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ALL past sorrow has a tendency to transform itself into something else. All sorrow, follies and errors have their edges wonderfully softened off by retrospection. They become possessions rather than detriments.

ALTHOUGH a young couple are said to be married as soon as the lady has changed her name, the truth is that the real marriage is a long, slow intergrowth, like that of two trees planted quite close together in the forest.

ONE of the plainest of human rights is the right to be left alone and to be allowed the privilege of exercising our benevolent faculties and extending our sympathies in whatever direction we prefer—a right which cannot be invaded without tyranny.

HE who despoils the whole people may disburse in contributions to the church money wrung from widows and orphans, and his pastor will warmly pronounce him 'one of the loveliest of men,' and express entire indifference to his business methods. It is a peculiar system of public morals that makes it a crime to rob one man and an admirable accomplishment to rob a community.

NOVELS and plays have been written and sermons preached upon the miserable lot of the man once convicted of theft. Never can he be down his crime. Positions of trust are closed to him. Society shuts its doors. The tongue of gossip is ever ready to put malicious interpretation upon his most innocent acts. For his violation of the law there seems to be no forgiveness. How differently is the man regarded who, instead of stealing from an individual or a corporation, despoils the whole people.

THE physical and moral betterment of the condition of life at present over the world is evident to any student who has given any time and thought to the onward movement of man in history. It may be doubted whether the world was ever better or ever happier since the fabled golden age than it is to-day. Certainly, as respects woman, her condition has immeasurably improved, even within the memory of those living and this improvement would not have been possible except through a corresponding improvement in men in their notions of true liberty and justice.

THERE is, possibly, no remedy for the pessimistic tone of modern literature excepting in the one remedy for which the world has long been looking—the release from want and sin. As long as we sit in their toils we must look for their trail across the pages of our books. Much as we may profess to long for something different with which to divert our minds, we yet would scoff at the writer who painted us as much happier and better than we are. We are subject to a diversity of tastes, and are prone to prefer to see vice and virtue distinctly labeled in our story books; the villainy very black indeed, and the virtue of a superlative quality. The writer who spreads these commodities out liberally, so as to give a little to each of his characters, does not please the average reader. The least imaginative mind is the one which revolts at genuine realism.

EVERY one is liable to intrusiveness, but the kinder and more sympathetic natures are the most exposed to its influence. The cross-grained and selfish man has his time and thoughts to himself, few care to run the risks of interfering with his privacy, few venture to ask a favor of him or to appeal to him for sympathy or aid, and he is generally left in unenviable solitude. But, while his warm-hearted and benevolent neighbor certainly does not covet such isolation, he is often seriously hampered by the opposite extreme. His good nature is imposed upon by those who have no claim upon him; he is called on to make sacrifices of time and strength which he cannot rightly afford, and he is often forced into the unpleasant dilemma of choosing either to appear ungracious and unkind, or to neglect his plain duties and positive obligations. Upon this rock not a few persons of amiable disposition but weak will have foundered and been wrecked.

THE remedy for the prevalent crime of embezzlement, if there be one, will have to strike pretty deep into human motives and pretty close to the root of all evil. The greed for wealth is in almost any case the first incentive. If it is accompanied by moral slackness which will allow a man to use, even temporarily, that which does not belong to him, it is pitched to receive with open arms the temptation to embezzlement. The slightly different phase of this passion for money, which is represented by the gambling vice, is also a frequent incentive to the larger offense. No single law of prevention or punishment will effectually relieve it. If it is truly on the increase, it is because American life is too exacting in its demands and because men hold too high that form of public approbation which is to be bought with money. When they add to this the consciousness that a successful steal will not wholly ostracize them they find several reasons for proceeding with it, and only one, the fear of possible retribution, for desisting.

to avoid prosecution under the state law.

President Diaz denies the Mexican government has authorized the establishment of the Juarez lottery.

A traveling man in Alabama recently deliberately placed his neck on the rail and let a train run over it.

The sugar trust, alarmed at the grocers' fight against them, has offered to buy them off with a rebate.

The decapitated body of Mary Chertinski, a Polish girl, was found on a railway track at Pittsburg, recently.

A locomotive exploded at Long Island City, recently, fatally injuring five men and seriously injuring three.

A bill appropriating \$100,000 for the state exhibit at the World's fair has passed the Kentucky legislature.

Chicago signpainters have been arrested for counterfeiting in pasting the picture of a treasury note on a bill board.

In a cyclone at Olean, N. Y., recently, Mrs. Otto Schrader was killed and a number of other persons were injured.

Two newly married couples at Louisville, Ky., blew out the gas and there came very near being four funerals.

T. J. Mellon, a contractor of LaGrange, Ill., is alleged to have attempted to bribe alderman Franz of Freeport.

Negroes of Lexington, Ky., oppose the separate coach law and threaten to boycott all business men who signed it.

It is said Patrick Egan, minister to Chili, has declined both the ministries to Pekin and Paris, offered him by Blaine.

Duncan B. Harrison, the actor, has been arrested and fined at Clinton, Ill., for assaulting a man who stepped on his corns.

United States Commissioner of Labor Wright shows figures indicating a vast growth of the south for the last ten years.

Cleveland has written a letter to a Tennessee friend stating that he hoped personal friendship would not actuate his resignation.

The Dubuque, Iowa, Malting company has been organized for the purpose of driving beer from other states out of the market.

A Brooklyn father recently fought the police and shot at the doctors who proposed to take his son to the small-pox hospital.

The Hon. J. K. Porter, senior counsel for the people in the trial of Guiltan, Garfield's assassin, died recently at Waterford, N. Y.

A poem on the landing of Columbus has been found among the manuscripts of Walt Whitman. It is said to possess much merit.

The New England Methodist conference have adopted resolutions protesting against the opening of the World's fair on Sunday.

Joseph Greener, an old-time scout, has been sent to the Southern Illinois penitentiary for one year for impersonating a federal officer.

Frank Schlegelmilch, a Democratic politician, has been arrested at Springfield, O., for attacking a saloon keeper's wife with a beer glass.

Whitecaps burned the barn of Silas Ragan, near Fancher, Ill., recently because he refused to heed their orders not to go to Sunday school.

A feather-bed renovator at Danville, Va., had his matrimonial schemes tipped in the bud by the appearance of his wife from Indianapolis.

At Canton, O., recently, John McCurdy shot and killed S. T. Wattenbaugh, seriously wounding his wife and put a bullet in his own head.

Steps will be taken to annul the charters of several Wisconsin logging and boom companies who refused to pay the 2 per cent tax as required by law.

A New York company will grind coal and mix it with water and force it through a pipe direct from the coal fields to the city, where it will be dried in trucks.

Mexico's cotton crop is a failure.

Anarchists continue to start fires in Vienna.

Anarchists have been making trouble in Brazil.

Political prisoners have been exiled from Argentina.

Chili's financial condition is getting worse and worse.

Private cables say that peace is assured in Venezuela.

Russia's famine cost the treasury 300,000,000 roubles.

Englishmen in Chili want to emigrate for fear of massacre.

A plot has been discovered to depose the sultan of Zanzibar.

Fire near Niebeck, Germany, has destroyed 1750 acres of forest.

The principal part of Great Britain's revenue is derived from beer.

The Amer of Afghanistan warns his people against the czar of Russia.

A French official believes the Behring sea arbitration will favor England.

Chancellor William has requested Emperor Von Caprivi to take a holiday.

Matto Grosso province has declared itself independent of the republic of Brazil.

The political situation at Rio de Janeiro is critical. Military patrol the streets.

The French chamber of deputies have voted money for an exhibit at the World's fair.

Advices from Samoa indicate that war between King Malletto and Chief Mataafa is imminent.

John Huntington, who is seriously ill at Dresden, declares he will never pay the notes bearing his forged signature.

A disappointed lover at Bath recently killed his sweetheart's uncle and a police sergeant who tried to arrest him.

Two royal horse guardsmen of England are charged with stealing \$400,000 worth of jewelry from an American at London.

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RAKY ROUND-UPS RENDERED READABLE.

Many a Breviary of Items of Interest, Gathered from Every Section of the Empire State.

Temple has the measles.

Lott votes to incorporate.

Holder will have a postoffice.

The boom is still on at Llano.

Harold is to have an elevator.

Safe blowers are doing Denison.

Waxahachie has sold her bonds.

San Saba is after an ice factory.

The drought continues at Berclair.

Velasco is after a canning factory.

The Dallas fair will open Oct. 17.

Brenham is infested with burglars.

Fruit is all right in Tarrant county.

Crops look fine in Limestone county.

Hillsboro has downed the town cow.

A natorium is being built at Itaska.

Wheat around Harrod is very fine.

Fire bugs are at work in Denison.

The building boom has struck Vernon.

Childress will have a new roller mill.

Corn and oats in Bell county are all right.

Aransas Harbor is on a building boom.

Abilene is to have a system of sewerage.

Winnboro will have a new school house.

Cisco's streets are being macadamized.

Valley Mills farmers are planting cotton.

A rich coal find has been made near Quannah.

Austrian butchers will construct an abattoir.

An artesian well is being sunk at Mincola.

A strawberry trust has been formed at Alvin.

Work has begun on an artesian well at Pinaro.

A new school house is being built at Granger.

St. Joe will have a new school building.

A waterworks system at Beville is probable.

The streets of Comanche are being graveled.

A club building is to be built at Sherman.

A new cotton gin is being built at Wortham.

Oats in the Italy section are in fine condition.

An artesian well is being sunk at Iowa Park.

Growing grain in Gillespie county needs rain.

Farmersville will have an electric light plant.

A Baptist church is being erected at Red Oak.

The Christian church at Paris is to be enlarged.

Cotton planting has begun in Coleman county.

Work has commenced on the oil mill at Kyle.

Crop prospects around Chillicothe are splendid.

A new passenger depot is to be built at Childress.

Silverton will be made a money order postoffice.

Odd Fellows of Bastrop have purchased a hall.

Stock are suffering for water in Comal county.

A scheme is on foot at Wylie to organize a bank.

A rich silver vein has been discovered near Clio.

Great loss of cattle is reported from Crosby county.

The Austin waterworks system has changed hands.

The new bank building at Hutto is just completed.

The young county oat crop is in good condition.

The electric lights have been turned on at Navasota.

Work has begun on the new Masonic hall at Bartlett.

Five prisoners recently escaped from jail at Kaufman.

A library will be added to the jail at Weatherford.

The jail at Laredo is crowded to its utmost capacity.

Work has begun on the Masonic hall at Groveton.

The court house at Lubbock is undergoing repairs.

Gold and silver has been discovered near Rising Star.

Crops around Sterling are in an excellent condition.

Work is rapidly progressing on the jetties at Velasco.

Henrietta has contracted for an electric light plant.

The rolling mills at Jefferson are nearing completion.

Wise county will have an immense fruit crop this year.

The Methodist church at Gonzales has been completed.

Ladonia will make an effort to suppress the town cow.

A number of Russian Jews recently arrived at Galveston.

The tobacco outlook around Willis is very encouraging.

The new sawmill at Gilmer will soon be in operation.

An effort is being made at Milford to hold a county fair.

Work has begun on the Presbyterian church at Canada.

An artesian well is being sunk at Rhome, Wise county.

Work on the jetties at Galveston is going on very slowly.

The roller mill at Memphis will soon begin operations.

Cotton in the vicinity of Garland is beginning to come up.

A magnificent hotel has just been completed at Bonham.

Work has begun on the new bank building at Pilot Point.

Work will soon begin on a grain elevator at Chillicothe.

Coleman county reports a good stand of oats and corn.

The offer dam over the Colorado at Austin is completed.

Crop prospects in the Strawn country are very flattering.

The Episcopal rectory at Rockport is nearing completion.

Work is progressing nicely on the court house at Haskell.

Vernon has purchased an alarm bell for the fire department.

The fruit crops of the Brandon section will be abandoned.

The capacity of the oil mill at Brenham is being redoubled.

Work will commence at once on Corsicana's new oil mill.

Corn in Panola county has been injured by excessive rains.

Farmers around Atlanta are badly behind with their work.

The court house at Benjamin will be completed by May 10.

The small grain crop in the Snyder section will be a success.

The fruit crop of Cook county promises to be abundant.

Crops around Mesquite, Dallas county, are looking well.

Ground has been broken at Childress for a new grain elevator.

Work has commenced on the Methodist church at Harwood.

A rich lead mine has been discovered in Comanche county.

It is probable that a brick college will be built at Galveston.

Work will soon begin on the new court house at San Antonio.

A building and loan association has been organized at Palestine.

Vernon will have another grain elevator, making eleven in all.

The new car shops at Houston are rapidly nearing completion.

The contract has been awarded for the new natorium at Waco.

Work has begun on the big bridge to the mainland at Galveston.

The capacity of the barrel factory at Pittsburg will be increased.

The waterworks mains for the system are being laid at Hartley.

Work has begun on the iron bridge spanning the river at Palestine.

Work on the artesian well at Wichita Falls is progressing rapidly.

Work progresses rapidly on the electric light plant at Brenham.

Ira Brown, a brickmaker, was killed by a train at Denison recently.

The artesian well at Waxahachie has reached a depth of 300 feet.

Twenty-five new houses are under course of construction at Itaska.

Indications are good for an immense grain crop in the Holland county.

Work is progressing nicely on the new waterworks system at Abilene.

The new Methodist church at Panhandle City will soon be completed.

The Lone Star Iron company at Jefferson has shut down for repairs.

A boy named Eddy Russell was drowned near Denison, recently, while fishing.

In a fight at Timpano, recently, Barto McGarity was dismembered with a knife.

The Wichita Valley road will very likely be extended from Seymour to Benjamin.

The sentence of Rogers, the Dallas rapist, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Mexican miners have been made to leave Olden, Eastland county, by "blackcaps."

David Burch has been jailed at Groesbeck for attempting to outrage his daughter.

A large line will probably be established between Sabine Pass and the Mexican coast.

Five rains have fallen in the Brownwood country and small grain crops are a sure thing.

Employees in the railway shops at Palestine are being discharged on account of dull times.

The 2-year-old child of H. Von Beckman was perhaps fatally burned at Austin, recently.

George Gast, colored, has been jailed at Paris for attempting to poison the family of J. D. Durden.

Pete Woolley, a yard switchman, was killed at Taylor, recently, while trying to make a coupling.

Walter Cribbs dangerously wounded his brother near Denison, recently, while trying to shoot a crow.

Sheriff J. W. Johnson recently assaulted the editor of the San Angelo Enterprise because of some editorial light turned upon the former.

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**Haskell County.**

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Haskell county is situated in the southern part of the Panhandle on the line of the one hundredth meridian west from Greenwich. It is 5000 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is thirty miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Fannin and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874, when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed, and in 1880 the county could boast of fifteen or twenty inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off, and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of fifty-seven electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses, as the natural grasses furnish food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. The acreage in farms has increased to at least 30,000.

The county is an undulated plain, with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream, the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the breaks and rivers, but with rivers, breaks, rocks and poor land combined their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be fine agricultural land.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the country is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from northwest to northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porous and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drains in the rainfall and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, and the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquite grubs and stumps which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows and the land being level or generally rolling and easy worked, the use of labor-saving implements are profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over an 100 acres in grain and cotton.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the south. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass form a valuable adjunct to the winter pastures in keeping stock over winter.

per acre, and usually sells at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three-quarters of a bale per acre. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound, fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

**SHIPPING POINT.**  
As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 52 miles south, in Taylor county, or the Texas and Pacific railroad, Albany on the Texas Central 45 miles from Haskell on the southeast, and Seymour on the Wichita Valley road 45 miles northeast.

**RAILROADS.**  
There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state, where they control nearly all the land, and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox counties, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 52 miles north of the T. & P. R. R., and 90 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R., and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**  
Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners' court have wisely executed a lease for ten years of four leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which, added to the amount received from the state, gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year.

**MAIL FACILITIES.**  
There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson, and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany. These all carry express and passengers.

**RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.**  
The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Old School and Campbellite Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county.

**HASKELL.**  
The town of Haskell is the county site of, and is situated one and one-half miles south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful table land, and is eight years old, and has a population of 942. Has as good water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never-failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

**ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.**  
In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home, and assist to commence business in life, but cannot do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of opportunity and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. If coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversation are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same Christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley, adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in northwest Texas. We have a abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room, and invite you and all who contemplate a change to come—all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

Reader, please hand this to your friend.

**A HUNTING PARTY.**

Some Things Which It Is Just as Well Not to Know.

I was jogging along the road one day in the rough country about the headwaters of the Cumberland river when I came upon a raw-boned native sitting on the fence with a Winchester lying across his knees.

"How are you?" I said, as I pulled up.  
"How d'y," he responded.  
"How far is it to Mud Run," I inquired.  
"About four mile ridin'; three half."

"Much obliged," I said, and nodding at him I asked if there were bear about the mountain.  
"Not round here, I reckon."  
"Any deer?"  
"None as I know on."  
"Squirrels?"  
"Tain't time for 'em."  
"Rabbits?"  
"Naw," and his tone was not affable.

"Well, what are you hunting?" I insisted, for there was something odd about the man.  
"Ain't huntin' at all," he said.  
"Jim Cooper's huntin'?"  
"What's he hunting?" I asked, with more curiosity than ever.  
"Me," he answered with a hard laugh. "A'n I'm waitin' for him to find me. I reckon," he went on more politely. "if it's jist the same to you, you better be gettin' along to y'd Mud Run, for t'at's about the pleasantest in this neighborhood when Jim roams up this way."

I took his advice and got along rapidly, and as the mountains in their oppressive silence hung over me and the deep shadows of the hollows seemed to come forth and darken the daylight of the early afternoon, it occurred to me that it was just as well that one-half of the world didn't know how the other half lived—or died.—Detroit Free Press.

**TESTING FIREARMS.**

**The Dust Process for Small Pieces Is Little Known.**  
One little known process to which small arms manufactured for the United States are subjected is the dust test, intended to subject the piece to the same dusting it would receive if carried by the soldier in a march across the alkali deserts of Arizona or Utah or Wyoming. Troops are frequently compelled to tramp for hours through such clouds of dust that the heads of the leaders of a six-mile team could be but vaguely seen from the wagon, and the dust so fine and penetrating that the soldiers' guns and every garment soon became penetrated with it. The artificial production of a similar experience for an arm that might be adopted for military service is manifestly a very pertinent trial. This is accomplished by placing the rifle on a shelf within a closed box, so that the breech mechanism, which is closed, shall be opposite the mouth of the barrels; fine sand is then permitted to fall slowly across the blast of air, which thereby, in two minutes, the time of the test, drives the sand into any open joints or into the depth of the mechanism if it is much exposed. The gun is then removed and wiped carefully with the bare hand, also blown into and cleaned just as a soldier, who suddenly goes into action, would do with a gun he had carried on a dusty march. The test is then repeated, the magazine being charged before exposing the gun to the dust; the cartridges and the gun are then wiped as before and the gun again fired twenty rounds.

**A Passionate Smoker.**  
At the village of Lovendeghem near Gand, in Belgium, an old farmer was on his deathbed. The attending physician had forbidden him to smoke his pipe, and the family of the old man, obedient to the directions of the doctor, several times refused the importunities of the sick man to have his pipe given him. At last the priest was called to give him the last sacrament and appeared with a chorister, bearing the sacred candle. "Ah," cried the dying man when he saw the priest entering the room, "now it is all up and that plague of a doctor shall not rule me any longer. Please, holy father," he said, addressing the priest, "hand me that clay pipe from the mantelpiece." The priest fulfilled his wish. The dying man with a powerful exertion, raised his head, lighted his pipe by the flame of the holy candle, drew in a few hearty whiffs or smokes, and sank back breathing his last.—Chicago Herald.

**Signaling With Mirrors.**  
Few people understand the difference between a heliostat and heliograph. The former is a mirror moved clockwork in the path of a sun so as to throw reflections in a desired direction. The latter is a field mirror. The most remarkable thing about both is the distance which the flashes may be thrown. A mirror of one inch in diameter is distinctly visible without the use of a glass at the distance of eight miles, while two miles away it looks like a very bright star.

**Work, Travel Very Far.**  
A Belgian nobleman once managed to catch 200 storks and labeled every one of them with a piece of pasteboard, giving the address of the experimenter and requesting to inform him where the bird had been caught or killed during the winter season. These curious passports were attached in a conspicuous manner to the neck or leg of the birds, and one of them returned next spring with a message to the effect that he had been caught in a meadow near Sidl Beibez in western Algeria.

**For Sweet Charity.**  
The total revenue of the charitable institutions having their headquarters in London amounted to over 6,000,000 sterling—or to be precise, £5,000,763.

Who men are the most sure and arrogant, they are commonly the most mistaken.

**Wrapped in a Poisonous Veil.**

In the midst of a severe winter, the shores of a large stream from low lands, shrouded by fogs, and a heavy mist, the outskirts of a populous city, large numbers of people were suffering from a disease which in its more malignant forms is scarce to be traced in the individual than typhoid. Every type of it is thoroughly eradicated by the Bitters. This precious medicine also remedies dyspepsia, constipation, liver and kidney trouble, rheumatism and sprains. It is a restorative, tonic, of appetite, sleep, and flesh.

**How's This?**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of return that cannot be cured by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. CHASEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Chasey for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and especially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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**The Only One Ever Printed—Can You Find the Words?**

There is a 3-inch display advertisement in this paper in a week which has no two words alike except one word. The name is true of each letter appearing each week, from the Dr. Harter Medicine Co. This house places a "Crescent" on everything they make and publish. Look for it, send them the name of the word, and they will return you BOOK, BEAUTIFUL LITHOGRAPH or SAMPLES FREE.

The gold handle on an umbrella is not admired when it is raining hard.

Oddities calls his girl Revenge because she is so sweet.

From the Tar Heel Country. Knott, Hennessey & Co., Birmingham, N. C., writes that Huckleberry Cordell sells better than any other salivation for bowel troubles and children teething, and commend it to every mother, the physician of the home.

We have an idea that the women pay a good deal of attention to the hats worn by milliners.

"A word to the wise is sufficient," but it is not always wise to say that word to one who is suffering the tortures of a headache. However, always risk it and recommend Brandy-cordell.

The devil lives at the foot of a hill so steep that no one ever walked down it slowly.

For strengthening and clearing the voice use "Dr. Harter's" "Respiratory Tractives." "I have commended them to friends who were public speakers, and they have proved extremely serviceable."—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

A man runs no risk of having his affections spurned if he makes love to his mother.

Read the Judd Electric Belt advertisement in this paper. For sale by all druggists. If your druggists do not keep them write the company direct.

**FOR THE CHILDREN.**  
My little girl suffered for three years from a large Abscess on her hip, the result of a fall and dislocation. The Abscess was large, with six openings, all of which discharged pus. I was induced by friends to give her S. S. S., and by the time the fifth bottle was taken the Abscess was entirely healed, and the child was well and happy.—Mrs. J. A. WIGNER, Slaton, Ga.

I had three little girls who were attacked with obstinate ECZEMA or Blood Trouble, which at first resembled heat, but soon grew to yellow blisters, some of them quite large. One of the children died from the effects of it, but we got Swift's Specific and gave to the other two, and they soon got well. S. S. S. forced out the poison promptly. The cure was wonderful.—J. D. RAINE, Marshallville, Ga.

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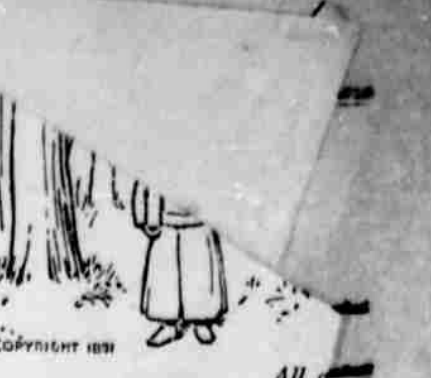
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**N. K. FAIRBANK & CO.**  
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**In Hard or Soft Water**  
this Soap works so well, that  
Women want NO OTHER.

**Dr. C. B. JUDD'S**  
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CHATTANOOGA MED. CO., Chattanooga, Tenn.



both in the way it acts, and in the way it's sold, is Dr. Pierce's "Little Blue Pills" for women. It acts in this way: If you're weak or "run-down," builds you up; if you suffer from any of the painful disorders, derangements peculiar to women, it relieves and cures. It cures indigestion, enriches the blood, relieves aches and pains, brings refreshing sleep, and restores flesh and strength. For all functional weaknesses and irregularities, it's a positive remedy. Hence, It's sold in this way: It's guaranteed to give satisfaction, in every case, or the money paid for it is refunded.

They're the smallest, the cheapest, the easiest to take. But all that would be nothing, if they weren't also the best to take.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets prevent and cure Sick Headache, Bilious Headache, Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, and all derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels.

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**RELIEVES** all Stomach Distress, REMOVES Nausea, Sense of Fullness, CONSTIPATION, FAIR, REVIVES FAILING ENERGY, RESTORES Normal Circulation, WAKES TO THE TOP.

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# California Dog Poison

IN ANY QUANTITY AT  
A. P. McLEMORE.

## All Free Press.

Don't fail to see the Spring Stock of Dry Goods at F. G. Alexander & Co. before placing your bill.

—D. R. Gass and D. M. Winn have returned from an extended trip to the west.

—W. W. Fields & Bro. can save you money on Groceries.

—The first story of the wall of the new court house is nearly completed.

—New Creamery butter at Dodson & Halsey's.

—Prof. Gordon and F. E. Turner were here Sunday and Monday.

—See W. W. Fields & Bro. before buying your Groceries. They can save you money.

—W. E. Johnson has returned from a business trip to Wichita Falls.

—As we go to press we are pleased to note that our Senior and lady have returned from their visit to relatives at Brenham.

—The bell for the Baptist church has arrived and been raised to its place in the cupola.

—We are a little late this week on account of not receiving our ready print.

—When you want something good to eat, go to Courtwright & Collins.

—There was quite a severe hail storm in the northern portion of the county Sunday.

—Call and examine our Millinery goods at F. G. Alex. & Co's.

—Full line of Fancy Groceries just received at Dodson & Halsey's.

—Mess John and Joe Jones went to Stephens county this week with a bunch of cattle.

—Luck & Taylor keep Jersey Lilly flour, the best on earth, Seymour.

—Mr. Joseph Bledsoe who has been visiting at this place for some time left for his home at Sherman Tuesday.

—First class shave at the West Side Barber Shop. Call and try one.

The tables of the Lindell Hotel are weighed down with choice dishes.

—Mess Sherrill Bros. and McLemore have erected the wind mill over the well on the north east corner of the square.

—For an easy shave call at the Parsons' Barber Shop.

—Our Fancy Patent, Straight Patent and Violet Flour is warranted equal to the best northern brands. For sale by the leading Grocers of Haskell.

The best cash prices paid for wheat. Liberal exchanges.

Albany Milling Co.

—C. C. Gardener was in town this week and reported his crop to us, which is as follows: corn, 30 acres, oats, 30 acres, wheat, 15 acres, cotton, 8 acres, Sorghum, 10 acres, all of which is looking fine and so far has not suffered for rain.

—No use to go to Abilene when you can get your goods from the ladies emporium as cheap or cheaper in my lines. Large Stock on and still coming in every line of goods.

Haskell Texas.

**MONEY TO LOAN.**

Apply to Johnson Bros. for loans on land.

—Leave your orders and make all inquiry concerning the Seymour hack line at the postoffice.

RUPE & SPRINGER.

—Mrs. Hascall comes to the front with thanks to her many customers. Since I have been here I have cut and fitted 226 Dresses and as I have associated Mrs. Wright a professional Milliner in business with me, we hope to further merit a liberal share of your patronage. If you wish a neatly made dress, stylish hat, cheap bonnet give us a call at Alexander & Co's store.

—Committees from the different Sunday schools of Haskell met last Sunday evening and decided on the time and place for having a union picnic. It was agreed to have the picnic on Miller creek six miles north east of Haskell on Saturday May 7th. Each Sunday School will be expected to make its own arrangements for conveyance to place selected.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Kegans a fine girl.

—Now is the time to buy your spring suit. Come before they are picked over. F. G. Alex. & Co.

—Mrs. Carbin, mother of Mr. Jim Keller will spend the summer at this place.

—WINE OF CARDUI. A Tonic for Women.

—BLACK-DRAUGHT for Constipation.

## THE PALACE Drug Store

GREETING:

In this my second appearance of a semi-monthly issue I am proud to tell you of my still being able to sell everything of my usual line at such as will attract the attention of the most sanguin prejudiced.

I take pleasure in thanking you for your most liberal patronage and am glad to inform you that I will ever be found doing business at the same old stand (N. W. Cor. Pub. Sq.) where I have a large stock of WALL PAPER, which for these two weeks I am going to sell at 20 per cent less than usual prices. Now is your time to secure WALL PAPER. Fair warning; two weeks; no longer.

I am most respectfully yours,  
SEVERE FROST.

—You can always find something fresh at Courtwright & Collins.

—McLemore's is the place to buy your drugs this year.

Haskell and Seymour Stage Line.

Hack leaves Haskell at 7 a. m. Every Morning for Seymour; arrives at 6 p. m.

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Farone way \$3.50, round trip \$6.00  
RUPE & SPRINGER, Proprietors.

—When you given order for advertising say how long you want it to run, or we will run the ad. t. f. This is a rule with all newspapers, and is understood by most of the advertising public. Most advertisers have advertisements inserted with this understanding for convenience, and the newspapers have adopted the rule of running all "ads." for which no time was specified until the advertiser orders otherwise.

—We are agents for the celebrated J. I. Case machinery. It is most important that purchases be made early in order to insure prompt delivery in time for a full season's work. There is necessarily some time consumed in working an order through. Nothing is more important for a successful season of a new outfit than to be on the ground when threshing begins, and have sufficient time to get in thorough trim before work is begun. We will take pleasure in answering all correspondence on this subject, and in mailing catalogues upon application.

Very resp.,  
Ed. S. Hughes & Co.

You've tried Dr. Pierce's Favorite prescription have you and you're disappointed. The results are not immediate. And did you expect the disease of years to disappear in a week? Put a pinch of time in every dose. You would not call the milk poor because the cream didn't rise in an hour? If there is no water in it the cream is sure to rise. If there is a possible cure, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is sure to effect it, if given a fair trial. You get the one dollar it costs you back again if it don't benefit or cure you. We wish we could give you the makers' confidence. They show it by giving the money back again, in all cases not benefited.

**McElree's Wine of Cardui** and **THE FORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT** are for sale by the following merchants in A. P. McLemore, Haskell, Tex. Palace Drug Store.

**Murrah for Valasco.**

Valasco, Tex. April 24.—At half tide this morning the British steamship Austerlitz, with a full cargo of cotton for Liverpool, including 400 bales on deck, crossed the bar drawing sixteen feet two inches.

## Cured By Prayer.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 24.—Mary L. Goodson, a mulatto woman of this city has been a confirmed paralytic for more than twenty-one years. For all that long time she never walked a step, much of the time being confined to her bed. When not in bed she was in a wheel chair. She could use her arms but could not move either lower limb in the least. She now walks as well as any one, and her recovery is looked upon as a miracle.

The woman says her case is the result of prayer directly. To the reporter she said that on the 28th of last December she was reading the sermon on the mount, and was particularly impressed with verses 5, 6, 7 and 8, beginning, "And when thou prayest, etc. She says that she immediately poured out her whole heart to God in prayer that he would restore her. She continued in prayer for several minutes, when lo! she was able to stand upon her feet, the first time in twenty-one years to a day. She says she has continued reading the Scriptures and praying much since. She felt that God would answer her prayer. Yesterday she prayed that she might walk and her prayer was answered, for she at once got up and went into the yard. The colored population in her neighborhood are much excited over the case.

## COTTON THIS SEASON.

A Conservative Estimate Places Acreage Reduction at 16 Per Cent The Estimates for Texas Range From 7 to 40 Per Cent.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24.—Special cotton acreage reports from the South are thus synopsisized:

Taking the return for all the state there seems to be no doubt that there will be an average reduction of at least 16 per cent. This is a conservative estimate. In Texas the estimates of Decrease range all the way from 7 to 40 per cent. In Hill country, however, there will be an increase of 10 per cent and a small increase in the territory tributary to Houston, covering some six or seven counties. In the San Marcos district there is a reduction of 25 per cent in old land, but sufficient new land has been broken and planted in cotton to offset the reduction. Jefferson reports that the average will be about the same as last year.

In the country surrounding Abilene, the decrease in acreage, it is stated, will be fully 40 per cent. and in the Honey Grove district 30 per cent. These are the extremes. The average decrease for the state is 16 2/3 per cent. In Arkansas the average decrease is larger—24 per cent. There are no reports of increased acreage, and but two—Little Rock and Forrest City—which place the acreage the same as in 1891. Helena reports a reduction of 10 per cent, Fort Smith of 35 per cent, and Malvern and Paragould of 50 per cent. In the Bluff district, probably the most important in the state, the acreage has been reduced 25 per cent. In Northeastern Mississippi there will be no appreciable reduction, but in other parts of the state the acreage will be reduced from 15 to 50 per cent, the average for the state being 17 per cent. In green county it is said to be doubtful if a single bale will be raised.

The reduction in acreage in Alabama and Georgia will be less—not over 10 per cent. In Tennessee the acreage is about the same as last year, and in South Carolina there is a reduction of 18 per cent. North Carolina shows the largest average decrease—33 1/2 per cent—and the correspondent's estimate is confirmed by the commissioner of agriculture of the state. The decrease in Louisiana is about 15 per cent. Corn and small grain in all of the states will grow where the cotton grew last year. Owing to the late spring, planting is from one to three weeks late, except in a few specially favored sections.

Needling a tonic, or children who want building up, should take **BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.** It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Rheumatism and Liver Complaints.

## Abilene Dry Goods Co.

While in Abilene, don't fail to see the

## New Spring and Summer Goods,

## Abilene Dry Goods Store.

We have not got the space here to give you prices, but come and see us, and you will be suprised to see how cheap we are selling.

## Dress Goods Clothing and Shoes,

Come and see us. Yours anxious to please,

## Abilene Dry Goods Co.,

PINE STREET, ABILENE TEXAS.

### Test of your Water COAT

Before Buying. POUR some water in the above boiling tin and dip in it a piece of any material you wish to test. If it is water tight, there are goods in the market that look very nice, but will rot away as soon as they are washed. We warrant "Towel's IMPROVED Fish Brand" to be water tight every seam and everywhere else; also not to rot or stain, and to be as good as new after any number of washings. There are two ways you can tell the genuine Improved Fish Brand. 1st. A Soft Woolen Collar. 2d. This Trade Mark (below.)



Watch Out for both these points! 1st. A Soft Woolen Collar. 2d. This Trade Mark (below.)

A. J. TOWEL CO., Boston, Mass.

### CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and desire to relieve human suffering, I will give of charge, free to all who desire it, this receipt in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using, sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 209 Powers' Block, Rochester N. Y.

### BUCKLING ARNICA SALVE.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chillsains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

FOR SALE BY A. P. McLEMORE.

### Many Men's Health

Are broken down from overwork or household care. **Brown's Iron Bitters** rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures indigestion. Get the genuine.

**STRENGTH AND HEALTH.** You are not feeling strong and healthy, try Electric Bitters. If "La Grippe" has left you weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. This remedy acts directly on Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, gently aiding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with sick headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c at A. P. McLemore's Drugstore.

### McElree's Wine of Cardui

For Weak Nerves. Try **BLACK-DRAUGHT** for the Prostate.

## Make Your Home Attractive.

You can do it at very little cost by purchasing from

## W. G. SWANSON

DEALER IN

## FURNITURE!

South Front Street,

ABILENE, TEXAS.

## We Have a "SECRET!"

—AND— We are going to tell it to Our Friends.

Which is; that we have purchased the

## Lane & Alexander STOCK OF HARDWARE.

## PLOWS, - CULTIVATORS - ETC.

And that we are now better than ever prepared to furnish you any thing in

our line at lowest prices. Come and see us and be convinced yourself.

Ed. S. Hughes & Co. ABILENE.