraud or resent an insult, the old ily were distinguished far and \$6,500 up defense to shield his murder- Frank Wood, Aztec, N. M.

# **CO-OPERATION** IS A BIG WORD

Many industries have lived next door neighbors for centuries without becoming acquainted or at best acquiring only a cussing knowledge of each other. They have often glared at each other over stone walls of misunderstanding and many times each has been stung by the indifference or blighted by the envy of the other. In such an atmosphere, anarchy thrives and demagoguery reigns su-

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Co-operation is the biggest and most vital problem which confronts the industries of Texas today and one which the Farm Life Commission is destined to

When business interests sit ics impossible.

Although railroad building in who needed a motherscare when Texas in 1912 was disappointing. the interurban construction during that year more than offset the deficiency. Official figures show we constructed one mile of electric line to every two miles of their male relatives have been steam road last year and that interurban systems advanced 214 per cent. 'Tis not a bad showing for electric lines but on the other hand the increasing needs of the states are demanding the immediate construction of 10,000 miles of additional railroads. Compared with other States in the Union, we stand near the foot of the class in transportation facilities.

tory will repeat itself in 1913. With the beginning of the New Year we have 445 miles of electric lines under construction and the few small railroad projects under way are making uncertain progress.

Five thousand dollars equity lite to all, but quick to expose a in the best 1120 acre ranch in Andrews County, Texas, well pioneers were a people in a class improved, price \$11,500, to trade by themselves. The Tucker fam- for Haskell county property. incumbrance. near for their unique hospitality, cash to handle. Irrigated land and hundreds of the old pioneers, in San Juan County, N. M. to who hear of the way Tom Tuck- trade. The best apple and alfal er was killed will, insist that the fa country on earth. Two cars law be enforced against his mur- of blocky pony mares and horses derers, and his character and to sell. Some half breed Perlife will give the lie to any made cheons. Price \$25.00. Address

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Mrs. Will Dickenson visited in Stamford this week.

Mrs. H. R. Jones spent Sunday with friends at Weinert.

O.O. Beaty and family have

moved to Palo Pinto, Texas.

moved to Palo Pinto, Texas.

Mrs. Minnie Pritchitt, has returned from a visit to Abilene.

Good farm to rent 4 miles south

Mrs. J. F. Partain and daughter, Miss Irene are visiting at Swenson.

for Fort Worth and Weatherford. Rev. C. Bruce Meador of Stam-

Mrs. Turk of Hillsboro, is visiting place the early part of the week. her father, G. J. Graham of this

WANTED A small big. Who attend a sister of the Dr's, who is will bring as one on subscrip. Ill.

Arbor Vitaes tor sale, home raised. M. H. Gilliam, Haakell

Uncle Andy Carothers has returned from an extended visit and son, Lescher, and Arthur Fox to Waco.

Try G. F. Ingram, the new and 2nd hand man for all kinds

T. J. Johnston came in Saturday ed by M. A. Clifton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Kil- COUGH SYRUP. Try it.

ingsworth, the third instant, a

Arthur Roberts and wife of Anson were visiting in this city

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J. F. Loe, who is with Pinkerton and Loe, has returned from a trip

to Waco and Fort Worth.

C. R. Peters was down from Munday this week, spending a few days with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Daniels of Waco are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Sport and family have C. W. Ramey of this city.

We have solved the cold weath-

problem-our hot drinks. 1-tf Spencer & Richardson.

of Rule. See J. D. Kinnison 2-2t Barber Shop are fresh and fine.

Dudley Boone left Sunday night saddle. Aslo have a milk cow to North Texas to personally select

Mrs. A. T. Johnson of Stamford ford was in this city Wednesday, visited with their father of this

Dr. and Mrs. Odom were called last week to southwest Texas, to

If you need anything in the way of new or 2nd hand goods call on G. F. Ingram at the Wm.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McGregor spent Sunday at the McGregor farm near Weinert.

Hold your orders for winter coal and save 50 cents per ton, by taking coal from the car, deliver-38-tf

and paid up ahead. Thanks, Mr. The ace of diamonds-our DIAMOND WHITE

1 tf Spencer & Richardson.

Miss Bessie and Grady Whitmire returned this week from Bell county, where they spent the Xmas holidays with relatives,

Rev. S. D. Roberts has returned from Oklahoma, where he has been visiting a brother who is L. B. Torrey of the State Na- sick. P. P. Roberts who was also tional Bank, Fort Worth, was in visiting the sick brother, has not yet returned.

al days visiting with Misses Ora and Mae Simmons this week.

Haskell, Texas.

For Rent-A farm 10 miles north of Haskell, consisting of 100 to 120 acres. W. F. Draper.

Misses Windell and Almode Caldwell of Stamford spent sever-

Go to the White Front Barber thep let you balls. They have a stove in each room, and you can be warm and comfortable. 2-2t

Bring your old stoves and furniture to the Wm. Wells old stand and exchange for new G. F. Ingram.

If you want a nice bath, go to the White Front Barber Shop, where they have them at a small price compared with the comfort you receive.

Mr. T. B. Russell had a phone message Thursday morning from Mr. Chester Jones of Rule announcing the arrival of a daughter in his home.

175 acres farm near Batesville Ark., to trade for Haskell property or farm. If you want to go to Ark., see me at once.

J. D. Kinnison, 2-tf

Concoctions sublime by a

Mixologist supreme. Spencer & Richardson's Soda Fountain.

Lost —A box containing a handkerchief, two silver thimbles and a gold clasp pin. Finder return to this office and get reward.

M. H. G. 2-4t

Lost-On side walk of Methodist Church street between residences of Ira Ellis and I. P. Carr a Diamond ring, Finder return to this office and receive reward.

For Sale—A good horse, harness and buggy, for \$100. Horse gentle and trustworthy. The buggy and harness in good condition. H. F. Bredthauer, Haskell, Texas.

Hon. R. B. Humphreys of Throckmorton was in the city Wednesday. He took the train here Wednesday night for Austin, Those baths at the White Front to be there at the convening of the legislature.

SEED OATS!-We expect to Want to buy-A second hand send a man January 1st into W. T. Boatwright. 2tpd our seed oats. If you want good seed be sure you don't forget Sherrill Elevator Co.

> J. S. Sloan, from near Rule, came in Saturday and paid ahead. Mr. Sloan came to Texas from Arkansas, and is one man not ashamed to acknowledge it. He likes Haskell county, though, and would not exchange homes.

> For Sale 500 bushels of seed oats, at 60c per bushel. Also, ten thousand bundles of good kaffir corn and maize, at 3cts per bundle. Also 200 bushels of headed maize. A. F. Neal, 4 miles west of Haskell,

Mrs. Josephine Collier of this city and Mrs. Howard formerly of this city, have purchased the Conger stock of millinery at Stamford, and will do a millinery business in that city. Both these lasuccess of their new enterprise.

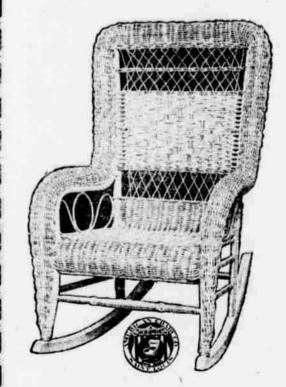
Dr. Roy Bernard of Chicago has discovered what a physical exercise of the ninth tenth and eleventh dorsal vertebra will cure in- Masonic Lodge No. 682, there House boxed and weatherboarded, fantile paralysis. He has made were present four brethren who a demonstration in the presence of had been members of the order Located two blocks from business physicians with two little boys he for over 40 years. One of these had cured of this disease, and brethren, J. F. Collier on that ochas obtained their endorsement.

The smoke stack of the city sence of Mr. Hambelton, and came near destroying the machinery. The alarm was the ran and the fire boys made are regarded accessful run and says OLD BY hery.

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These Rockers fairly breathe rest and comfort; they are appropriate for all rooms and are also an attractive addition to the porch, veranda

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Pasted on one of the stretches underneath the seat of every chair made by the American Chair Company you will find their trade-mark, as shown in the illustration, which is your safeguard against imitation and inferior goods. This trade-mark is a sign you are getting the best reed furniture made. Look for it.

We make this liberal offer to secure new customers and to increase our trade with old customers.

#### HERE IS THE OFFER

With every \$25.00 worth of goods you buy from us for cash, whether bought at one time or different times, we will give you one of these Rockers for \$1.50. Get as many Rockers as you wish, one Rocker for \$1.50 with every twenty-five dollars you trade.

#### HOW TO GET A ROCKER ABSOLUTELY FREE

If your cash purchases from us amount to \$50.00 during a period of twelve months, that is, \$25.00 additional, we will refund the \$1.50 you have paid for the Rocker, thus giving you the Rocker absolutely FREE. Remember that a Rocker will be delivered to you for the small amount of \$1.50 just as soon as you have purchased \$25.00 worth of goods for cash, and it will be optional with you as to whether you trade the additional \$25.00 and get the Rocker FREE.

The Rockers are now on exhibition at our store. You are invited to call and see them and get a punch card. Have all your purchases punched on your card. Do all of your trading with us and you will soon have a Rocker for every room.

You will always find a choice selection of dependable merchandise at our store, and our prices mean a saving to you.

We will begin this proposition MONDAY, JANUARY 20th, 1913. In the meantime we would like for you to come in and take a look at these beautiful chairs, and let us explain more fully how you can secure one ABSOLUTELY FREE.

# HANCOCK'S

We are requsted to announce that on account of the illness of Rev. W. P. Garvin, pastor of the Methodist church, his pulpit will be occupied next Sunday by Dr. dies have many friends in Haskell, Strother, president of the Stamwho will rejoice with them in the ford College. While regretting the occasion of Bro. Garvin's illness, the people will be glad to hear Dr. Strother.

At a recent meeting of Haskell casion deposited his demit for affiliation with the above lodge, water plant, set fire to the roof of the shed Monday, in the abson and D, H. Mamilton endorsed it. The remaining brother B. F. Corning who was a visitor joined the Masonic order 60 years ago. This gathering of brethren who have been in membership that

Mrs. M. G. Jenkins returned to Our popular District Clerk, Mr. Ovalla, Wednesday night, after a Guy O. Street, returned this week court this week. visit of several days to her parents from a visit to his parents at Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon of Goldthwaite. Mr. Street says his this city. Mrs. Lemmon has just father, A. J. Street has resigned as returned from a three months vis- superintendent of the city school it to California. While there Mrs. of that city and has accepted the Lemmon took a sail with a party position as supervisor of agencies of friends out on the Pacific ocean. for the Fort Worth Life Insurance company. The position carries a salary of \$2500 a year. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Street will move to in charge of same, Fort Worth.

For Sale or Trade—For Haskell property- a house and two lots in the town of Sagerton. The house schedule time. has four large rooms, one hall, 8x 12, three porches, 50 barrel cistern in the ground under the kitchen porch, barn and out houses, 15 fruit trees, 8 shade trees, all years old, good garden. painted. Built two years ago street, South east front.

H. F. Bredthauer, Haskell, Texas. man.

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Judge H. G. McCor

Wm .Wells, of Anson, was in the city Thursday.

Born on the 10th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Frierson, a son.

F. G. Alexander made a business trip to Wichita Falls Wednesday.

John Bland has purchase shop of John Lamkin and

Owing to a big lot of legal \ad vertisements coming late we were failed to issue our paper on

The Free Press regrets to announce that Mr. R. M. Craig is packing up his jewelery stock and will move back to Ennis, Texas. Mr. Craig has made many warm friends in this city during his business career here, and has proven himself an ideal young business

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By JOHN R. MORRISON

We were two boys and three girls in our family, the youngest fifteen, the eldest twenty-six, when we gave the New Year's house party that proved a turning point in my life. Every room in the house was occupied, some of them by three persons. We had scarcely got together when we began a series of practical jokes on one another. at which the girls were far more adept than the boys. The very firs: night the sheets in every fellow's bed were scotched, and the next day at luncheon there were cream cakes on the table filled with cotton provided by the girls. One fellow swallowed his cake, cotton and all, rather than confess himself stung.

We sat up so late nights and some of us were stirring so early in the morning that we were ready to fall asleep at any moment. One evening when playing the game of "twenty questions" I was sent into another room while the others chose something for me to guess. There was no light in the room where I waited, but there was an easy chair. I sat down in the chair and fell asteep.

I was awakened by a kiss. I grabbed a girl, but she got away from me. though only after a fierce struggle. When I had once lost her it was not easy to find her, though the rustling of her skirts was a disadvantage to her, while my greater weight, rendering my tread heavier, was constantly betraying me. She dodged me for some time, when all became quiet. Then suddenly I heard the door open and close. Since the adjoining room was also dark I knew that the others had turned off the lights to enable the girl I was after to escape. The escape having been effected. I went to the door to go out. I found it locked.

It was some ten minutes before it was opened, and I joined the others. the room having been relighted. I cast my eyes from one girl to another with a view to discovering who had kissed me. The first girl I looked at had a scratch on her nose. But the second also had a scratch, and the third. Indeed, every girl was scratched. I looked at the fellows and saw that they were all laughing at me.

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Now, among our guests there was one girl for whom my heart had begun to beat. I would have given a kingdom if I had had it for proof that Maria had done the kissing. Whoever had done it had doubtless been dared. Whether my preference for Maria had been noticed by the other girls and when I was found asleep she had been chosen to play the joke on me I didn't know. If she had done the kissing she certainly showed no evidence of the fact-that is, any more than the of the girls-a scratched nose. But there was one thing that led me to suspect her. While every other girl in the room was keyed up to the highest pitch of mischief, their eyes dancing. their lips, cheeks, every other feature smiling, Maria seemed simply uncon-

At 2 a. in. I went to bed no wiser as to the identity of the kisser than before. But the next morning after baying dressed, noticing that I needed to change my handkerchief, I jerked it from the outside pocket of my coat and heard something land on the floor. Stooping, I picked up a stickpin.

It at once occurred to me that during the scuffle of the evening before the pin had fallen from the lady's apparel. probably from about the neck, and caught on my handkerchief. Unfortunately it was a very inexpensive article with an imitation pearl for a head and did not identify any particular girl. I realized the importance of keeping my find a secret. Going down to breakfast, I found that three different girls wore pins that were duplicates of the one I possessed. They were the most likely to be suspected, and among them was Maria. Doubtless if there had been enough such articles to go round every girl would have worn a stickpin as well as a scratched nose. By and by it occurred to me that when the pin was in transit from the girl to my pocket it had made the scratch on

The problem was now narrowed down to three girls. for doubtless the and more every day. girl who had done the kissing was among those who wore pins. It seemed to me that I must make her betray herself or the victory would be with the girls. I sat down to the breakfast table, ignoring my find. But while the girls were rinsing their dainty fingers in their finger bowls I said:

"I have found something that belonged to the girl who kissed me last

Every girl expressed by her behavior keen interest in what I said except Maria, who took advantage of rinsing her fingers to bend over the little gians bowl before her. I made up my mind that I was getting "warm," as the children say in hide and seek, and conuded on a bold stroke. I continued:

You may think that a little stickpin she lost when trying to get away from me is what I refer to. It is not."

Every girl stopped smiling and look-ed serious. I could see Maria wince. "The girl who kissed me I love," went on, "and I am ready to proclaim it here before you all."

I fixed my gaze on Maria. A hot me sprang into her cheeks. To conew up the sponge by covering face with her napkin.

The next year Maria and I enter the same party in our own hor

## --- A ---TRANSITION

By ARTHUR W. PATTERSON

"Good morning, sir!"

"Mr. Margrave, I presume?" "I am. How can I be of service to

An elderly man received a much younger one in his office. Instead of at once replying to the last question the latter produced a card bearing the name "Alonzo Ericson," then, after

being offered a chair, said: "My visit will doubtless seem strange to you at first, but I trust that I shall be able in time to secure your concur rence with its object. You have a daughter whose life has recently been

blighted by the loss of her flance?" "I have," replied Mr. Margrave some what coldly.

"There are remedies for such blights. and I come to propose one for this case.'

Mr. Margrave looked at the stranger. wondering at his impudence.

"Marriage is the remedy I refer to. but you are well aware that marriage is simply the final act, it being neces sary to withdraw the concentration of the feelings from the one who is lost and unite them on a living object."

"That in my daughter's case would be impossible." "But desirable?"

"Certainly! I do not wish her to pass a lifetime in mourning."

"I am an artist by profession, though, being cursed with a fortune in my own right of \$200,000, I do not expect to make any great success."

"Well, sir, will you kindly inform me what your profession or your for

tune is to me? "I will as I proceed. One evening several years ago I saw your daughter at a ball. The moment I looked at her I knew that I saw the woman I wanted for a life partner. I made inquiries per, concluded to lose a dollar or two about her and was told that she was engaged to a gentleman also present at | place. the ball. The troubles that invariably accompany love were upon me. My first act was to seek the man who had been so fortunate, and I was surprised

to see a slight resemblance to myself." "You are something like him, now you speak of it."

"It is this slight resemblance which is the key-provided I win your concurrence-to the situation."

Mr. Margrave had by this time be come interested.

"I will give you references as to my social position and as a man among men. As to my fortune, I refer you to my lawyers, Peters & Waters. If after examination you are satisfied to give me an opportunity to win your daughter that is all I ask."

"By what process do you propose to make the attack upon her heart? But, respectable to come to his rooms. Of no; I will make the inquiries. Then or, rather, to gratify my curiosity. which I admit has been excited."

Mr. Ericson bowed himself out and in a fortnight received a note from Mr. Margrave stating that the reports he bad received had been eminently satisfactory and if he could resurrect buried heart he was at liberty-indeed, welcome-to do so. In reply the applicant merely asked for a photograph of the man whose place be hoped to take.

One afternoon when Mr. Margrave went home from business he carried with him a present for his daughter. It was a portrait in oils of her lost lover. She was delighted with it and pronounced it a speaking likeness. A month from that day while looking at it she discovered something about it that was slightly unlike the original. or, rather, it was like another picture of the original. Another month went by, and still another difference was noticeable. These changes kept occurring from time to time. She began to wonder if her memory of her lover was slipping away from her, if the picture was really defective, though she had not at first recognized its defects. She mentioned the matter to her father, who looked at her curiously, thoughtfully, and suggested that if the portrait was destroying her remembrance of the dead and substituting a painted image perhaps she would better banish it. But to this she returned a decided negative, declaring that she was growing to love the portrait more

A year after young Ericson had call ed on Mr. Margrave he dropped into the latter's office one morning with

an oil painting. "The successive portraits forming a slow transition between another and myself is ended in this picture, which I painted from my reflection in a mirror. You have been very fortunate in removing the pictures and substituting

others without your daughter's discovering what you have done. Hang this portrait in the place of the last; then introduce me."

When one evening Mr. Margrave brought home with him a friend to dinner Ethel Margrave, on being introduced to him. caught at the back of s chair for support. It seemed to her that her lover had arisen from the dead and stood before her. Later. when she mentioned the resemblance of Mr. Ericson to the man she had lost, some admitted that there was a similiarity, others could see none at all. Nevertheless, her mourning was soon thrown off, Ericson was a fre-

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This is the story as Croker tells Riley only knows what passed in the quent caller at the house and within a roulette room. Nobody believes the few months after his introduction she yarn, of course. But how comes it married him. Croker was driven out of a lucrative Ericson has long intended to tell his business for no other cause and has

wife of the plan by which he drew her been a man of shattered nerves ever Grown the dead lover, but as yet has not

### A MOONSHINE **LEGISLATOR**

A Gambler's

Warning

By EVERETT ATWATER

Croker up to the time he was forty

lice. If he had had only the police to

something that shook up his nerves far

more than a raid from them and drove

A number of persons had been ruined

playing in Croker's rooms, but they

hadn't bothered Croker. What they

did with themselves he didn't know

and didn't care. At Monte Carlo every

now and then a pistol shot is heard in

the grounds and the body of some sui-

cide is found who had lost a fortune at

the tables. Croker's place was on a

thoroughfare, and if any one wished to

commit suicide on account of losses at

less likely to be observed. At any rate

whatever till that one occurred which

A young Scotchman, Donald Adalr,

on coming of age came over the water

to see America before settling down on

his estate and marrying the daughter

of a neighboring laird. He was very

much in love with the girl and was

contemplating a happy life. On reach-

ing New York he found a friend to

show him the town, and, among other

places, this friend took him into Cro

ker's gambling rooms. They were

sumptuously furnished, and an elab-

orate supper with choice wines was on

a buffet. Adair, to pay for his sup

and lost a hundred before leaving the

The next day he went back to get a

return of \$98 and lost a thousand. And

so it went on, losing, winning, losing.

winning, till all his letter of credit

called for was used up. Then he drew

all the cash that could be raised on

his estate and one night walked away

from the den of iniquity without a

shilling in the world. But before leav

have an idea that I may win all this

"Look out for me tomorrow night. I

Croker says that when he said this

By this time the telephone had come

into use, and Croker conceived the idea

course whoever played over the wire

About an hour after Adair had left

Croker a ruined man a messenger

came into the place with \$50 in gold

and left it with the proprietor. A mo-

ment later the latter received word by

telephone that the person who had sent

the gold would like to play roulette

over the phone. Croker went into the

private room and asked who the party

was. The answer came back that it

was Adalr. Croker shrugged his shoul-

ders. Having won everything Adair

had, he had hoped that he had got

through with him. But he couldn't re-

fuse to play and asked Adair who

would represent him. Adair named one

of the employees, Riley, adding that

he would give him 10 per cent of any

winnings he might make. Riley was

Adair won from the start. True, he

would occasionally lose, but his losses

were so small in proportion to his win-

nings that the preponderance was very

largely in his favor. Every time he

gained a good sum he gave directions

that his representative should deduct

10 per cent of it. This kept Riley in

his interest and insured his getting his

winnings. But after awhile those win-

nings accumulated so largely that

Croker asked Riley, taking care to

speak in a whisper, that he might not

be heard over the wire, to go back

on his principal and report losses in

stead of winnings, offering him a large

percentage to do so. Riley consented

and the next large sum Adair won be

"For that lie I will make you pay

dearly," came over the wire in a voice

The game went on, and presently

Adair left his winnings on a number

that paid 3 for 1, and every time the

ball spun it won for him. Croker play-

ed until he dared go no further, then

telephoned that he had finished for

that night. No reply came to this, and

he asked what he should do with

Adair's winnings. Adair must have

left the phone, for not a whisper came

said to Riley. "You take his pile and

turn it all over to him when he calls

Riley scooped up the winnings, and

Croker went home very much rattled.

The next morning when he took up the

to his hotel from Croker's, stoppe

clothes and turned on the gas.

the doors and windows with the bed

Anyway, the doctors can't explain it

ald Adair. He had gone direct-

wired that it had been a loss.

that struck both men with terror.

called in, and the game began.

he looked at him in a way that froze

ing he said to Croker:

the marrow in his bones.

money back

drove him out of the gambling busi

him out of gambling altogether.

By M. QUAD

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"It was ten or twelve years ago when years old was a very successful man our member of the legislachur turno bler. About the time he reached that agin moonshine whisky age he opened a gambling house in a "That meant that somebody eise large city, taking care to hand over a must be elected in his place, and win-

proportion of his winnings to the po did the pesky people around yere do but cum to me and want me to stand trouble him be would be running his They cum to my cabin a dozen at a place yet. It wasn't the police, but time, and they shook hands and called me an honest man and all that, and the mo' I hung back the mo' they wanted me to run. When they got me into a tight co'ner I says:

'I can't skassly read, and I can't skassly write, and yo' all know that I can't get up before that legislachur and speak ten words, and what good could I do down to Nashville?"

"They purtended to give in at that. but what did the critters do but put me up to be voted fer when the time cum, and the fust thing I knowed I was 'lected by 400 majority. When I heard the news I told it to the old woman and said:

his place he would go where he was "Want, what am I gwine to do about there were no disagreeable happenings it? I've either got to hunt fer a cave and hole myself up or go to Nashville." "'Yo'll go to Nashville,' she says.

> "And what'll yo' do?" "'I'll go with yo'."

"Waai, we started off one day and got aboard of the railroad kyers. 1 was a little narvous, and the old woman braced her feet and bung on with her hands, but we got along without any calamity. In about an hour, when she dared to open her eyes and draw her breath, she says to me:

"'Zeb, how many houses have yo' seen since we left home?"

"'More'n a hundred.' says L. "'And how many people?" "'More'n a thousand.'

"'Shoo! Then we must hev got clear

around the world and back home "When we got down to Nashville

thar was so many people and so many nouses and such a movin' around that I got the old woman behind me and prepared to fight to the death, but not a critter laid hands on us. Some of 'em laughed at my cowhide boots, and some of 'em grinned at the old wo man's poke bonnet, but everything was good natured. We went to a tavern to git board, and when the old woman sees the carpets on the floors, the stufcheers standin' around and the lookin' glasses as big as a tablecloth she turns pale and puts her arms around me and

so many sinners in this world. If a of doing some business over it with critter kin hev all these things, he persons too timid or too eminently don't keer a pesky drat about gwine to heaven. I'm afeared we'll be bad could see what she could do in renting 'nuff to steal hawgs in a week.'

'At the end of three days the legisthe statehouse. Lordy, stranger, but as she was out of sight he went out .'d rather tackled three old b'ars at once! I had goose flesh as I struck that crowd, and the old woman wasn't around to incourage me. I went into the statehouse with the crowd, and I'd fist found a seat when a felier comes around and says:

"'Excuse me, but ain't that a rifle yo've got thar?

"She be,' says I. 'It's a rifle which has killed mo' b'ars and wildcats than yo' could count in an hour, and she's still ready fer the next varmint."

"'But yo' can't bring no deadly weep in' yere, he goes on. This ain't no jumpin' match nor hoss race, but the legislachur of Tennessee.'

"I told him I knowed whar I was but that I should keep tight bolt of that rife till I knowed I was out of the woods, and he goes away growlin' to hisself. Mebbe it was half an hour arter that when a feller stands up on a platform and looks at me and says: 'Does the honorable member from

on the flooh of this house?" "'I ain't sayin' as I do,' I answers. 'but if thar is a riot over moonshine whisky I might want sunthin' better

Beaver Cove expect to find any b'ars

than a club! "Bimeby that same feller stood up ag'in and says, as slick as yo' please: 'Mebbe the honorable member from Beaver Cove would like to be excused

gun home.' "'Do any critter yere want to pick a fuss with Zeb White? says I as I stands up.

for half an hour while he takes his

"Everybody laughs and claps his hands, but no one comes nigh me, and I puts on my cap, shoulders my rifle and says as I walks out; "'It's an onery crowd, and thar ain't

a man among yo' who kin pull a rab bit out of a holler log!" "I went straight to the tavern, and

thar I found the old woman shiverin and shakin' fur her life. "'What's the matter?' says 1.

"They've put piller cases trimmed with lace on our bed,' says she, 'and the gorgeousness of it will bring on heart disease! Zeb. fur the Lawd's sake, let's go back home!"

"'But I'm here to watch moonshine. says I.

'Never mind moonshine nur nothin else on the face of this airth, but ic.'s be a-gittin'. This world ain't fur us. Zeb. We is like two lost children wan derin' through the woods and expectin to be eat up any minit, and I'm so skeart and flustrated that I shan't live two days longer! Zeb, if yo' love me.

"'I'll do it.' says I. And she got of her poke, packed our carpetbag, and we was out of the town of Nashville befo' sundown, never to go back."

#### Where Did the Flowers Come In?

By ELSIE B. MATTESON

Bob Garwood, aged thirty, had but led his father, then his mother its and his sister had kept up the family home till the sister died and Nob found to do. He had been born in the house and had never lived anywhere else, the thought of leaving it and going to a hotel, a boarding house or bachcior apartments was repulsive to him. He determined to stay where he was.

a house all by himself for several months, then gave it up. He preferred to take his meals elsewhere so that it seemed useless to keep a servant. The consequence was that everything grew dingy. He could not see through the window panes since they were covered with dirt; he considered it useless to make his bed since there was no one to see it except himself. and he didn't care. Dust and cobwebs began to appear. He wrote on a card, "This house to let. Inquire within 8 to 9 a, m., 5 to 6 p. m.," and tacked it on the front door.

He stood the loneliness of living in

Returning from business at 5 o'clock, he sat down in his accustomed seat by the window, opened his evening paper. sighed and listlessly read the news. About half past 5 there came a ring of the door bell. Garwood slowly rose from his chair and answered the summons. There stood a lady between twenty-five and thirty with a little girl On her face was a melancholy look. The child might have been four years old and was the only one of the three who was not somber.

"I see this house is to let," said the lady. "May I look at It?"

"Certainly! Come in." Garwood showed her through the rooms, told her what rent he expected to get and that possession could be given at any time.

"I'm afraid," she said, "I'd better not take it. I should have to make the rent by letting rooms, and if I couldn't find roomers I should be in trouble. I'm not much of a business woman. 1 wasn't brought up to it. My husband died only a year after we were married and left me some money, but I didn't know how to take care of it. and it is all gone. I haven't \$50 left."

"I might take a room with you my off," said Bob.

"Would you?" said the widow, with a faint show of hope.

"If I were to keep one room at, say, \$25 a month that would leave the rent out but \$25."

The lady caught at this, and to help the matter out Garwood told her she the house till he heard from her. She departed quite comforted, and as soon and took down the notice.

Garwood waited a week for word from the widow, when he received a note from her stating that she had been able to find but one person who would agree to take a room with her. so she feared she would have to give up the plan of taking the house. Garwood called to see her and said he thought he would like to keep two adjoining rooms, for which he would pay \$35 a month, leaving the rental but \$15. The widow seemed encouraged and said that if he could give her more time she thought she could make arrangements that would warrant her taking the house. Garwood told her not to hurry.

Not hearing from her for some time. he called on her to learn what progress she was making. She apologized for keeping him waiting, explaining the delay by saying that two different persons whom she hoped to secure as roomers had been undecided. However presuming from his having called that he was getting impatient she would not keep him waiting any longer. but give up the idea of taking his house. He assured her that he was not impatient and begged her to proceed in her efforts. The next day he mailed her a proposition to keep the rooms and a bath, for which he would pay \$50 a mouth, and this would leave her no rent to pay.

To this the lady replied, acknowledg ing the liberality of his terms, but unless other roomers were in the house with them she would not like to face the opinion of the world by fiving alone in the same house with a man. Garwood had proceeded as far as he

could in the matter and deemed the lady right in the position she had taken. Indeed, he felt it incumbent upon him to call and apologize for having made a proposition that looked, to say the least, out of place. So he went to see the lady again and explained that he had supposed she would bring some relative or other person who would be glad of a home without paying room rent. The widow told him that she was alone in the world ap "ary lonely To this Garwood sympa .a.cally replied that he was in the same position. He left assuring her that he would not give up the plan; he would think it over and see if he could not find some way out of the matter.

The only way out of the matter was to rent his house to the widow without rent and pay all the bills. This would not do at all without marriage. so he mailed her a proposal, which was accepted.

When her acceptance had been mati ed the widow gathered up a number of withered flowers that had been coming from time to time during the negotial tions and burned them.

#### BELINDA, SHE ARRIVES

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Miss Belinda Jones was the old maid ister of Horace Jones, and, taken all round and full and by, Horney didu't almount to shucks. In the first place, himself alone. He was at a loss what De was a third rate premier with a thenrib rate congregation and a fift!

> Sister Belinda had lived in his famiand helped at the support for a numer of years and then had cut loose and gone west. There she had hustled with he rest, teaching school, running a boarding house and becoming a sheep owner and had finally acquired an interest in a mine. She had been for warding money at intervals for a long ime and receiving few thanks in reply when she planned a visit east. She eached her brother's house in the middle of the week and had time to look about a bit before Sabbath and his kermon arrived. She had said very little, and the family couldn't exactly make her out.

It was after returning from church and finishing dinner that she took the buil by the horns and said:

"Horace, you can't preach for thisties! There's many a cowboy or herder that can bent you ten to one!

There were five exclamations of protest and amazement from the five mempers of the family. "It's a fact, Horace, and I want you to cut it out. I've been making some inquiries since I arrived, and I find that you nin't knee high. You haven't made a convert in seven years. It ain't in you.'

"Belinda Jones!" was almost shouted by five tongues.

"Your congregation only paid you \$30 last year, but that was more'n you were worth. "I have sent you \$300 in two years.

but not another penny of my cash do you receive unless you toe the mark!" "And the mark, sister?" asked the

brother. "I'll give you five minutes by the clock to go out of the vineyard busi-

"Chop it off! You selected it because you thought it suited you. You haven't

pulled one single hair from Satan's head. One minute gone!" "But my dear flock?" "Won't suffer in the least. Indeed,

they will feel relieved, and so will you," "Awful-awful!" sobbed the wife. "Can such things be:" sobbed the

daughters. "Two minutes gone!" announced Belinda.

"Do I understand that if I resign my pastorate I am to look for something better at your hands?" candidly queried the brother.

"You do, but there will be work and hustle connected with it. fat for a few weeks." "Oh, Horace, what a sister!"

"Oh, papa, what a person!"

"Three minutes gone!" said Belinda. as unmindful of the tears and sobs she looked at the clock.

"Sister," replied Horace as he came off the perch at last, "It has some times struck me that perhaps I had missed my profession." "Good!"

"And that I wasn't doing my duty by my family." "Now you are getting down to brass

"Well, you may consider that I have resigned my pastorate and am now looking for another job."

"My husband a laborer" sobbed the "Our papa sawing wood for a liv ing!" moaned the girls.

"I'll attend to all your cases in due time," grimly announced Belinda. And then, turning to her brother, she said: "I see that your grist mill here is to be sold cheap on account of the death of the miller."

"Yes." "I'll buy it for you tomorrow. You'll soon work into the business. You need a new fence in front of the house Get a carpenter. The house needs repainting. Get a painter. Go to the stores and see what your debts are and I'll square you up. You'll want 250 bushels of wheat to begin on. I'll.

buy it for you." "I have often said the Lord was my shepherd, and I"-

"Drop it. Horace! You'd have wanted johnny cake and 'lasses in a month more if you hadn't toed the mark." Then she turned to the wife and said:

"You have hardly a second dress to your back, and you don't have a caller or pay a call once in three months. Cease your howling and make your garden raise vegetables to help out. Being the wife of a third rate preacher don't put a woman way up in G.

"Eunice, you and Clara have got beaux. They have been fiddling around for a year. If you can't bring them to time I can and that in short order."

"Oh. Aunt Belinda!" in chorus "Never mind your Aunt Belinda, but give these fellers the glad 'yes' and get homes. And now for you, Catherine. You are too young to get married. Select your school, and I will

keep you there till you graduate." "Sister Belinda, will you permit me to say that Providence"- began the brother, but was stopped by:

"Shucks! Now as to myself. The man I'm engaged to is coming on to about a fortnight, and we are going to, be married right in this house!"

"And I could have performed ceremony!" exclaimed Horace. "Nit! First class or no wed Now let us sing a gospel hymn a glad."

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# Singular Reception

By RYLAND BELL

One night after dining late I went. The inzy man of the village of Conon this occasion I must have found the door unlatched-either this or my key happened to fit the lock, for I had port, the public did not feel toward him no trouble in getting in. If it hadn't as it otherwise might. been for the wine I had drunk doubtthe hall light would have been turned low, while here it was out.

My foot tripped on something, and l stombled, but caught myself. Placing my hat and averenat in the hall closet, I was about to feel my way upstairs when I heard a voice in the adjoining room. It was apparently that of a nervous old woman trying to be reso-

"Go sway at once. The house is wired for burglars, and the police will be here directly?

"What in the world"- I was begin ning when the same voice continued.

"I don't wish you to be arrested and go to jail Do consider! Prison life is awful. Just go right out the way you came in, and you'll save a lot of trouble for yourself."

It was evident to me by this time that 1-had made one of my blunders. in getting into the wrong house, and not relishing being taken for a burglat. I was about to applogize and go our when it occurred to me that an arrow gy would neither be believed nor as cepted and I and better make an exit without one. Indeed, I was not quite sure but that some man might be waiting with a gun till he could locate the introder. So I concluded to go at once, but objected to leaving my but and overcont to establish my kiently. While I was feeling my way to the closet all was silent, but no sooner had I started for the door than an entire ly different voice came from upstairs It was apparently that of a girl.

"If you must take something away with you go to the sideboard, and hanging to a rail behind it you'll find the key to the drawer, and the silver is inside, Take it all and welcome, only go away as soon as possible."

This was too much. I could not forbear reassuring this timid creature. whose voice was melodious.

"Don't be frightened. I'm not a burgiar at all. I've simply made a mistake and got into the wrong house. I'm going away at once."

"Police! Robbers! Murder!"

Confound the girl! She'll bring the police down on me and get me into a

"Shut up!" I cried. "I mean, be quiet. Nobody's going to hurt you. I tell you It's all a mistake. I live in this block. come?" and my house is"-

"Don't shoot! Take everything-silver, jewelry, atl!"

I besitated between flight and going woman and finally concluded on the latter course. It seemed that the voice came from the head of the stairs. ran up two steps at a time, but was not quick enough. There was a light in this upper hall, but it was turned so low that I could only distinguish a table with a box on it, but couldn't

girl was in the hall I couldn't see her I beard a door open and saw some thing white cross the hall. Then the gas jet was turned up and I saw : girl in her olgotoress under it. What she saw was a soung mun in evening dress. She put her hand on her heart

see what the latter was like. If the

and staggered. "Calm yourself," I said "I've been afraid you would turn an innocent mistake into a tragedy. Do I look like a

"If you're not, what are you doing

"Oh, Gwen," cried the old woman's voice I had heard downstairs, "come back. He'll kill you!"

I was puzzled. These persons had been talking to me, and yet they didn't and find it. There's a can of gold in it." em to have heard me. And how did

old woman get upstairs? Are you two deaf?" I asked, irri

radually the girl regained her equadty. Then she smiled. Her smile ke into a laugh

Vhat in thunder does it all mean outed.

Valt a minute and I'll tell you." ran into a bedroom and in an

moment emerged in a kimona. She was very pretty in either costume "Mamma and I live alone and are in constant terror of burglars, so we got

two phonographs, and mamma talked you have doubtless heard. Every night we connect them with a fine wire the vestibule so that if a burglar broke it with his foot it would set the phonographs talking."

Well, I'll be jinged!" I exclaimed "I'd rather be arrested and jugged for a burglar than be made a fool of " A silvery mugh from the girl rang

out, and I added: "You need a man in this house, and if you want me all you've got to do it

to cay so "Thank you; we get on very well with two phonographs. We don't need

insider one man better than two

raples any time." that I left. My words were focularly, but six mouths from te I straid in the house not a but as a bridgeroom

# THE HOLLOW

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home. I live in one of a row of ten stock was Tom White. He made no houses, all alike, and many are the pretensions to lame backs and other mistakes I have made in trying to get pales and aches, but said that the stried that if my latchkey did not work peroreliand and must therefore a coneasily I had better beat a retreat. But the results. As she made no kick about earning with her needle the main sup-

All lazy men are more or less opti less I would have realized that some mistic. Tom White was wholly an thing was wrong, for in my own house. Any man who lost a cow or horse by lightning, any one that bought gold brick of a passing stranger, was made to feel that life still held some bling for him after a talk with Tom

> Tom White was lazy, but he was not Har. Lying and laziness generally min account when sizing him up and aid of him:

No matter how lazy he is, you can lways believe what he says.

One evening after Tom had been the ampion lazy man of the village for fteen years he had a seat with a bait a dozen other men around the redbet adden he said:

"Boys, I had a singular dream Wedacsday night, and it was repeated "hursday and Friday nights."

"Was it hard work?" was laughingly sked by one. "I thought you looked done up," add-

ed a second. Nearly all had some remark to make

and when they were through Tom con-"You have all dreamed all sorts of creams, but lemme ask if any one here

as ever dreamed of a holler log?" "Beech, oak or maple?" "I dunno. Jest a holler log."

"In the woods or where?"

"Didn't seem to be in the woods in my case, and yet I can't say where

"How long was it?"

"Ten or twelve feet, mebbe." "Was the hollow large enough for

you to crawl into?" It was some time before they would take the man seriously, but his serious face and sober answers finally prevail-

ed, and he said: "I didn't dream that I was walking anywhere, but I did dream that I stood beside a holler log with an ax in hand. There was some one else near by, and a

voice said: 'Tom, split it open.'

"Yes, boys, the voice said them words, and I obeyed the command."

'And out jumped a dozen rabbits, and you killed them all and are going to have rabbit potple for a fortnight to

"No rabbits jumped out." "What did?"

"The log was punky as well as holler. Two or three blows split it wide open, upstairs to calm this hysterical young and there in the middle of the holler was an old tomato can. It looked as if it had been there for forty years."

"But you are not going to tell us that the tomatoes were spolled?" "Boys, the contents of that can could not spile in a thousand years. The can was sealed up, and when I broke it

open it was full of twenty dollar gold

"By George!" "You don't say!"

"But it was only a dream!"

Jest a dream," replied Tom, "but I dreamed it three nights running, you must remember."

"Shucks!" exclaimed one of the listeners after a moment of silence. "We all know what dreams are. There lan't a man in the state that ever dreamed anything that came to pass." "Reckon not," was Tom's comment.

"But you think this will?" "Of course."

"Then you haven't got the sense of a chickadee!"

"I know it, but it will come to pass. I'm going to look for that holler log In a day or two the whole town was discussing the dream, and the people were pretty evenly divided. No matter how vigorously the opposition denied the dream business, they were among those that shouldered axes and went bunting through field and forest in search of hollow logs. This search continued for a week and then was given up. Tom White himself did not participate. It was cold weather, and he said he would wait for spring. If the others found the log and the gold

it would be their good luck. One hot day in July he sat down under a cherry tree in his back yard, in one and I in the other the words and with his back braced against the trunk he fell asleep. By and by his wife came to the door and called:

Tom, I want to bake some ples, and

you must split some wood." The wood pile consisted of two or three old logs and chunks left over from the winter. Slowly the sleeper rubbed his eyes and got to his feet, and after a bit he lifted the ax and began on one of the logs. The third blow split it in half.

"Was the can there?" "It sure was." "And full of gold?" "The same."

Who put that can there and when didn't count. Tom got it and used it and is using it still, and the most he has had to say when questioned about dreams was:

## An Ingenuous Critic

By HARRY VAN AMBERG

At college my exsten were a ways selected to be read before the class, and I was made editor of the university thegasine. This et me to choose iffinto the wrong domicile. I soon learns in married knew all about his in these eration for my or dession. I putterally

> at that time considered the acme of literary method as my guide, and noth ing less than the field he occupied would satisfy me. There must be no plot. Plots were for dime novels. There must be nothing demonstrative, for I and the school I proposed to enter considered that in type to be teath, any one that had a barn burned gush and fit only for these who cannot appreciate what is high bred. What I aimed at was delineation of character, proposing to take my heroes and a microscope and put them together acain, stamping them with my own so together. The community took this imprint, just as an eminent chemist will give a certificate for a brand of

I had written several novels in this vein and had attracted the attention of the critics and persons of refined literary taste. Unfortunately I had no fortune, and I found it upprofitable to write for the few. But I would not stove in Snyder's grocery. He hadn't lower my standard. As to my characeen doing any taiking when all of a ters, they must needs be high bred persons, for I met no others. Not one of those I met in society would show any feeling, and I found myself de pleting those who were moving about on life's stage; but us human beings but as social automatons. Neverthe less the critics and my clientele stood by me, and I was pleased, though finan cially it didn't pay.

One day while traveling on a railroad train I noticed a young girl in the seat before me. She could not have been more than seventeen years old. was plainly dressed and appeared to be a model of simplicity. What was my astonishment to see her take from her satchel a copy of my last novel and begin to read it. I wondered how a person so low in the human scale could be interested in the philosophic deductions she would find in my work leaned forward and asked:

"Can you recommend the book you are reading?"

"I? Recommend it? It's everything

"How is that?" "I'm in the story."

"You!" "Yes. I don't know how the author got hold of my case, but he did some how or other. He's given it perfectly, only he gives a great many reasons

at all. I suppose he made them up. I skip them." "Oh, you do? What causes you to think that the author gives your

story?" "Why, it's as plain as day. There's Mrs. Jarvis. She's my stepmother. Papa does what he can for me to make her treat me nice. But she won't, and sometimes he looks so tired and worn when she snaps at me-just like Mr. Jarvis in the story-that I put my arms about him and kiss him and say. like Marjory in the book, 'Never mind me, papa, dear, so long as she don't

scold you." I was interested. Of all my stories this one was the most human. I had been told by my admirers that in it I had not done myself justice.

"Have you read any of the author's other novels?" I asked.

"I've tried to After I read my own story in this one I got the books out of the library, one after another, but they were all Greek to me. I suppose like this one because it is my own story."

"What else is there about you in the book?"

"Well, for one thing I know Edith Effingham. She's just like Edith in the book-a society girl-always going about with her nose in the air. She talks just such unintelligible things as Miss Effingham. She's never going to marry, she says, but devote herself to some high moral purpose-you know. the girl in the book is going to do that -but she can't find a purpose high enough for her, so she only talks about it with young men of a superior type. That's like Miss Effingham too."

"Who is your favorite author?" asked the girl.

"Mr. Dickens." I remembered that Mr. Dickens had not in all his books drawn the character of more than two or three persons in high life. I had reversed the order. I had not drawn but one character out of high life, the one this little girl had assumed to be herself. I wondered what would have become of my literary fame when my hundredth

birthday would come round. The train was approaching my station, and as I gathered my belongings

I said to the admirer of my story: "Thank you very much for telling me all about the book. I know the author intimately. I shall tell him all you've said about it, advise him in future to write about all kinds of persons, to leave out the parts you skipped and not to spend his time on the aspirations of such high bred girls as Miss Effingham. Heroines like you

are far more satisfactory.' "Goodby, sir," she said as the train was slowing up. Would you mind asking him how he got hold of my case and write me about it? My address is-oh. dear. I wish I had a pencil or something!"

Those were the last words I heard, for I left the car and the only critic to whom I have ever been indebted for

# How His Aerie Was Captured

By F. A. MITCHEL

Gallatly as a child was one of those infant phenomena who astomsh every: about it?" body. His mind can in a philosophic groove, and at twelve years of age te had found errors in the reasoning of Aristotic that had escaped the collof Lord Bacon. His parents sent him to college, but he amused himself asking the professors questions they were

unable to answer, then answered them

himself. In his junior year it became

evident that he was wasting his time

upon original research on his own ac-

Voting Callatty was so absorbed in his investigations that be could not bear any interruption. He was an object of curiosity, especially among young persons of his own age, who were constantly taking up his time simply to gratify a desire to gaze upon such a wonder. Girls especially annoyed him by trying to attract his attention. Consequently when he en tered upon his life work and his father built him a bouse for the purpose the young man had it constructed as a

sort of tower, with only one opening

on the ground floor, the main doorway. Notwithstanding many such obstacles thrown in the way of persons who desired to take up his time to no purpose, Gallatly was driven from the bottom to the top of his building by successive stages till, fluding the top not high enough he added three stories and did all his work in the one under the roof. Various ruses having been practiced upon him to effect an entrance through the door on the main floor, he built directly under the roof one of those little pulley sheds common in old mills and had his supplies

sent up on a sort of lift. These precautions so discouraged the curious that at last Gallatly was left entirely alone. Indeed, he might have pursued his studies for a lifetime and given some new and wonderful philosophy to the world had it not been for a chit of a girl who for no other reason in the world than that she couldn't get at him made up her mind that she would. She was neither pretty nor intellectual. Indeed, almost any medium for breaking in upon the phenomenon's studies might be expected in preference to a freckle faced, red beaded

But, though Mehitabel Smith was not intellectual, fate favored her. Her father was a builder of aeroplanes. Mehitabel saw in this fact that what was for my doing things that I never had denied to beauty, to intellect, to winning ways, had been given to herphenomenon While others were reground, she might sail in the air and hover about the windows of the great thinker, and how was he going to get away from her? Only by going below to meet a more numerous force.

There was an outpost for Mehitabel to capture before she could take the stronghold. This was her father. She must induce him to allow her to learn to manage one of his aeroplanes. She did this in the same way she proposed to bring down Gallatly-when she got at him. She put her arms around her father's neck and kept them there till she secured the promise she wanted. This faculty in women is not greatly esteemed by men, but has never been known to fail. Mehitabel took rides in an aeroplane beside an operator till she learned how to manage one herself. Then, after some practice, she was ready to put her scheme of conquest

into operation. One morning when Gallatly was struggling in his aerie with a new dimension he heard a whirring without, which he at first mistook for some great bird beating the air with its wings. He was too intent on his studies to notice it till the light was interfered with, when he looked up and

What? A red headed, freckled girl. She threw at him the only missile nature had provided her with for her

purpose-a pleasant smile. Gallatly sighed. Here was a point of attack that he had not calculated upon. It would be impossible for him to build his tower so high that an aeroplane could not reach the top. He could draw down the shade, but he couldn't study in the dark. He leaned back in his chair and looked at the girl resignedly. That was all she wanted-for that time. She gave him another smile and sailed along on her way. Gallatly didn't know but that her appearing before his window had been a matter of chance. Her going away without trying to effect an entrance disposed him to this view. Perhaps she would never come again.

But she did come again, just to smile at him and go away. After awhile he began to look for her coming, and when she missed a periodical visit he was disappointed. She didn't give him time to forget her, not by any means, and every time she came she hovered

One day after Gallatly had been expecting her for several days without her coming he descended from his aerie and made a bee line for the bouse where she lived. After that she didn't fy to him any more.

Presently it was announced that the menon had been captured by a "Goodness gracious!" exclaimed the

beauties. "How in the world did she

# TAMING A SHREW

By ELIZABETH WEED

"Well, what are you goin' to de

"I dunno. If I could git the gal to marry me I'd be to a flory furnace for the cost of my life. If I let ner alone be goin around like a whitenest rooster. It's six for one and hall a

dozen for the other." "Why don't you git her down and pummel her for awaile? Mebbe that would take some o' the cussedness outen her."

"I'd like to see the man that could git it out of her that a way." at a university, and he left to enter

"You mought scare her." This plan seemed to set the other thinking. They were two backwoods men sitting by a campfire. Rogers was the man who loved the shrew, and Baxter was the friend who was advising him. Evidently in his last suggestion the latter had struck some thing that warranted consideration

"What d've think would scare her "Injuns." "Mebbe," said the other after some

thought "How'd you work it?" Waal, you mought git some on 'em war paint and come down on the gai's or life imprisonment, home. The neighbors mought be told about it. They'd chime in with the plan, for she's a terror to the bull lot in woman an inherent desire to put the

would carry out the plan for a jug o firewater." The result of this dialogue was that one night soon after it occurred those living near Tom McGuire, the father of Madge McGuire, began to talk of trouble on the reservation and express his countrywomen had endeavored to ed fear that the Indians might break effect an entrance to the ceremony by away. Tom didn't take much stock corrupting an official and bestirred in the reports, but so many persons talked with Madge about it that she months for him to convince the czar

'em come," she said. "I'll be ready

One night when her father was away Madge heard a distant whooping and saw the light of what she supposed were burning houses, though they were really bonfires. She locked all the doors and, getting down two rifles that hung on the wall, made preparations for defense. The whoops came nearer, and finally, looking out through a window, she saw a sight capable of striking terror into the stontest heart. Half a dozen Indians carrying lighted brands were coming down the road As they drew nearer their war paint. in the glare of the burning wood, was doubly savage looking. But they didn't come as near as they had intended, for Madge sent a bullet in among them, which altered the situanamely, an opportunity to get at the tion. It tore the blanket of one and vas among them, dres ed and painted ing a short distance up the road, was After vainly trying to induce her to to join them when they had got Madge her from their tomahawks. He was to fire some shots in among them, and at every shot a redskip was to drop. When most of them were put out of the fight the rest were to take to their heels and Rogers was to appear to Madge as her deliverer. She was expected to be so badly scared and receive such evidence of Rogers' power

that thereafter he would lead her like This initiative of Madge's somewhat checked the enthusiasm of the Indians. but Baxter said to them, "We'll make it a bar'l," and led his braves on, and under the additional incentive they were ready to take the risk. But they straightway began their Indian tac ties, crawling and dodging so that Madge was not able to locate them. Nevertheless an occasional shot came from her fortress, usually followed by a yelp from some redskin who was

either grazed or winged. But they were too many for her, and while she was watching the front of the house Baxter and an Indian took it in the rear and, getting on the roof. lead in his arm, but they captured the

Trifling incidents often turn a general's original intentions, and the spirited defense requiring the Indians to skulk spoiled the plan. Rogers, not desired to pass out without a permit. knowing what to do, rushed in, swore The commander was about to express a blue streak at the savages, but did a curt refusal when Kenworthy handnot hurt any of them. Madge, whose eye was full of fire and who was pant- ed it, but before taking out the con ing with fury, seeing that his advent was of no advantage to her, let out on some kind. Without removing it he

"Why don't you go for 'em?" she shrieked.

"Go for 'em!" repeated Rogers, like an actor who had forgotten his lines. "I do believe you're one on 'em." Baxter didn't know what to do or

say. Neither did Arapahoe Jim nor the supers in the performance. Whether Madge caught on to the fact that there was a game in it all or gathered courage from the inactivity of her enemies, she caught up a broom and be gan to lay about her like a fury. Baxter, who had a blank cartridge in his rifle, fired it at her, but it only served to enrage her. The Indians, not relish ing the broom beating, one by one go out and away. Their leaders followed and Baxter was next. Rogers was lef alone with his love.

"You, Bill Rogers, git out o' here!" she said. "You been puttin' up a job on me, and I'd have you know I won't

With that she brought the broom down on him, and he, too, fled. He is trying to think out a better

# A Newspaper Enterprise

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

When the present czar of Russia was crowned, Elizabeth Moran, a young woman who had entered the profession of journalism, was sent to Russia to report the coronation ceremony. Arriving in Moscow, she discovered that no one was allowed within the church where it was to take place. The journal she represented had obtained for her from the Russian embassy at Washington a few letters to officials in Moscow who might help her. One of these was Dimitri Svensky, a young man of very prepossessing appearance, who the moment he saw Miss Moran proceeded to fall in love with her.

Svensky had authority to grant passes into the church, but only to certain persons connected with the foreign legations. He told the young woman that it was possible for him to secure her an admission, but, considering the care taken to keep out any one who should be present for the purpose of assassination, if he should admit her and it were discovered the act offen the reservation to put on their would be punishable either with death

Elizabeth hesitated to accept such a risk for the young man. But there is of 'em. I think I know a redskin- devotion of man to the test, so she told Arapahoe Jim, they call him-who him she would accept his offer. Before she quite realized what she was doing she had placed him in jeopardy. The attempt was unsuccessful, and both

were arrested. Fortunately the American minister was present and learned that one of himself in the matter. It required believed they were in earnest. "Let that Miss Moran was a newspaper correspondent and her only object was to send a report of the coronation ceremony to an American journal. Then she was released and ordered to leave

Russia at once. Before her departure she learned that the man whose love for her had induced him to take such a terrible risk had been sent to the mines of Kara, in Siberia. There are few women who would not be won by such a sacrifice. Miss Moran's whole heart went out to her unfortunate lover, whose fate was worse than death, and she resolved to

free him. But no such attempt could be successful without adequate preparation. She returned to America, where news of her arrest had preceded her. Indeed, it was largely through the efforts of the multimillionaire newspaper proprietor that her liberty had been obscraped the leg of another. Baxter tained. She told him of her resolve to free Svensky and claimed his influas a redskin. Rogers, who was wait ence and financial support in her effort. relinquish her intention he agreed to scared and do the heroic by saving help her. At her suggestion he secured through the Russian ambassador at Washington permission for one of his staff to investigate the Kara mines and write an account for the journal. When this was finally accomplished unlimited means were placed at her disposal, and, armed with the written permission that had been issued to Vic-

tor Kenworthy, she returned to Eu-One morning a rather delicately organized person presented the Kenworthy order to the governor of Kara and was admitted to the inspection of the prisons. Not long after that Dmitri Svensky was transferred to the "free command" on the ground that he was afflicted with an incurable disease. The free command consists of persons who for some especial reason are permitted to live in houses, or, rather, huts, by themselves. Svensky was astonished at thus being transferred and could not divine the cause of such a favor.

Kenworthy, or, rather, Miss Moran, spent several weeks in making her inspection and writing her report, which she submitted to the governor. He dropped down the chimney. Baxter got | was much pleased that it gave a very favorable account of the condition and kindly treatment of the prisoners.

One day Kenworthy appeared in his carriage at the outer guard station of Kara and told the commander that he ed him an envelope. The officer open tents saw that it was a money order of saw enough of it to assure him that it was a certified check on a bank in New York for \$10,000. Closing the envelope, he told Kenworthy that he might drive on. Before doing so Kenworthy told him that the next evening he would desire to pass again and with some papers, reports on the condition of the prisoners, which he did not wish examined. He would have with him another envelope.

Kenworthy was permitted to visit the prisoners of the free command. He called on Svensky and made himself known. Svensky was thunderstruck. In a brief interview it was agreed that the latter was to come the next evening to a road leading to the main gate, where he would find a carriage.

The last act was Kenworthy stopping in his carriage at the gate, handing the officer stationed there another \$10,000 check and driving on. Evensky was concealed under robes.

A chartered vessel was at anchor in sea, which took aboard the fugi-and landed them in Sweden, they were married and continr journey to New York.

# County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our Regular Correspondents.

#### Notes From the Editor.

For some time our correspondent page has been neglected. We have been extremely busy ourselves, and we are confident that the coorrespondents have been to Rule this week. busy too. But the busy season for all of us is about over, so let's ington and Jeff Binkley from join forces again and make our page hum. Let's make the other part of the paper look like "thirty cents" when compared with this. With your aid we can do it.

We wish for each and every correspondent a happy and prosperous New Year.

Those who have no stationery come in and let us replenish you. | night.

The Junior Editor, who has had and will continue to have son returned to their home at this department in charge, desires to meet and become personally acquainted with every at this place. correspondent. We have an interesting proposition to enfold daughter, Pauline, are spending to you a little later on. Come in and let's talk it over.

#### Ballew Items

Here I come again after an absence of several weeks. Hoping that old Santa Claus came to see each and every one.

We did not have a Xmas tree at Ballew on account of the bad weather.

A large crowd attended the party at Mr. J. C. Holts last the sick list this week. Thursday night.

Health of our community isn't G. Moseley Sunday afternoon. very good at present.

Harve Brundage were shopping sie Glenn and Mable Cunning in Haskell Tuesday.

Mertie Moseley returned home Tom Holder at Rule. Sunday morning from Hawley.

son and Misses Lillie Beckham ers. Wishing one and all a hapand Virdie Brown spent Xmas py New Year, I'll bid you adieu. day with Misses Mable and

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ISTAPLES HOOKS LOCKS CATCHES

SASH BOLTS TACKS SCREWS

Ruby Aycock of Foster.

Mr. Parker from Bell Co., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Monroe Lewellen and family.

Mr. Fred Schwede is moving

Messrs, Bud Reed from Cov-Seymour spent Xmas with Mr. Lewis Williams.

Mr. Johnson and family have moved to Rochester.

Mrs. J. W. Dyer spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. I. S. Grindstaff.

Misses Mable and Ruby Ay cock from Foster attended the party at Mr Beckhams Friday

Messrs. Jim and Sam Patter-Kemp, Tex., Sunday morning after a short visit with friends

Mr. H. T. Wright and little Xmas with relatives in Kentucky

Walter Holt left Monday morning to take a business course in the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Ables and son Leonard, from Madill, Okla., who have been visiting their daughter and sister returned home Monday morning.

Miss Ardonia Josselett is on

Mrs. Tolliver visited Mrs. N

Messers. Clifford Glenn and Mesdames Tom Baker and Claud Thomas and Misses Besham spent Friday night and in the city Monday. Misses Jessie Tolliver and Saturday with their aunt Mrs.

Well, I'll be going and leave Messrs. Sam and Jim Patter- room for some of you good writ-Arkansas.

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#### Kirkdale Locals

Hello! Editor and chats. How are you all this cold morning? As there hasn't been any news from this place lately I thought I would scratch a few lines.

Health in this community is very good at present.

Mrs. W. R. Hunt, who has had the typhoid fever is still confined to her bed.

Mrs. H. F. Haley and children of the city are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Grimsley.

Mr. Frank Kennedy is visiting relatives and friends in Jack

Misses Nellie Kennedy and Mary Ketschmer spent Christ mas evening with the Misses Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Atchi son spent Friday and Saturday with the latter's parents Mr. and

Myrtle Kennedy spent Christmas night with Bertha Hunt.

The musical Entertainment Saturday night at Mr. Kennedy was enjoyed by a large crowd Miss Blanche Cliff spent Sat-

urday night with Mrs. Arthur Atchison. Mrs. J. F. Kennedy and

daughters Miss Hettie, Dessie and O. B. have returned from Hall county where they spent the holidays.

J. F. Kennedy and sons Robert and Earl spent Christmas evening with Mr. I. A. Leonard. Hamilton Hallmark and sister.

Nola, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Miss Bertha and Bryan Hunt.

May Kretschmer spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Nellie Kennedy.

Miss Ruth Hale (our teacher) is spending the holidays at Dub

lin, Texas. Miss Ruth Hunt had business

T. S. Grimsley and family spent Christmas day with their the Roberts community.

Earl-Turnbow.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Atchison in sich a hurry?" have gone to Corpus Christi to spend the winter months.

enjoyed a nice time at Mr. Grim- friz out las' nite" sleys Thursday night.

with Bryan Hunt.

Bernie Grimsley spent Friday night with Nellie Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dyer spent Saturday with the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hallmark of the city.

Nellie, were shopping in the city country. Some one from anoth-

Saturday. Mr. McNeil and son Clyde

were in the city Saturday. Sam Ernest went to Munday |-Friday.

T. S. Grimsley had business in the city Saturday. Well news is scarce so I'll go,

and leave room for a better writ-Brown Eyes.

#### Kirkdale

Mrs. I. W. Kirkpatrick has been confined to her bed for sev eral days with Lagrippe.

Edd McNiel is on the sick list Clyde and Roy McNeil and Bryan Hunt were pleasant call-

visiting her daughter Mrs. Edd McNeil of this place.

J. F. Kennedy and daughter, Nellie, were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. B. F. Flint of Sulpher Springs is visiting her mother Mrs. W. R. Hunt.

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#### All Habit

city was fishing one day during can place a hundred dollars and Mr. Kennedy and daughter, her two weeks' outing in the three to five months time to a er boat called "Hello!" Just then she got a bite.

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#### Two Thousand Students

daughter Mrs. John Roberts of wended her way to town one that the slogan of the Tyler one of the two thousand to enter cold, frosty morning, she met Commercial College of Tyler, this famous institution during Robert Kennedy spent Satur- Jake, a dusky member of her Texas for 1913 is two thousand 1913 that you may go into a good day morning with Melvin and race, going at breakneck speed. students. Its record for 1912 salaried position or in to a busi-"Hi! Jake. Whar yoh gwine so far passed the fifteen hun. ness of your own with some asdred mark, that it is now deter-"I'se gwine to de fiel," replied mined to make a record of two

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale (Real Estate)

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Finsion County, Texas, on the 7th day or December A. D. 1912, in the cause of C. H. Wisdom vs. D. I. Roberts et al No. 439, wherein C. H. Wisdom, Flamtiff, recovered judgment on the 17th day of Sept A. D. 1912, against D. I. Roberts for the sum of 8212.18 with 6 per cent interest and costs of suit;

And Whereas, a wrn of attachment was on the 10th day of July A. D. 1912, levied by A. G. Lambert, constable of Precinct No. 1, Haskell County, Texas, upon the following decribed real estate of the Defendant, D. I. Roberts, and that the same is and constitutes a lien upon said property; I have on this, the 7th day of December, A. D. 1912, levied an execution upon the following decribed tract of land situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

A part of the Jno. Gibony Sur. being 2611 acres and part of a 461t acre tract meted and bound as tollows:

the Jno. Gibony Sur. on the S line Iv of the William Gilleland Survey; Thence S. 1959 vrs to the S E cor. of said Gibony Survey; Thence N 89 deg. 52 min W 1340 vrs; Thence N 1953 vrs, to stake for Cor; Thence N 89 deg. and 23 min E 1340 vrs, to the place of beginning, containing 461+ acres, the 261+ acres hereby levied on being all of said 461 acres save and except the following two tracts, (a) 100 acres conveyed by deed to G. H. Taylor recorded in book 31. page 242, deed records, Haskell

Haskell County, Texas. Notice is hereby given that on

the 7th day of Jan. A. D. 1913, sufferers." as the Court house door of Haskell, for the United States, kell Co. in the town of Haskell, Lexas, I will preceed to offer for Remember the name-Doan'sde and sell at public outery for and take no other. shall of the right, title, and innterest, which the said D. I. oberts owned in said land on the

December, A. D. 1912.

W. C. Allen.

#### Extra Precautions

that a farmer was having trou- do well enough in novels but are into the tent. ble with his horse. It would out of place in real life. Learn to situated in Haskell County, Texas, ble with his horse. It would but of place in real life. Learn to known as abstract No. 145 patent-start, go slowly for a short dismeet your friends with a smile. ed to Jno. Gibony on Feb. 26, 1859 tance, and then stop again. The good humored man or woman being patent No. 348, Vol. 13 and Thereupon, the farmer would is always welcome. The world is have great difficulty in getting it a land of echoes, the message wc started. Finally, the traveler call to it comes back to us from Beginning at the N. E. Cor. of approached and asked, solicitous every side. In truth we get out

"Is your horse sick?"

Not as I know of."

'Is he balky?"

Young Women

Faribault, Minn. She says: "Let me tell you how much

good Cardui has done me. As a young girl, I always had

to suffer so much with all kind of pain. Sometimes, I was

so weak that I could hardly stand on my feet. I got a

bottle of Cardui, at the drug store, and as soon as I had

Are you a woman? Then you are subject to a large

A tonic is needed to help you over the hard places, to relieve weakness, headache, and other unnecessary pains,

You will never regret it, for it will certainly help you.

Ask your druggist about it. He knows. He sells it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Medicine Co., Chattanoogo, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Womea," sent tree. 150

number of troubles and irregularities, peculiar to women,

which, in time, often lead to more serious trouble.

For a tonic, take Cardui, the woman's tonic.

the signs of weak nerves and over-work.

taken a few doses, I began to feel better.

Today, I feel as well as anyone can."

Read what Cardui did for Miss Myria Engler, of

No, but he is so danged 'fraid I'll say whoa and he won't hear me, that he stops every once ma while to listen."

#### Calomel is Bad

But Simmons' Liver Purifier is County, Texas; (b) 100 acres con-yields, biliousness goes. A trial veyed to D. C. Nicholson, recorded convinces. (In Yellow Tin Boxes in book 31, page 360, deed records Only.) Tried once, used always.

Woman's Tonic

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#### Heard in Haskell

Bad Backs Made Strong-Xidney Ills Cor-

All over Haskell you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work, curing weak correcting urinary ills. Haskell dissolves Uric Acid Crystals and Purifies the rilocd. It is easy to take, and will ra can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They scription. tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches ure suffering who are suffering w if you feel lame, sore and miser- science, no matter how long standing. It able, if the kidneys act too fre- reaches and removes the root of the trouble (Uric Acid) and purifies the blood. quently, or passages are painful, IME SOLACE CO. of Battle Creek are the scanty and off color, use Doan's Sole U. S. Agents and have thousands of voluntary testimonial letters which have Kidney Pills, the remedy that has been received from grateful people So-helped so many of your friends take has restored to health. Testimon-ial letters, literature and FREE BOX sent and neighbors. Follow this Haskell citizens advice and give R. Lee Morris, president of the First
National Bank of Chico, Texas, wrote the Doun's a chance to do the same Solace Company as follows:

Texas, says: "Our experience say its action was wonderful with Doan's Kidney Pills proved that they are very effective in Put up in 25c, 50c driving away pain in the kidneys, CAN BE SO BY TAKING SOLACE. "No Spec trouble with the kidney secretions | ial Treatment Schemes or Fees" JUST SOLACE ALONE does the work. Write today complaint. We have known of the merits of this remedy for a long time and have never hesitat-

said month between the hours of 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., and rudely thrust him back. Ho'clock a, na and 4 o'clock p. m. Auffalo, New York, sole agents "Poor little deyil," said a seedy

#### The Gospel of Sunshine

Learn to laugh. A good laugh will apply the proceeds thereof to is better than medicine. Learn e satisfaction of said judgment how to tell a story. A well told st thereon from Sept. 17, 1912, in a sick room. Learn to keep ing the costs of executing this your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your Witness my hand officially at ills and sorrows. Learn to stop suddenly to the crowd, "let's buy Haskell, Texas, this the 7th day of croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your Sheriff Haskell County Texas. pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the headache, backache or of life what we put into it.-Exchange.

#### LESS BOWEL TROU-**BLE IN HASKELL**

Haskell people have found out surprising how QUICKLY it helps. it a trial. The Corner Drug Store.

"Laugh, and the world laughs A Swede lately came to the laugh at you."

#### A Natural Question

A laborer who was digging a asked. trench in London laid his coat bystanders thinking to play a plied the Swede. joke on him drew a picture of a monkey on the back of it.

man noticed the picture on his Soon we may see Uncle Sam's coat and the grinning fellows mail carriers flying in all direc-

lingering near. "Which one of yez wiped yer face on me coat?" he asked.

#### Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chill-

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"I want you to send a box of Solace to y father in Memphis, Tenn., for which Mrs. W. T. Newson, Huskell, Lenclose \$1. This remody has been used ly some friends of mine here and I must (Signed) R. L. Morris.

IT'S MIGHTY FINE TO BE WELL AND YOU and other symptons of kidney for the free box, etc. FPII-DESK SOLACE

#### Kind Heartedness

The gingham shirted boy had ed to recommend it to kidney made a break to pass the ticketseller at the circus entrance, but some being use first Tuesday in For sale by all dealers. Price that gentleman had caught him

> looking man in the crowd. "It I had the money I'd buy him a ticket myself."

> The crowd looked sympathetic, but said nothing, while the boy sobbed as if his heart would dis-

"I've only got a nickel, little telor \$212.18, with 6 per cent inter- story is as welcome as a sunbeam ler," went on the seedy looking one, "an that won't do you no

> "Say," he continued turning him a ticket."

It looked for a moment as if a collection was to be started, but a benevolent-looking old gentleman nipped it in the bud by slipping a A traveler in Indiana noticed rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears boy, who promptly disappeared

"I thank you a thousand times for that kind act, sir," said the seedy looking man.

"You seem to take quite an interest in the little fellow," remarked the benevolent one.

"Well, I should think I ought to" answered the seedy-looking man proudly," "That's the only son I got."-Indianapalis Sun.

#### How Foolish

To suffer from Skin Diseases German appendicitis remedy, re-lieves constipation, sour stomach funded. Every retail druggist in delightfully pleasant and its action is thorough. Constipation LY. This simple mixture antiseption is thorough. Constipation ticizes the digestive organs and see the guarantee with each box. draws off the impurities and it is You don't risk anything in giving

#### A Useless Question

with you; whine, and the wise city of Austin. He went to the postoffice and asked: "Bane der any letter here for me?"

"What is the name?" the clerk

"Name! Name! The devil! on the ground nearby. Two Name bane on de envelope," re-

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This guarantee that a trustworthy

#### A Narrow Escape for Israel

A negro who had been converted to the Catholic religion went one day to confession. The priest said to him; "Israel, what have you to confess? Have you been perfectly honest since the last time? No theft?"

"No, sir."

"None at all? Stolen no chicken?"

"No, sir." "No watermelons?"

"No, sir."

"No eggs?"

"No, sir."

Then the priest gave absolution Outside the church Israel found

"Well, how did you get on?" they asked.

Walton.

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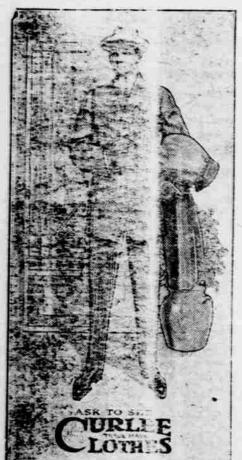
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At the end of each season it is our usual custom to have a "Clean up Sale". We go over each department of our store and select out just such merchandise that does not pay to carry over and put a price on it that ABSOLUTELY WILL move it. For we are compelled to make more room for our New Lines, and by so doing we are in position to give our customers nothing but first class merchandise. During this Clearance Sale you will find some extraordinary prices, and we suggest that you come early in order to get best choice.

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We have only a few CUR-LEE Blue Serges left, and we have decided to close them out at the following prices.

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\$1.50 Comforts for \$1.29
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2.50 " 1.98
3.00 " 2.48
8.50 " 6.98
One lot of blankets regular price is \$1.75. Size 72 x 80
Clearance Sale price is only

\$1.38

## Mens Sweaters

\$ .50	Mens	Sweaters	for	\$ .38
1.25	"	66	",	.89
1.50	"	44	"	1.29
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2.75	"		"	1.98
3.00	"	"	"	2.48
3.50	"	"	"	2.98
4.00	"	"	"	3.58
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These Sweaters are in assorted colors.

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The time to buy an over coat was never better. We haven't had any cold weather yet, but you can't predict. So in order to be safe, supply yourself now.

	\$12.50 O	vercoats	\$10.75
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These are the Curlee overcoats with the auto collar, colors are dark gray and tan.



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It would be a very difficult proposition for us to undertake to mention every article and the price of same, in fact it would be annoying to you to try to read everything but if you can possibly arrange to visit our store during these 10 days it would no doubt be worth while, for you must remember that we only have a "CLEARANCE SALE" twice a year, and we dont fail to put a clearing on, in order to move it

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#### HASKELL, TEXAS, Jan. 11, 1913.

By the courtesy of the Dallas News we are able to print a cut on first page showing the two buildings erected in this city by Mrs. Theo. Wright, The cut is the one used in the News recently in the civic attractiveness department. The News is doing a good work along this line, and is making this department interesting to all of its readers who take an interest in home attractiveness.

Trainer Wyche, who learned office, is now with the Courier at Moody, Texas. He was previous ly with the Fort Worth Star Telegram, and assisted in getting out current the big special edition, issued by that paper some time since. We have found our local people woefully inclined to underrate the talent of one another, but if they would follow the history of the boys who have worked on The Free Press, they will find that Haskell ! a habit of letting her talent go without honor at home. The legal fraternity find this to be the case as well as every other profession. Local jealously and littleness is responsible for this. The Free Press is often made to teel the sting of such a vice in people who should show better breeding. There is no use in people trying to make people they know miserable, by petty jealoussies. It is said of Nathaniel Hawthorne. he was unrecognized by the so called society of his home town, and was recognized and has become famous throughout the literary world, yet a proposition to erect a monument to him in his own home is being opposed. We do not believe people have to be this mean, yet they usually are, and they think they are refined. We need better breeding, higher ideals and better home training. People teach their children too much vanity and snobbery; some much snobbery and vanity to dictate their personal deportment. That makes them coarse and vul-

#### Notice of Sheriff's Sale

(REAL ESTATE) By virtue of an Order Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Haskell County, on the 8th day of January A. D. 1913, in the case of S. G. Dean versus, J. B. Whitaker and H. S. Wilson No. 1425, and to me, as Sher if, directed and delivered, I have Livied upon and seized this 9th day of January A. D. 1918. and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a m and 4 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday is February A. D. 1913, it being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door of a-id Haskell, Co., proceed to seil at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the county of Haskell and State of Texas and more particularly described as follows: Being a part of the James Scott League and labor survey, abstract No. 558 certificate No. 15t, survey 118, further known as subdivision No. 47 of the said James Scott League and Labor of land in said Haskell County, Texas, same being foreclosure of the vendor's lien on said property as it existed on

Given Under My Hand This 9th day of Jan-W. C. ALLEN,

THE MISTAKES OF THE EDITOR.

the intelligence of the public for editor.

ed to making mistakes, and is so grief yet. Everybody expects the Did you ever stop to think versatile and sure of his standing country editor to be so versatile that you do four things, just four and educational qualifications, that he can handle drama, tragedy, and no more? You think: you that he is not chagrined or disap- music, art, fraternal and social remember, you imagine; you act, pointed when any of his heavy matter like an expert, whereas When you learn to think better, articles come out butchered up the local editor has devoted his remember better, imagine better by the type of printer. He knows time to abstruse questions of state, and act better, you are increasthat intelligent people who have finance, sociology, reform of judi- ing your efficiency, and, therewritten extensively for publica- cial procedure, the initiative, ref- fore, your income. 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We find the best edu good looking but does not depend declares that the average man cated, the most extensively read upon his looks to take him through only uses ten per cent of his people make mistakes sometimes, this wicked and unsympathetic brain power. Suppose you are We often correct some grievous world. It is hustle with him, and twice as capable as the average We are indebted to public errors for those who contribute to he keeps his fingers on the finan- man? Even that would mean you weigher E. L. Northcut for the our paper, and sometimes make cial pulse of the community like a are only twenty per cent of your following report of cotton receipts some for them. The trouble with skilled physician feels the pulse of maximum possibilities. The and shipment at this point: Bales some people is they are so hard in a patient at the critical stage. He purpose of our course is to proshipped, of 1911 crop to Jan. 1st. their criticisms and have said such seeks not to lay up treasures duce a maximum of proficiency 1912, 2961. Bales shipped, of 1912 awful things about the ignorance where the "moth corrupts or with a maximum effort. Did you crop to Jan. 1st, 1913, 7688. Total of the people who have articles thieves break in and steal," but ever stop to think that eightyincrease of 1912 crop over 1911, come out in a country sheet, that rather cultivates those christian five per cent of the men of this 4727. Bales on hand in local yard, when they essay to write for the virtues that make him see good in country are only earning \$15 a Jan. 1st, 1913. 875. The total public they get a dose like the all people he meets and looks on week or less? That ninety-two receipts at this point for 1911, fellow they have been criticising, the foibles of humanity with char- per cent fail in business between 4400. The receipts for 1912 crop | The way to do is to just lay every- ity. Do not be harsh with him | the ages of 40 and 50? That have nearly doubled that of 1911, thing to the type and the over- Men who cultivate such refine- ninety-five per cent have no and Mr. Northcutt estimates we worked printer and proof reader ment have a tender heart and are money at the age of 60? We will get one thousand bales more a d presume on the fairness and easily touched. Every fool in the have been very successful in i religence of the reading public. community delights to insult some getting men out of the eighty-You may overrate the public if statesman or prominent person to five, the ninety-two and the the printers art in the Free Press you do this, but it will do no harm, attract notice, but such honor ninety-five per cent class. Why because we have been overrating should not be shown the local not let us help you? We have

#### B. Y. P. U. Program.

For Sunday, Jan. 12 1913. Leader-Mary Hughes. Song-No. 44. Prayer-Bro. Arbuckle. Song-No. 67. Scripture reading, Mark 14:3-9. Song-No. 22. Special Music--Cora Killings-

Topic Explained-Bro. Arbuckle. How Women Help to Support esus-Artie McFatter.

Gospel—Louise Dayis. Woman's Missionary Now-Jason Smith. Our Own Woman's Missionary

Union-Rice Pierson. Women's Work in Our Church---Ben McFatter. Song-No. 154.

Prayer. Short talks by any visitor. Benediction.

#### Obituary.

The Death Angel has visited Gadas, the beloved friend of Mr. Sad partings John Yancy. come to us all, 'A precious one from us is gone, a voice so sweet is stilled; a place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled;' Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His loving Breast, sweetly his soul can rest.

Mr. Hardie Gadas was confinso called society people allow too ed to his bed on Dec. 23, A. D. 1912 and departed this life Dec. 24 A. D. 1912 at 10:30 o'clock. He bore his afflictions with fortitude and when we asked him if he hurt or needed a doctor he would say no, and that was asked every hour or two for two or three weeks and he said no, and Tuesday morning I said "Hardy please have a doctor," which he did and when the doctor told us he couldn't live we telegraphed for his loving mother and father but too late. They started too late and the trains late, they could not reach him in due time. waved his hand and said, "John I am gone," and the nurse, Mrs. kell friends are heart-broken to love and sympathy to the belov. right. Sheriff Haskell County, Texas ed father, mother, and brother 4t

live with Him.

#### Necrology

his loyalty to his friends.

The deceased leaves his wife. Yancy and carried away Hardie brother Richard Nolen, surviving ine and act. Our large catalogue him.

The funeral was conducted only fill in and mail the following Sunday at the Methodist church blank, giving your name and in Haskell, Texas, by the pastor, address. Rev. W. P. Garvin, and the Elks Lodge of Haskell, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Henry Alexander, Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, conducted the Lodge funeral service, in the most impressive manner. The remains were interred in the tamily lot in the Haskell cemetery.

As soon as it was learned the deceased was so ill the lodge appointed a committee, visited and rendered the stricken family every assistance, and several members were with the family all during the trying ordeal.

The Free Press extends condolence and sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### Notice

I have recently purchased the We thank God for taking Hardy Wm. Wells stock of new and 2nd so easy. Mr. John Yancy was hand furniture and wish to an. Practice Limited to diseases of Coslett went to his side-but he line of new furniture and am es. was dead. He was a noble boy able to do all kinds of repair Next visit Monday February 3rd and had friends by the scores work. Bring your secone hand and lacked for nothing. We Has- furniture to me and exchange it give him up, and we send our for new goods. I'll treat you G. F. Ingram.

thoughtfully you will, and if you

been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusivethat are left behind to weep for ly proven by the letters in our him but dear friends weep not catalogue from former students. for him for God said come and The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are thousands of men worth a On January third A. D. 1913, at thousand dollars a year, but onhis home at Weinert, Texas, Dr. ly a few worth ten thousand a Loomis Da. C. Nolen, departed year. Be the latter kind of man: this life. The deceased was a son you can if you will. We know of the late Dr. A. J. Nolen and his that a man is worth only about How Women Help Spread the wife Mrs. Alice Nolen of this city. \$2.00 a day from the chin down. The deceased had many friends at selling muscles, but as high as a Haskell and Weinert, and had hundred thousand dollars a year earned the friendship of all who from the chin up, selling brains. knew him. We have heard many Be a chin upper and sell the speak of him since his death, and higher type of brains; you can't every one whom we have heard afford to be a chin downer; speak of him, with one accord, re- there's no room for such a man fer to his generous nature, and in the high salaried class. Take our thorough, practical course of Bookkeeping Business Ad-Mrs. Leona B. Nolen and little ministration and Finance, Shortdaughter, Miss Mary Allen and hand or Telegraphy, learn how the home of Mr. and Mrs. John little son Master Jack Wilson, and to think, to remember, to imag-

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#### When the Worm Turned

By M. QUAD

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In this instance the worm was Sarah Ann Perkins of the village of Smithville

Nature and her father and a lot of other persons and things were to blame and the tuening of that worm people or more.

Sarah Aun was born homely. Just how homely she was as a baby need not be told here. She was homely as a small girl, and everybody knows how the homely business goes when it once gets started. At the age of twenty Surah Aun was a peach. She attracted ten times the attention of any handsome girl.

Sarah Ann's father was to blame in this way. He was an easy mark during his life, and when he came to his dying bed he made a will leaving everything to his daughter.

It got noised around that Sarah Ann and been left a big legacy, and widowers and bachelors appeared and fell in love with her. Then they investigated the legacy matter and fell out again. When Miss Perkins had reached the age of forty, which she did in due time, the five or stx women in Smithville that were keeping book accounts against her figured up that she had been illted twenty-two different times. Trust the married women of a village to keep tabs on an old maid.

There was great jeering when the hast filt came. Sarah Ann wept and was not comforted. Sne realized that her last chance had slipped away. Even an optimistic woman can't fail to realize that there must be an end to the courting game. For a long, long day our heroine was thinking, and when the stars of evening twinkled again her mind was made up. The village of Smithville hadn't given her a fair show. The worm would turn and make it hot for Smithville. There was no one around to hear the click of the spinster's teeth as her mind was made up with the rock of Gibraltar for a foundation. If there had been there would have been shivers a-plenty.

Two weeks from that night Sarah Ann Perkins disappeared off the face of the earth-that is, the face of the earth around Smithville. She had been living alone with her cat in a little cottage. A window was found broken in and a door broken open. Chairs were upset and furniture broken, and there were splashes of blood here and there.

There was great excitement at once. Miss Perkins had been murdered while the village slept. The body could not be found. More than a hundred people turned out and spent the day looking for it, but not the slightest trace was had. The sheriff and the coroner overhauled the missing woman's papers and the first document was a solar plexus blow. It charged thirty different villagers with conspiracy to do away with the writer by violence. The list included a minister, an elder and two deacons, and the others were all prominent. About half were women. The charge was boldly made that on certain dates certain men or women had called at the old maid's house or met her on the street and warned her that she must leave the town or have her throat cut.

The production of this document filled the village with consternation. The sheriff decided that he must make arrests as charged, and he went about it. Meanwhile the search for the body continued, and strangers came from twenty miles away to perticipate. Newspapers sent their representatives, and private detectives were on hand by the dozen. There might not have been a hundred different theories, but there surely were fifty.

The number of persons arrested was 163; the number of strangers visiting Smithville in the first four weeks was estimated at 10,700; the number of newspaper columns written was 550; the number of times Sarah Ann's plcture was used was 84; the damage to the business of the town was \$20,000.

Of the 103 persons arrested all but two proved alibis for the night of the murder. Of the other two one was a merchant and the other a deacon. They had played checkers and drunk hard cider in a back room of the store that night until they had slid out of their chairs and slept under the table. Time consumed in the trial, five weeks; cost to county and individuals, \$14.

000. No one was convicted. Of course it was Sarah Ann Perkins who broke open her door and smashed in the window. The blood came from a chicken killed that afternoon. She left her cottage at about 8 o'clock and had the luck to get out of the village unseen. Then she took to the high way and traveled all night and made fifty miles next day by the cars. Then she haited and hired out at a village inn and was within sixty-five miles of Smithville all the time the affair was on. Three thousand dollars was the

reward out for her, but no one got it. One day a year later Sarah Ann re appeared in Smithville. She was secompanied by her husband. He was the innkeeper she had worked for. She had finally told bim her story, and when it had been concluded he had naked:

"But what was the matter you

couldn't get married?"

"Too homely," she replied. "Why, durn my cats, but you are one of the best looking women I ever saw What in thunder could have ailed those Iwenty-two fellers? Blamed headsome woman and a heroine to boot! Let's go and get married a) poon as we can!"

## An Effective Dose

By ELSIE MATTESON

There are large cities like New York or London parts of which it may be

Edward Plerce, a young Americ his term of hospital service caught a disease which left his health impaired He went abroad to re-establish it and found the Italian climate beneficial, but whenever he left it he sank again into an abnormal condition. He determined therefore to remain there permanently and practice his profession. Finding an field of labor. He acquired the Italian language rendily.

The duties of a physician called him out at all times of day and night. Dr. Pierce knew of the dangers from the lower classes, or, rather, the criminal classes, but he also knew that he was taking his life in his hands whenever he entered the room of a patient suffering from a contagious disease and felt that the physician, like the soldier or the clergyman, must not hesitate to go where he can be of service no matter how great the risk. Friends advised him to go armed when he entered some of the most degraded part of the city, especially at night. But he said that if an Italian was bent on killing him no time would be given him to defend himself. He preferred to take his chances unarmed, for he was obliged to corry the paraphernally of his profession and distiked adding a revolver, which he might hig about with him for years without the necessity for using it.

One night Dr. Pierce was called up by telephone to go to the house of one who was a stranger to him. He order ed his vehicle, took up a large case of instruments and another of medicines and sallied forth. His destination was on the heights back of that part of the city that lies on the bay, and after following winding streets he stopped at the home to which he had been called. It was a fairly good stone villa, not among other houses, the nearest being several hundred yards distant.

Pierce was admitted by a man who as soon as he had entered shut the door behind him and told the doctor to follow him. He did so, but realized immediately that he had been called to the house for some evil purpose. He was taken into a chamber where a young girl was in a frightful state of nervous agitation. She was evidently of a much higher class than the man who admitted the doctor and another man whom he found with the

"Give her something to put her to sleep and stop her infernal bowling." said one of the men.

It was all plair now. The young lady was held a prisoner, possibly for ransom, and, being in hysterics, the men dared not permit her to continue in that state and had called a doctor. But, baving felt obliged to call him. would they let him go out to inform the police of what they were doing? Pierce knew they would not. Some thing must be done to effect his exit and if possible to release the girl. He gave her something to quiet her and while doing so formed a plan.

The doctor did not regret not being armed, for there were two men to oppose who were doubtless far more adept at handling ordinary weapons But he had another idea. He fumbled in his medicine bag and looked over his medicines, finally selecting a bottle containing a powerful acid. Taking another containing one having much the same effect as red pepper, he made a done of the two. Then from his case of instruments he drew forth a silver syringe and loaded it with the dose he had concocted.

"What are you going to do?" asked one of the men.

"Inject morphine," replied the doc-"It will put her to sleep, and she will give you no further trouble. One of you get over on the other side of the bed and the other stand at the foot, to be ready to hold her if she strug-

They did as he directed, and the doctor, having the syringe in his hands quick as a flash squirted the flery cose first into the eyes of the man opposite then into the eyes of the one at the foot of the bed. Both gave a yell, and both put their hands to their eyes. But this was of no advantage to them or the doctor, for it was not likely that they would ever see again.

In an instant Pierce had taken up the girl in his arms and hurried toward the door. He had little fear that the men, whose eyes he had burned out, would follow him. Both the agony they suffered and their blindness would deter them. Nevertheless he lost no time and, reaching the door, with one hand threw it open, while with the other he supported the girl. But by this time she realized what he was doing and, standing on her feet, walked, or, rath-

er, ran with him to his vehicle. The young lady, it turned out, had been that afternoon walking on the sea wall, when she was seized by two men put in a cab that stood near and hurried to the house where the doctor had found her and where she was to be held for ransom.

Pierce did not take the trouble to inform the police of his rescue. What became of the men he had blinded he never learned. The young lady was an Austrian tourist. She and her family offered to do anything in their power for Dr. Pierce, but he accepted only a token of their regard.

Went a Lacet

# The Stranger

A Story of Medieval Times

By EMMA STURGIS

dangerous for one to go about without | there were two hills not far apart, on over an elevated portion of the road in and arrivelers must go on the mountain protection, but the city of Naples is all ca h of which a baron had built one of the Rocky mountains. The passengers instead of I meanly it Wester Delano. these fortresses and lived in sight of en de other. of first cher were friends. made a heap of trouble for a hundred | who had graduated in medicine, during | but one day sir ife mate rode over to Sir Wilhelm's castle and asked for the depths. Far below my eye caught a hand of the latter's daughter. Wilhelmina, for his son, Frederick. Sir Wilhelm loved his daughter dearly and repair. had no wish for her to leave him, so he referred the matter to her. She had man beside me who noticed me looking met Frederick while hawking and found him an ill favored young man.

> Sir Herman rode angrily back to his castle and informed his son that arrested my attention. the offer had been declined, and the young man, who was of a vengeful disposition, made a vow that he would her father's easile. And when he got to maiden could refuse him with im- pass Dead Man's turn.

the honor offered her.

From that time forward Sir Herman lookout for a cause for picking a quarers, and both these noblemen supported themselves and their retainers Withelm, who was looking for the same plunder, passed along the road with a number of men at arms.

Now, Frederick knew who was riding them merchants, fell upon them suddenly. A fierce fight ensued, and Sir Wilhelm's force, having been surprised, was routed, with the loss of several men, while Frederick's escaped with a

Sir Wilhelm knew that this was a mere pretext and that he must fight for having declined to give his daughter to wife to the man who had attacked him. So be strengthened his castle, rebuilt some of the ramparts, laid in an increased stock of arms and awaited the next move of his enemy. It came very soon. Sir Wilhelm robbed a party of travelers, and the next day Sir Herman sent him word that they had been plundered on his own domain and demanded the goods that had been taken. Sir Wilhelm sent back word that if his neighbor thought he was entitled to the property he had better come and take it.

Meanwhile Sir Herman had been pre paring for the approaching fight and was ready for it. His son Frederick claimed the leadership, and his father gave it to him.

There is a principle of war that the advantage is with the attacking party. This is because the impetus is on their side, while their enemies are on the defensive. At any rate Frederick not only besieged the castle, but led one attack after another against it, making a breach here and a hole there, killing off men who could not be replaced, while the stock of provisions within the walls was constantly growing less. And so it came about that Sir Wilhelm saw that the end of the struggle must soon come with the capture of his castle. He sent a messenger to know what sum his enemy would ask to retire and leave him in peace. Frederick replied that the only price he asked was the hand of the Lady Wilhelmina.

This was a sad blow to the besieged Wilhelmina would rather die than give herself to the man she hated, but she could not bear to bring destruction on her father and his retainers.

Now, among the travelers who had been robbed was a young man who had been fighting in the service of the king of France against the English. Hearing the sound of war, he sent word from the cell in which he was confined and held for ransom, requesting that be be released and be permitted to take part in the defense. When all hope was gone Sir Wilhelm sent for him. The young man proposed to lead a sortie against the enemy and was permitted to do so.

Just before dawn one morning he fell upon them so furiously and kept up the fight so vigorously that within a few hours he had them in full retreat. Catching sight of Frederick endeavoring to rally his men, the stranger drove his horse straight at him and felled him with a battleax. The suitor never arose from his fall and the attack was not renewed.

The stranger had been badly wounded, but did not know it till the end of the struggle, when he fainted from loss of blood. When he came to himself he was lying in a chamber of the castle, and a young girl was bending over him. She nursed him, dressing his wounds berself and giving him every attention as the savior of the castle. He asked her what had occasioned the war, and she told him how marriage was proposed for the Lady Wilhelmina and rejected.

When the stranger recovered the baron asked him what boon he could confer upon him as repayment for his services. The bero replied that if the young girl who had nursed him didn't object he would like her given him to

"What! My daughter!" "Your daughter? No; my nurse." "Your nurse does not object," said Wilhelmina, entering the room. "One who has saved me from a brute shall be repaid, since he so chooses, by what

that brute lost.'

# A Reckless Driver

TOWNER OF THE PARTY OF THE PART

By THOMAS R. DEAN

In those fendal days, when every I was ricing on the Union Pacific Long ago before the railroad tunnel eminence was crowned with a castle, railroad, and the tvalu was passing was dug under the St. Cothard pass were all looking out through the car

> macadamized road that did not see the other mountains and after becoming to be much used and was fulling out of

"The old stage road," said a gentleat it. He was a very old man with ing Lucerce, he proceeded by stouth hair as white as snow. There was opening in Naples, he chose it for his not at all to her liking, so she declined something in the confident way is spoke of the read, a dreamy, far away look, as he gazed at it himself that "How do you know?" I asked.

"Beenuse when I was a very young man," he replied, "I went over it, and either murry Wilhelmina or destroy an episode that occurred caused me to door and lostend of welcoming him remember it. That's the Fowder Horn effusively, after the custom of innher he would let her understand that bend user these. Preity soon we'll

stagecoach was the only method of was as important a man then as the guests in the inn. The American wons agents. rel with Sir Wilhelm. In those days captain of an ocean liner is now. Usu-dered at this, for it was at the height the barens lived by plundering travel. ally the man at the reins was a spien- of the season for mountain travel. The did specimen. He had full control of landlady explained to him that there in that way. One dark night, when matter what happened. But on this pass and that there was no occasion food and the apparel at a good profit young Frederick was lying in wait for occasion-just about fifty years ago it for those going by diligence to stop and might guther in some of the funds some merchants who were expected to is now-the person driving us was a pass through the valley between his different kind of a fellow. I was on father's and Sir Wilhelm's castles, Sir top, and several other passengers, eastern tourists, who were auxious to see the scenery were outside too. There was one man who didn't seem to be that of the hostelry belied her words long among the rest of us, but rather by, but, pretending that he thought to the country. He was a very quiet man, who minded his own business, didn't bother the driver with questions about the peaks and the canyons and the cuts around the mountain sides, but sat chewing on a quid of tobacco as though the heights and the depths were nothing compared to it.

> "We were making one of those turns where the road is cut around a mountain side when, looking down at the wheels on the outside, we all saw that the hind one had gone within a foot of the edge. One of the gentlemen remonstrated with the driver, and it made him very ugly. He said it wasn't customary for passengers to interfere with stage drivers. He knew his business and would listen to 'no suggestions from no man.'

> "After this, instead of driving carefully when we came to dangerous parts of the road, he would whip up his horses and go round in a hurry. Every time he did this the rest of us would hold on to our seats like grim death, expecting to be dashed over outside hind wheel did go over, but the driver lashed his horses and pulled

it up on the road again. "There was but one man who didn't seem to be ruffled at this kind of driving-that was the silent man I was speaking of. He sat silent in his seat and 'chawed on.' Some of the passengers noticing that he appeared to be a man of the west asked him if nothing could be done to induce the driver to mend his ways.

"'Y' needn't do no more skylarkin," the westerner said to the driver, 'handle them ribbons more keerful.'

"The driver looked around to see who was again interfering, and seeing a quiet looking man flushed angrily and asked him if he was afraid.

"'No,' said the other; 'I know what stage drivers can do on the road, but these ladies and gents ain't used to it; It skeers 'em.'

"'Well, I'm responsible to the line for my drivin' and not to you or any one else. I'll handle the team as I

"The westerner made no reply to this, and we, who had gathered a hope that he might put a stop to the recklessness, felt a disappointment. He didn't seem to be offended or irritated with the driver. He just 'chawed on' and seemed inclined to let the driver do as he liked. But presently we approached Dead Man's turn, called so from a coach having gone down over the precipice-there it is across the canyon. The driver whipped up his horses and was getting on a big spurt when he felt something cold pressing against the back of his neck. He must have known that it was the muzzle of a revolver, for he didn't turn his head to

"'Slow up.' said the westerner, who was holding the pistol.

"The driver slowed up; then at the westerner's further command came to

a full stop. "'Hitch the reins on to the brake," was the next order, and the driver obeyed. Do you see that tree growing over the precipice on this side of the bend? Well, the westerner forced the driver at the point of his revolver to climb out on to the farthest branch of that tree. He was white as a sheet and clung to the branch with the clutch of a cat. At one time I surely thought he would go down. I had to look away, and the rest of the party did the

"'Do you think you kin drive keerful the rest o' the way?' asked the tormentor.

"'You bet.'

with a large posse.

"'Well, come in and try it.' "We had no more trouble after that But we were surprised to learn afterward that we were indebted to the most notorious desperado of that re gion. The sheriff was then on his trai

# A Race With a Blind Man

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

a young American who had a lun ) zerland to unitage his taste in the accustomed to the sport did a good deal of tramping among them glone,

Being at Lucerne, he communded to beat on the Lake of the Four clan tons to Fluelen, where he become tramp, passing through Altibed, those winding up the road over which travecluded to pass the night. The hand

get up a good supper for blue, which be with them.

"How, then, do you make a living here?" asked Delano.

The woman said that they made but Everything about the place as well as prosperity.

After supper Delano to pass the time I resisted their blandishments. They engaged the landlord in conversation, and the topic naturally fell on mountain tramping and climbing. Delano told the man of the mountains he had climbed and the tramps he had made. mentioning having once crossed the Brunig pass on a wager in less time than it had ever been done before. At least so said those living on both sides of the mountain. At this the landlord shrugged his shoulders and, fixing that cold eye of his on the stranger, an eye that seemed to look right through and past him, said:

"The Brunig is no pass for a man to go over. This or the Simplon is a place for one to show what he can do."

"I will show that tomorrow." The landlord's face expressed contempt. "You haven't the muscle for such work. Why, I know a man who is blind living about here who can go over this pass in less time than you."

"A blind man!" "Yes: blind as a shining in its eyes." Delano was nettled. He would like

to punish the landlord for his contemptuous treatment, but held his peace. "Since you have won one bet on the Brunig." the landlord continued, "per-

haps you would like to win another on the St. Gothard." "With whom?"

"My friend the blind man."

Delano pursued the metter from curiosity and presently found himself in a trap-that is, he had made a bet of 500 francs, or \$100, that he could cross the pass quicker than a man who could not see his way.

"But how shall the terms be arranged?" he asked. "We seem to be alone

"You start in the morning at 10 o'clock and go to the Devil's bridge. I will agree that your opponent shall start from his home near here at the same hour and minute. You will meet him at the bridge. If he beats you there he will satisfy you that the terms have been carried out honorably. I will put up with you the 500 francs; you need put up nothing."

There was something very strange about all this, and since Delano was curious and seemed to risk nothing he assented to the terms. He went to bed wondering what it meant and when he awoke in the morning felt that through some snare he would be beaten out of his money, but he preferred to lose the amount rather than back out. The landlady served him a good breakfast, and the reckoning was very moderate.

At 10 o'clock he said goodby to the couple and commenced his journey. He walked briskly, but did not care to strain himself on such an uncertainty. The road was good except for a few miles on the top of the mountain where it was covered with snow. When Delano reached the goal-the Devil's bridge, an arch spanning a chasmhe saw a man sitting on a stone near one end. A nearer view showed him that he was the landlord.

"Who is it?" asked the man on the stene.

When Delano replied he was recognized by his voice. "I have won, said the other. "I am the blind man." He was the landlord of the fun at which Delano had spent the night The American remembered the cold stare, as though the man were looking through bim.

He convinced Delano that he was stone blind, and Delano paid the bet. "Now I see," said the latter, "how you make a living keeping an inn with out guests.

"And that we who are blind can go where we like," replied the winner. Delano was astonished that this man who could not see his hand before his eyes could move about among such frightful precipices.

# How I Saved My Capital

By HARRY VAN AMBERG

When I came of age I inherited \$10. 000 in ready money, and I thought I would not mind spending, say, ten years rolling it up lute three or four tir es the amount, then devoting myto gratifying thy be too, where rail respect. He climbed Mont Blane and to the fine arts. I considered Wall street, but a friend of mine, a broker, assured me that of the persons who came into his office to speculate not more than one in twenty went out and stayed out with a profit. Most of the others lost everything they had

This prospect didn't book hopeful, at I turned my attention in another direction. A new mining district lend just ! been opened to the public, which "The ride I refer to was when the invited in. The landfuly, a tidy body, of promoters, stockbroners and the like, whence it was transferred to game and his son were constantly on the travel in these parts, and the driver ate alone, for there were no other blers, a large part of it going to road

his horses and always kept his head no | was little or no foot travel over the and wear clothes. I would furnish the that didn't fall into the hands of the promoters, brokers, gamblers and road agents.

I made money very rapidly-indeed, ....an a poor living, but their appearance and far beyond my expectations. The first minutes lat difficulty I encountered was to keep tow much tir It soon became known that I had f now much their own appearance gave evidence of and the promoters came down on me tting? Was to go in their mines at bottom figures. · your empl

> were followed by the stock makers. ou to fi who offered to put me on to min amab. ing out millions of gold, whose me you have f could be bought for a song. These I turned down. The gamblers coulou will be glad th do anything with me, for whenevis not looking ov saw one of them coming for me I . Perhaps you we tended to be busy and put him off we were the de promises to come round when I t, why he de "ary.

> some leisure. But the road agents! I have not spoken of them, for so long as I remained in the town they could not touch me. But the day came when I had quadrupled my capital, and the Deadshot bubble burst. The mining stocks collapsed. The promoters and brokers went to a new field of plunder and only a remnant of the gamblers were left. As for the road agents, they knew that I had \$40,000 and would go also. They were waiting for me an he works eig

it between me and the railroad. Deadshot was not an accessible point. There was no express office there and no stage line to other parts, both having been withdrawn after the collapse, and I, being the only man in town who had any money, was watched. Even the road agents made bold to come into town for the purpose of being in first when an opportunity should arrive for plundering me. Had they remained without they would have had a better chance, but there were several small parties of them, and each party was anxious to get ahead of the rest. I succeeded in keeping them ignorant of where my treasure was or they would not have had to wait till I left town

The only way I could see to get my money away was to deceive the road agents through my fellow citizens. There was never a time when I was not asked for a loan, and I determined one day to put out some money at interest due, say, in three months. Nobody would suspect that I would leave town till the notes came due and were paid. I should have been prosecuted for usury, for I would lend a man \$50 and take his note for \$500. The amount of the note didn't make any difference to him, for he didn't expect to pay anything. I soon had notes due me amounting to \$10,000 for an outlay of \$700, though as to the outlay, no one knew anything but the makers of the notes, and none of them knew anything about any except his own case.

Having thus lulled suspicion my immediate departure, I invited everybody in town to a party. I took care that the road agents should be invited and that they were present. I had a special kind of punch for them that would turn the stoutest head There was a merry time going on at my house, about midnight, the citizens being especially affable, and the road agents, under the influence of the punch I had prepared for them ready to fight each other. But before they came to blows they decided to go to

I had a fleet horse saddled, and, going to the barn, I lifted a board from the floor, took out my treasure, mounted the animal and to a sound of revelry that emanated from my house galloped

RWSV. I had been so closely watched that I greatly feared some one of the various gangs of road agents would, after all, be on the lookout for me. Of course I couldn't be sure they were all at my party. I drove my horse at as fast a gait as I dared, expecting every mo ment to be halted. But the fact that I had money due me threw them off their guard, and my banquet did the rest. I got away safely.

At dawn I was at a railroad station and half an hour later took a train. which landed me and my little fortune

The only cost for insuring and trans porting my money was the \$700 I had

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ness through the columns of his can never get hold of the news. paper, or say anything uncompil He hears of your denunciation, in a sunflower or crabgrass soaked in grease.

come into your home, and then those who are left to mourn, when you come along and tell him

You can mark his paper "refus- Del Rio Herald. ed," stick it back in the postoffice and boast of the fact to all your

fresh and pure

Did you ever step to think of the difference between the treatment accorded you by the editor and that which you accord him? the unfortunate case at the risk of being called a numbskull who acres in feed and forage crops. If he should knock your busi- of being called a numbskull who acres in feed and forage crops.

mentary about you personally, feels the sting of it all, and some- country, he could not have done you would nurse a grudge against times suffers financially as a con- this even if the crop he cultivathim to your grave and as time sequence, but never uses the col- ed had yielded a bale of cotton rolled by it would grow and grow umns of his paper to even up. On per acre, for he could not cultiin size until you would find it as the other hand if you have any. vate more than 15 acres of cotton hard to hold as a baby elephant thing to boost he will boost it for and about the same in feed stuff. you; if honor comes to you or Haskell county is the place to Now is such the case with the yours he takes local pride in her- farm. editor? He hears that you have alding it abroad, and if death ridiculed him and run down his steals into your home, he will go paper; that you have told people to the bottom of his heart for tenon the streets that it would not der expressions of condolence for

You might sometimes think of that your daughter has graduate- those things while endeavoring by ed, he praises her to the sky, says words and deeds to belittle the antee. Ask your druggist and that she is the pride of the com- editor and his usefulness in the see the guarantee with each box. munity, the smartest thing on community. You might put a earth and that her honored parents brighter polish on your Christihave just cause to be proud of her. anity by following his example.-

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#### Calomel Is Unsafe

Local Druggist Who Sells Dodson's Liver Tone Guarantees It to Take the Place of Calomel

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#### Way to Success (From the New York Tribune.)

"The secret of success," the stamp said, "is sticking to it." "To succeed," said the knife, "be

bright and sharp."

"Keep up to date," said the Cal-

the nutmeg."

ed," said the electric bell.

the hummer. And the barrel added: "Never lose your head." "Make light of everything," the

fire observed cynically.

#### Calomel is Bad

delightfully pleasant and its act ty December 3rd, 1873. To this heard a voice from heaven say and cats to human beings. tion is thorough. Constipation yields, biliousness goes. A trial

#### A Successful Farmer

has always made a fair crop un Fields was exceedingly fond. Soon we may see Uncle Sam's Now the point we make is that

#### How Foolish

To suffer from Skin Diseases cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guar-You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

#### Just a Gentle One

"Papa," said Georgie, "it worries me awful to think how much absence. trouble I give mama."

"She hasn't complained."

a dreadful hurry."

"Not often, I fancy."

hurry. She gets everything all died he came into my study and ready for baking and finds at the with tears he expressed his re-

do about it?"

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IT'S MIGHTY FINE TO BE WELL AND YOU "Don't knock—it's old-fashiond," said the electric bell.

"Do a driving business," said

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#### Denth of R. B. Fields.

Bro. R. B. Fields was born in Harrison County, Texas, Sep-"But always keep cool," said the tember 23rd, 1849. Died in I am glad that the new pastorate Haskell November 27th. 1912, agreed that it it would be better Mr. R. E. Lee of the south on account of the great distance follow them. Amen." side called at our office Saturday, could not be present but teleand cashed up his subscription graphed that she would . soon be account. Mr. Lee has been in at the old home. There are two of this good man.

to Haskell July 1st, 1890-twenty-two years ago, where they edies had failed." For coughs, more or less, of bone and muscle have reared their two interesting colds or any bronchial affection families. Capt. W. W. Fields its unequaled. Price 50c and preceded to the better land this brother by a little more than a year, having died September 25th, 1911. The two brothers lie side by side in the city of the dead. They were [Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc.,] lovely and pleasant in their lives when one 50c box of "Hunt's and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than and in their death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles; stronger than lions.

Bro. R. B. Fields was baptized 28 years ago by Bro. Elgin. He was a great lover of the gos pel and old gospel songs. His corner in the church always contained one good listener unless there were good reasons for his

Bro. Fields had been in poor health for a number of years. "No, she's very patient. But Few in his condition would have she often sends me to the shops thought of attending divine serfor things and they are a good vices at all. One of the secrets ways off and I know she gets of his punctuality at church was cross waiting when she's in such that he began on Saturday to make preparation for the Lord's day, an example worthy of all ac-"Oh, she's nearly always in a ceptation. The Sunday before he last minute she hasn't any yeast, grets that I was to leave Hasor she gets a pudding all mixed kell for a new field. He said he and finds she hasn't any nutmeg was willing to increase his subor something; and then she's in an scription if it were a question of awful stew, 'cause the oven is all finances. Though very weak he ready and maybe visitors are was back again at night. At coming, and I can,t run a very which time I mentioned how long distance, you know: and I faithful he had been through all feel awful sorry for poor mama." of these years. Little did either "Humph! Well, what can you of us think that it would prove his last sermon. I counted him "I was thinking you might get as my Christian friend for six-

A reception by the Cleburne If your children are subject to church had been planned for us. attacks of croup, watch for the lf we met that engagement first symptom, hoarseness. Give we could not stay for the Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded on to Cleburne to a reception ith the momory of those tears. ith the momory of those tears



Geo. H. Morrison.

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"It cured me of a dreadful with same the result. The two Fields brothers came cough," writes Mrs. J. F. Davis, Stickney Corner, Me., "after doctors treatment and all other rem-\$1.00. Trial bottle free at Jas. R. Walton.

#### What Puzzled Her

ing the cow.

"Think you could do it?" asked out feeling. the "hand."

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Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

#### Cats and Dogs Cause Disease.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 7.-A state age 63, two months and four for us to remain in the "house of bacteriologist at this place has andays. He was married to Miss mourning rather than to go the nounced that he has directly traced But Simmons' Liver Purifier is Laura Taylor in Harrison Counthe house of mirth." "And I the germs of diptheria from dogs

union were born seven children, ing unto me, write, Blessed are A case of diptheria developed convinces. (In Yellow Tin Boxes of whom four are living, Miss the dead which die in the Lord, here recently in a child, that could Only.) Tried once, used always. May, Mr. George B., Miss from henceforth; yea, saith the not possibly have been contracted Dulin and Mrs. Eva Dean, the Spirit, that they may rest from from other persons. A bull dog latter residing in California, who their labors; and their works do with which the child had played and which was suffering from a case of "distemper," was taken to the laboratory of the state board This is an age of great discov- of heaith, and germs taken from this county for several years and grand children of whom Bro. ories. Progress rides on the air. its throat proved to be of that vamail carriers flying in all directive which produces diptheria. In as you possibly can, but if your der all prevailing conditions. The deceased has two sisters tions, transporting mail. People another case the cause was not family in mourning the passing most popular medicine in Amer- the backteriologist at the hospital

don't make a woman. Its a good foundation. Put into it health and strength and she may rule a kingdom. But that's just what Electric Bitters give her. Thousands bless them for overcomit The little city girl stood watch- fainting and dizzy spells and for ing the hand on the farm milk- dispelling weakness, nervousness, backache and tired, listless, worn out feeling. "Electric Bitters have done me a world of good, writes Eliza Pool, Depew, Okla., "and I thank you, with all my 'I could do the milking, I think, heart, for making such a good but when you want to stop milk-medicine" Only 50c. Guaranteed by Jas. R. Walton.

> "Johnny, do you understand what is meant by a crisis?"

"Yes mum." "Tell us, Johnny."

"Two out and the bases full,

## Don't Suffer!

"I had been troubled, a little, for nearly 7 years," writes Mrs. L. Fincher, in a letter from Peavy, Ala., "but I was not taken down, until March, when I went to bed and had to have a doctor. He did all he could for me, but I got no better. I hurt all over, and I could not rest. At last, I tried Cardui, and soon I began to improve. Now I am in very good health, and able to do all my housework."

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