OUR CHRISTMAS EDITION

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A Texas Christmas of the Long Ago By W. N. Beard Judge S. D. Lary came to Fort Worth | a hot biscuit, brown at top and bottom, noise during the holidays he bored | thought it unnecessary to cut one down and water. Eight degrees below zero is no san Antonio in 1867 and has con-nuously resided in Fort Worth for over There was no button control to biscuit the bird to a green hickory log, filled it and bring it into his cabin home. How-cold weather for Texas, yet during the block results of the bird to a green hickory log.

from San Antonio in 1867 and has continuously resided in Fort Worth for over fifty years, with the exception of a few years that he lived in Arkansas. He is a native Texan and tells some interesting stories as to how Christmas was celebrated in Texas back in the sixties and seventies.



"Profusely Decorated With Cedar Boughs, Bamboo Berries and Mistletoe.

The Christmas celebration, recalls Judge Lary, began Christmas eve, at 2 p. m., with a dance, and dancing would continue until 7 p. m., at which time a big supper would be served. Following the big supper, dancing was resumed and continued until 3 o'clock Christmas morning. There were no public auditoriums in Fort Worth in the early days: therefore, the dance took place at the commodious home of some citizen.

Promptly at 8:30 Christmas morning the "preacher" would arrive, and immediately announce religious service. The dancers of the previous evening would gather about the minister and listen respectfully to his Christmas sermon He would read the fifth chapter of St. Matthew, or Christ's Sermon on the Mount, then announce as his text, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him would not perish but have everlast-ing life." With fervent eloquence the minister would portray the life of Christ, exhorting his congregation to keep in mind the precepts of the Saviour, to love one another, to return good for evil, to be thankful for all the good things in this world, and to let peace on earth and good will dwell among them.

The custom of the times, affirms Judge Lary, did not make it sacriligious for eggnogg to be served at the conclusion of a Christmas sermon, therefore, the eggnog which had been prepared at an earlier hour by the hostess, was served to all persons who were present at the Christmas morning service. Also, such drinks as "sillibub," "floating island," and boiled custard were popular and served throughout Christmas week.

The frontier folk believed in a real merry Christmas over a considerable period of time, so the merry-making and feasting went on uninterruptedly from 2 p. m. Christmas Eve until January 2d. No business of any kind was transacted for an entire week—just a continuous round of pleasure-each host vying with the other to extend to every person the greatest hospitality. The Christmas menu was characteristic of the frontier-replete with bear meat, wild turkey, venison, antelope, prairie chicken and young pig, but cake and white bread were luxuries, and very scarce, since flour was difficult to obtain. The piece de resistance at a Christmas dinner was not a choice bit of

There was no butter except the kind too rancid to eat with relish. No invitations to dine were sent out-you were a welcome guest at any home. The spirit of dangering lives and property, but it was western hospitality was abroad at all great fun, and violated no city ordi-times and never more in evidence than nance because Fort Worth had not during the Christmas holiday season.

The Old-Time Fiddler and Prompter.

An orchestra of fifty years ago was nformal and crude, consisting of one fiddler, accompanied by an old negro, who beat time on the clevis, a triangular musical instrument. All players upon the violin were called "fiddlers," and not violinists. The prompter was a gentleman who would call the figures in Virginia reel or cotillon. Dance music was always lively, in perfect rythm, and the airs commonly played were, "Billy in the Low Ground," "Mighty Good Liv-in' in De Sandy Land," "Devil's Dream," "Bunnie Musk," "Dixie," and the "Hog-Eyed Man," an old song, then much popular, with a prelude as follows:

"Sallie in the garden sifting sand, Bettie in the parlor with the hog-eyed man."

The words of another old song, set to music for Schottish dances, was expressive of conditions locally and nationally. It embodied a snappy chorus:

'Queen Victoria is very sick, Napoleon has the measles; Texas has not surrendered yet, Pop goes the weasles!"

The dance program was confined to the "Schottish," "Virginia Reel," "Lancers," and "Cotillion, or Square Dance." The Virginia Reel was the most popular, and the fair women and brave men of these earlier times would go through the mazes of this dance with much grace and stateliness. The Virginia Reel was danced as follows:

The prompter would call out for all dancers to get their partners for a Virginia reel. Two lines would be formed by the dancers, ladies to the left, gentlemen to the right. The two lines would meet, with the gentleman at one end, his lady partner at the other end. The prompter would again call: "Set to your partner," which means for you and your partner to dance a while and then swing corners. Next couple in order would dance and courtesie to each other, then backstep, cut the pigeon wing and sometimes do a regular jig. Again would the dancers swing their partners and go on with the dance to its conclusion.

The old-time prompter was a wonderful "caller," and the intonation of his voice, usually a sonorous bass or baritone, would inspire the dancers to extraordinary terpsichorean efforts. When the prompter would sing out: "Set to your partner," it was then up to you to our smartest and prettiest dancing. The pace at times was fast and furious, but there was no "hesitation" or "bun-nie hugging," just straight out, cleancut dancing.

with black powder, attached a fuse and touched off the fase. Fragments of wood from the exploded log would fly far, engrown big enough to be incorporated or have a mayor, or police, or city government.

The village blacksmith's anvils would sometimes be brought into play, and with the aid of powder, exploded in a manner which materially added to the Christmas noises.

Huge bonfires would be started on the public square and kept burning throughout the nights of Christmas Eve and Christmas. Crowds would gather around the bonfires, broil steaks of buffalo and antelope, swap stories, discuss politics, and indulge in reminis-ences about the old folks "back in the states." Fort Wonth was such a small place in the year, from 1860 to 1880 that its average population was less than 500, and all business was carried on around the public square. No man at this time was worth more than \$20,000,



A Texas Orchestra of the Long Ago.

there were no banks and persons carried their money in saddle bags, or trouser pockets. Currency was worth but 65 cents to the dollar. "Specie money," that is, gold or silver, was worth 100 cents to the dollar and was the main medium of exchange. Moral security was all that was required in making loans-a man's word was good for whatever amount of cash he might borrow.

One of the favorite pastimes of the cowboys for celebrating Christmas was the riding and breaking of wild horses. The cowboy who could successfully ride the wildest pitching horse was the hero tol or rifle shot was an enviable distinction. All men went about habitually an altercation took place it was generally settled with either one or both of these weapons.

ever, Christmas presents were exchanged, home-knitted stockings hung up by the fireside, and Christmas morning the little boy or girl would find oranges, apples, candy and sometimes a crude home-made toy inside the stocking.

About the nearest approach to Christmas decorating was seen early one Christmas morning when an overland stage coach, which arrived in Fort Worth daily from Jefferson, came in on schedule time, profusely decorated with cedar boughs, bamboo berries and mistletoe. The stage coach fare was 15 cents per mile, four horses pulled the coach, and a day and night service of ten miles per hour was maintained.

There were no daily newspapers in the mail sacks discharged by the coach, but only weekly newspapers, delivered one day out of each week; therefore the citizens would be without any kind of late news for an entire week. As yet no publisher had the hardiness or temerity to start a newspaper in Fort Worth.

Transportation.

Nearly all transportation was by ox team and horseback. No railroad was flearer chan Jefferson or Navasota. A few of the prosperous old settlers had a team or two of horses, broken to harness with much difficulty. If a party of boys or girls wanted to go joy-riding, Christmas week they bridled and saddled their ponies, mounted them and went galloping joyously over the broad prairies. Women could ride horseback equally with the men, and rode the single stirrup sideways; their saddles were termed "side-saddles."

All freight hauling was done with yoked oxen, usually ten head to each fourwheeled wagon, and all merchandise hauled by ox-team from either Jefferson or Navasota to points in Northwest Texas. Barrel goods usually made up the loads of freight-barrels of flour, green coffee (there was no roasted or ground coffee), sugar, salt, soap, molasses, vinegar, pickels, whisky, etc. Flour was sold from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel, green coffee 33 1-3 cents per pound, sugar 15 cents per pound, lard 5 cents per pound, dressed pork 5 cents per pound, corn meal 40 cents per bushel. The pioneers raised their corn, and ground it at the old water-wheel mills, situated on the banks of flowing streams. What was considered good whisky brought \$2.50 per gallon jug-it was never sold in bottles. Judge Lary is authority for the statement that whisky was always plentiful during Christmastime, but seldom would a drunken man be seen upon the streets.

The Weather.

Texas weather has undergone a of the hour. Another favorite pastime | marked change in the past fifty years, was target shooting. To be a good pis- colder winters giving place to milder winters. Hardly would a Christmas pass in the sixties and seventies without armed with six-shooter or rifle, and if snow, and sometimes the snow piled in drifts which completely covered rail fences, low-roof barns and outhouses. "Blue northers," the kind that chilled to the bone, were common, sweeping suddenly out of the north and freezing to death livestock, poultry and wild game. tive for Christmas trees. Wild evergreen Whole herds of cattle, depending on the open range for sustenance, drifted bewild roast turkey, or roast venison, but young Texan wanted to make a loud the frontiersman that he probably fore blizzards, became exhausted, and hanging horse-thieves.

winter of 1899, on Feb. 13, the Fort Worth weather bureau registered a temperature of 8 degrees below zero. Trinity river, in the vicinity of Fort Worth and Dallas, froze over to a depth of six inches during this extreme cold spell, While the river was thus frozen, horse and cattle walked across it without breaking through the solid ice.

Christmas revellers in the late seven. ties and eighties were often delighted with snowfalls ranging from 4 to 12 inches on the ground level throughout North and West Texas.

Styles in Vogue.

The pioneer women did not devote a great deal of time to styles in wearing apparel, but at yuletide they tried to look their neatest and prettiest. Homespun dresses were the kind worn, which they made from yarn carded and spun by themselves on old-fashioned spinning wheels. The hoop skirt and bustle were the prevailing styles. Heavy suits of hair were worn, and the hair dressed in a style called "water fall," which constituted one long curl hanging down the back and gathered at top by hair-comb und hairpins. Commenting on the plan ical beauty of the Texas women of to day, compared with the beauty of the women fifty years ago, Judge Lary is emphatic in his opinion that they are no prettier now than they were then, not. withstanding the fact that the earlier period women did not paint, powder or patronize beauty parlors.

Men wore home-spun trousers, hightop boots, broad-brimmed slouch hats and woolen shirts. Cowmen wore jackets instead of coats. The dressed up dandy of these days would be seen in white shirt, buckskin yest but no tio est a silk handkerchief tied around his neck in place of white collar. His shirt stude and cuff buttons would be manufac-tured from \$5.00 and \$2.50 gold coins. His spurs would be silver-mounted and his high-heeled boots braided near the top in fancy colored thread designs. He thought nothing of riding a hundred miles horseback to see his sweetheart. swimming his horse through swollen streams, or fighting a band of hostile Indians, if need be. He was a gay Lochinvar, but did not come out of the west



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No Fireworks.

Back in the sixties and seventies Christmas was celebrated without the usual display of firecrackers, roman candles and skyrockets. These pyrotech-nics came later. When the exuberant

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-he was part of the west-sharing its dangers, hardships, and enjoying its thrills and carefree life to the fullest extent. When the Christmas festivities came to an end he would go back to his work, whether it was herding cattle, hunting buffalo, freighting across the wild waste places, or capturing and

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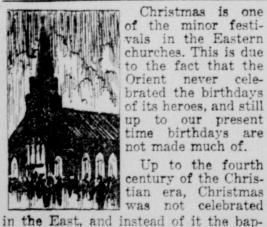
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Eastern Roman Empire. It is built over the manger in which Jesus was laid

indicates its age, being old and gray and "patched up." Here Hironymous spent

a large portion of his life translating the

Bible into Latin. Here, again, Baldwin

was crowned king of the commonwealth

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a small hall, to the left of which used to be the guardrooms of the Turkish sol-

diers who were stationed in the church,

under the pretext that they should keep

peace between the different denomina-

tions that have a share in the church.

The entrance to the church is a low gate hardly five feet high. It leads into

The mere appearance of the church

The Church of the Nativity in Bethle-

Romans and have practiced it until present times.

The little hall leads into a magnificent basilica, the pillars of which were taken from the ruins of the temples of Solomon and that of Herod. They were brought over from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the human machinery which was plentiful and cheap at that time. A turn to the left at the end of the basilica leads to the quarters of the Armenians and Greek Orthodox, from where a staircase leads down into the manger.

The Manger

Looking around, the visitor sees himself in what might be called a rectangular cave, the walls of which are of roughly hewn natural rock. The walls of the den are covered with ancient holy pictures, some of which are very hard to recognize. If these pictures were able to speak they could tell many a tale about many a person low and high who came to this place either out of curiosity or driven by a higher motive to worship at the sacred birthplace.

The natural question that arises in 1 the mind of the visitors is whether this place is in reality the very historic place where Christ was born. The Orient is very conservative. A hundred or even 1 a thousand years previous to our modern time would have found the Orient in the same stage. In the land of Palestine 國際 itself we see that it is nothing unusual to encounter habits and customs that 的學 have existed in the times of Abraham **R** and his followers. Figures of speech remind us of the language in which the Bible was written. Names of places and places themselves date thousands of 1 years back. If we take Beersheba, for instance, which was mentioned so often in connection with the Allenby campaign in Eyria, we see that the name This habit of guarding the houses of has come down from the times of Abra-

worship the Turks have copied from the ham, and we still find the seven wells that Abraham dug, and these gave the name to the place, "bir," meaning well and "sheba" meaning seven. Bethlehem itself is just as ancient, if not more so, than Beersheba.

The Hotels of Old.

Up to our present time the Orient adheres to the old-fashioned hotels. They are nothing like the hotels and rooming houses of the West. The stranger who arrives in a smaller town or village is

A A Christmas Message 1

Once let a considerable portion of the people become animated by a desperate desire for a new spirit of good will and justice and peace on earth, then see how quickly the puny and parasitical politicians and hypocritical reformers will scurry out of the way. Let us at least be honest with ourselves. We are not doing the great things as Christians and patriots, which are our duty, simply because we do not care. One thing that palsies our generation is a lack of eager earnestness. We have slumped into a mood of indifference-seeming to have forgotten how to hate wrong and to be ardent for the right. We do not love one another as sincerely as we should, we preach unselfishness, talk a great deal about political abuses, yet we are too selfish and selfcentered to remedy these ills. On election day good men stay away from the polls, and then abuse the government because inefficient and dishonest men are elected to office. The Good Shepherd's kindliness and sincerity are sorely needed-the healer as well as the teacher. Jesus taught and healed at the same time, and was beloved by the multitude. One of the most vivid and beautiful passages in the biography of the Master describes this scene:

"And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with diverse diseases brought them unto Him, and He laid His hands upon every one of them and healed them."

-By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

taken by the hospitable people of that place to what they call the "madafeh," meaning the guest nouse. The "madafeh" is kept up by the villagers themselves, who in their turn do the entertaining of the guests. Every one knows when it is his turn to furnish the food and the coffee. In case of poor persons who cannot afford an expensive enter-tainment two or three people come to gether and share the expense. Justice is done to all, so that the poor man does not have to carry more than he is able to. Such a house is generally located at to. Such a house is generally located at

Near Beit-Sahoor is supposed to be the place where the angels proclaimed the birth of Jesus. The name Beit-Sa-hoor, which, literally translated, means the place of watching, indicates that this spot was the place where the old herdsmen kept their sheep instead of taking them up to Bethlehem. Near Beit-Sahoor is the Raawat, the place of the shepherds, on the fields of old Boss On this place there stood an old church built by the Crusaders, which was de stroyed by the Arabs after they had re covered the land from the Crusaders The lower story of the church, covered The lower story of the church, covered with a heap of ruins, is still intact and serves as a place of worship on Christ mas eve.

Christmas is celebrated twice a year in the town of Bethlehem. This is due to the difference in the Eastern and Western calendars, the Eastern being the old Julian one, which is 13 days be hind the modern one. The celebration of the Greek Orthodox Christmas is by for the most attended

the most attended. The night before Christmas is the busiest night for the town of Bethe hem. People from all parts of the com-try and many foreign visitors flock to (Continued on Page 7.)

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You can call to had put out their holy lights. It may memory, no doubt, be that you feel that your cup of hap-many Christmases. piness was fullest on the glad Christ-As the great day mas day when you marched to Hymen's holy altar beside the man or the womdraws near you recall without trouble an you loved; or it may be that there is a clearer memory of your happiness on where on Christmas the eventful Christmas when you didn't of last year-what even receive a card, but gave much to you did, with whom relieve the needs of others. But what you spent the day, I wish to ask just now is, do you rewhat you received, member the year when there was no what you gave, and Christmas? what particular

event thrilled or rejoiced you most. If shall not attempt to name the year; you are yet young perhaps you would not agree with me if in years your memshould name it; but most people who ory does not go far have reached middle life will tell you, enough back into the as I do, that one year came and went past to call many without a Christmas, and to those who anniversaries of the experienced it it was a far more sorrowful phenomenon than the year without a summer or the year without a frost. In most respects this year did not differ materially from other years. The bells rang the year in at the accustomed time, happy New Years were wished, cards bearing pretty sentiments and flowers were sent and received, and the accustomed New Year entertainments me in its night-time visitations and were given. The earth made its diurnal to lay His head. It was not the year when the death angel entered your home were these cannot blot out the joys of a sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as they were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as the sons were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as the sons were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as the sons were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as the sons were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as the sons were before and bore a loved one away just as you the sons were timed as the sons were before as the sons were the sons were the sons were before as the sons were the sons were before as the sons were before and have been since. Winter raged for m back in memory to the glad day in a time, but finally the chilling blasts of Boreas were chased away by the genand sing again the songs of gladness. If the zephyrs of spring and the world was which people can not give evidence of was carpeted with green, the jonquils routh and will not admit age, you can, and the daisies came, followed by the by stirring up your memory a little, re- buttercups and the roses. Finally the buttercups and the roses. Finally the brown limbs of the trees answered the call of nature's resurrection and became glorious with bud and bloom; and soon my began to function and events began the new velvety leaves cast a lace-work magie beauty on the earth beneath nd and heart. Even if time has as the sun sifted through and shadowed them upon the ground. Summer came. The plow boys whistled in the furrows as of yore, the sea harnessed its cloudy chariots and sent refreshing showers to the parching earth, the corn fields waved their golden banners and the great fields of cotton pointed their white and crimson bugles at the sun. And autumn came, with its perfect days and its matchless nights, with its riot of color in forest and field, and the horn of ou were happiest, for Christmas joy is plenty was emptied into the granaries uperlative, which permits no compariof the world and the laps of men. And . It may be that you remember with then the world grew cold again, and, oh ndest recollections the Christmas of the pity of it, passed right on from harife's early morning, when you saw the vest time and tax-paying time to New ig stick of candy and the big red apple Year-but there was no Christmas! A a your stocking when you left your wheel slipped, an eccentric broke, or be the most sple ad before the holy watch stars of night something else happened, and Christmas ley or Golconda.

was left out of the year. It would be direful indeed should the world's machinery go wrong and skip the glad springtime, with its revitalizing airs and its vernal glories, but such a calamity would not be worthy of comparison with the horrors, with the absence of soulthrilling joys, the year when there was no Christmas. It was the blackness of night without the light of morning; it was the heat of summer without the cooling sea breezes; it was the desert hristmas? One year there wasn't any Christmas. with no oasis; the wound without stanch, the angry sky of night without a star, anxiety without hope—life without love.

I am sure you remember the year.

No; it was not the year that misfortune came, for misfortune cannot close the door against Christmas. It was not the year when crops or investments failed, or when fire or flood swept away the savings of a life-time. Poverty is never a barrier against Christmas, for Christmas was born of poverty and finds its greatest delight in living with poverty. The great day sits beside those who are poor in the goods of the world and tells them of its Author, who had not where" were hoping for a merry Christmas. Christmas is never turned away by sorrow, for Christmas loves the sorrowing. Possibly on Christmas Eve, when you had planned to fill baby's stocking with pretty things and light baby's face with sunnier smiles, the angels came and bore baby away, and the pretty things you hoped would brighten baby's eye are now hidden away among the forget-menots that are too sacred for the world's idle gaze. Possibly when you expected Christmas, and to revel in Christmas joys, you stood beside the snow-white casket which contained the marble clay of a dimpled darling and wept your heart away-possibly instead of Christmas greetings and Christmas joys there came the good-bye to husband, wife, brother or sister-but that was not the year Christmas did not come. Christmas did come that year in all of its tenderness, in all of its mercy and love. Yea, Christmas came that year and sat beside you, and held your hand, and spoke unto you words of comfort and of cheer that healed your bleeding heart. Ah, if all the tears of sorrow that Christmas has wiped away were jewels and could be gathered up, beside them how dim, how lustreless, would be the most splendid gems of Kimber-

But put on your thinking cap and I am sure you will remember the year when there was no Christmas. Possibly it was the year when disappointment came and your hopes of gain were blighted. In the face of the disappointment you sulled and cried out angrily against your fate. Because dollars had not rolled into your tills as you had wished and planned, your soul shriveled and the smile that was on your lip curled into a frown. You resolved that you would get even with the world by withholding from it all you could. You tied your purse-strings in a double hard knot and swore that not a penny should escape. And you expunged from your heart all thoughts of liberality and generosity, and sat yourself down to scowl and grieve over your disappointments. This may have been the year without a Christmas; more likely, however, it was the year of your great prosperity that Christmas did not come. The crops yielded abundantly that year and prices were fine, and you made some lucky investments. Money was poured into your pockets and you built a fine account at the bank. Because of your prosperity men began to seek you and you were admitted into the charmed circle of the Napoleons of finance. You hobnobbed with the "big ones" and discussed houses and lands and stocks and bonds. And you said to yourself, "success and happiness in life are measured by a rule of gold; all else is an empty bottle, a merciless cheat." You found your only joy in stretching your bony fingers over your dollars and exclaimed, "They are mine." And you said, "I will build a wall around what I have, and I will get. more."

The holiday season drew on, but to. you it was foolishness. You saw the women and the girls busy with needles and thread making neatty little noth-ings for loved ones and friends; and you rebuked them for wasting time and material. Such trifles did nobody any good, you said, and you waxed wroth because of the waste. You refused appeals of wife and children for a few dollars for Christmas remembrances, you took no part in the entertainments for the children, you did not even send out cards to friends, and you petulantly threw into the waste basket the little remembrances friends were thoughtful enough to send you. You even complained at the glee of the children, and in your heart wished they wouldn't make so much noise. Finally, while others were happy in giving and receiving and the world about you rang out this vision lead you to the happiest with good cheer, you retired and lived Christmas you have ever known.

By J. H. Lowry .

with your own poor sordid self. And that was the year without a Christmas.

And wasn't it an awful year? Wasn't it a miserable void? The barnyard cocks split their throats but their clarion call and welcome to Him who brought joy to earth found no echo in your heart. The children danced and shouted, but their glee awakened no gladness in your soul. Upon your own hearthstone the rays of Christmas light did not fall, and loved ones about you were sad because you would not let the Christmas spirit come in and sup with you. And when you sought rest from yourself in blessed sleep, old conscience made you admit your selfishness and meanness and filled you with the bitterness of remorse. But let us draw the curtain here, for the year when there was no Christmas is a dark spot upon which memory must not dwell too long.

Dear reader, Christmas is man's better self; it is God in Man. It is the overcoming of the baser attributes, the flowering of the kindlier feelings, the nobler virtues, the unselfish spirit. It comes into man when man's heart is warmed into a deeper love for his fellows and into a deeper gratitude to Him who came to give all for man. Man can resist the Spirit; man can freeze his nobler passions and murder his better self. Man can declare the eventful eve when the magazines of the skies burst upon Judean hills a myth and close his ear and heart to the glad refrain of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,' sung by the angelic hosts, but if he does he'll meet the awful doom of a year without a Christmas. May this good year of our Lord give its Christmas light, its Christmas joys and its Christmas hope to all.

The great day comes on. We know it is near because there is a deeper amethystean glow in the great celestial concave. We know it is near because the crow of the barn-yard cock is shriller. We know it is near because we are thinking a little less of notes and accounts and have a stronger desire to pet the children. We know we are approaching Christmas because we are thinking less of our little ambitions and feel a livelier interest in the happiness of others. As the day comes nearer and nearer may you catch a clearer and truer vision of Him who gave all, who forgave all, endured all and loved all; and may

The Healing of Masterson A Christmas Story Of the Rugged and Big-Hearted West

sharing its A Christmas moon shone coldly on them to his little girl, so he totes off joying it Yellow streams of light from the winfullest exows of the low bunkhouse cut warmly festivities back to his nto the pale night. ing cattle across the

Within was rough comfort. The tove bore a glowing spot on either bulg-ing side; the lamps flared in their brackets, depositing velvety frescoes on their aimneys. The men smoked vigorously h the relaxation of their after supper our or lolled drowsily in their bunks.

"Not a blamed thing to show that it's hristmas!" grumbled Lariat Pete, delectedly.

A momentary hush fell. Then Limer Jack rose, viciously kicking aside is soap box chair.

"Shut up, Pete!" he snarled. "We in't babies, nor this ain't the first Christmas we've missed hanging up our stockings. You're warm and fed, ain't re, and got a job at good pay?"

"Great cats, yes!" ejaculated a head langing over the edge of an upper bunk. Don't I remember last Christmas, when he and the pony was alone on the prai-ie, without a cent or a measure of oats etween us, and it cold as Greenland? Did Three Spot, out there with his head a the manger, will tell you this ain't a ad Christmas." "Anyway," Jack capped the discus-ion, "I don't know but we've got more i a Christmas than poor old Masterson Ver at the house "

The silence now was of a different

ort. The West has an unwritten law hat a man must keep his hands from he affairs of another man, but Maserson was loved of them all and every

eart ached for him. Perhaps the owner, who hired him, new why this man, evidently of the altured world, should elect to live out is days on this farthest outpost of civ-ization—tight lipped and stern—but no ne else did.

And this was the first time that they ad even given voice to the trouble hich was so biological to the trouble ch was so plainly eating at Master-

"There'll be a new foreman here bere Spring, I'm afraid," continued Jack. ry look in his eyes when he thinks no e's lookin' at him."

spoke Pete, ruminating over his supported her. "Five or six years ago we had a

one hard roads and faded prairie grass. the littlest one when he goes east. Well, sir, Ol' Max never whimpered once, but he'd just go from one to the other with the sorriest look on his face and then he'd pace back to the road and set down and look to'ards the east.

"And he kept gettin' thinner and sadder, till we boys didn't know whether to shoot ourselves or jest go east and kick the idiot that took off the poor dog's mate.

"And one morning we found Max at the top of the hill, with his nose tords the east, stone dead. I tell ye that dog got as near a Christian burial as the gang that was here then could give him

There was a sympathetic silence for a little while. Then Pete finished.

"I don't know whether Masterson's lost a mate or not. If his heart's broke that won't kill him. Only dogs and horses is lucky enough to die of that. And as we don't know nothin' and can't do nothin' we'd best keep our tongues off and let him fight it out alone, same as Max did."

The door swung open and Masterson tood upon the threshold. The men started, but selfconsciousness was lost in amazement.

He often crossed to the bunk house, ostensibly to talk of the work, but, as the men often surmised, to escape the loneliness of his fireside over at the house, where he was established during the winter absence of the owner.

But tonight he bore on his arm a little child. Not a ragged, shivering praier every day. It gets me to see that bright-eyed, as though just waked from sleep, blinking a little as the lights struck her face and glancing, shyly but Tell ye what he makes me think of, unafraid of the broad shoulder which

For a moment they were spell-bound, ir of these yer Sang Bernard dogs the big yeller and white fellers, ye how. The boss had promised one of they descended upon the pair with so about it.

many questionings and exclamations that had she not been in Masterson's arms her courage might have failed.

As it was, she smiled into the bronze faces circling about her, while the men looked and marveled, some touching her white gown wonderingly, and even one laying a hardened finger upon her dimpled hand as it lay upon Masterson's shoulder.

"She came into the house alone just now," Masterson explained, "and all that I can understand of her baby talk is that her mother sent her and that she is looking for her father. Some one must have dropped her recently, so you boys turn out and hunt the outfit."

Several throats were cleared and the

grapho-thing over at the Clapsaddle ranch." "Whatever we do with her, the first thing is to find where she came from

and why she was left here," interrupted Masterson, decisively. "Hurry up and search the trails. You'll soon overhaul them. I'll take her back to the house and maybe she'll go to sleep."

Masterson sat by the fire, holding the sleeping child, and as he listened to her gentle breathing and watched the moist curls cluster about her flushed face the tense lines about his mouth relaxed and the sternness of his face gave way to a gentle brooding.

The door swung softly open and a

woman crossed the threshold. Masterson gazed at her as she stood before him with hunger in his eyes. The rough hood of her traveling cloak slipped back and her breast rose and fell with her agitated breathing, yet he did not think the vision real.

Nightly, in the stillness of the great house, wrapped in blankets by his camp-fire, or in some lonely prairie shack, had she coneyeballs. And yet this was

different. Now she bitterness of heart-

ache, but only tenderness and a keen morrow there's goin' to be a Christmas longing that this dream woman might become real to him-as real as the child

Silent she stood within the circle of the firelight, regarding him with anx- ing over a sleeping mother and child unious eyes, until a tender smile crept about his lips. Then she started for-ward. "John! John!" I could not stay away another day !" she said.

The man gave a great start. For the first time he realized that she was flesh and blood and not the figment of a dream. "Nell!" His voice was a whis-per. "Nell, is it really you?"

"Yes, John!" There was a sob in the words, as she knelt by his chair. "I had driven 100 miles to reach you on Christmas eve, and then I remembered how give them.

"She would be heap better than that angry you were and the hard things you said, and I was afraid, so I sent Helen first. Won't you-oh, John, may I come to you now?"

Very gently his free arm curved about the kneeling woman, and her face went down against him in a rush of happy tears

"I have dreamed it, my wife!" he breathed. "Night after night I have dreamed that you came back to me!"

Presently he lifted his cheek to hers, to ask: "But the child, Nell. Why should you send her in to me?"

There was incomprehension in her look at first, then her eyes burned softly into his. For a moment she hunted for the right word.

"John, did you know before you went away? Have you never thought? Can you not guess? She came on Christmas day-the year you left me!"

"Nell! Mine? Mine?"

The man's breathless cry of joy and the convulsive embrace in which he enveloped them both awoke the sleeping child. She caught the spirit in the two faces bent over her, and the man trembled under her sleepy murmur.

"My favver! I found my favver!" The little hand caressed his cheek.

Limber Jack, coming up the path to report the finding of a light wagon and a non-committal driver in the plum thicket below the corral, paused at the door as he caught sight of the group. A little later he entered the bunk house.

"I found who brought the kid, fellers. fronted his aching Masterson's found her, too, and he's settin' over there holdin' both like he never wants to do another thing. Whatever's been the matter with the old man it's brought no anger, all right now, and I've fixed up the driver for the night, so let's turn in. Toon Egg Creek ranch like you've never saw before.

And at the house Masterson, with exaltation on his thin face, sat broodtil Christmas day awoke them to happiness.

One legend concerning the origin of the Christmas tree runs that Martin Luther, coming home one crisp starry night before Christmas, wished to convey to his children an idea of the beauty of the night, and as he stood pondering the thought came to him to cut a tree and cover it with candles-that seemed to him the nearest likeliness he could



"But To-night He Bore on His Arm a Little Child."

men stiffened belligerently.

"Look here, Masterson," argued Pete, emboldened by the fact that the child had let him take her hand, "are you going to give that little thing back to a pack of folks so pizen mean that they drop her out on the prairie on a night like this?"

"Why can't we keep her?" asked old Bones, querulously. "Like as not they'd beat her, anyway. Think of Egg Creek ranch with a little tyke like her running around!

"Yes, we can raise her," put in Lim-ber Jack. "My mother had six, all younger'n me, and I took a hand with the whole batch. We can take her as a Christmas present and say nothing

he held.

Santa Claus' Gifts to Texas

By Chas. Norton

In the past fifty years man has made greater progress in scientific duction, 94,619,000 tons. knowledge, mechanical attainments the previous two or three hundred, the past year this progress has point- els. ed the way to new and greater achievements in Texas.

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God has been exceedingly good to the people of Texas and of this nation during the year 1922, now nearing its close. He has given them blessed gifts in the way of farm crops, of mineral treasures, of large stores of factory products and many pleasures unknown to the last century, brought about mainly by scientific research and mechanical devices; but none will give greater joy to a larger number of people than those achievements of the mind, heart and hand, the books and stories that have been written, the pictures that have been painted, the figures that have been moulded and the music that has been composed. Literature, art and music must be counted as great among our blessings, for they point the way to progress of the mind and all growth and develop- ed 22,750; production, 15,500 tons. ment is through the mind.

In all these Texas also excels. "Consider the lilies of the field: they toil not, neither do they spin,' says the Good Book, but elsewhere in the Scriptures man is told to "work, for the night is coming," and man has come to recognize and appreciate the blessing of work. There has been plenty of work in this great State of Texas during 1922 for all who have really sought it and work has brought progress and great accomplishments.

Texans appreciate the glorious climate they enjoy, a diversified climate that extends from its eastern to its western, from its northern to its southern borders. It gives them greater joy in living, it aids in providing crops when joined with fertile soil and properly directed industry. This is the basis of all prosperity and of soil products and livestock growth.

Once upon a time there was a rich young man who so admired the character of Jesus Christ that he delighted to do acts of kindness in the name of Christ. He liked especially to bestow gifts upon the children and to feed the poor. His name was Nicholas, and after his death he was called Saint Nicholas-from then on it was an easy transition to Santa Claus. who visits the children each year on the anniversary of the birth of Christ, bringing them gifts and happiness. people are children in God' and, as Nicholas gave in the name of Christ, so Santa Claus' gifts of today may be considered tokens from God. The Christmas tree in the center of this page is loaded with gifts from Santa Claus to the people of Texas. It is symbolical of the generosity of a Kind and All-Wise Providence, acting through His regent saint, Santa Claus. These gifts are manifold and are showered on both the rich and the poor, the just and the unjust, like the beneficent rainfalls. The gifts come at a time that is most opportune and helpful. So good old "Santa" has not forgotten the Texas grown-ups as well as the Texas children. These gifts to the grown-ups may not have the sentimental value as the gifts to the children, but they have a substantial value-a value inestimable to the welfare and progress of Texas and the human race. Then let there be general rejoicing and thankfulness throughout our big state at this Christmas-time, for these generous gifts; let the welkin ring with song-carols that proclaim the magnanimity of Nature, the goodness of an All-Wise Providence, the thoughtfulness of a kind-hearted Santa Claus.

Texas Hay: Acreage, 626,220; pro-

Texas Rice: Acreage planted, 167,and agricultural pursuits than during 000; production, 5,596,000 bushels. Texas Rye: No acreage statistics

perhaps four hundred, years. Within available; production, 144,000 bush-Texas Sweet Potatoes: Acreage

planted 100,000; production, 9,177,000 bushels.

Texas Cotton Seed: No acreage statistics available; production, 980,-000 tons.

Texas Apples: No acreage statistics available; estimated production 274,000 bushels.

Texas Peaches: No acreage statistics available; production 1,714,000 bushels.

Texas Pears: No acreage statistics available; production, 402,000 bushels.

All Texas Citrus Fruits: No acreage statistics available; production 298 cars.

Texas Peanuts: Acreage, 172,000; production, 112,973,000 pounds.

Texas Cowpeas: Acreage planted, 58,100; production 697,200 bushels. Texas Broom Corn: Acreage plant-

Texas Grain Sorghum: Acreage

valued at \$57,478,000.

Texas Mules: January 1st, 1922, there were 863,000 mules, valued at 73,355,000.

Texas Hogs: January 1st, 1922, there were 2,475,000 hogs; valued at \$21,038,000.

Texas Sheep: January 1st, 1922, there were 3,077,000 sheep, valued at \$10,462,000.

Texas Milk Cows: January 1st, 1922, there were 1,073,000 milk cows, valued at \$46,139,000.

Other Texas Cattle: January 1st, 1922, there were 5,363,000; valued at \$106,724,000.

Texas ranks second in the United States in cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules; valued at \$315,000,000. Iowa only exceeds Texas in value of cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules to the amount of \$337,000,000.

Texas dairy products, including milk, butter and cheese, are important products.

are produced in this state in enormous quantity.

Texas Honey and Beeswax: This

producers. Some of these wells were so large in their daily output that persons unfamiliar with such things can hardly conceive of their magnitude and commercial value. It is nothing uncommon to have a well yielding oil at the rate of from 3,000 to 12,000 barrels per day. Texas was the second largest producer of gasoline in 1921 when the output was 976,229,-091 gallons. Texas oil fields are grouped in four great divisions, Northern Texas, Central Texas, Southern Texas and the Gulf Coast.

Texas is also holding up in crude oil production for 1922. A total of 80,666,587 barrels of crude oil production for the first nine months of 1922 in Texas has been reported to the state comptroller by the producers of the state, and gross production tax on a value of \$120,897,513 has been paid, an average of \$13,433,057 per month. The wealth, therefore, that crude oil will yield to the state of Texas for the year of 1922 is Texas chickens, turkeys and eggs around \$160,000,000, which is the re produced in this state in enor- equivalent of 1,600,000 bales of cotton selling for 20 cents per pound.

Texas fish are a great delicacy,

there were 991,000 horses in Texas, the greatest number of really large ever, the water lies close to the surface, but has less force behind it to push it to the top. When a drill has reached this strata the water comes up through the hole close to the surface, and, while it does not flow, yet the quantity is so great that no matter how much may be taken out, the supply keeps the water in the well at the same level. By the introduction of motor pumps this water is being used for irrigation with splendid results.

Texas is developing into one of the greatest states in the Union for its artificial lakes and reservoirs, which are proving both a blessing and pleasure to the people. During the periods of heavy rainfall Texas river chan-nels are filled to overflowing, the flood waters doing great damage along the river valleys and also carry off large quantities of valuable soil.

By the construction of dams and reservoirs flood waters have been stored for future use, flood damage somewhat averted and the alluvial soil undisturbed. When water is needed for irrigation it is drawn from. the lakes and reservoirs, and at other seasons the stored waters are pleasure resorts for the people, providing boating, bathing and fishing.

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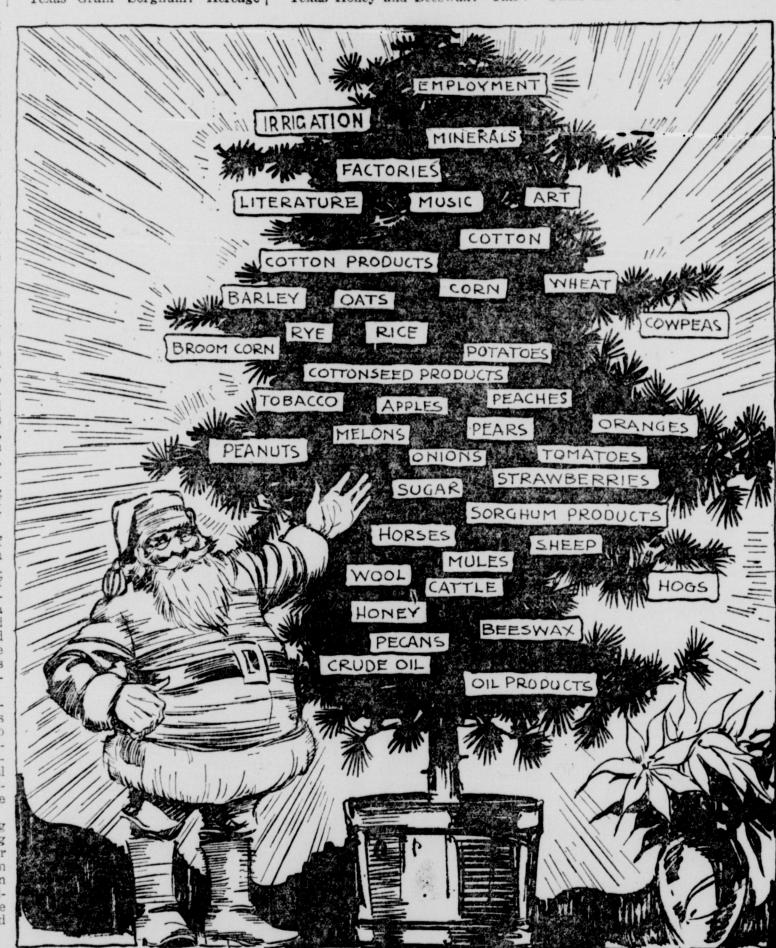
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Texas is filled with admirable spots for small lakes and reservoirs, both along the river channels and along dry canyons through which no living stream but only flood waters flow. Many of these may be dammed at small expense and the profit from them will pay big dividends on the expenditure.

Texas climate is conducive to the. health for which Texas is famous. When one finds a certain part of the state not suited to his temperament he may profit by removing to another section. Thin anaemics from North and West Texas may become strong and fat in the salubrious climate of East and South Texas, while the pallid-cheeked from East Texas may in the western part of the state regain health and happiness.

Texas' Manufactured Products.

Texas manufactures are coming into their own. Too long Texas has been content to produce raw matrial, ship it to industrial centers of the east and north and buy back supplies in form of manufactured goods. Consequently her industries have developed slowly. This has been in part due to the lack of home capital for the development of factories. Capitalists of the industrial centers have preferred to invest their money at home and take the raw material there But Texas capital now is making itself felt, and Texas capital is looking for home investments. Texas capital has been engaged in commerce and trade, and these have reached the stage where the necessity for industrial development is becoming imperative. However, we are progressing industrially in the construction of better schools and colleges, better churches and homes, and better municipal and business buildings. During the past few years Texas has been making steady headway as a manufacturing state, and among Santa Claus' gifts to Texas at this time is a fuller appreciation of what larger and more finished products will do for Texas. Texas cotton and woolen factories have proved profitable, but more of them are needed to attract the better classes of workmen from the industrial centers of the east and north. Texas hides may be tanned just as well in Texas as in established tanning centers. Texas iron products are the equal of any in the market. Texas packing houses can supply the wants of her people and the people of other states. Texas fruit and vegetable products can be canned as well in Texas as elsewhere. Texas can manufacture the finest oils, Texas can manufacture good shoes, Texas can excel in industry of every kind, and the blessings of this year and period is that Texas is learning to do all these things in greater measure and on a scale in keeping with the size of the state. Texas railroads and interurban lines are numerous. A few more would be useful, but such as are real-ly needed will be built in time, and they will be built in a measure by local capital. Texas is building improveed highways, that will some day traverse the state in all directions. The wealth of Texas is increasing by leaps and bounds. As the United States once looked to Eu-rope for capital to develop railroads and industry, so Texas has been looking to the money centers of the north and east. But from now on, Texas expects to find at home the money with which to build, expand, extend, grow, produce, manufacture and de-velop Texas industry, and the time is not far distant when Texas will be sending large sums of money for investment in other lands for the purpose of developing her foreign trade.



Texas' Agricultural Wealth.

Turning our attention to practical things, to a count of the wealth that may be traced directly to soil and climate, statistics must be used. and the statistical data herewith submitted was compiled by the Texas Department of Agriculture at Austin and is approximately correct. While the yield of some crops have been disappointing, yet, as a whole, the total crops for Texas for 1922 are fairly good, in many counties, considering cars. the disastrous effect brought about by a drouth which was prolonged and somewhat general throughout the state.

Texas Cotton: Acreage planted, 11,640,600; number of bales ginned up to November 1st, 1922, 2,855,171.

Texas Corn: Acreage planted, 5,-815,615; production, 123,810,000 statistics available; production 162 bushels.

Texas Wheat: Acreage planted, 1,471,510; production, 9,565,000 bushels.

Texas Oats: Acreage planted, 1,-622,550; production, 41,856,000 bushels.

Texas Barley: No acreage statistics available; production, 1,842,000 bushels.

planted 1,716,000; production, 55,-475,000 bushels. Texas Irish Potatoes: Acreage

planted, 38,850; production 2,398,000

bushels. Texas Cabbage: No acreage statistics available; production 3,593 cars. Texas Onions: No acreage statistics available; production 4,538 cars. Texas Tomatoes: No acreage statistics available; production, 1,652

Texas Lettuce: No acreage statistics available; production 96 cars.

Texas Strawberries: No acreage statistics available; production 7 cars. Texas Watermelons: No acreage statistics available; production 4,359 cars.

Texas Cantaloupes: No acreage cars.

Texas Sugar Cane: Acreage planted 18,000; production, 3,192,000 gallons syrup.

Texas Sorghum for Syrup: Acreage planted, 35,000; production, 2,-793,000 gallons syrup.

Texas Livestock.

is an important industry in Texas, and are in abundance and valarge quantities being shipped annual- riety, including both salt water ly out of the state.

that has assumed large commercial value in Texas. Production is irregular, being very large in some years and small in others, but many groves of improved pecan stock are being planted and within a few years pecan production is destined to be one of the big industries in Texas.

These are the blessings Texans enjoy from agricultural, horticultural and livestock pursuits. To these must be added the mineral wealth of the state, commerce, transportation and manufacturing, the latter three pertaining especially to the development and growth of cities in the state.

Texas Crude Oil and Other Sources of Wealth.

Texas stands third in the list of the great oil-producing states of the United States. Its output for the year 1921 was 105,209,500 barrels, Oklahoma and California

and fresh water fish. The Unit-Texas Pecans: This is a product ed States government has established two large fish hatcheries in Texas, where fish are produced with which to stock the lakes and rivers. Young fish are sent every year from these hatcheries to every part of Texas and year by year the supply of fish is increasing.

Texas irrigation is coming into its own. When combined with the soil and climate of Texas it produces wonderful results. Irrigation is possible in two ways-by storing of flood waters in reservoirs for use when needed, and by the development of small pumping plants to draw the water from shallow wells.

Texas has an enormous quantity of water under its soil. In some places it flows at a great depth, and in such force that when a hole is drilled into its strata the water gushes to the surface as from a spring. These are known as artesian wells, and where alone standing above her. Although properly developed they have proved Texas stands third in the total pro- a great aid to intensive agriculture. Texas Horses: January 1st, 1922, duction for 1921, she brought forth In many parts of the state, how-

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ORIGIN. Many Christmas customs are relics of pagan observances, especially those of Druidism, the religious sys-

Don't plant sterile seed or seed contaminated with weed seed. Tests require 3 to 10 days, de-pending on the kind of seed. as a Christmas symbol on some Christmas greetings, although it is not used as much as formerly.

Druidism considered mistletoe most sacred, and when growing on an oak tree, parasite as it is, it was cut with a golden knife by a priest clad in a white robe and two white bulls were sacrificed on the spot.

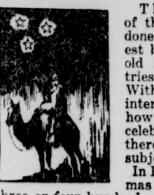
The Yule log in England is a relic of Druidism. Its name is considered a corruption of "wheel log," a wheel in Druidical symbolism typichinery & Supply Co. fying the march of the sun. The lighting of the yule log harks back to the sacred fires kindled by the Druids at midwinter in the round towers which yet remain in many parts of Great Britain. Ireland, France and Spain. The use of the Christmas tree has descended from the German Druids. The dressing of the tree with candles and presents was a feature of their midwinter festival.

Ivy is not used for Christmas decorations, as it was once sacred to Bacchus and constituted almost the sole leafy adornment at the Roman saturnalia. The early Christian clergy, desiring to wean the people from their pagan practice as far as possible, forbade the use of ivy, and the precedent still ob-

In medieval Europe a peacock was the favorite dish for Christmas dinner. After being skinned carefully the bird was cooked. Then the skin with the plumage intact was replaced, and the bird served in a manner as nearly as possible resembling

Mince pies are first mentioned in 1596 as in common use at Christmas times. Authorities in the matter then said they might be caten as early as December 14.

In Different **Different** Festivities Lands



The travelogues of the movies have done much to interest both young and old in other countries than our own. With this growing interest a sketch of how Christmas is celebrated here and there is a timely subject.

In England, Christmas celebrations of

three or four hundred years ago charm us with their quaint and simple jollity. The English always remembered everyone from their neighbors down to their servants. "In the country, an English gentleman always invited his neighbors and tenants to his great hall at daybreak on Christmas morning. There they were regaled upon toast, sugar, nutmeg and good old Cheshire cheese." The house was decked with ivy and other greens."

Under the title of a "Christmas box," the general English custom, which still prevails to some extent, a small gift of money was given to postmen and other delivery men the day after Christmas, which was called "Boxing Day."

In 1100 Henry I granted a charter to London, making it a city, and the Christmas celebration, it is recorded, consisted of a feast for rich and poor. The people gathered in the streets around blazing bonfires singing and dancing, after feasting upon oxen, deer, ale and mead. The wassail bowl, spoken of so often in many books describing England at the time of the crusades, was another evidence of the ever-ready hospitality that the English offered to all comers.

In Russia on Christmas Eve everyone dresses-or at least they used to, it is hard to say anything definite about Bolsheviki Russia-for a gay masquerade. Each one was supposed to represent some animal, the idea being to commemorate the fact that Christ was born in a stable among the humblest of the animals.

Peasants among the Bulgarian, Germans and others have a legend that animals are conscious on Christmas Eve. Some people believe that "at midnight the sheep awake and march in a procession, that the cattle kneel in their stalls

while by a holy miracle all the beasts are able to converse together. But it is a mortal sin for a man to attempt to overhear them; a sin punishable with sudden death.'

Holland has many festivities prominent among them, a skating or ice carnival. In Switzerland the ski and toboggan hold sway.

An interesting practice takes place in Servia on Christmas Eve. The younger men and boys of the family early in the morning go to the forest. After crossing themselves three times as is the custom of the Greek church, or saying a prayer, they select a tree, then known as the Badnyi. They greet it "Happy Badnyi to you." Then one throws a handful of wheat which has been brought for the purpose, of it, another chops it down very carefully as the tree must fall toward the east just as the sun god rises. It is then cut into two or three pieces. The first chip that falls is brought home as particularly precious.

Then the logs are taken home, one for each side of the door. The mother breaks on the longer log a small wheat cake of unleavened flour, called "pogacha."

The day passes in preparation for the feast the following day. At sunset one of the men, fitted out with new woolen cloves, brings in the log. As he passes the threshold the mother throws at him a handful of wheat from a bowl in which also the chip has been kept all day.

Then the log is lighted and immediately the young folks run out and "celebrate" noisily by firing off guns and pistols. It is important to keep the log burning all night.

In Brazil, Christmas is celebrated in the home in a fashion that brings to mind the Three Wise Men. An altarsometimes the staircase-is covered with fine linen. On top is placed the Christ child in a cradle and helow are placed the choicest gifts of the soil, "to show that the first fruits and best fruits should be His." Spices and myrrh, clusters of all kinds of fruit and rice and other grains deck this altar. The church steps are covered with spice leaves to make the steps fragrant when walked upon, and at night there is a Christmas celebration with fireworks!

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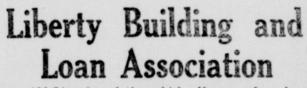


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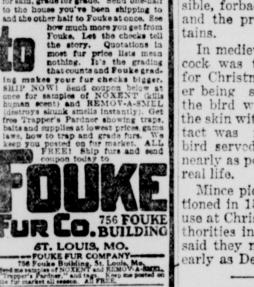
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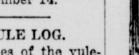


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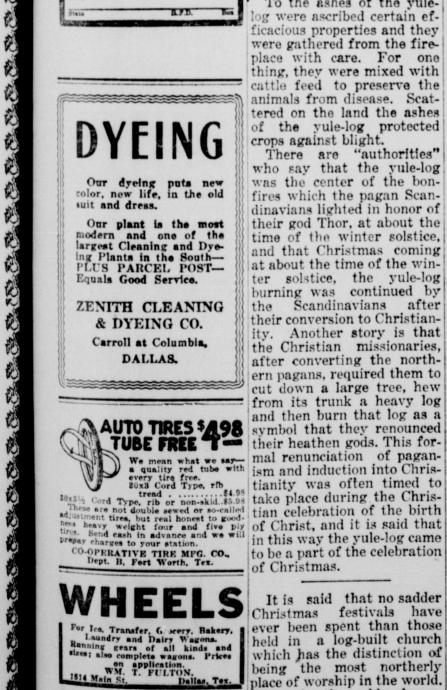
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colored crochet silk. Crochet bedroom slippers or rather mules. These slippers are pink crocheted with blue ruf-

Making Gifts at Home

With Needlecraft

A back powder-puff is a delightful gift for the woman who has no maid, mother or sister to dance attendance when she is dressing for dinner. Think for a moment of your own struggles with a small, inadequate puff, and you will realize what a clever invention this is. You will need one small slipper sole (10 inches long), one long white No. 5 knitting needle, one-quarter of a yard of flowered ribbon, three inches wide; one yard of baby ribbon in plain color. Outline the slipper sole on a piece of cardboard; cut the cardboard out on the outline, cover smoothly with flowered ribbon. Cut a piece of baby ribbon long enough to extend all around edge of slipper sole; gather both ends of this ribbon and draw it tight around the edge of slipper sole, drawing both gatherings tight to hold it in place. Overcast pointed end of knitting needle to the back of slipper sole, sewing it on securely. Now overcast ribbon-covered cardboard to slipper sole. Cover joining with a narrow cord or with close overcasting of



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ficacious properties and they were gathered from the fireplace with care. For one thing, they were mixed with cattle feed to preserve the animals from disease. Scattered on the land the ashes of the yule-log protected crops against blight.

There are "authorities" who say that the yule-log was the center of the bonfires which the pagan Scandinavians lighted in honor of their god Thor, at about the time of the winter solstice, and that Christmas coming at about the time of the winter solstice, the yule-log burning was continued by the Scandinavians after their conversion to Christianity. Another story is that the Christian missionaries, after converting the northern pagans, required them to cut down a large tree, hew from its trunk a heavy log and then burn that log as a AUTO TIRES 498 symbol that they renounced their heathen gods. This formal renunciation of paganism and induction into Chris-

It is said that no sadder Christmas festivals have ever been spent than those held in a log-built church which has the distinction of being the most northerly place of worship in the world. Away in the cold, dreary plains of Siberia it stands. INTERNATIONAL AUTO SCHOOL offering shelter to the few inhabitants who desire to meet for worship. This little church is situated about 72 miles north of Yakutsk, which is said to be the coldest city in the world.

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popular. These have spangles of gold or silver. The ends are hemstitched.

Cushions and poufs have become a part of the living-room furniture. A fat and enticing pouf called the "Pomegranate," is seen in the shops. It is of the futurist order, made of striped rainbow silk with a black line and black vertical panels outlined with antique gold braid. . . .

One of the latest coats from Paris for sports wear is made of er-This is trimmed at the waist mine. with black embroidery on it. The tam. is of fringe of white goat. It has a deep ermine collar, with just a touch of the black embroidery on it. The tan is of soft white ermine.

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Would you like to know how to make wool pompons for your tam o' shanter? If so, I will tell you how it is done. Wind your yarn five hundred times around a five-inch piece of cardboard. Tie both ends, slip off cardboard. Wind contrasting colors of yarn around a threeinch piece of cardboard, tie both ends and slip off. Place the last piece of yarn in the first piece of yarn. Tie securely through center. Cut both ends of each colored yarn. . . .

Filet crochet seems ever increasingly popular. Not only do we have doilies for cake plates and bread trays, but designs for sandwich plates and also for the fish plates. One doily which is very striking has a lobster crocheted in it. Medallions of crochet of various designs are being put on sofa cushions for old furniture. Coat hangers or dress hangers for dainty garments are covered with real filet lace over pale blue or pink satin. And they are really exquisite. You will need one wire coat hanger, 3 yards of narrow 1-8 yard silk, a little cotton batting and sachet, some crochetcotton (number fifty would be the best), and a steel crochet hook and one spool

handle.

This is the time when we want to hear about as many hurry-up gifts as possible. There is no doubt about it that if one has the time, it is a great saving to make gifts, and, besides, they have that intimate, thoughtful little touch which so many people appreciate. So of-ten one hears, "Who appreciates handwork? Who realizes the time it takes?" I'll tell you, the person who can do it but never has time to make something for herself-try giving her something you've made with your own hands.

heavy rope silk. Tie a bow of ribbon on

A rather new and practical idea is to initial washcloths. The housewife will find this a particularly excellent idea when there are several in the family, for the initialing will keep them separate. The cloths are very inexpensive, so that it is a simple matter to get from three to a dozen washcloths for each person and initial them respectively, just as one would buy a half-dozen handkerchiefs for a person. It would take very little time, indeed, to mark some of these cloths very prettily with colored threads, and at least one or two of them would aid wonderfully in filling up the Christmas stocking. Be sure to get the best fadeless thread for the embroidery, because washcloths must receive rather strenuous laundering.

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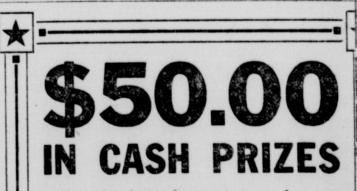
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Decorations Wreaths, Etc.

has a dramatic little climax which is always worked out about the "festal board," so if you have a number of suggestions in mind as to decorating a Christmasy table, you will find them useful in more than one sort of Christmas entertaining."

One very attractive way of decorat-; the table which will at the same time volve scarcely any cost is the use of e "cranberry tree."

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Get a small pine tree and at the end each little twig stick a cranberry. ck a pin through the berry and then ck the point into the twig. Small ays of pine with a few cranberries atthed could be used as favors. Such a)le really is most attractive.

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A snow table is seasonably charming sure a small shapely t ee, strip the anches and wrap each branch and ig with cotton. Then trim with ornants just as you would a "regular" ristmas tree. At each place have all snowballs. Make these of cotton, lightly in gum arabic water, then inkle with mica. In the center of m have some little flavor hidden ay. It might be anything from a mble to a small box of powder. If you pine could excellently be used thus.

All entertaining like, you might have small red ribbons going from the tree to each place and have the snowballs attached at the ends. At the end of the repast, the guests might take out their little gifts and leave the snowballs, or they might cut the streamers and find their prizes later.

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Wreaths may be beautifully used for a Yuletide table. For the center use only a portion of a wreath. Ground pine, spruce or even green paraffin paper which has been cut up into narrow strips, could be used for the wreaths. Wire the portion of the wreath which you are going to use for the center of the table and shape it to represent a Greek harp. Use narrow red ribbon for the strings. At each place have petite wreaths tied with red ribbon.

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A poinsetta table is most effective and really isn't hard to make. For the center have a basket filled with artificial poinsettas. Or, if you have not the inclination to buy the flowers, and have not the time to make them, use a rather low basket which has not a handle and all about its edge stick red crepe paper petals resembling the poinsetta petals. These are easily made by cutting long slender petals and then, with library paste, fastening a rib of thin green wire right down the center. And there you have a large poinsetta with a hole in the center. Place any sort of greens which you happen to have in the basket to make the center of your flower. Ground

At each place have a small paper cup which you have covered with green crepe paper. About the rim of the cup paste poinsetta petals and fill the cups with red and white candies.

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Perhaps you would love to hang wreaths in your windows but you cannot afford to pay the price which holly ones are bringing this year.

You can make some really artistic ones which will be just as Christmasy and much more unique than the holly ones.

Lovely ones may be made of autumn leaves. Make the wreath just a bit fuller at bottom than at top. Over the leaves at the bottom sprinkle a bit of mucilage water and then scatter over them some mica. This will give the effect of some stray snow flakes alighting there.

A very pretty wreath may be made from sprigs of pine with cones strewn in at intervals. Break up the pine into very small portions so that the wreath may be gracefully and delicately shaped. If you like, you may suspend from the top a small red ribbon upon the end of which is a bit of mistletoe or holly so that it hangs directly in the middle of the wreath.

Spruce and ground pine wreaths are very lovely Two red bows with long ends tied opposite each other upon the wreath add considerably. Little bells may be tied to the ends to give a very merry little effect.

Then, too, by cutting up green glazed paper in strips resembling those with which you line your Easter nests, you can make nice fluffy green wreaths. When tied with a red ribbon at top, they really are very attractive.

Planning Christmas Gifts

among you who has to Christmas planning? Remember that as soon as December is here we have very little time in which to prepare. The very first thing in the preparation is thought. Put on your thinking caps and keep

your ears wide open, and have handy a notebook and pencil.

Listen to the conversation of your friends and relatives and take notice of the little things they happen to mention they would like to have.

Your mother, for instance, may say that she must remember to buy a scrap basket for the guest room, or your sister may say that she wishes she had a blotting pad for her desk like Mary's. Such things should be jotted down in your notebook opposite the names of those who have said them.

When you are out at other people's houses and see things you think are pretty, try to think of whether they would look nice in your aunt's room, for instance, or whether you know of any one else who would like to have them. If you do, let them be put in your book at once.

Never under any circumstances give a gift that the recipient is not likely to cotton can be made into lingerie tapes use. Don't give a bag to one who never or into a little edge for a handkerchief sews: don't give a little apron to one case.

Is there one, who never wears them. If you think of giving a table runner to a friend, think not given a thought first of where she could use it. You may discover that she has not a table to use it on.

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Another thing: Be careful of colors. If you wish to make blotter corners for some one, look first and see in what colors her room is furnished. Don't make them red when her room is blue or yellow if the room is in pink.

Don't keep from giving a gift because it seems too practical. A boy who is anything of a carpenter can make a number of very useful things for his mother, and she will be more pleased with them than if he spent his money on something more frivolous.

If you have brothers and sisters, get them all to keep notebooks. Get together some evening and compare notes, and you will find that you will get many helpful ideas from one another.

If you haven't much money to spend, get out all the odds and ends of silk. ribbon, linen, embroidery, silks and wools, little pasteboard or wooden boxes and make up your mind that you are going to use every bit of the collection.

The little boxes can be painted or covered with the silk to make little trinket boxes for the dressing table, the linens will cover memorandum books and the little scraps of silk can be cut into the shapes of conventional flowers and appliqued on with bright silks by way of decoration. Odds and ends of crochet

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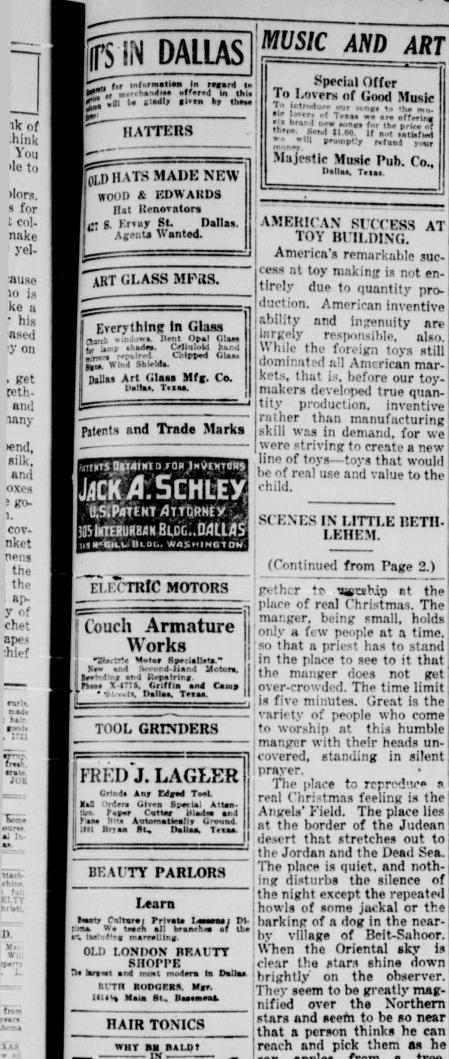
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SCENES IN LITTLE BETH-LEHEM.

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gether to wership at the place of real Christmas. The manger, being small, holds only a few people at a time, so that a priest has to stand in the place to see to it that the manger does not get over-crowded. The time limit is five minutes. Great is the variety of people who come to worship at this humble manger with their heads uncovered, standing in silent praver.

The place to reproduce a real Christmas feeling is the Angels' Field. The place lies at the border of the Judean desert that stretches out to the Jordan and the Dead Sea. The place is quiet, and nothing disturbs the silence of the night except the repeated howls of some jackal or the barking of a dog in the near-by village of Beit-Sahoor. When the Oriental sky is clear the stars shine down brightly on the observer. They seem to be greatly mag-nified over the Northern stars and seem to be so near that a person thinks he can reach and pick them as he can apples from a tree. Everything tends to add to the silence and solemnity of

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WHEN ELLEN COOKED THE TUR-KEY.

"I'll tell you what!" said Grandfather Weston, shaking his head emphatically. "girls in this generation are not as smart as they were when I was a boy. All they want to do is run about to dances and parties, and not one in a hundred or so could cook a dinner if her life depended upon it."

"Now, grandfather, you know that isn't so!" exclaimed all his granddaughters in one breath, "we all know how to cook, and we do lots of things besides go to parties and dances.'

"Yes, of course, you know how to



"When Ellen Took the Big Turkey From the Oven George Was Right on Hand to Help Her."

cook, as you say; that is, you can fry an egg, or make toast, or get up some refreshments for a party; but what I mean is you don't know how to get up a dinner from beginning to end, and get it on the table on time."

That night in bed Ellen Weston thought over what her grandfather had said about girls not being able to cook a dinner, and she made up her mind that she was going to show her grandfather that he knew one girl at least who knew how to do it.

The next day she started to work. Of course, as her grandfather had said. she knew how to cook certain things, but she could not cook everything; and, as far as getting a whole meal was concerned, she did not know how to go about it at all.

That afternoon she went out in the kitchen an hour before her usual time and started to help her mother. They did their own work in that house, for with three girls and a boy there were plenty of hands to help with everything. But it was on her mother's shoulders that the burden of cooking well always fell. So instead of getting there in time to set the table and cut the bread and butter, she was there in time to help

prepare the vegetables. Her mother was a little surprised, but too pleased to have her help to comment on it. That night Ellen simply helped.

The next afternoon she was there again, and this time she asked if she could make the dessert. And so it went from day to day. At last there came a time when she was the one who got the dinners while her mother stayed in the kitchen to help and direct. Then came the week of yuletide and she and her mother were planning the big dinner to which both her grandparents were invited, as well as an aunt and uncle and two cousins. "Let me cook the Christmas dinner this year, mother," Ellen said implor-ingly. "I am sure I can do it. Only I don't want any one to know I am going to do it, and least of all grandfather. He said one day that girls of this generation don't know how to cook, and I would like to prove to him that one girl at least can do so." "But a dinner for so many people is very hard to serve, Ellen," replied her mother, doubtfully. "Are you sure you could manage it? As far as I am con-cerned, I would be delighted to have you try, but I know how badly you would feel if it did not turn out well." "I'm sure I can," said Ellen, confident-"and I am crazy to try. But, mother, don't tell grandfather, whatever you do. Do you think we can manage so that he does not know a thing about it? It would spoil everything if he found it out beforehand." Every one in the family was told about Ellen's plan and promised to help carry it out. When the guests arrived and found Mrs. Weston with plenty of leisure to entertain she explained casually that she had decided to get some one to cook the dinner this year, as she never had time before to enjoy her guests. And when some one inquired for Ellen she said she was some place about the house," and would turn up in time for dinner, she was sure. Ellen's brother George was the only one she had asked to help her. The girls were not a bit interested in cooking, and always stayed as far away from the kitchen as they could get. But George was always ready to take a hand wherever it was needed, and he and Ellen were good chums. When Ellen took the big turkey from the oven George was right on hand to carry in the dishes and help her with all the last-minute things. When the guests were finally summoned to dinner everything was on the table and Ellen was there, with cheeks a little flush-ed, it is true, but otherwise not showing in any way that she had been the cook. Grandfather Weston was quite accus-tomed to seeing the girls help in the clearing away of a meal, so he did not notice that Ellen was the only one who brought in the different courses. But he seemed to enjoy his dinner very DALLAS. much.

"You must have been fortunate in getting hold of a good cook, Elizabeth," he said to Ellen's mother. "It would be nice if you could keep her all the time."

"Yes, I would like to," replied his daughter with a twinkle in her eyes; "but she's pretty hard to get hold of, and I'm afraid she would be rather expensive to have as a regular thing.

"It's too bad," said her father, sym-pathetically, "but why don't you teach some of these daughters of yours to cook? But girls nowadays don't want to, I suppose. They'd rather spend their energies on dances and parties." and with that the old gentleman shook his head as he always did when he got on his favorite grievance.

"Grandfather, what would you do if I ever learned to cook a big dinner like this?" inquired his granddaughter El-len with mischief showing in her brown eyes

"Do?" asked her grandfather. "First I would probably have a little attack of heart failure from surprise, and after that I would probably give you a good, hearty hug and kiss; and after thatwell, let's see what would I do after that! I think I would be tempted to give you Grandmother Peck's silver tea set just to show you how pleased and proud I was."

"Well, grandfather," said Ellen, running around the table and perching herself on his knee, "hurry up with that hug and kiss you were talking about, and as for Grandmother Peck's silver tea set, you may bring that to me the next time you come, for I was the one who cooked this dinner. And don't you ever let me hear you say again that girls in this generation don't know how to cook-" but the rest of the sentence was lost as grandfather gave her the hug and kiss he had just been talking about.

HOW THE PUEBLO INDIANS COM-MEMORATE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico and Arizona, who archaeologists claim were the original cliff dweilers, commemorate the birth of Christ by camp fires several weeks before Christmas. The Indian boys and girls and their parents choose yellow, pitchy sticks from the firewood and lay them aside for "Coseefa," the tribal name for the Christmas campfire.

On December 17, or eight nights before Christmas eve, some of the chosen sticks are split into neat, square-looking little pieces about a foot long and two inches wide. These are piled, log-cabin fashion, in the dooryard and a tiny torch fire started not far off. From the little torch fire a flaming torch is carried

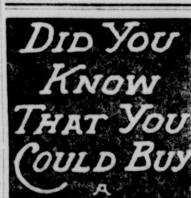




near. Many boughs or pendants of this mysterious and beautiful plant will be torn utilizing sunlight as the from oaks and other trees source of energy in the proand suspended from chande- cess. It is, therefore, only liers and doors.

upon it as a holy thing. To account. them the oak tree had a strong religious significance and seeing the curious plant growing out of the oak they conceived that it was the spirit or the soul of that tree. In this way it is believed that the Druids came to regard the mistletoe as the symbol of life and they therefore treated it with manifest reverence and gave it a prominent place in their

MYSTERIOUS MISTLETOE green plants everywhere pos-The mistletoe season draws sess, of constructing organic foodstuffs, such as starch, out of inorganic compounds. carbon dioxide and water, partly a parasite so far as Many myths are associat- dependence upon its host for ed with the mistletoe. The food is concerned, but it is Druids of Britain isoked none the less harmful on that





"For Nine Nights These Tiny Campfires Are Lighted."

to each pile, of which there may be as many as four or five, and placed exactly in the center. As the flame leaps from one stick to another the smoke curls from the center of the pile of wood just as it would from a chimney.

The little Indian boys and girls sit about quietly, the fire-light reflected in their sparkling black eyes, their parents keeping a close watch over the fires.

By and by, when the piles of sticks are but beds of glowing coals, the papooses are taken from the backs of their mothers, sound asleep, and with the older children are hustled off to bed, while father puts out the fires.

For nine nights these tiny camp-fires are lighted. As Christ in his descent from the celestial to the earthly regions was as an earthly child in His formation, so the nine camp-fires symbolically represent each month before his birth.

On Christmas eve the aged Governor of the Pueblo stands in the plaza dream-ily watching the fires and the flickering shadows they cast. Over his large silver ear-rings hang braids of hair once glossy black, but now nearly white.

It has been nearly sixty years since he came to the Pueblo, a small boy, with his father. They found the Christmas campfire an old custom, even then, among the Indians.

CHRISTMAS AMONG ESQUIMOS.

A missionary who has spent many years in Baffin's Land, in the Arctic zone, tells us that the most peculiar Christmas service he has ever seen was held in an ice church far away among the Esquimos in the frozen wastes of the far North. Wood is scarce and it is only by substituting ice for timber that buildings are at all possible. However, once erected and made snug and cozy inside, an ice church is not at all so cold and forbidding as would appear.

Christmas is observed in every civilized country but under very different conditions. The hymns we sing will be echoed around the world in many strange tongues and in some places of worship vastly lacking in the beauty and comfort to which we are accustomed.

religious rites. It is also be-lieved that the Druids held the mistletoe as sacred to to be associated with lovemaking and kissing.

forerunners of the physician, regarded the mistletoe as a thing having remarkable therapeutic properties. It was held to be good for epilepsy and for various conclusive "distempers." Many of our British and our Irish ancestors believed that the mistletoe was a charm against disease.

The mistletoe is a plant parasite and yet not altogether a parasite. Though it would rather live off of the tree, it has the means of selfsupport. It fastens itself upon its host, the tree, penetrates its tissue and draws nourishment from it, often deforming it and sapping its vitality. Yet the mistletoe is a green leafy plant; that is, it possesses the green pig-ment, chlorophyll, which gives the green color to normal vegetation. The pres-

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the popular belief that every Christmas eve apple and other trees blossomed and bore Edeson Phone Co., 6 Beach St., Dept. C-46, Boston, Mass fruit. Others consider it emblematic of Christ, who was often regarded as the "Tree

of Paradise.' "The thought of Him," says Clement A. Miles, "as both the Light of the World and the Tree of Life may at least have given a Christmas meaning to the light-bearing tree and helped to establish its popularity among pious people

Authorities agree that the first record of a Christmas trees comes from Alsace in 1604. An old writer describing Strasburg, says: "At Christmas a fir tree is put into the room, and upon it are hung roses made of colored paper, apples, wafers, tinsel EXPECTANCY is a and sweetmeats. Usually a pleasure in itself square frame is made around " From here it was introduced into Germany and in the reign of Queen Victoria the custom spread to England. The Lutherans gave Martin Luther the credit of introducing the Christmas tree in Germany. While he may have helped to make it popular, there is plenty of proof that it was known long before the reformer's time. However, a later authority has now come forward and states that the Christmas tree is from Egypt and that its origin dates from a period much farther back than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a shoot every month and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter Solstice as a symbol of the year com-

> pleted. The ancient church devoted the day before Christmas o Adam and Eve, and in many parts of the continent it was customary to give dramatic representations of the Creation as well as the Nativity, in which trees or a single tree was decked with ribbons and apples.



Our modern Christmas dinner, a feast of good cheer and rich viands, is still a worthy descendant of the Merrie Christmas of old England when the lord of the manor opened his hall and feasted his kinsmen, retainers and all the poor of the countryside. Even the memory of the boar's head is stimulating on this particular Christmas when all the world is looking toward peace, goodwill and normalcy. For the boar's head comes down from Druidical times, it was the principal dish at the festival of Frey, the goddess of peace and plenty.

The Yule-log typified that spirit of hospitality which still reigns in every home where Christmas is truly kept. The candle at the window invited and beckoned to the warfarer out in the cold to come within to the festal board. The carols reminded the revelers that the spirit of Christmas came from on high.

The promptings of gleeful spirit of the holiday season make the preparation of a Christmas dinner a joyous task, for every founder of a feast knows that a wonderful Christmas dinner will live in memory full many a year. It is worth while to stir together with spoon and bowl, a dinner, which will be a tradition in the family these many years to come. Neither Santa Claus nor a good cook can be spared at Christmas time. The menu of 1922 dinner provides for roast piglet as well as roast turkey or roast goose.

Lay the table with at least thirty inches between covers. The candles and Christmas greens have a fitting place as table decorations. A Christmas tree or an enchanted basket which yields favors for the guests is a favorite center piece. Holly, mistletoe and great bows of red ribbon add the holiday touch under the hand of a clever hostess.

It goes without saying that the soup should be a light one, but American cookery gives a recipe for a jolly red soup:

A CHRISTMAS SOUP.

Boil 2 to 4 good sized beets, after removing the skin, with 2 onlons. Sift when soft, and add to 3 pints of white stock, previously thickened with 2 tablespoons of arrowroot, rubbed smooth into ¼ cup of melted butter. The arrowroot makes a transparent thickening, pre-serving the red color of the beets. Garnish with slices of hard-cooked egg, or strips of green lettuce, or both.

NUT BREAD.

One cup graham flour, 1 cup white flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ tea-spoon salt. Put an egg, unbeaten, into a cup, and fill cup up with sweet milk. Add ½ cup of pecan meats. Mix lightly, put into a greased pan and let stand twenty minutes. Bake in a mederate over about forty minutes. moderate oven about forty minutes.

BAKED OYSTERS DE LUXE. Scald 1 quart of oysters in the accompany-ing juice until the edges curl; drain and add to the liquid enough strained soup stock to make 1½ cups. Cook 2 tablespoons of butter with 2 tablespoons of minced canned pimento for five minutes. Blend in 4 tablespoons of for five minutes. Blend in 4 tablespoons of flour and add gradually, while stirring con-stantly, the oyster liquid. Bring to the boiling point, season to taste with salt and celery salt and a few grains of mace. Arrange the oys-ters in individual baking dishes, pour over the sauce and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake until the cheese is slightly browned in a moderate oven.

Every home has its own Christmas dishes, but everywhere the plum pudding is in favor. Here is a tested recipe:

PLUM PUDDING.

PLUM PUDDING. One cup milk, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 cup su-gar (scant measure), 1 teaspoon salt, 1 tea-spoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, yolks of 4 eges, 1.3 teaspoon each mace and cloves, 2 ounces finely chopped citron, ½ cup almonds, ½ pound suct, whites of 4 eggs, ½ cup fruit interes. Pour the scaled wilk orres the stale Pour the scalded milk over the stale crumbs; when cool add the sugar creamed with the yolks of eggs, then the chopped suet, salt, fruit and nuts, and last of all the spices and the beaten whites of the eggs. Steam four hours or one and a half hours in individual molds. Serve with any good hard sauce or whipped cream sprinkled with grated pineapples.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

New Orleans is famed for its delightful candy, known as parlines. Many a Mardi Gras visitor has carried away with them a "cotton bale" box of the toothsome dainty. So unusual is the flavor that many have longed to know just how they are made. An old creole woman furnishes a recipe for this coveted and toothsome candy.

CREOLE PRALINES.

Three cups of coffee brown sugar. One cup of cream. One cup of pecans-halved. One large tablespoon of gellatine-non acid-

ulated.

One tablespoon of butter.

One tablespoon of vanilla. Mix the sugar, cream and gelatine and al-low it to cook until, when dropped in water, it forms a ball that can be picked up in the fingers—not a hard ball. Remove from the fire and add the butter and flavoring. Beat for a few minutes, then pour in the nuts. When the candy begins to beat thick and creamy, drop it into little cakes on a buttered surface with a tablespoon. Waxed paper is preferable.

STRAWBERRY CARAMELS.

One cup of sugar. One cup of corn syrup. One glass of preserved strawberries. One tablespoon of butter.

- One-half cup of milk. One teaspoon strawberry extract.
- One-fourth teaspoon cream tartar. Place the sugar, syrup, milk and cream of



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The Christmas tree at first was not illuminated. The origin of wax tapers has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia, at which it was the custom to give lighted candles as Christmas presents. The candles were regarded as symbolical of the birth of the sun

The theme of the Christmas tree has lent itself greatly to both prose and poetry. We all love Henry Van Dyck's beautiful story of The First Christmas Tree." In Charles Dickens' famous vision of the Christmas tree there is a message that never grows old:

"Now the tree is decorated with bright merriment and song and cheerfulness. And they are welcome. Innocent and welcome be they ever held beneath the branches of the Christmas, which cast no gloomy shadow! I hear a whisper going through the leaves: "This in commemoration of the law of love and kindness, mercy and compassion. This in remem-brance of me."

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HOLIDAY CRULLERS.

Cream 2 tablespoons melted butter with 1 cup granulated sugar. Add 3 well beaten eggs, 1 cup sweet milk and 3 teaspoons baking powder in enough flour to roll out as soft as possible. Fry in very hot lard and roll in granulated, not powdered, sugar.

FROZEN APRICOT SHERBET.

Put 3 cups of canned apricots through a strainer. To the fruit syrup add 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, a few grains of salt, ½ cup of sugar, ¾ cup of orange juice, the apricot pu-ree and ½ pint of chilled double cream, whipped solid with 2 tablespoons of powdered sugar. Freeze slowly, using 3 parts ice to 1 of rock salt.

GRAPE AND PEAR SALAD.

Cut canned pears in halves. Mix together 6 tablespoons of chopped preserved ginger and 12 tablespoons of seeded, quartered Malaga grapes with a little mayonnaise dressing and fill the core cavities of the pears. Arrange the halved pears in nests of the celery straws, resting on crisp lettuce leaves, sprinkle with 6 tablespoons of chopped pistachio nuts and pour over a dressing made from 8 tablespoons of salad oil, 4 tablespoons of lemon juice, a few grains of salt and 2 tablespoons of powdered sugar. Serve very cold.

POPCORN PUDDING.

Scald 3 cups of rich milk and pour over 2 cups of freshly popped corn which has been finely pounded. Let stand 1 hour. Add 3 eggs, slightly beaten, ½ cup maple sugar, 1 table-spoon butter and a scant teaspoon salt. Turn into a buttered baking dish and bake in a slow oven until firm. Serve with thin cream.

CELERY AND APPLE SAUCE.

Mix equal quantities of finely cut or diced apple and celery and moisten with mayonnaise dressing. Scoop out the inside pulp of choice red apples, taking great care not to break the red skin. Refill the apple shells with the apple and celery mixture and garnish with crisp celery tips and curls.

SUET PUDDING.

Stir 1 cup of cornmeal into 4 cups of scalded milk. Add 1 cup of finely chopped suet, 1 cup of molasses, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and a dash of any other desired spices. Add 1 well-beaten egg and turn into a buttered baking dish. Pour 2 cups of rich milk and 1 cup of cold water over the pudding and bake slowly for 3 hours without stirring. Serve with thin cream and sugar.

FLAKY PIE CRUST.

Mix 1 cup of flour, ¼ teaspoon baking pow-der and ½ teaspoon salt. Work in 3 level teaspoons lard and then lightly mix with 3 table-spoons ice water. It may be possible to make the dough hold together without the addition of any more water. Use just as little water as possible so that the pastry will be flaky and tender. Chill before trying to roll out.

tar in a saucepan. After iling to the soft ball stage, add the preserved strawberries, and boil until the mixture will harden when tested in water. Remove from the fire and add the strawberry extract. Boil up, but do not stir, then pour immediately into buttered pans about a half inch in depth. Mark off into small squares.

FOAM O' THE NIGHT.

Two cups white sugar. Two tablespoons mapeline. One-fourth teaspoon cream tartar. One-half dozen marshmallows. One-half cup water. One-third cup of chopped walnuts. Two egg whites.

Boil sugar, mapleine, water and cream of tartar until the mixture will make a firm ball when tested in water. Then add the marsh-mallows, cut into small pieces. Cover and let stand on the back of the stove for five minutes. Pour over the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Beat until light, drop from a spoon onto a buttered or waxed paper and place a half walnut on top of each.

NUT CHIPS.

One cup brown sugar. One-fourth teaspoon cream of tartar. One tablespoon butter. One cup molasses (light colored). One teaspoon vanilla. One cup nut meats.

Boil sugar, cream of tartar, butter and molasses until the mixture will harden in water. Add nut meats chopped fine and boil the mix-ture until it will crack. Remove and flavor with vanilla. Pull into thin strips and cut into small pieces with a pair of sharp, clean scissors. When cold, dip in melted chocolate flavored with a little venille. flavored with a little vanilla.

POPCORN BALLS.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. Add 2 cups of molasses and 2-3 cup sugar. Stir un-til sugar is dissolved. Boil until the mixture becomes brittle when tried in cold water. Pour over 6 quarts of freshly popped corn. Butter the tips of the fingers and shape the mixture into large balls.

FIG SQUARES. Two cups light brown sugar. One cup chopped figs. One-fourth teaspoon cream of tartar. One-half teaspoon ginger. One tablespoon butter. One teaspoon vanilla. One cup milk. One-half cup chopped nut meats. Boil sugar, figs, cream of tartar, ginger, but-ter and milk together until mixture reaches the

soft ball stage. Stir often enough to keep the mixture from sticking. Remove from the fire, add the vanilla and nuts and beat until creamy. Pour into buttered pans and cut in squares. These recipes all have been tried and

successfully used, although not so well known as the old standbys of fudge, divinity and taffy.

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KNOX COUNTY MAN SHOT NEAR THALIA Four Lads from Odell Arrested and Make

Bond-Claim Was Accident Traveling in an old delivery autobile and shooting promiscuously.

on by four young fellows the whistle blew at the end, Odell last Thursday afternoon The guards, Cates, Buckley and ty from the east. The names of and did a good job of it. ss Mitchell, E. M. Hughes and whom the four met, hap- team the way of these ary for him to be taken to the team nitarium at Knox City for surgi-treatment. A garage at Thalia Crowell Beverly and Jones, fore wild and woolly westerners, but Buckley, guards.

affair and soon had the young Haskins, guards. akes in jail. Their parents were notified and came over and made bond

The last report was that Hickman "Arkansaw" Travelers ras not injured seriously and would n-recover.

Judge Huff Buried at Vernon Sunday

Judge S. P. Huff, chief justice of mains were shipped to Vernon where rment took place Sunday after-

udge Huff was well known in this rs. He was very highly esteemed i jurist and as a man by all who

Crowell Hi Defeats Talmage by Good Score

The Hi school basket ball boys won their second victory of the season Tuesday last on Crowell fair grounds when they downed the Talmage team by a score of 19 to 11. The Taimage lads showed much training, and put up a valiant fight, but were no match for their aggressive opponents.

The visitors managed to hold our boys in check during the first half, ning at nothing and hitting any, but in the last period our boys got ing which happened to get in the under way with a rush and managed y seems to have been the pro- to keep going at a steady pace until

they were passing through Foard Cock, alternated at their positions

Tom Maro, Awbrey, Beverly and torwards showed rge Tooley. At one time a young much accuracy in passing the ball and named Guynn Hickman from are regarded as the main cogs of the

We wish to correct an error in last kless fellows and received several week's issue in the name of the coach. all shots in his body, one of which Owens is our coach and is doing his as serious enough to make it nec- part toward turning out a winning

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Sheriff Campbell was notified of wards, Shintes, Center, Wolton and

2nd half-Crowell, Cock for Buck lev.-Reporter.

Are Heard From

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 9, 1922. Editor News and Friends: We had just a little trouble from Fort Smith to this place getting down one very steep mountain full of chug holes, we broke a front spring, yet ts home in Amarillo Friday. The all expense for work and repairs to date have been only 7.30, so we are satisfied.

the News would like to farm in the mencing Jan. 8, 1892. having served as district part of Arkansas which we have seen, lige of this district for several yet the people who were born and Sunday School in Crowell and only Young, Bob Allee, Flora Gibson, Al-

LEE HIGHWAY IS **DESIGNATED THROUGH** FOARD COUNTY

A telegram was received by H. E. Fergeson, president of the Foard County unit of the Lee Highway Association, vesterday from R. H. Coffee who is now in Washington, D. C., in the interest of the Lee Highway, stating that the highway had been designated through Wilbarger and Foard Counties.

This will be good news to the people of Crowell and Foard County. Much has been said about this great highway, a transcontinental highway that goes from New York to San Diego, Cal., and is spoken of as one of the principal streets of America. We are indeed fortunate in getting this highway. It will mean as much or more to us than a trunk line railroad.

Mr. Coffee has been a persistent and untiring worker for this highway ever since he first saw the possibility of its being brought ... through this country, and to his efforts more. possibly, than those of any other individual belongs the credit for getting it designated through here.

CROWELL SUNDAY SCHOOL AS IT WAS THIRTY YEARS AGO

A few days ago when looking Adams, Mary Taylor, Mary Adams, were accompanied by C. E. Thacker at about \$500.00. It was fortunat among the books in my library I Gussie Sanders, Edwin Sanders, Chas. of Sawtelle, Cal. Mrs. Thacker visit- that the government goods consist Don't think many of the readers of found a Junday Scheed record com- Thompson, Virgie Raney, Della ed relatives at Fort Worth and was ing of ammunition and guns, amount At this time there was only one pere, Nellie Sloan, Oran Prewitt, Wm. day.

Hi-Jackers Relieve Man of His Money

As he was going to town from his father's house in the west part of town Thursday night of last week. Worth of Water Works Jess Fergeson was halted near the ball park by three men who met him in a touring car and at the point of a gun forced Fergeson to enter the car. He was then carried a few blocks northwest near the limit of the city and relieved of what money he had or \$13. Fergeson was then ordered fire broke out in the old rock build cupants went north.

The men, according to Fergeson, been for the fact that Crowell bas were 20 or 25 years of age. He knew plenty of water and an efficient fire none of them, but he might possibly fighting force. As it was it looked identify one of them. He does not scarry enough. understand why they held him up, as It was about 11 o'clock in the he does not remember having given morning when the fire alarm was that he had a cent of money in his fearly come to cown owing to some possession during the day. He thinks store sales that were on and soon the they may have been looking for an- streets were full of people witnessing other man and at first thought him the flames and smoke shooting from to be the one Fergeson is looking the windows of the Thacker building. after janitor work a the court house but the fire engine was on the scene instead of his father, N. P. Fergeson in a moment and the water was who is confined to his bed with a turned on. It was soon evident that crippled knee and had been busily en- the flames would be brought under gaged in that work all during the control for there was plenty of water day. He said it was impossible to get and it was going into the fire in two the car number, since there was no strong steady streams. tail light to the car, and he had no. The fire originated in did he figure that it would be neces- to have Caught from sacks that had sary to get the number, even if he been stuffed into a flue which opened could have done so, since men who into the orderly room of the soldier are engaged in hold-up work may boys quarters. A stove below in the have several different numbers.

Sheriff Campbell got on the job Market is thought to have carried the robbers has been found.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beverly and the fire started Mrs. Paul Shirley and Dr. H. The loss caused by the fire is con Teague, Geo. Allison, Nannie Com- expected to arrive in Crowell yester- ing to about \$30,000, were in the ex-

as elsewhere. Most of the families in country and towns have automo-

CROWELL SAVED FROM BAD FIRE

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Demonstrated When Possibly Whole Business Section Saved

Fire fighters would have faced a sein his pockets which amounted to \$12 rious proposition last Saturday when to go and the car with its three oc- ing on the north corner of the west string of business houses had it not

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Schindler and wife returned last Fri- fined to personal properties belong day from a trip to Snyder. They ing to the soldiers and is estimated treme eastern portion of the building far from the fire which originated in

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Lubbock Man Defends

fitor Foard County News:

unter, to-wit: Tom M. Beverly. trate, I was once on a hunt with him ness portion of the city. We pay handle, and on that occasion I saw miles out. him do the most daring stunt I ever It has rained six out of the eight lection 10 cents.

ig game. We had not gone more 44 to 76. of cubs in a hollow log and I said to ings in my next. Tom, "You stay here and watch them and I will go to camp and get a sack and we will have some pets." Just as I went to pick up my sack I heard a noise and looking around, saw Tom and mother bear coming. I hollered him to shoot, and in a clear tone

ing, "I am bringing her in alive." Now if that don't convince any fairbigger than I am I don't believe it. If Tom M. Beverly staid in that bull en at all, and I don't believe he did, few more such as he is.

main.

Yours truly, G. M. EUBANK.

Suffering from Abcess in Knee

N. P. Fergeson is confined to his a. m. Preaching at 11 and at 7 p. m. Johnson. be out again.

biles We were in a fine free automobile

camp at Little Rock, toilets, two Former Comrade rooms which were heated with gas and gas ranges to cook with and plenty Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 10, 1922. of water. They keep a man there day and night to look after arrangements. I am a subscriber to your most val- From Little Rock to this place the able paper and believing you to be roads were fine and there were many for fair play and a friend to the un- fine footpaths over the mountains. der dog, I beg you to allow me space The city is built up and down the candefend the name of a fellow bear yons. Central Avenue has business (houses, hotels, and bath houses for I want to say right here that I one and a half miles on both sides, have been on many a bear hunt with besides many other streets with bushim and he always was there when iness houses. We have a fine location the smoke cleared away. To illus- near the court house and in the busi-

South Texas where the bear were \$5.00 and stay as long as we wish. ly, Lizzie Beverly, Edna Donahoo, the religious services often conducted is thick as jack rabbits in the Pan- The auto camp is all right, but is two Mabel Donahoo, Vergie Raney, Lena by one of the preachers here at that

saw a bear hunter do. He and I left days we have been here but there is camp one morning early in search of no mud. The temperature is from

than six miles until we spied a pair More about the city and surround-

Best wishes, H. M. FERRIN.

120 Bales More Than Ginned Last Year

According to the Government reof voice, he hollered back at me, say- port of the cotton ginned up to December 1, 1922, Foard County had to its credit only 120 bales more than minded person that that bull pen story at the same time last year. The reisn't pure bunk, I am no hunter, and if port on the first of December, 1921, the fellow that wrote that story isn't showed that we had 7,335, while the report for December of this year showed 7.455.

There is still a little cotton being was for the sole purpose of pro- ginned at Crowell and possibly at the teeting the grub and not through fear other gins in the county, but none of any bear. And if the bear hunters them are running more than about Foard County think him a tender two days in the week. When the next ot we will gladly take him into the report is made it is likely that we buth Plains bear hunters, as we need will have lost about enough this year to make the two reports read about astice in this controversy, I beg to our crop will not be very much less than it was last year.

At the Presbyterian Church

next Sunday: Sunday School at 10 itt, E. F. Hart, ----- Vernon, Selby

f his knees. He took his bed Tues- study on Wednesday evenings. 1894, the following and others were name is in the list, go to the News of theirs. ay of last week and has not been You are cordially invited to come added to different classes: C. F. office, give them the name and adble to be on his feet since. He is and worship with us. "Come thou Beaty, Clarence Thompson, D. P. dress, together with a nickel and ask

dist church it had the support and co- P. Cormack, are in the record. operation of the people of other de- For several years Mr. Cormack was nominations.

about as follows:

Lee Davis.

Class No. 2-Miss Mina Daughtry, while yet young in years. teacher; John Beverly, Willie Hart- It will be noticed that but little is Good lesson, no contribution.

er; Marvin Daughtry, Mattie Bever. to the record for each Sunday we find Raney, Lucy Ingle, Lacy Cope. Col. time. Judge J. C. Roberts and W. B.

Orphie Moore, Abbie Moore, Preble Gee, Myrtle Henson, Adie Boon, Inez river." Allison, Pearl Thompson, Edna Thacker, Nettie Cope, Eva Magee, Rosa Magee. Collection 10 cents. Class No. 5-L. D. Phillips, teacher; Joe Moore, Sam Moore, Sam Hartman, Jack Roberts, Gordon Witherspoor.

Class No. 6-Mrs. M. J. Daughtry, the naked eye when it is walking teacher; John Henson, Clint Hart- along anywhere between the court man, Tully Klepper, Ed Moore, Gil- house and the postoffice. Roberts, Van Roberts.

April 21, 1893, shows some rear- at the ball park, the grounds on which One bit of proposed legislation the infant class:

Miss Mina Daughtry, teacher; Sam ing there on Sunday morning, some tions of the various conspiracy laws Moore.

Hoping you will take the side of the same. The indications are that John Klepper, S. J. Moore, M. F. the four different church buildings. office. Thacker, John Beverly, Willie Grimm, What you see will be the answer. Rutledge said the league would home east of Vernon. Lida Compere, Ed Thompson, L. D Then ask yourself the question begin to publish the names of klans-Phillips, May Witherspoon, Jas. "What have I done as to the giving men compiled by secret investiga- been right sick the past few days. Witherspoon, Prof. F. R. Johnson of my time, talents and money to tions. Geo. Ingles, J. J. Stoker, Miss Ollie bring these results, what am I now Services at the Presbyterian church Raney, Joe Banister, Charley Prew- doing to help continue the work?"

bed this week from an abcess in one Prayer meeting, Bible study and class Later in the year and on during and you have an absent friend whose " improving, however, and will with us and we will do thee good." Beaty, Lus Campbell, Otis Teague, them to send a copy of the paper. CHALMERS KILBOURN, Pastor Chas. Prewitt, Oliver Raney, Arrie

under the supervision of the Metho W. S. Hartman, J. W. Magee and J.

Sunday School work. His life ended Eastern states, and even beyond the

man, Sam Moore, Joe Moore, Mark mentioned about collections. At that Hill, Archie McLarty, Ed Thompson, time the literature was mostly do-George Banister, Willie Womack. nated by the Methodist Publishing House.

Class No. 3-Eva Hartman, teach- | Leaving the class rolls and turning Ford of the Methodist, and C. E. Mor-Class No. 4-J. W. Magee, teacher; gan, pastor of the Baptist church. These three have "passed over the

> To those who are familiar with the names here mentioned, it will be interesting to follow them up and learn where they now are, who is living, etc. For instance, the infant class: Only one of the bunch can now be found in Foard County. This infant has grown so that it is now visible with

ditions as to then and now? Look and Massachusetts.

rangements of classes, and the follow- the school building was then located, which the league favors strongly is ing names are given as composing close your eyes and in your imagina- designed to end the secrecy attending tion see the 75 or 100 people gather | klan meetings through interpreta-

Moore, Russell Beverly, Carl Thac.er, walking along paths cut through the of the several States. The league Minnie Magee, Alma Stovall, Fannie mesquite brush, others on horseback will fight every man it believes to Stoker, Birdie Thacker, Orpha Moore, and in wagons and buggies. Then have been elected to public office with Zula Stoker, Lena Kirkman, Pearl stand on some street corner and watch klan backing. The contention, Rut- Sunday in the Sam Scales' home at Prewitt, Mark Raney, Ed Moore, Geo. the twelve or fifteen hundred children ledge said, will be that such an of- Crowell.

Bible class-J. W. Beverly, teacher: good sidewalks and in automobiles to oath to the klan nullifies his oath of Adkins and niece, Beulah Cates, all

· J. W. BEVERLY. If this has been of interest to you TO FIGHT KLAN

way and when the wind was favorasuperintendent and janitor, did the After so long a time it seems that ble. By far the biggest per cent of A few items from this record are sweeping and built the fires, often there is an awakening among some the business of Crowell would have

Class No. 1-B. R. Blankinship, pile, all without money and without ers of the Klan activities. The or- Again we have been fortunate, but teacher, present; G. W. Ingles, T. F. price. Very few men have been more ganization has extended its activi- this time we did not trust altogether

INCREASED RATE IN OKLAHOMA

people have delayed the matter of poration commission has made an ortaking matters in hand to check this der granting increases in freight lawless movement, but at last they rates to the Kansas City, Mexico and are making plans to stop it. The fol- Orient in conformance with an order lowing dispatch from New York was of the Interstate Commerce Commis-

sion. The Oklahoma commission's New York, Dec. 10 .- Within a week! order applies to intrastate rates. The representatives will be at work at the increase is 10 cents per 100 pounds capitals of fourteen states and the on all articles moving in less than District of Columbia lobbying for leg. carload lots, either as class or comislation to hamstring the Ku Klux modities moving on carload rates. Klan, it was announced Saturday The increase will be applied to the night at National headquarters here minimum charge of \$15 a car, or the minimum charge of 50 cents per 100 The states, according to Grady K! pounds, and to the minimum scale

This is one of the efforts made by ton, Missouri, Kansas, Michigan, the interstate and state commissions Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Louis- to assist the Orient to continue opeliam McLarty, Willie Johnson. Willie After thirty years what are the con- iana, New York, New Jersey, Texas ating in Oklahoma. It travereses the state from north to south, in the western portion, and furnishes the only railroad service to nine counties in the agricultural area.

WEST RAYLAND NEWS (By Special Correspondent)

Wallace Scales and family spent

and grown people that will pass or ficial is guilty of treason because his C. L. Adkins and family, Mrs. J. M. spent Sunday in the H. H. Hopkins'

Little J. F. Matthews Jr. has been

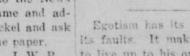
C. J. Fox has a new Ford touring

Rev. McNair and family of Thalia spent Sunday in the C. J. Fox home. Dr. Belt of Taylor County came in les while other people are telling you Saturday to treat Luther Townley who has been poorly of late.

P. S. Skipworth has put a new tele-!

begin talking about your own troub

Egotism has its virtues as well as phone in his home, its faults. It makes a fellow hustle Melvin Ruckman and wife were J. W. B. to live up to his opinion of himself. shopping in Crowell Thursday.



If you want to become unpopular,

such a fire had it gained good head-

carrying the fuel from his own wood people of the country as to the dang- been in its path Johnson, F. L. Martin, Mr. Collins, earnest, zealous and successful in ties into many of the Northern and to luck.

> seas. Across the waters, however, ORIENT GRANTED the first robed figure to make his appearance in public was taken in charge and brought before the civil authorities, and in all probability the little thing has been brought under control over there. The American Oklahoma City, Dec. 11 .-- The corin one of the dailies recently:

of the American Unity League.

Rutledge, executive secretary of the where published. league, are Illinois, Indiana, Washing-



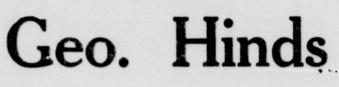


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Agent



You will want FRUITS, NUTS, CANDIES, RAISINS,

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS Crowell, Texas, December 8, 1922

Allen French of Rayland was in Chalia Wednesday.

Mrs. Luther Ward has been very sick the past week.

T. M. Haney was a business visitor in Dallas last week.

Lee Shultz put on a picture show here Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Spears of Crowell attended church here Sunday.

Will Awbrey moved his family from here to Crowell Saturday.

Dr. Belt of Blair, Texas, was here last week looking for a location.

Mrs. T. M. Haney and daughter, Miss Leta, were in Crowell Tuesday.

Christine Gregory of Vernon spent Saturday and Sunday with Leta Haney.

Elder J. T. Cabe of Electra preached here Saturday night at the Church of Christ.

The farmers are taking advantage of the cold spell to butcher their hogs and beeves.

Elder W. A. Bentley of Abilene preached here Sunday at 11 and again Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Capps were here from Crowell Sunday to hear Bro. Bentley preach.

A fine baby girl made its appearance in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burress Weaver, the 10th.

There were quite a few went from here to Crowell Sunday afternoon to hear Bro. Bentley preach.

Otto Schroeder, Rudolph Cofell, R. G. Nichols and J. G. Thompson were Crowell visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Nichols and hildren visited his sister, Mrs. Jno Shirley at Crowell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rennels of Crowell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Owens and little son of Crowell visited Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Randolph Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Ward of Rayland attended the bedside of Mrs. Luther Ward Monday and Tuesday.

Some of the young folks of Crowell visited Sylvan Haney at the home of his parents in Thalia one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Talmage passed through here Tues- jured. er father's here at the Baptist church last Sun-

Hunter.

The Klan

example, are an open order openly

arrived at. They have often fought

pitched battles with their opponents

which entailed some risk to them-

selves. They have operated by day

signed to promote the flow of saliva

Judge would rather chew gum.

Most men are great in one way or another, but the public does not know!

Some people never admit defeat be-

the one from the other.

all manner of violence.

Our Furniture Store Is a Good Place to Buy Gifts

Here one can buy such gifts that will be useful as well as ornamental, and every member of the household can use and have pleasure in.

FURNITURE is a necessity, and if rightly chosen is always a delight and a joy. Thousands of dollars are thrown away every year on worthless toys and other gifts that are soon destroyed or become useless and valueless. Good FURNITURE will last for years. Every member of the home, or those who are entertained there, can enjoy it.

We offer a few of the articles below, that one may select here, which will be of interest to every home lover.

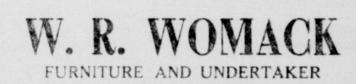
We do not exaggerate or boast when we offer you two of the finest Phonographs in the whole world. The NEW EDISON and THE BRUNSWICK. The New Edison is so well known that it does not need much introduction here. Suffice it, that the fact that Mr. Edison has subjected his machines to thousands of tone tests all over the United States to over 5,000,000 people and it has been universally established that the real music and reproduced music are exactly alike. So when you hear a Re-Creation of a fine artist, you have it as though the artist was before you. We have New Edisons at \$145.00 to \$295.00, in upright and Console models. Amberol (cylender record type) \$36.00 to \$56.00.

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Everyone likes a red cedar chest-we have them for children and grownups.

For children, we have cedar chests, doll buggies, flivvers, rockers, straight chairs, high chairs.



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Jews Need Not Fight Klan. Says Gerard Crowell, Texas, December 15, 19

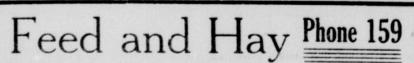
GRAPES, MINCE MEAT

and the thousand and one good things that go to make up the Christmas dinner.

We are prepared for your every need in this line, and if you give us your order we will guarantee you satisfaction in the ingredients.

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An Up-to-Date Shop In Every; Particular

C. T. SCHLAGAL, Proprietor

Uncle Jake Middlebrook was here day and Sunday night by Bro. Mcfrom Margaret last week and bought Crory. some of the surplus chickens and turkeys.

church Saturday night, Sunday and nice time. Sunday night. Rev. McNair did the

preaching.

Hathaway's new house last week. Work on Walter Banister's house is almost completed.

This writer received some very fine | There is enough of resemblance besausage from a nephew at Crowell tween the Fascisti of Italy and our giving, he said, was that there still Tuesday which we enjoyed very much. own Ku Klux Klan to link the two is liberty in America, "but," he said; Many thanks, Charley.

MARGARET NEWS (By Special Correspondent)

Mr. Holdman has been sick this week.

The Margaret basket ball girls will play Baley high Friday.

John Bradford has returned home from a visit to Tennessee.

as well as by night, and without Ab Dunn has sold his restaurant masks. And they have sought and at this place to Joe Bledsoe. assumed the responsibiltiies of actual

government, instead of meddling ir-Mr. and Mrs. Grady Weathers movresponsibility with private morals. ed into a house by themselves last week

The ladies of the Baptist church Kligraphs, Klonclaves or the other are very busy preparing a Christmas Klandestine Klaptrap that makes our program.

As it has turned cold almost every one killed their hogs Monday and Tuesday.

Misses Olive, Edra and Floyia Ingle man who invented it afflicted with spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. a cleft palate, or is it deliberately dend Mrs. J. S. Owens.

Bagley Russell sold Uncle Jake Judge. Middlebrook a turkey gobbler that weighed 36 pounds.

Misses Holly Walden and Mary Lou Fry attended the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night at Baley High.

cause they don't know they are de Mrs. F. E. Smith of Fort Worth, mother of Mrs. Henry Blevins, spent feated. last week with Mrs. W. T. Blevins.

Some women would be perfectly Foster Russell's clothes caught on willing to keep expense accounts if fire Saturday while he was repairing their husbands would furnish the car, but he was not seriously in- money to pay them with.

New York, Dec. 1 .- Jewish organizations need take no action against the Ku Klux Klan but must leave the There was a fruit supper at the task of combatting the body to Prot-

home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Haseloff estants, James W. Gerard, former am-There was preaching at the Baptist last Saturday night. All reported a bassador to Germany, told members of the congregation of B'Nai Jeshurun in a Thanksgiving Day address.

Leonard Deavenport and his sister, "I have been informed that a Jew-Mattie, of Lockett, spent Sunday aft- ish organization, B'Rith Abraham, Monta Wisdom papered Charley ernooh with Misses Belle and Edith has said it will crush the klan," Gerard said. "I will say to you that no Jewish organization need take any action. Leave it to us Protestants." The principal reason for Thanks-

"organizations like the klan are its in thought. Both are organizations of intolerant vigilantes who, in the enemies. Religion, morality and name of law and order, eagerly take Americanism do not need masks." the law into their own hands and do

Stock tubs, barrels, cisterns, flues But their dissimilarities are even and all kinds of tin and pipe work .more interesting. The Fascisti, for T. L. Hayes. tf

Notice

No trespassing or hunting permitted in my pasture .- Furd Halsell. tf

Knox City Sanitarium

A nice quiet homelike place, We have yet to hear also that they where you can have the comindulge in anything like Kleagles, forts of a home with the advantages of a light, sanitary, up-to-date operating room Ku Klux tyranny as ridiculous as it ready for any emergency. is cowardly. Evidently the 100 per Under the care of the best of cent Italian prefers a little dignity. nurses with my careful per-What is the explanation of such a sonal attention. nomenclature, any way? Was the

T. S. EDWARDS, Surgeon.

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vice unexcelled."

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the measure."



II, Texas, December 15, 1922

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- It enhances your credit. 4.
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We Americans consider ourselves a God fearing people, and the world so considers us-and perhaps we are. But how much does the average man know of God and His ways? Test yourself by answering these questions, and then cogitate upon how ittle you really know: How did God create the world? How many years did Adam live, and how did he die? Why did God make the skins of

As the Editor Sees It

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

ome people white, and some red, and others brown, or yellow, or black? Why does God permit some chil-

dren to be born in deformity, or imbecility, or both? What were the first and last mira-

cles in the life of Christ? What is the first word in the old

testament? What is the last word in the new

testament? How many times have you read

either from cover to cover? What period of time is covered in

- the old testament? What period is covered in the new estament?
- What is an act of God? When did you last attend church? How long has it been since you opned the Bible in your home?

How thick was the dust? "It is what the people want." That is the only excuse that can be

offered by the publishers of our great ity dailies for the exageration and ensationalism that appears in their

If that be true, what's the matter with the people?

There was a time when a sensaional sheet would not be tolerated in ny respectable home.

Now sensationalism means a big irculation and a corresponding in ease in advertising rates. And it is from advertising that ewspapers make their money. It seems to be up to the dear peo

As usual, there are many people ho are more or less disgruntled over of the recent elections. If each case were investigated it No hunting or wood hauling is al- might be found that a majority of the loudest growlers did not even vote

tf Some people will inconvenience

Holiday Merchandise

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White Ivory Goods, Perfumes, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Powders, Stationery, Candy, Fountain Pens, Signet Pencils, Brushes. Combs, Sonne.

-Come in and See Other Suggestions

Fergeson Bros.

The Renall Store

themselves to any extent in order to vote, and then accept the will of the majority with the best grace possible. Others are "too busy to vote," but can always find time for airini a

The Crowell Barber Shop



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J. H. Self & Sons

grouch

If you deserve to have nice things said about you, rest assured that somebody is saying them. Your commendable acts do not go unnoticed.

The trouble with some people, though, is that they expect everybody to commend them, and if we were all engaged in "tooting the horn" of one person we would have no time left in which to "whoop it up" for other deserving ones.

Be satisfied with the lion's share, and give the lambs an opportunity to be recognized.

We do not agree with the president in his assertion that this is a time for constructive effort. Constructive performance is what we need.

It isn't always the man with the biggest mouth that makes the loudest noise. It requires lungs to do that. And it isn't always the man with the biggest head that has the most intelligence. Some heads are merely flesh and bone plus nothing.

SEND 'EM ALONG

The visit of the "Tiger of France" to the United States is beginning to bear fruit-of a different kind.

He has been doing some plain speaking in his public addresses, with the result that other countries are speaking up and are accusing France of thwarting every attempt to establiss a European peace on a sane and safe basis.

Now let's have a few more foreign dignitaries over, and perhaps in time we will be able to determine what's the matter with Europe.

Absolutely honest business men do not have to advertise their honesty. Their scarcity does that.

Some people can't stand prosperity because they never have a chance.

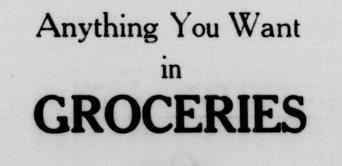
Some men are always kind to their wives. It's the safest way.

Lard cans that are sanitary .- M. S Henry & Co.

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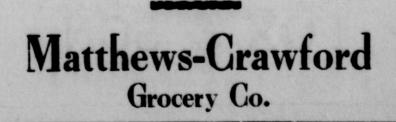
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Time and worry will be saved if you make this your Christmas buying store for Groceries.



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Crowell, Texas, December 15, 1922

JOHN W. EVANS PASSES AWAY AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

son Evans died Nov. 29th, after hav- phans Home Day and we are expect- of the masterpieces of archetecture. ing been confined to his bed for sev- ing G. W. Backus of Vernon to be sculpture, and painting will be held eral weeks. He was born October 1, with us, who will tell us the story of to raise funds for the purchase of pic-1852, being at his death past seventy our orphans home down at Waco and tures for the schoolrooms and corriyears of age.

till just a few months ago when his day will be observed in all the church- a child cannot be overestimated. The health failed him. Funeral services es of the conference. Let us bring a trend of many a life has been influwere held in the Baptist church at liberal offering to these unfortunate enced by a single picture. Margaret. Rev. J. E. Billington of children. The pastor will preach at Your attendance at the Exhibit will Crowell conducted the service in the the evening service. absence of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Mc- We are glad to see the interest be- Company has offered to affix, with-Crory, who was called to Chillicothe ing taken by the Sunday School and out charge, on each picture presented to conduct a service at the same hour membership in our Christmas service. to the school by an individual or sofor Mrs. R. L. McKinnon who was While the idea is not new, yet it is ciety, a brass plate, consisting of two striken with paralysis.

etery.

and son, Gomet, and five daughters, consist of song, Scripture reading, I hope that you will be interested Hunter, and Mrs. Grady Withers of will be in most part the old Christ- importance. Margaret, and Mrs. Tom Russeli of mas carois, the stories will be based Electra, and Miss Maggie Evans of on the meaning and birth of our Lord, Temple.

sympathy to the bereaved family. greatest gift of all will be self and

hungry career of the present county sist of a pledge to more faithful serofficials was served to them and their vice to our church and our Lord. The employees and families Monday at gift of substance may be of money or the court house. According to plans, of other gifts, for either some local the ladies arranged the table in the object or some of the organized work office of the County Agent and at 12 of the church. o'clock nothing was lacking. There And so we come bringing our gifts, was everything that hungry man knowing that the King will not regard could wish: chicken a la six ways, not one gift above another, so long as they to mention the other delicious viands; are white. salads and kindred dishes as varied and numerous as the ladies who prepared them; pies and cakes of every nationality and various other delicacies and goodies too numerous to ficials.

gave the men the best of everything. day, Dec. 18th. They served the men first and later This picture was made in France thereof. served themselves. One enjoyable during the war and is not merely the feature of the occasion was absence or portraval of some one's imagination all formality. Everybody seemed per- as to how the war was fought. past to the limit of his belt.

enjoyed a few minutes social conver- were stopped by America's answer. Thanks to the ladies.

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give us an opportunity to make our dors. Mr. Evans was a very active man Christmas offering to this home. This The influence of good pictures upon

Mr. Evans is survived by his wife the occasion. The program itself will ture fund, will be most welcome.

and the giving will be in three parts! Friends of the family extend their self, service, substance. But the may there be many on this glad

DINNER FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS Christmas day, who will give themselves to Him who gave his life for The most sumptuous feed in the them. The gift of service will con-

T. C. WILLETT, Pastor.

"AMERICA'S ANSWER"

The Gordon J. Ford Post of the to do. mention. Thanks was offered and American Legion of Crowell has then commenced one of the busiest been fortunate in securing one of the portant political step for a woman is hours in the term of the present of- official pictures of the World War, to make a careful study of civic con-"America's Answer," and will show ditions in the home community, and As is always the case, the ladies this picture at the opera house Mon- then devote all of her strength to

fectly "at home," and enjoyed the re- In "America's Answer" you will After everybody had satisfied their by Americans on foreign soil, things who cared for them, while the others War, death, pestilence and conquest bilities.

sation. It was a great time for all The Legion is to be commended for the work it is doing along this and other lines, as it is here giv-

ing the people a chance to see on the

Card of Thanks

who helped fight the fire that broke

MRS. FANNIE THACKER.

Art for School

Recognizing the fact that our schoolrooms are in need of educational pictures, I have arranged, with the hearty support of my teachers, to hold the Elson Art Exhibit in the auditorium of high school building; from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M., Jan. 24th to 27th, inclusive.

The Elson Educational Art Exhibi-At his home in Margaret, John Wil- Next Sunday morning will be Or- tion of 200 large direct reproductions

greatly encourage us. The Elson somewhat different from what we lines inscribed, "Presented by-" with The burial was in the Crowell cem- have been used to, but we think more the name of one donor. Such a gift. nearly in keeping with the spirit of or any special contribution to the pic-

Mrs. I. W. Middlebrook, Mrs. Worth prayer, story and giving. The songs in what seems to us to be of vital

Cordially yours. R. C. CAMPBELL.

Step by Step Is Better

At last a woman has been sworn in as a senator of the United States. True, she served only one day, having been appointed to fill out an un-

milestone in the political advancement of American womanhood, a milestone that is destined to shine brightly in the history of our country. We decry, however, the apparent tendency of some of our women with political ambitions to scale the heights at one bound.

It would be much wiser and decidedly safer to climb the ladder step by step, as the average man is required

As we see it, about the first imremedying undesirable features

There are numerous local offices that could be filled by women as well as by men, and after a few terms in such offices their perspective would see the things that were accomplished be enlarged and broadened and they would become better fitted for the hunger, cigars were served to those that led to the downfall of Kulture. higher political honors and responsi-

> A woman can not expect to make December 13. an artistic gown without first learn-



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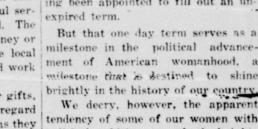
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ADELPHIAN CLUB

Mrs. Murry Martin was hostess to SHERIFF'S SALE the Adelphian Club on Wednesday, THE STATE OF TEXAS, county of Foard.

Building something? Use Certainteed roofing .- M. S. Henry & Co.

R. T. GROVES



CONTRIBUTED.

We object to the statement that screen some of the hardships, sacrithere are no modest women left in fices and bravery of the boys in the the world. There are a few who A. E. F., and they feel that no good citizenship. haven't money enough to buy a mod- American citizen can see this picture ern gown.

There are but twenty-four hours of toward the American Legion and its But it is better to begin at the bot-Christmas, but that is plenty long cause. enough for the poor devil who pays the bills.

he sees them, but don't let this fact corner.

again the poor old job must be getting mighty darned tired.

A pessimist is his own worst ene-They say love comes unbidden, but my. He knows a good thing when he many a time money pushes it along. sees it but is too stubborn to grab it.

Xmas Groceries

We are making special efforts to have what our customers may want in Christmas Groceries. Looking to that end we expect to take care of your wants in the line of fruits of the finest and best flavors and will have a complete line of all ingredients necessary for Christmas cooking.

And we would remind you that if you would have the best of cakes you will want the best of flour. That we have in the celebrated

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Buy this and your bread and cake wants will be solved. Every sack guaranteed.

FOX & SON

In Ringgold Blgd.

ing to sew, and neither can she expect "Pelleas and Melisande," a play by out of the Honorable District Court of to make a success as a public official Maurice Maeterlink, the Shakespare Wilbarger County, on the 25th day of without first becoming thoroughly of Belgium, was studied. The play, November, A. D., 1922, by the clerk familiar with the important duties of a tragedy, has for its theme an as-

without becoming a little more Amer. the past few years, and she will make tistic treatment of the universal pas- No. 3190, and to me, as sheriff, 'diican and having a little better feeling greater ones in the years to come.

> tom and work up than to begin at the by a Christmas interlude made up of top and not know how to work.

C. E. Anderson and family left the gend. The devil knows his friends when I wish to extend my thanks to those first of the week for Gasoline, Texas, where Mr. Anderson recently bought tractive refreshment plate was handprompt you to dodge around the out in my building last Saturday. I land. Mr. Anderson has been one of ed the members and club guests, Mes- erty, to-wit: realize that it was their service, some the county's best citizens for a num- dames Roy Ricks and Evans Mitchell. of which was rendered at a risk, that ber of years and the moving away of Plate favors were sprigs of holly .--With congress back on the job made it possible to save the building. this family is regretted by the many Reporter. friends.

> Mort Merrill and wife of Lubbock were here last Friday on account of of H. T. Kenner, but arrived late for the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill were neighbors of Mr. Kenner in Collin County many years ago.

Bargain Sale-Three choice business Self. Jimmie is bookkeeper for J. H. lots in Crowell. Lots 8 and 9, block Self & Sons. 77, and lot 1 in block 92. Price \$1,000. Terms, cash or one-fourth cash, balance in payments. See T. N. Bell, Self Dry Goods Co., and Miss Lillian agent.

R. H. Adkinson and G. W. Milburn of Childress, nephews of the late H. T. Kenner, were here last Friday to at hides at B. F. Ringgold's variety tend the funeral services of their deceased uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wiggins came in W. H. Dougherty of Gainesville was last Thursday from Electra. Mr. in Crowell Sunday en route to Floy-Wiggins is able to be up some and it dada. He was taken to Paducah by is thought he is slowly recovering Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Henry. from a severe illness.

Dr. M. M. Hart left Monday for East Texas to visit his brother, Jim Hart, and do some work in his profession. See the 90th, 36th, 89th, 1st, 2nd,

5th and 6th Divisions in action-"America's Answer"-Opera House, Monday, Dec. 18th. Heaviest unions for men, \$1.00 .---

Self's Sale.

sions, jealousy and love.

After a short business session,

The study of the play was followed a brief study of the "Sistine Madonna" by Raphael and a Christmas Le-

At the close of the lesson an at-

REGISTER CARS

All owners of cars are requested to come in and register them for 1923. L. D. CAMPBELL.

Jimmie Self left Wednesday night 27 for Buffalo, Mo., to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L.

Miss Flay Black, trimmer for the 29 Finklea, trimmer for the R. B. Edwards Co., leave today for Dallas.

Furs Wanted-Wolf and skunk store. No lot too small or too large to handle. Crowell, Texas.

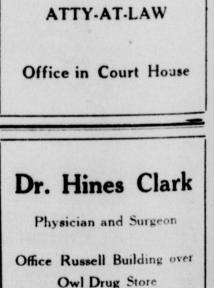
You can save big money on groceries if you buy at the reduced prices we are offering. See regular ad. in another column.-Russell Gro. Co. J. G. Witherspoon left Monday for with sour bile crashes into it, break- you right up and make you feel fine Hollis, Okla., where he expects to ing it up. This is when you feel that and vigorous I want you to go back

-Self's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued thereof, in the case of The First State pect of the eternal triangle and makes Bank of Crowell, a corporation, versus Woman has made giant strides in a universal appeal because of the ar- Frank Simpson and P. S. Skipworth, rected and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D., 1923, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the court house door of said Foard County, in the town of Crowell, the following described prop-

> The southwest one-fourth of section nineteen (19) in block eight (8), H. & T. C. Ry. Co.'s surveys in Wilbarger and Foard Counties, Texas, levied on as the property of Frank Simpson. to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$4,145.27 in favor of The First State Bank of Crowell, a corporation, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of December, A. D., 1922. 27 L. D. CAMPBELL, Sheriff.



Office Tel. 27 Res. Tel. 62

IF SICK, BILIOUS! START YOUR LIVER

Don't Take Calomel! "Dodson's Liver Tone" Acts Better and Doesn't Gripe, Salivate or Make You Sick-Don't Lose a Day's Work-Read Guarantee

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's or stomach sour, just try a spoonful horrible! Take a dose of the danger- of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone toous drug tonight and tomorrow you night. may lose a day's work.

which causes necrosis of the bones. son's Liver Tone for a few cents. Take Calomel, when it comes into contact a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten spend the winter with his daughter, awful nausea and cramping. If you to the store and get your money. are sluggish and "all knocked out," if Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the your liver is torpid and bowels con- sale of calomel because it is real liver 2,000 pairs counter bargain shoes. stipated or you have headache, dizzi-sale of calomel because therefore medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore

Here's my guarantee-Go to any Calomel is mercury or quicksilver drug store and get a bottle of Dodness, coated tongue, if breath is bad it can not salivate or make you sick.

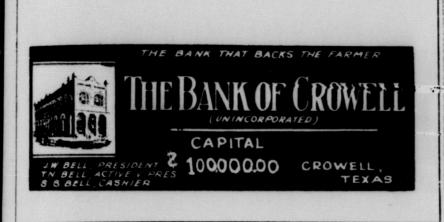
Crowell, Texas, December 15,





The responsibility and handling of a bank account in youth is worth more to the future independence, economic welfare, of your child than nine-tenths of the other training he receives.

It is worth while to the future of your child that you start an account for him at this time. Make his a Christmas present a Bank Account.



LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Sale on everything-Self's. Ford for sale .- Hi-Way Garage. 13 Sanitary lard cans .- M. S. Henry & Co. bargains Saturday-Self's Extra Sale See the Mac Dry battery at Hi-Way Garage Winchester flash lights .-- M. S. Henry & Co. Car of P. & O. listers just arrived. J. H. Self & Sons. Buy a man's gift at a man's store. The Magee Toggery. Jersey milch cows in the county .-- J. most appreciated gift .-- Owl Drug

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16th Henry & Co. Store, Crowell, Texas. t ry and Co.

Men's khaki pants \$1.40 .- Self's. Edison ince balbs .- M. S. Henry & Jim Bell and H. J. Crosnoe shipped Millinery less than half .-- Self's last Saturday. Sale. See the Mac Dry battery at Hi-Way want if you like good bread. Found Garage. Remember the Gift Shop Dec. 15th A full assortment of Christmas and 16th. Second hand buggy for sale .-- J. H. Crowell, Texas. Self & Sons. Special prices on groceries at Russell Gro. Co For Sale-One Jersey milch cow with calf .- M. L. Hughston. We can save you money on your Holiday gifts .- Owl Drug Store. For Sale-One of the very best Fresh assortment of Xmas candies, Crowell Circuit, Methodist Church,

Store. We have a few good work mules Buy your Christmas gifts from the r sale on reasonable terms .- M. S. Columbian Gift Shop Dec. 15th and 26 Furs Wanted-Wolf and skunk We have a good stock of lard cans Mrs. R. J. Roberts. hides bought at Ringgold's Variety and hog killing supplies .-- M. S. Hen-

Ladies' silk dresses \$5.00 .- Self's Sale. See the Mac Dry battery at Hi-Way Garage.

Home-made candy at the postoffice Dec. 23rd. 27 All-wool trousers for men, \$4.50 .-Self's Sale

Practical gifts for the men folks at The Magee Toggery.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15th and 16th, the Gift Shop. Good second hand Ford motor for sale .- Self Motor Co.

Gifts that are both beautiful and useful.-Owl Drug Store.

Phone 224 for gasoline and kerosene -Magnolia Petroleum Co.

120 acres of wheat land for sale. All good stand .-- Ray Pyle. 27p

No. 111 and 411 lister, P. & O. in stock now .- J. H. Self & Sons.

It's alcohol time. Let us fill your your radiator .- Self Motor Co.

Apex vacuum cleaner, a useful gift for mother .-- J. H. Self & Sons.

You can get a good aluminum tea pot for \$1.00 at M. S. Henry & Co. Buy your Xmas gifts where they are priced the lowest .- Owl Drug Store.

If you buy Oriole flour your bread troubles will be small. Get it at Fox & Son's.

Come in and buy your groceries while prices are reduced at Russell Gro. Co.

November Special! A good aluminum roaster only \$1.00 .- M. S. Henry & Co.

"The Kimbell Gin of Crowell will gin only one more day, Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922. 27

No hunting allowed on my ranch in Foard and Knox Counties .- J. H. Minnick. 27p Rev. R. H. Cooper of Fayette, Mo., is here visiting the family of his son,

R. H. Cooper.

seven cars of cattle to Wichita, Kan.,

Oriole is the name of the flour you at Fox & Son's.

26 toys at B. F. Ringgold's variety store,

Buy your Xmas candy from the Young Woman's Auxiliary at the postoffice Dec. 23rd. 27

For Rent-A 5-room house in Crowell with all common conveniences, water, etc.-R. B. Lilly, Foard City.

Rev. A. P. Hightower, pastor of will preach at Foard City next Sunday, Dec. 17.

Three large stray ducks came to

Ford Day Sale

Continues with the very best of prices on everything. Just a few of the many good things for Saturday and all next week.

Men's Good Work Shoes \$1.95
Men's Heavy Overcoats \$10.00
Men's 16-lb. Ribbed Unions
Ladies Hose, per pair
Best, Heaviest Outing
Men's Suits, all wool for \$15.00
Ladies Silk Hose, per pair\$1.00
Ladies All-wool Dresses just arrived for \$5.00
Ladies Suits, New Ones, for \$15.00
Ladies House Dresses for \$1.00
Everything in store on sale and price has been
reduced on everything. Don't fail to visit our
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store during this sale.

Self Dry Goods Co.

Best shoe bargains at Self's Sale. "America's Answer"-Opera House, Self's Sale. Monday, Dec. 18th. We'll fix that flash lig

Ford car for sale in good condition. -Roy Todd.

"America's Answer," an official war For Sale-Mammoth Bronz turkeys, Those having 50 or more coupons will picture, made in France during the hens \$5.00, and toms \$10.00 each .- send them in and get a cake .- Bon war. Opera House, Monday, Dec. 18. Mrs. J. S. Bell.

my place Tuesday night. Owner may get them by paying for this notice .- M. S. Henry & Co.

Coupons on "75 fat boys" given by the Bon Ton Bakery is discontinued.

26p Ton Bakery, Quanah, Texas.

26 A silver fruit basket, a real Xmas present, at J. H. Self & Sons.

For a good roofing use Certainteed roofing .- M. S. Henry & Co.

We have several good bargains in used Ford cars .- Self Motor Co. 26

Christmas gifts for every member of the family at Self Hdw. store. If you want a good flashlight get

Winchester .- M. S. Henry & Co. Why worry about gifts? Let us solve your problem .-- Owl Drug Store. November Special! A good aluminum roaster only \$1.00.-M. S. Henrv & Co.

Do you appreciate good bread? Then get a sack of Oriole flour at Fox & Son's.

For Sale-Mammouth Bronz gobblers at \$8.00 each.-Mrs. W. O. Miles, Foard City. 26p He will be pleased with his Xmas

gift if he knows that it came from The Magee Toggery. Get a sack of Oriole flour, one of

the best brands on the market, at Fox & Son's grocery store.

If you are uncertain what to give 'him," you can get an inspiration from a visit to the Owl Drug Store. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pyle of the Ayersville community are the proud parents of a fine boy which arrived Dec. 6th. Every one in Foard County is invited to inspect the Christmas toys at B. F. Ringgold's variety store, Crow-27 ell. Texas.

Tombstones-I represent one of the largest tombstone houses in the world, Coggins Marble Co., Canton, Ga., and will be pleased to show you samples and designs in marble or granite.-J. A. Ashford. 28

Let us make you a loan on your land through The Dallas Joint Land Bank at 6 per cent on the Amortization plan. No loan made for more than \$100,000.00. You don't have to take stock in Bank .- N. J. Roberts.tf A letter was received by Austin Wiggins Wednesday stating that his

sister, Mrs. E. C. Snapp, of Greenbush, Ill., had just died. Mrs. Snapp was the youngest of the Wiggins children. Many of the people here will remember them.

Candy! Candy! Candy at postoffice Dec. 23rd.

No trouble carrying home your

Xmas purchases, we will deliver them

Magnolia products. Phone 224.

for you .--- The Magee Toggery.

Shoe bargains cannot be beat at

All-wool worsted men's suits for Livestock, Automobile, Cot-\$19.50 .- Self's Sale.

27p

Gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oils, ton.

LEO SPENCER

Insurance

Fire, Tornado, Hail, Farm,



Many questions confront you every day. Possibly one of them is WHERE you will have your Bank account. May we answer that?

If you haven't already solved this important question, permit us to offer you the services of our reliable Bank. The matter of being associated with a strong, conservative yet modern bank, is important. We offer you every convenience of modern banking and we want you with us. Come now and settle for good the question as to WHERE you will do your banking.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF CROWELL M. L. HUGHSTON, Vice President SAM CREWS, Cash.

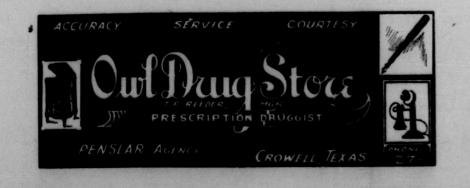
The best and lowest priced assortment of Toys in town

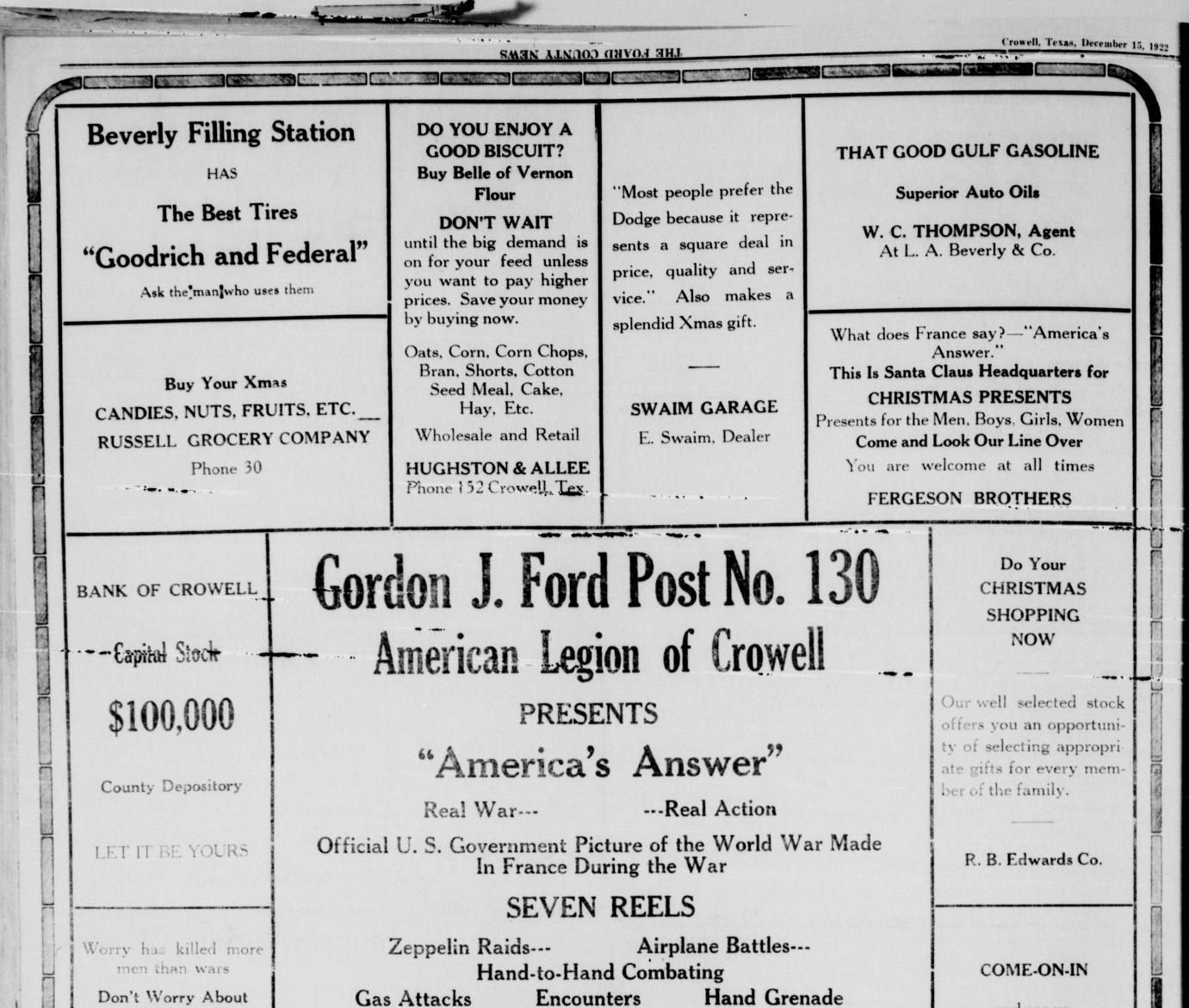
Xmas Bargains

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By letting us be your Santa Claus





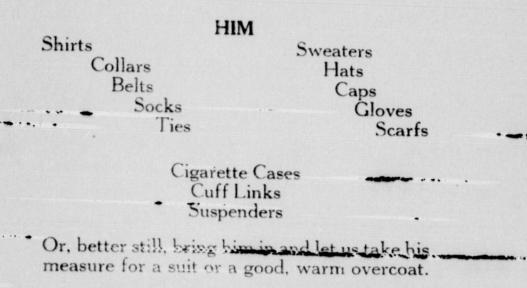
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		Should be bought at a MAN'S STORE The Magee Toggery	friend to the American Legion. Drinks of all kinds served after the show. Visit Us for PROMPT SERVICE	"America's Educa MASSIE-S	Answer''—Thrilling, tional, Authentic PECK GROCEY CO. "Light Crust" and n of the Pantry" Flours

well, Texas, December 15, 1922

This Xmas

Should Be a **Practical Gift Xmas**

Below we offer a few suggestions for useful and practical gifts for



A MAN'S GIFT SHOULD BE BOUGHT AT A MAN'S STORE We Will Deliver Your Christmas Purchases



Dodge Brothers touring cars \$1,005.00, roadsters \$975.00, f. o. b. Thompson-Harvey

Leagues Will Elect Officers

ss Pauline Harvey, well known The senior and intermediate league

THE FOARD COLLES SALENCE

How to Keep Laying

By F. W. Kazmeier greatest consuming market of eggs, bed comfortably in the winter and day. strike, not a hunger strike, but they fort for the hens. have gone on an egg strike, by agree- Heating Hen Howses Not Necessary can eat and drink and live in peace

ing not to produce any eggs. I think Some people that are interested in and comfort. You will be surprised everybody will admit there must be providing comfort for the hens think at the results. I know of no kind of reason and there is.

house and she will not produce any doubt be created would be sure to give eggs. You would be fortunate if she the fowls colds. A hen can stand condid not contract a disease and die.

best laying mashes, or all the egg at night where it is dry and where the mashes in the world and permit her wind cannot blow under her feathers. to remain in an uncomfortable hen In the winter all shutters and winhouse and she would probably not lay dows should be closed tight on all a single egg.

eggs, the feeding alone will not make all day and all night. The fowls need we have a comfortable place for the out it they will soon get sick. A close fowls to stay, we surely will be dis- house is sure to give the fowls all appointed in their egg production. kinds of roun and colds. The open Juanita Campbell.

Texas has no place that is really their the requirements better own. They are driven from one place other type. Do not let they may have the opportunity to be so it will keep the house dry. The bilities -Ola Carter. cost in the barn only to be chased, floor must be dry at all times and out the next day. Such treatment will should always have a deep, loose, dry Maye Andrews,

without a home. You go poultry. where there is no for the hens or no hen house. at this time of the year, you will find none at all. If I could take some them them standing around humped up. with ruffled plumage, under milding or in the corner of a fence They appear discouraged, weak, cold and uncomfortable You do not hear them happily singing. No, not a sound comes from them, not even a complaint. Has anyone a right to expect eggs from a

the high cost of living. Now what of our readers into the hen houses do you hear when you approach a I have been in where, when you apflock with no comfortable hen houses, proached the house you could see the Hens Comfortable flock with no comfortable hen houses, proached the house you could see the you are very apt to hear absolutely, dismal appearance and where the

they have passed the dollar mark and sleep all night when they know that are retailing at \$1.25 per dozen. Peo- they have a flock of hens out in the ple still eat those high priced eggs cold, dreary, drizzly, unpleasant and others interested in giving the and are glad to get them. On our weather, almost freezing to death. I hen a chance. See what she will do own place they come out and almost could not sleep with a clear consci- for you. If you give her half a take them away from us, they are so ence. I am sincere in that statement. chance. Give her a place to stay and scarce and hard to get. From all ob- I would have to get up in the middle that she can consider all her own servations the hens have gone on a of the night and provide some com- where there won't be any rocks or

of heating the hen house. We have You can take a well bred hen and not found it wise to do this, because put her out in a dirty, drafty hen the various changes that would ne iderable sold without being uncom You could feed a flock of hens the 'fortable, if she has a place to roos sides excepting on the south side The breeding alone will not make where they should be left wide open unless along with these things fresh air in great abundance. With The average farm poultry flock in front fresh air houses appear to meet Today they may have to in the north, east or west ends outside in the trees, tomorrow a draft in the house. The roof must ducive to eggs in litter not less than 12 inches deen and winter, and it is good it A wet floor or damn litter is a comotherwise, the hens on all farms mon cause for all kinds of colds in

Cleanliness and Sanitation

nothing. If you hear anything you odor indicated an accumulation of will hear them sneezing, coughing, droppings over a year. No windows In the fall and winter when the rattling in the throat; you will hear or openings whatever. Just a hole, weather begins to get uncomfortable, them step from one foot onto the is about the best way of describing it. cold, dreary, wet and changeable, the other to keep them warm. You will A dark, dirty, wet, bad-smelling hole hens on our general farms where they hear them working in their plumage for the chickens to stay day and are more or less obliged to shift for in an effort to keep the mites from night. Is it any wonder that under themselves stop laying and as a re- eating them up. This is no exagger- such conditions the hens die? That sult, all over the country the price ation. Thousands of flocks of chick- is all they can do. Do not think that climbs and climbs, until at this writ- ens in Texas are doing this and all I am exaggerating, I am not. I am ing eggs are worth 50 cents per dozen of these things this very minute. Only describing the condition of in Texas and in New York City, our I cannot see how people can go to thousands of hen houses in Texas to-

Give Her a Chance

If we could only get our farmers corn cobs thrown at her. Where she live-stock that will repay good treatment as quickly as the hen.

Make Her Feel at Home and Comfortable

One of the greatest poultry authorities once said, "To make hens lay in the winter or any other time mak her feel at home, comfortable, happ and contented. A happy and singing hen is a laying hen. There is no doubt about this. Try it and see."

• B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject-The church, its members. Set in Michalean Scripture reading, Matt. 5:13-20. A regulated church membership .-A consecrated church membership.

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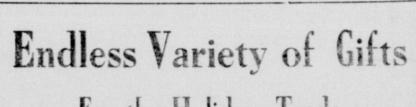
Church members have eges .- Mary Billington

Church members and their responsi-

Church members twice blessed.

Closing praver

You have noticed, no doubt, that some men are slow in making prom-A filthy hen house is worse than ises. They are the ones who keep



well.-E. Swaim, agent.

INSURANCE Fire, Tornado, Hail, Etc. Mrs. A. E. McLaughlin

PROTECTION

Or a shelter in the time of storm. Get a policy and hold on to it. It means self-respect. Nobody will have to pass the hat around should you be snatched away from your loved ones.

Let me explain to you about our new plan. 15-year participation feature. Ages from 15 to 60.

W. H. DUNAGAN With Southern Union Life Insurance Co. Waco, Tex.

The bride was charming in an attractive afternoon gown of nocturnal blue charmeuse, with hat, wrap, slippers and hose en suite. She is the at the Rockwell jewelry store." tioned with the national guardsmen ant that this be carried out. here, but having returned to civil

Denison Herald.

will have an election of officers Dec. Demison girl and Mr. Edward J. 17th at 2 o'clock. Thompson, formerly of Crowell, but

Every member is urged to be presrecently added to the citizenship of ent. A new roll will be made and if Denison, were united in marriage it is impossible for you to be present, We can take you out to one of our Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at send or phone your excuse, else your hen houses, especially built for the the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Estes, name will be left off roll. Hoping to see every boy and girl Sherman. The Rev. J. H. Baxter per-

present, we are. formed the ceremony in the presence Yours for a great year's work, of a small company of relatives and

EMILY PURCELL, Sunt. friends of the happy contractants. RUBY FOWLER, Asst. Supt.

Notice to Teachers

To teachers who attend the institute daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey, at Paducah: All teachers that arrive 331 West Munson street, and for the in Paducah Sunday, Dec. 17th, report past four years has been employed at the court house for assignment of rooms. Some one will be at the The bridegroom was recently sta- court house all day and it is import-

All teachers that arrive in Paducah life, has resumed his trade as automo- Monday are asked to go immediately bile mechanic, and is employed in a to the high school building. Your all of them on roosts that are clean local shop. He is the son of Mr. and baggage will be checked there, and Mrs. J. E. Thompson of Crowell .- your room assigned in the afternoon. G. L. BURK.

Card of Thanks

and grandfather.

argument and slow to quit is a bless- the sun early in the morning shines ing in a way. He prevents other through clean windows, and early

Regardless of the fact that Christmas is so near we do not see any bargain days advertised among the bootleggers.

Some people say that trouble multiplies itself, but we are not of an inquisitive turn of mind.

There are millions of good citizens in this country, but the bad ones make

most of the noise.

We need Americanism instead. Life is a burden only to those who make it so.

Phone 335

flock of chickens so treated. no one can have so little understand ing as to entertain such a thought but for a moment.

hens, where they have learned to stay and which they know is their own home, day and night. Here they are comfortable, dry in the wettest and most dreary weather. The cold wind cannot get to them. There are no cold winds to blow under their feathers. No cold rain or snow to freeze their feet. Here in the morning they can fly off their roosts, and jump down into a litter, that is about a foot deep, clean loose and dry Here they can start to work early digging for something to eat among the dry straw and hay. The floor is clean, everything is clean. It is a pleasure to go out into such a flock almost any time of the night and see and not alive with mites and room enough for the entire flock, and where the rain and cold wind cannot affect them, where if you stay but a minute, you will hear one or sev-

eral of the hens voice their approval We take this opportunity of ex- by singing out happily. In the day pressing our heartfelt thanks and time you can hear them happily singgratitude to our many friends and ing while they are working in the litneighbors for their kindness and the ter. You look at them and you will beautiful floral offering after the see their combs and wattles, you will sudden death of our husband, father see them digging in the litter, or eating and drinking something always.

THE ENTIRE KENNER FAMILY. You have but to glance towards the nest boxes and see that they are re-

The man who is quick to start an paying you for your kindness. Here people from wasting so much breath. starts the hens off the roosts. You don't see any standing around with hanging heads, droopy eyes, ruffled

feathers and humped up appearances. On the other hand, about the best way I can describe the actions in a comfortable hen house in the winter is to get about 200 feet away from the hen house and listen. You will hear a noise that sounds like a factory. You will hear them digging in

the litter and scratching for all they are worth. You will hear them flying from the roosts to the floor, to the

ical parties is that they are political! ing of the entire flock as they meranother has done her duty to reduce the tender, little bowels and gives you may get an imitation fig syrup.

For the Holiday Trade

TINE TO STORY OF THE STORY OF THE STORY

Practically our whole store is converted into one great gift department. Gifts everywhere. and of endless variety. Never have the people of this community had a better opportunity to select beautiful, useful and appropriate Christmas presents for men, women and children. There are so many hundreds of them we can not describe them in this ad, but will willingly display them for your inspection when you call.

Only eight more days to do your Christmas shopping.

CARTER'S VARIETY STORE



Even a sick child loves the "fruity" a well, playful child again. taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the Millions of mothers keep "California little stomach is upset, tongue coated, Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaor if your child is cross, feverish, full spoonful today saves a sick child tonest boxes, etc. You will hear a of cold, or has colic, a teaspoonful will morrow. Ask your druggist for gen-The great trouble with our polit- steady hum caused by the low sing- never fail to open the bowels. In a few uine "California Fig Syrup" which has hours you can see for yourself how directions for babies and children of rily work in the litter. Occasionally thoroughly it works all the constipa- all ages printed on bottle. Mother! you will hear a loud cackle indicating tion poison, sour bile and waste from You must say "California" or you

THE SOONER YOU BUY, THE MORE YOU SAVE Phone 152 HUGHSTON & ALLEE Office Hours 4-Year Graduate of 8 to 12 and 1:30 to 5:30 Carver College 7 to 9 other hours by appointment License in Oklahoma

Buy Your Feed Now

The feed crop of Texas is shorter than it has been for sev-

eral years, and as the demand increases through the winter

the price will naturally be considerably higher. Anticipate

your needs and buy now. We have just received several

cars of feed this week including Bran, Shorts, Corn, Corn

Chops, Oats, Cotton Seed Meal, Cake and Mixed Feed.

Dr. B. L. AVERY CHIROPRACTOR Over Bank of Crowell, Crowell, Texas

Crowell, Texas, December 15, 1922



We're All Set for an Old-Fashioned Christmas

It is the time of the year when folks begin to ponder over what to give for Christmas. This store has set its house in order for the Christmas Jubilee. We are ready with the beautiful, the rare, the serviceable, practical things for gifts. Read every item below. There is surely a suggestion that will help you solve your Christmas Gift problem.

HANKERCHIEFS

as gifts of appreciation and value. The wise shopper will profit by seeing the hundreds we have on sale.

LADIES' PURSES

A tremendous selection of the latest styles in all the popular leathers. \$3.50 to \$8.50 values, \$2.45 to \$6.95

SILK HOSIERY

Is always one of the most acceptable
Xmas gifts. During this sale we of-
fer our regular
\$2.00 Value for\$1.50
\$2.50 Value for\$1.95
\$3.00 Value for\$2.45
\$3.50 Value for\$2.85

TOWELS

You can rest assured that mother will always appreciate a fresh supply of big turkish towels. 3 for **\$1.00**

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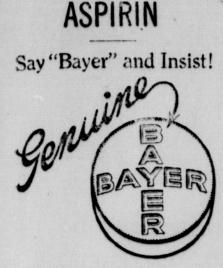
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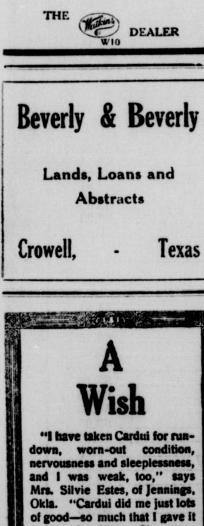
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Alan had been a rapid and tempestuous wooer. And when after their engagement, he settled down to an absorbed life of business, Pergy just could not understand it. At nest, she was too proud to inquire; then as eve. raining like the dickens." ning passed with Alan absent from her side, she reproved him with the tact of his inditterence. Alan was grievously surprised.

"Why, dear," he said, "don't you realize that I am hurrying now as fast as I can to make a nest for you?"

For the time being Peggy was placated. Then came the occasion of the necessary, Wellstown picnic, and Alan failed to arrive

Alan had forgotten; a big business deal had come up unexpectedly at the last moment, he explained, to take his up, boy! You look like attention. He would be with her as about to devour some un soon as a car could bring him. But angrily Peggy replied-she would go on with the crowd; and she went, only it was not exactly the crowd who accompanied Peggy, but one particular and delighted member.

Roy Ralph had long enviously regarded the lucky, as he called him, Alan. Roy was jolly and generous, ly and joyously substituted for the ab-

sent and unknowing Alan. "For if he does not care to inquire ding. I promised to be best man and fied hours in the city, why should I Gwen objected because they paired me enlighten him?" Alan's hancee asked herself.

One of the crowd, hailed the busilyengaged young man one day.

"Look here, Alan, how long do you intend to let Roy make hay while your sun shines?'

Though Alan laughed, the thought rancored.

"What did he mean?" he questioned Peggy. She laughed, "That you have a rival,

Alan. "But an engaged man may not have

a rival," he answered troubled, "you belong to me, Peg. That's why I'm working so hard to earn a home. "Better think of me, then, once in awhile," she smitingly warned him. Alan kissed her, comfortably assured.

But when again she was obliged to call him up regarding the entertainment course, and their tickets engaged for the evening. Alan concerned with a venture that promised much, answered abruptly, that he would be unable to go, and she must provide herself with other friendly escort. Peggy was more than annoyed; tears, not only of disappointment, coursed down her cheeks. Love was not so lax, she told herself bitterly-Alan did not really love her. Then indignation turned sorrow to anger.

"When I shall call you again, Alan said, "or when I shall want to see you-" trembling Peggy considered an impossibility. "Roses will grow in December."-"in our garden," added the flushed and turbulent Peggy.

Commercial Value of Immense Deposits

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

By BEE MCDONALD

Conservation and a second and a Newspaper Sy Jack Denton closed his desk with a bang, jammed his hat down on his

APRIL SHOWERS

head and started for the door. "Better take your slicker, Mr. Denton," suggested the office boy, "it's

Denton halted in his mad rush, right flanked and walked over to the window. "Humph!" he commented bitterly, half to himself. "Nature weep ing for her sins!"

Ordinarily Denton wouldn't have thought of venturing out in such a downpour unless it was absolutely

At the corner he met Byther, undoubtedly the best friend he had on earth, who pulled him under an awning to say, "For the love of Peter cheer

missionary. What's wrong, Nothing you can help; that itst the same, Jim, It's only that I've

discovered I can't stand this everlasting bickering with Gwen any longer, and I can't live without her, so what's a poor devil to do?"

"Quit this tommyrot and talk sense for one thing. Gwen is just like all women. You can't give them their way too much without spoiling them. What's the crouble this time?

dially lates, and she refused to go to the wedding."

"Take my advice and come with me to the wedding regardless. I'll guarantee everything will come out all right.'

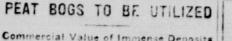
At this point the keeper of the store came out to pull up the awning and they discovered the sun was shining sum april a a main a manutod, Byther jovially, "They bring May flowers, so the saying goes. Take cour-

age, Jack." Denton hadn't the least idea what Byther was driving at when he gave his guarantee that everything would come out all right, but he knew his friend's reputation for resourcefulness. and somehow if gave him the courage. when he returned to his office, to telephone Gwen. "Friday, the 13th." he muttered, "but here goes, I'm leaving tomorrow for Elaine's wedding," he told Gwen. "Sure you won't change

your mind and come with me?" "I've told you what I'll do and that ends it." came the reply.

Denton went to the wedding. When he reached home he found a registered package. It contained the last remnant of his engagement to Gwendoline Spurlock.

For a week he neither saw nor heard anything of his former fiancee. In the meantime Byther, seeing Miss Spurlock coming his way on the opposite side of the street one morning. crossed over and contrived to meet her



in Northwest Germany Has Not Hitherto Been Realized.

The more or less successful installations in northwest Germany for the utilization of the immense post boys that exist there has led to the suggestion in England that the huge bog of Allen in Ireland may next become a great center of industry. The German undertaking has contemplated the bringing of a large part of the bogs under cultivation, together with the conversion of the peat into fuel, to be employed in the development of electrical energy for agricultural purposes, as well as for supplying light and power to a number of towns

situated within a radius of fifty miles. A network of canals is, it is reported, in process of formation to drain the ground, and the peat dredged out is to be utilized in the way just described. It is estimated that the gas produced from the peat will furnish work to the amount of 600 horse power hours for each ton, and a large quantity of ammonia will be recover d for use as fertilizer.-Washington

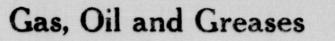
BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY

Star.



By J. L. MARTIN Syl Middlebrooks, the Taterhill aker, says that when the price of lour and eggs goes up, all that he has to do is to increase the size of the hole in his doughnuts.

DOUGHNUT: A circular portion of space around which is constructed a shell composed of dough, ggs and atmosphere. Bill Sam's Dicionary, page 40C.



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The telephone receiver snapped into its hook. But the very, very strangest thing was, that Alan appeared to take her at her word.

And when Roy again obligingly offered to take Alan's place as escort to his surprise and her own, he was curtly refused.

Moreover, as weeks passed, the girl seemed to lose interest in the gay little affairs that had formerly delighted her. Here also, Alan had deliberately absented himself.

It was two months since she had seen Alan's face. But of course, she told herself miserably, he never had loved her. Otherwise, it would be im- in telling everything nice any girl had possible for him to stay away. And at said about Jack Denton. By that time this time Alan was telling himself, and as miserably, that of fcourse Peg never had loved him- Otherwise, why should she have used such a hopeless simile, as roses growing in December, in her garden.

Peggy, coming around the corner beneath Alan's office windows, looked up with the old hope that ever promptly turned to disappointment. He was not near the window.

Now, Alan's business absorption was to dull an aching heart. So, went the man with a large umbrella held well sad world until-December. Both young people in their separate places thought of Peggy's idle words. Peggy, by her own fireside, jumped up hastily : "I'll do it." she remarked to the

amazed cat, dislodged from her knee. Alan banged shut his office desk. "I'm going home now," he informed his stenographer.

Upon the way home he was obliged to pass Peggy's house. Tonight, a yellow placard tacked on the veranda post, forcibly attracted his attention from some distance. He passed close to the veranda post; the placard read simply and astonishingly.

"Alan,-please go to the back door." Slowly, wonderingly, Alan went. At first he was unable to take in the situation. Then, illuminatingly, it burst upon him. For, in Peggy's garden in December, a rose tree grew in its decorated pot. Masterfully Alan rang the rear door bell; instantly, Peggy was at his side-in mother moment, in his claiming arms.

"I set the tree out as you came alone," she explained. "Darling !" eloquently answered Alan.

Italy Has the Same Problem. New Servant-So it is understood, the arm. I have my theater, my tea, my receiving day.

Mistress-Will it be necessary for as to teach you to play the plaus? -Il Numero (Turin).

"Why, good morning, stranger." he greeted cheerily. "I didn't see you at Jerry's wedding. Your splendid fiance was quite the handsomest piece of male property present. Polly Ackers announced her engagement at the wedding; romantic, wasn't it?"

Perhaps Byther noted Gwen's stony silence and icy glare, but if he did he gave no such sign. He ramped on. exclaiming suddenly, seizing her by the arm, "Quick, under this awning, it's beginning to rain!" Had it been any other time Gwen undoubtedly would have bidden him a curt good morning and gone her way, but the heavens proceeded to open -conveniently for the man-and she had no umbrella, so Byther utilized the time the rain had ceased and the sun smiled with Byther as he said, "April showers. They bring May flowers, so the saying does. Glad to have seen von, Gwen."

Poor Gwen! Her heart and mind were filled with a chaos of emotions. She sat down on a bench to collect her scattered thoughts and was lost to things about her until a splash on her hand drove her to the protection of a spreading tree, under which a down over his shoulders had just taken refuge.

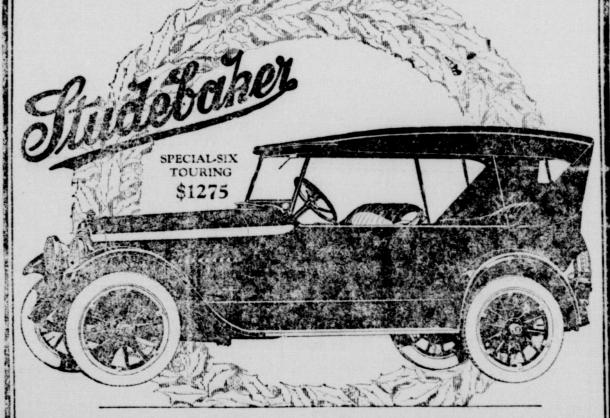
"Perhaps he will ask me to share ft." thought the girl. "Hope he's nice." She coughed a little by way of announcing herself, and the man lifted the rainshed. "Gwen!" he cried out. "You're getting seaked! Come under here this minute!"

He reached out and appropriated her arm without permission. Explanations weer not long forthcoming, but neither of these two, who felt that years had gone by since they had last met, sensed the strength of the storm until a violent gust blew Jack's umbrella inside out. Nothing undaunted, he promptly seized the battered shelter and held it over them by its apex. Then he repeated his interrupted question, the only question in the world at that moment. "And you'll wear my ring again, won't you, Gwen? Reach In my vest pocket and get it."

"You must put it on. Jack dear. I'll hold the umbrella."

The broken umbreila was brought down so far over their heads that it completely hid them from view, and for two foolish young lovers the driving fain had turned to a golden mist. Finally a policeman tapped Jack on

"What's the big idea?" he asked, laughing heartily in spite of himself. "Sun's been out for fifteen minutes. April showers bring May flowersthe saying goes.'



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1922, by McClure Newspaper Syndical "No. mother," and Constance shook

her bobbed head vigorously, "I am not going to marry George unless I am absolutely sure of myself-and him. I'm too modern and well trained to make a leap in the dark."

"And how," began her mother mildly, "do you propose to make yourself any surer than I already supposed you were, and may I ask, what does George think of all this?"

"George?" Constance answered her mother's second question first. "Why, George won't know anything about it until it's all over. Then, if he has failed, I'll simply say everything is at an end."

Constance rose with dignity and the impudence of the present young generation. "This is my marriage, mother," she said coldly, "and I'll attend to it!

Now her daughter's engagement to George Morse had come to Mrs. Peck as a blessing straight from heaven. That her restless, daredevil child should give herself to so splendid and dependable a man.

That evening Mrs. Peck contrived a moment alone with George as he waited for Constance to put a finishing touch or two before coming down to go with him to the annual ladies' night of the one club to which he belonged. And after a few moments' conversation Constance's earnest wound up almost tearfully, mother "Constance would never forgive me, George, if she knew I told you. But I did it for her good !"

"Don't worry, mother," said George, Tll never give you away. I'm a hundred times obliged and can promise you everything will turn out beautifully !"

At that moment Constance appeared, but, strange to say, she was t dressed for attending ladies' night Clad in short sport skirt, heavy sweater and woolen toque she seemed ready for an evening out of doors, "George," she began gently, "I don't

want to go a bit tonight. Instead, let's go over on Rennett's pond skating. Will you?" George had risen and, hands in his

pockets, was glowering, actually glowering, at Constance.

"What do you mean by this, Connie? You know I came here to take you. I'll walt exactly half an hour for you. Otherwise I go alone."

Remarkable to say, Constance, assisted by a mother who was inwardly wondering if she had been mistaken in George after all, was ready at the end of the half hour, and head high and chin proudly set marched off with George. The evening was not a particularly happy one.

Nor did Constance's two other carefully planned experiments meet with any more conspicuous success. Surcounding herself with half a dozen youngsters and two dogs just prior to this call the next afternoon, she staged the scene for test No. 2. George arrived, but instead of falling to and joining in their merry game, he rather peremptorily bade her "get rid of that gang and call off the confounded curs who were vapping at her heels " It was almost tearfully that Constance broached test No. 3. She hinted at it to George as they sat out in the couch hammock after the children had been dismissed.

Great-Grandfather Enlightens Flap per as to the Meaning of Some Terms of Long Ago.

SLANG OF "GOOD OLD DAYS"

"He's a poor nut !" jeered the flap per.

"In '59 we should have called him a 'ninny-hammer.'" put in her greatgrandfather, unexpectedly The flapper looked interested. "What was '59 for hip-pocket?" asked

"Bingo," answered the old man promptly. "And home brew we should have called 'blue-ruin'; 'a gentleman occasionally was 'disguised.'

"Go on," cried the flapper, delighted. "You, my dear"-he bowed to her-"would have been 'smart as a carrot' in my day. Some of your contemporaries I've seen 'slammocking' about in their 'clumpers,' more like men than women, but you are always--'jim-

my.' " "Next you'll be telling me you shimmied in '59!'

"No, we 'hopped.' Do you know what we meant by a 'hummer'?' "A good one," guessed the flapper,

"How did you get excited?" "We were in a 'pucker,' or we went on a 'burst.' or there was a 'plather.' '

said her great-grandfather. Then he ended: "But there's one word that your generation can't parallel. What did we mean by 'mannershit?'

"You have me, grandfather," admitted the flapper.

The old man opened a little, worn book on the table beside him and read "'Mannershit-a portion of a dish left by the guests, that the host may not feel himself reproached.' Those were good old days-what?" said he.

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"I couldn't marry anyone but a regular 'man's man'." she said, apropos of nothing at all. "I'm so glad you're that !"

"But am 1?" said George easily, "I'm sure that isn't the sort of a reputation I have among the fellows in the office. They consider me a regular lady killer! Look at you, for instance! How easily I captured you. And that reminds me: just when is to be our happy wedding day?"

For a moment Constance regarded him queerly. Then, "I'm not sure we are ever going to be married," she said coldly. "I'm not sure it's not all a mistake that we've found out just in time."

"How come?" asked George pleasantly, and Constance thought he seemed very little upset.

"Well, I-I've been testing you." She burst forth with the whole story. while George listened with a smile that was both tender and appreciative. When she had finished and was twisting her handkerchief into a tight little ball that was wet from sprinklings of tears which had accompanied the tale, George reached out with two strong arms and gathered Constance to him.

"There, dear." he whispered. "Cry on my shoulder. Do you love me?" "Ye-yes," said Constance.

"Going to marry me?" "Y-yes," said the girl again.

"Well," said George triumphantly, "just see what that proves! I failed to meet your requirements and yet you love me! That shows I am the one and only man in the world for Now, if I'd only known! You vou. see, as a matter of fact. I do like dogs and-but that's another story ! And George's mother-in-law never

Degrees of Intimacy. "Look here, waiter. You know me, don't you?"

"Oh, yes, sir, I know you quite well, sir. Will you have Scotch or rye?" "I don't want a drink, waiter. I and that I have left my purse at home, and I thought perhaps-" "Sorry, sir, but I don't know you as well as I thought I did."

of the American breakfast would conduce greatly to improvement of the national health and the lowering of the mortality rate."

The Mosquito Plant.

The virtues of the species of basil (Ocymum viride) known as the mosunito plant are attracting attention in England. An army officer has given a growing plant to the botanical gardens at Kew. He obtained it in Nigeria, where, he says, it is known to drive mosquitoes from its neighborhood, and the natives use an infusion of its leaves as a cure for malarial fevers. Its virtues are known in India also, as a border of it was planted round the Victoria garden in Bombay because the workmen were pestered by mosquitoes and suffered from malaria As soon as the hedge was completed the mosquitoes left and there was no more malaria among the workmen.-Exchange.

Figures for Home Builder.

Unless very much interested in figures, the home builder does not know how each dollar is spent that he puts into the construction of his home. He knows in a general way that there are several general groups but as he looks at the finished dwelling he does not know what per cent of the cost went for masonry or car pentry or something else. Using the dollar for illustrating the relative costs, it is estimated that 36.1 cents go for masonry, 29.1 cents for carpentry, 8.7 cents for heating, 6.5 cents Traveler Declares American Women for electrical work. 6 cents for plumbing. 3.5 cents for sheet metal work. 2.9 cents for roofing and 1.2 cents for hardware.

Soap Bubbles Aid Scientists.

Every one who buys gasoline for his automobile has a direct concern in the efficiency of engines, the study of which is being assisted by soap bubbles, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine. These are now being used at the bureau of standards in determining the rate of propagation of flame in combustible mixtures of gases. Strangely enough, for years there has been sought a means whereby explosions could be studied under constant pressure free from complicating circumstances, but it was just recently pointed out at this institution that soap bubbles afford in ideal fashion just what is wanted.

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ticated and less well educated than is the European girl. The rather casual education of the girl gives full play to any versatility she may have, and

there are, correspondingly, flashes in her, as also unexpected failures. To the foreigner, it is odd to see her scrubbing her own sink-a very nice white sink, by the way-and attending assiduously lectures on French -all with the same enthusiasm. It completely dispels the idea of the luxury-loving, restless woman that in Europe she is commonly reverded as being.

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