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CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

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THE YEAR THERE WAS NO CHRISTMAS.



Savior's birth into review, but entwined about every Christmas within your memory there are joys so permanently fixed in your heart that all the lashings of time cannot efface them. Since then cruel care with all its anxieties has come into your life, since then disappointments have plunged you into seas of bitterness, since then, perhaps, sorrow has come in its night-time visitations and shrouded your heart's mantle of joy.

You can call to memory, no doubt, many Christmases. As the great day draws near you recall without trouble where on Christmas of last year—what you did, with whom you spent the day, what you received, what you gave, and what particular event thrilled or rejoiced you most. If you are yet young in years your memory does not go far enough back into the past to call many anniversaries of the years. But you have but to go back in memory to the glad day in order to wear again the features of joy and sing again the songs of gladness. If you are in that middle period of life in which people can not give evidence of youth and will not admit age, you can, by stirring up your memory a little, recall every Christmas, with its joys and its disappointments, clear through the stretch of years to the time when memory began to function and events began to make impressions on the mind and heart.

had put out their holy lights. It may be that you feel that your cup of happiness was fullest on the glad Christmas day when you marched to Hymen's holy altar beside the man or the woman you loved; or it may be that there is a clearer memory of your happiness on the eventful Christmas when you didn't even receive a card, but gave much to relieve the needs of others. But what I wish to ask just now is, do you remember the year when there was no Christmas? One year there wasn't any Christmas. I shall not attempt to name the year; perhaps you would not agree with me if I should name it; but most people who have reached middle life will tell you, as I do, that one year came and went without a Christmas, and to those who experienced 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 were given. The earth made its diurnal journeys around the sun and the seasons were timed as they were before and have been since. Winter raged for a time, but finally the chilling blasts of Boreas were chased away by the gentle zephyrs of spring and the world was warmed into vernal beauty. The earth was carpeted with green, the jonquills and the daisies came, followed by 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 the new velvety leaves cast a lace-work of shadows over the earth beneath 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 plenty was emptied into the granaries of the world and the laps of men. And then the world grew cold again, and, oh the pity of it, passed right on from harvest time and tax-paying time to New Year—but there was no Christmas! A wheel slipped, an eccentric broke, or something else happened, and Christmas

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 soul-thrilling 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 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 to lay His head. It was not the year when the death angel entered your home and bore a loved one away just as you 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-me-nots that are too sacred for the world's idle gaze. Possibly when you expected Christmas and to receive in Christmas joy, 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 Kimberley or Golconda.

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 sullen 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 pretty little things 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 with good cheer, you retired and lived

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 this vision lead you to the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

The Healing of Masterson

A Christmas Story Of the Rugged and Big-Hearted West

A Christmas moon shone coldly on these hard roads and faded prairie grass. Yellow streams of light from the windows of the low bunkhouse cut warmly into the pale night. Within was rough comfort. The stove bore a glowing spot on either bulging side; the lamps flared in their brackets, depositing velvety frescoes on their chimneys. The men smoked vigorously in the relaxation of their after supper hour or lolled drowsily in their bunks. "Not a blamed thing to show that it's Christmas!" grumbled Lariat Pete, dejectedly. A momentary hush fell. Then Limer Jack rose, viciously kicking aside his soap box chair. "Shut up, Pete!" he snarled. "We ain't babies, nor this ain't the first Christmas we've missed hanging up our stockings. You're warm and fed, ain't you, and got a job at good pay?" "Great cats, yes!" ejaculated a head hanging over the edge of an upper bunk. "Don't I remember last Christmas, when me and the pony was alone on the prairie, without a cent or a measure of oats between us, and it cold as Greenland? Old Three Spot, out there with his head in the manger, will tell you this ain't a bad Christmas."

them to his little girl, so he totes off 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 tods 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 stood upon the threshold. The men started, but self-consciousness 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.

"She would be heap better than that 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.



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

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 faver! I found my faver!" The little hand caressed his cheek. Limer 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. 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 all right now, and I've fixed up the driver for the night, so let's turn in. Tomorrow there's goin' to be a Christmas on Egg Creek ranch like you've never saw before."

And at the house Masterson, with exaltation on his thin face, sat brooding over a sleeping mother and child until Christmas day awoke them to happiness.

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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 Limer 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 about it."

ache, but only tenderness and a keen longing that this dream woman might become real to him—as real as the child he held. Silent she stood within the circle of the firelight, regarding him with anxious eyes, until a tender smile crept about his lips. Then she started forward. "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 whisper. "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

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NO CANDLES BRIGHTENED CHRISTMAS TREES OF OLD.

The Christmas tree which is a prevailing custom at this season did not become general until the nineteenth century. It is supposed by most persons to have been derived from Germany, but there is no recorded instance of the use of the Christmas tree there before the seventeenth century. The origin of the Christmas tree is obscure and its symbolism is a matter of conjecture. One authority tells us it probably came a union of two elements: The old Roman custom of decorating with laurel and greens at the Kalends of January, and the popular belief that every Christmas eve apple and other trees blossomed and bore 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 tree 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 and sweetmeats. Usually a square frame is made around it." 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 completed.

The ancient church devoted the day before Christmas to 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.

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 remembrance of me.'"

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A Yuletide Feast Preparing the Christmas Dinner



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 onions. Sift them 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, preserving 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, ½ cup sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon 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 moderate oven about forty minutes.

HOLIDAY CRULLERS.
Cream 2 tablespoons melted butter with 1 cup granulated sugar. Add 3 well beaten eggs, 1 cup sweet milk and 5 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 SHERBERT.
Put 3 cups of canned apricots through a strainer. To the fruit syrup add 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, a few grains of salt, ¼ cup of sugar, ¼ cup of orange juice, the apricot puree 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 tablespoon 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 powder and ½ teaspoon salt. Work in 3 level tablespoons lard and then lightly mix with 3 tablespoons 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.

BAKED OYSTERS DE LUXE.
Scald 1 quart of oysters in the accompanying 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 flour and add gradually, while stirring constantly, the oyster liquid. Bring to the boiling point, season to taste with salt and celery salt and a few grains of mace. Arrange the oysters 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.
One cup milk, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 cup sugar (scant measure), 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, yolks of 4 eggs, 1-3 teaspoon each mace and cloves, 2 ounces finely chopped citron, ½ cup almonds, ½ pound suet, whites of 4 eggs, ¾ cup fruit juices. 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 gelatine—non acidulated.
One tablespoon of butter.
One tablespoon of vanilla.
Mix the sugar, cream and gelatine and allow 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 tartar in a saucepan. After boiling 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, maple, water and cream of tartar until the mixture will make a firm ball when tested in water. Then add the marshmallows, 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 mixture 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 vanilla.

POPCORN BALLS.
Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. Add 2 cups of molasses and 2-3 cup sugar. Stir until 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, butter 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 automobile and shooting promiscuously, aiming at nothing and hitting anything which happened to get in the way, seems to have been the program put on by four young fellows from Odell last Thursday afternoon as they were passing through Foard County from the east. The names of the boys are Tom Morgan, Cross Mitchell, E. M. Hughes and George Tooley. At one time a young man named Guyon Hickman from Trassott, whom the four met, happened to be in the way of these reckless fellows and received several small shots in his body, one of which was serious enough to make it necessary for him to be taken to the sanitarium at Knox City for surgical treatment. A garage at Thalia also happened to get in the way of these wild and woolly westerners, but was not hurt at that place.

Sheriff Campbell was notified of the affair and soon had the young men in jail. Their parents were notified and came over and made bond for them.

The last report was that Hickman was not injured seriously and would soon recover.

Judge Huff Buried at Vernon Sunday

Judge S. P. Huff, chief justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, died at his home in Amarillo Friday. The remains were shipped to Vernon where interment took place Sunday afternoon.

Judge Huff was well known in this county, having served as district judge of this district for several years. He was very highly esteemed as a jurist and as a man by all who knew him.

Lubbock Man Defends Former Comrade

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 10, 1922.

I am a subscriber to your most valuable paper and believing you to be for fair play and a friend to the underdog, I beg you to allow me space to defend the name of a fellow bear hunter, to-wit: Tom M. Beverly.

I want to say right here that I have been on many a bear hunt with him and he always was there when the smoke cleared away. To illustrate, I was once on a hunt with him in South Texas where the bear were as thick as jack rabbits in the Panhandle, and on that occasion I saw him do the most daring stunt I ever saw a bear hunter do. He and I left camp one morning early in search of big game. We had not gone more than six miles until we spied a pair of cubs in a hollow log and I said to 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 to him to shoot, and in a clear tone of voice, he hollered back at me, saying, "I am bringing her in alive."

Now if that don't convince any fair-minded person that that bull pen story isn't pure bunk, I am no hunter, and if the fellow that wrote that story isn't bigger than I am I don't believe it.

If Tom M. Beverly staid in that bull pen at all, and I don't believe he did, it was for the sole purpose of protecting the grub and not through fear of any bear. And if the bear hunters of Foard County think him a tender foot we will gladly take him into the South Plains bear hunters, as we need a few more such as he is.

Hoping you will take the side of justice in this controversy, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,
G. M. EUBANK.

Suffering from Abscess in Knee

N. P. Ferguson is confined to his bed this week from an abscess in one of his knees. He took his bed Tuesday of last week and has not been able to be on his feet since. He is now improving, however, and will soon be out again.

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 Talmage 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, but in the last period our boys got under way with a rush and managed to keep going at a steady pace until the whistle blew at the end.

The guards, Cates, Buckley and Cook, alternated at their positions and did a good job of it.

Awbrey, Beverly and Jones at positions of center and forwards showed much accuracy in passing the ball and are regarded as the main cogs of the team.

We wish to correct an error in last week's issue in the name of the coach. Owens is our coach and is doing his part toward turning out a winning team.

Following is the line-up.

Crowell—Beverly and Jones, forwards; Awbrey, R., center; Cates and Buckley, guards.

Talmage—Morgan and Hancey, forwards; Smith, center; Walton and Haskins, guards.

2nd half—Crowell, Cook for Buckley—Reporter.

"Arkansaw" Travelers 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 all expense for work and repairs to date have been only 7.30, so we are satisfied.

Don't think many of the readers of the News would like to farm in the part of Arkansas which we have seen, yet the people who were born and reared here seem to be as contented as elsewhere. Most of the families in country and towns have automobiles.

We were in a fine free automobile camp at Little Rock, toilets, two rooms which were heated with gas and gas ranges to cook with and plenty of water. They keep a man there day and night to look after arrangements.

From Little Rock to this place the roads were fine and there were many fine footpaths over the mountains. The city is built up and down the canyons. Central Avenue has business houses, hotels, and bath houses for one and a half miles on both sides, besides many other streets with business houses. We have a fine location near the court house and in the business portion of the city. We pay \$5.00 and stay as long as we wish. The auto camp is all right, but is two miles out.

It has rained six out of the eight days we have been here but there is no mud. The temperature is from 44 to 76.

More about the city and surroundings in my next.

Best wishes,
H. M. FERRIN.

120 Bales More Than Ginned Last Year

According to the Government report of the cotton ginned up to December 1, 1922, Foard County had to its credit only 120 bales more than at the same time last year. The report on the first of December, 1921, showed that we had 7,335, while the report for December of this year showed 7,455.

There is still a little cotton being ginned at Crowell and possibly at the other gins in the county, but none of them are running more than about two days in the week. When the next report is made it is likely that we will have lost about enough this year to make the two reports read about the same. The indications are that our crop will not be very much less than it was last year.

At the Presbyterian Church

Services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 and at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Bible study and class study on Wednesday evenings.

You are cordially invited to come and worship with us. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."
CHALMERS KILBOURN, Pastor

LEE HIGHWAY IS DESIGNATED THROUGH FOARD COUNTY

A telegram was received by H. E. Ferguson, president of the Foard County unit of the Lee Highway Association, yesterday 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 among the books in my library I found a Sunday School record commencing Jan. 8, 1892.

At this time there was only one Sunday School in Crowell and only one building that could be used for such purpose. While the school was under the supervision of the Methodist church it had the support and cooperation of the people of other denominations.

A few items from this record are about as follows:

Class No. 1—B. R. Blankinship, teacher, present; G. W. Ingles, T. F. Johnson, F. L. Martin, Mr. Collins, Lee Davis.

Class No. 2—Miss Mina Daughtry, teacher; John Beverly, Willie Hartman, Sam Moore, Joe Moore, Mark Hill, Archie McLarty, Ed Thompson, George Banister, Willie Womack. Good lesson, no contribution.

Class No. 3—Eva Hartman, teacher; Marvin Daughtry, Mattie Beverly, Lizzie Beverly, Edna Donahoo, Mabel Donahoo, Vergie Raney, Lena Raney, Lucy Ingles, Lacy Cope. Collection 10 cents.

Class No. 4—J. W. Magee, teacher; Orphie Moore, Abbie Moore, Preble Gee, Myrtle Henson, Adie Boon, Inez 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 Witherspoon.

Class No. 6—Mrs. M. J. Daughtry, teacher; John Henson, Clint Hartman, Tully Klepper, Ed Moore, Gilliam McLarty, Willie Johnson, Willie Roberts, Van Roberts.

April 21, 1893, shows some rearrangements of classes, and the following names are given as composing the infant class:

Miss Mina Daughtry, teacher; Sam Moore, Russell Beverly, Carl Thacker, Minnie Magee, Alma Stovall, Fannie Stoker, Birdie Thacker, Orpha Moore, Zula Stoker, Lena Kirkman, Pearl Prewitt, Mark Raney, Ed Moore, Geo. Moore.

Bible class—J. W. Beverly, teacher; John Klepper, S. J. Moore, M. F. Thacker, John Beverly, Willie Grimm, Lida Compere, Ed Thompson, L. D. Phillips, May Witherspoon, Jas. Witherspoon, Prof. F. R. Johnson, Geo. Ingles, J. J. Stoker, Miss Ollie Raney, Joe Banister, Charley Prewitt, E. F. Hart, —Vernon, Selby Johnson.

Later in the year and on during 1894, the following and others were added to different classes: C. F. Beaty, Clarence Thompson, D. P. Beaty, Lus Campbell, Otis Teague, Chas. Prewitt, Oliver Raney, Arrie

Adams, Mary Taylor, Mary Adams, Gussie Sanders, Edwin Sanders, Chas. Thompson, Virgie Raney, Della Teague, Geo. Allison, Nannie Compere, Nellie Sloan, Oran Prewitt, Wm. Young, Bob Allee, Flora Gibson, Alpha Kirkman.

As superintendents, the names of W. S. Hartman, J. W. Magee and J. P. Cormack, are in the record.

For several years Mr. Cormack was superintendent and janitor, did the sweeping and built the fires, often carrying the fuel from his own wood pile, all without money and without price. Very few men have been more earnest, zealous and successful in Sunday School work. His life ended while yet young in years.

It will be noticed that but little is mentioned about collections. At that time the literature was mostly donated by the Methodist Publishing House.

Leaving the class rolls and turning to the record for each Sunday we find the religious services often conducted by one of the preachers here at that time. Judge J. C. Roberts and W. B. Ford of the Methodist, and C. E. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church. These three have "passed over the river."

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 the naked eye when it is walking along anywhere between the court house and the postoffice.

After thirty years what are the conditions as to then and now? Look at the ball park, the grounds on which the school building was then located, close your eyes and in your imagination see the 75 or 100 people gathered there on Sunday morning, some walking along paths cut through the mesquite brush, others on horseback and in wagons and buggies. Then stand on some street corner and watch the twelve or fifteen hundred children and grown people that will pass or good sidewalks and in automobiles to the four different church buildings. What you see will be the answer. Then ask yourself the question, "What have I done as to the giving of my time, talents and money to bring these results, what am I now doing to help continue the work?"

J. W. BEVERLY.

If this has been of interest to you and you have an absent friend whose name is in the list, go to the News office, give them the name and address, together with a nickel and ask them to send a copy of the paper.

J. W. B.

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, Jess Ferguson was halted near the ball park by three men who met him in a touring car and at the point of a gun forced Ferguson 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 in his pockets which amounted to \$12 or \$13. Ferguson was then ordered to go and the car with its three occupants went north.

The men, according to Ferguson, were 20 or 25 years of age. He knew none of them, but he might possibly identify one of them. He does not understand why they held him up, as he does not remember having given anything to them.

That he had a cent of money in his possession during the day. He thinks they may have been looking for another man and at first thought him to be the one. Ferguson is looking after janitor work at the court house instead of his father, N. P. Ferguson who is confined to his bed with a crippled knee and had been busily engaged in that work all during the day. He said it was impossible to get the car number, since there was no tail light to the car, and he had no opportunity to see the number, neither did he figure that it would be necessary to get the number, even if he could have done so, since men who are engaged in hold-up work may have several different numbers.

Sheriff Campbell got on the job as early as possible but no trace of the robbers has been found.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beverly and Mrs. Paul Shirley and Dr. H. Schindler and wife returned last Friday from a trip to Snyder. They were accompanied by C. E. Thacker of Sawtelle, Cal. Mrs. Thacker visited relatives at Fort Worth and was expected to arrive in Crowell yesterday.

SECURITY LEAGUE TO FIGHT KLAN

After so long a time it seems that there is an awakening among some people of the country as to the dangers of the Klan activities. The organization has extended its activities into many of the Northern and Eastern states, and even beyond the seas. Across the waters, however, the first robbed 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 people have delayed the matter of taking matters in hand to check this lawless movement, but at last they are making plans to stop it. The following dispatch from New York was in one of the dailies recently:

New York, Dec. 10.—Within a week representatives will be at work at the capitals of fourteen states and the District of Columbia lobbying for legislation to hamstring the Ku Klux Klan, it was announced Saturday night at National headquarters here of the American Unity League.

The states, according to Grady K. Rutledge, executive secretary of the league, are Illinois, Indiana, Washington, Missouri, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, New York, New Jersey, Texas and Massachusetts.

One bit of proposed legislation which the league favors strongly is designed to end the secrecy attending Klan meetings through interpretations of the various conspiracy laws of the several States. The league will fight every man it believes to have been elected to public office with Klan backing. The contention, Rutledge said, will be that such an official is guilty of treason because his oath to the Klan nullifies his oath of office.

Rutledge said the league would begin to publish the names of Klansmen compiled by secret investigations.

If you want to become unpopular, begin talking about your own troubles while other people are telling you of theirs.

Egotism has its virtues as well as its faults. It makes a fellow hustle to live up to his opinion of himself.

CROWELL SAVED FROM BAD FIRE

Worth of Water Works Demonstrated When Possibly Whole Business Section Saved

Fire fighters would have faced a serious proposition last Saturday when fire broke out in the old rock building on the north corner of the west string of business houses had it not been for the fact that Crowell has plenty of water and an efficient fire fighting force. As it was it looked scary enough.

It was about 11 o'clock in the morning when the fire alarm was given. A big crowd of people had already come to town owing to some store sales that were on and soon the streets were full of people witnessing the flames and smoke shooting from the windows of the Thacker building, but the fire engine was on the scene in a moment and the water was turned on. It was soon evident that the flames would be brought under control for there was plenty of water and it was going into the fire in two strong steady streams.

The fire originated in the upper story of the building and is supposed to have caused about sacks that had been stuffed into a flue which opened into the orderly room of the soldier boys quarters. A stove below in the north room occupied by the City Meat Market is thought to have carried sufficient heat up the flue to set the sacks on fire which fell out onto a bed and set the bed clothing on fire. No one was in the room at the time the fire started.

The loss caused by the fire is confined to personal properties belonging to the soldiers and is estimated at about \$500.00. It was fortunate that the government goods consisting of ammunition and guns, amounting to about \$30,000, were in the extreme eastern portion of the building far from the fire which originated in the extreme northwestern portion.

One does not like to think of what might have been the consequence of such a fire had it gained good headway and when the wind was favorable. By far the biggest per cent of the business of Crowell would have been in its path.

Again we have been fortunate, but this time we did not trust altogether to luck.

ORIENT GRANTED INCREASED RATE IN OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, Dec. 11.—The corporation commission has made an order granting increases in freight rates to the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient in conformance with an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Oklahoma commission's order applies to intrastate rates. The increase is 10 cents per 100 pounds on all articles moving in less than carload lots, either as class or commodities moving on carload rates. The increase will be applied to the minimum charge of \$15 a car, or the minimum charge of 50 cents per 100 pounds, and to the minimum scale where published.

This is one of the efforts made by the interstate and state commissions to assist the Orient to continue operating in Oklahoma. It traverses the state from north to south, in the western portion, and furnishes the only railroad service to nine counties in the agricultural area.

WEST BAYLAND NEWS

(By Special Correspondent)

Wallace Seales and family spent Sunday in the Sam Seales' home at Crowell.

C. L. Adkins and family, Mrs. J. M. Adkins and niece, Beulah Cates, all spent Sunday in the H. H. Hopkins' home east of Vernon.

Little J. F. Matthews Jr. has been right sick the past few days.

C. J. Fox has a new Ford touring car.

Rev. McNair and family of Thalia spent Sunday in the C. J. Fox home.

Dr. Belt of Taylor County came in Saturday to treat Luther Townley who has been poorly of late.

P. S. Skidworth has put a new telephone in his home.

Melvin Ruckman and wife were shopping in Crowell Thursday.

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THALIA ITEMS

(By Special Correspondent)

Allen French of Rayland was in Thalia 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 bees.

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. Burrell 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 children 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 Tuesday en route to her father's, D. M. Shult.

Uncle Jake Middlebrook was here from Margaret last week and bought some of the surplus chickens and turkeys.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. McNair did the preaching.

Monta Wisdom papered Charley Hathaway's new house last week.

Work on Walter Banister's house is almost completed.

This writer received some very fine sausage from a nephew at Crowell Tuesday which we enjoyed very much. 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.

Ab Dunn has sold his restaurant at this place to Joe Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Weathers moved into a house by themselves last week.

The ladies of the Baptist church are very busy preparing a Christmas program.

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

Misses Olive, Edra and Floya Ingle spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Owens.

Bagley Russell sold Uncle Jake 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.

Mrs. F. E. Smith of Fort Worth, mother of Mrs. Henry Blevins, spent last week with Mrs. W. T. Blevins.

Foster Russell's clothes caught on fire Saturday while he was repairing a car, but he was not seriously injured.

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.

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Other things: Fine Rockers, Bed Room and Dining Room Suites, Nufold Suites, Wilton Velvet, Axminster, Congoleum and Linoleum Rugs, Hoosier and Hub Kitchen Cabinets, Buck's Fine Cast Coal or Wood Burning Stoves, Blast Heating Stoves, White Sewing Machines, (the best made), The Famous 6-burner Red Star Oil Stove, The New Perfection Wick Stoves and Heaters.

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

W. R. WOMACK

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKER

Jews Need Not Fight Klan, Says Gerard

New York, Dec. 1.—Jewish organizations need take no action against the Ku Klux Klan but must leave the task of combatting the body to Protestants, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, told members of the congregation of B'Nai Bishurim in a Thanksgiving Day address.

"I have been informed that a Jewish organization, B'Rith Abraham, 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 Thanksgiving, he said, was that there still is liberty in America, "but," he said, "organizations like the Klan are its enemies. Religion, morality and Americanism do not need masks."

Stock tubs, barrels, cisterns, flues and all kinds of tin and pipe work.—T. L. Hayes. tf

Notice

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

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As the Editor Sees It

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 little 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 some people white, and some red, and others brown, or yellow, or black?
Why does God permit some children to be born in deformity, or imbecility, or both?
What were the first and last miracles 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 testament?
What is an act of God?
When did you last attend church?
How long has it been since you opened 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 city dailies for the exaggeration and sensationalism that appears in their columns. If that be true, what's the matter with the people?
There was a time when a sensational sheet would not be tolerated in any respectable home.
Now sensationalism means a big circulation and a corresponding increase in advertising rates. And it is from advertising that newspapers make their money.
It seems to be up to the dear people.

As usual, there are many people who are more or less disgruntled over some aspect of the recent elections. If each case were investigated it might be found that a majority of the loudest growlers did not even vote.
But that's the way. Some people will inconvenience

Holiday Merchandise

A Vast Assortment at Right Prices

FOR HIM

Cigars, Pipes, Razors, Strops, Card Cases, Pocket Books, Tobacco Pouches, Pocket Knives, Playing Cards, Stationery, Flashlights, Lather Brushes, Fountain Pens, Signet Pencils, Military Brushes.

FOR HER

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

Come in and See Other Suggestions

Fergeson Bros.

The *Rexall* Store



This store has set its house in order for the Christmas Jubilee. Every section is brimming full with fine things for Holiday giving. Ready with the beautiful, useful, serviceable and the practical gifts, such as,

RADIO SETS AND SUPPLIES,

Aluminum Roasters, Percolators, Tea Kettles, Stewers, Milk Pans, Electric Grills, Irons, Washing Machines, Vacuum Cleaners, also Pocket Knives, Razors, Men's Belts, Shot Guns, Navajo Saddle Blankets, Shop-Made Bridles, Kiddie Cars, Buddie Bikes, Tricycles, Bicycles, Toy Wheel Barrows, Air Guns and lots of other things too numerous to mention.

**COME TO OUR STORE FOR YOUR
CHRISTMAS NEEDS**

J. H. Self & Sons

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 airing a 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 establish 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.

The Crowell Barber Shop

COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT WORKMEN

Represent the Waco Steam Laundry.

Basket leaves Tuesday of each week

SHIRLEY & WALLACE, Proprs.

Anything You Want

in

GROCERIES

One thing always appeals to the buyer, and that is a full stock from which to select. Our stock of Groceries is being replenished constantly with the view of being able to take care of the Christmas wants in this line. We have endeavored to buy sufficiently heavy to supply the demands of heavy buying on the part of our customers. And we are not sacrificing quality, either. We want you to know that from our stock you will be able to buy what you want, and that means both the article and the quality.

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

**Matthews-Crawford
Grocery Co.**

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Owners and Publishers

Entered at the Post Office at Crowell, Texas, as second class matter.

Crowell, Texas, December 15, 1922

JOHN W. EVANS PASSES AWAY

At his home in Margaret, John Wilson Evans died Nov. 29th, after having been confined to his bed for several weeks. He was born October 1, 1852, being at his death past seventy years of age.

Mr. Evans was a very active man till just a few months ago when his health failed him. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church at Margaret, Rev. J. E. Billington of Crowell conducted the service in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. B. McCrory, who was called to Chillicothe to conduct a service at the same hour for Mrs. R. L. McKinnon who was stricken with paralysis.

The burial was in the Crowell cemetery.

Mr. Evans is survived by his wife and son, Gomet, and five daughters, Mrs. I. W. Middlebrook, Mrs. Worth Hunter, and Mrs. Grady Withers of Margaret, and Mrs. Tom Russell of Electra, and Miss Maggie Evans of Temple.

Friends of the family extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

DINNER FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

The most sumptuous feed in the hungry career of the present county officials was served to them and their employees and families Monday at the court house. According to plans, the ladies arranged the table in the office of the County Agent and at 12 o'clock nothing was lacking. There was everything that hungry man could wish: chicken a la six ways, not to mention the other delicious viands; 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 mention. Thanks was offered and then commenced one of the busiest hours in the term of the present officials.

As is always the case, the ladies gave the men the best of everything. They served the men first and later served themselves. One enjoyable feature of the occasion was absence of all formality. Everybody seemed perfectly "at home," and enjoyed the repast to the limit of his belt.

After everybody had satisfied their hunger, cigars were served to those who cared for them, while the others enjoyed a few minutes social conversation. It was a great time for all present. Thanks to the ladies.

CONTRIBUTED.

We object to the statement that there are no modest women left in the world. There are a few who haven't money enough to buy a modern gown.

There are but twenty-four hours of Christmas, but that is plenty long enough for the poor devil who pays the bills.

The devil knows his friends when he sees them, but don't let this fact prompt you to dodge around the corner.

With congress back on the job again the poor old job must be getting mighty darned tired.

They say love comes unbidden, but many a time money pushes it along.

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

ORIOLE

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

FOX & SON

In Ringgold Bldg.

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 Exhibition of 200 large direct reproductions of the masterpieces of architecture, sculpture, and painting will be held to raise funds for the purchase of pictures for the schoolrooms and corridors.

The influence of good pictures upon a child cannot be overestimated. The trend of many a life has been influenced by a single picture.

Your attendance at the Exhibit will greatly encourage us. The Elson Company has offered to affix, without charge, on each picture presented to the school by an individual or society, a brass plate, consisting of two lines inscribed, "Presented by—" with the name of one donor. Such a gift, or any special contribution to the picture fund, will be most welcome.

I hope that you will be interested in what seems to us to be of vital importance.

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 unexpired term.

But that one day term serves as a milestone in the political advancement of American womanhood, a milestone that is destined to shine brightly in the history of our country.

We deem, 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 to do.

As we see it, about the first important political step for a woman is to make a careful study of civic conditions in the home community, and then devote all of her strength to remedying undesirable features thereof.

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 be enlarged and broadened and they would become better fitted for the higher political honors and responsibilities.

A woman can not expect to make an artistic gown without first learning to sew, and neither can she expect to make a success as a public official without first becoming thoroughly familiar with the important duties of citizenship.

Woman has made giant strides in the past few years, and she will make greater ones in the years to come.

But it is better to begin at the bottom and work up than to begin at the top and not know how to work.

C. E. Anderson and family left the first of the week for Gasoline, Texas, where Mr. Anderson recently bought land. Mr. Anderson has been one of the county's best citizens for a number of years and the moving away of this family is regretted by the many friends.

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

Bargain Sale—Three choice business lots in Crowell. Lots 8 and 9, block 77, and lot 1 in block 92. Price \$1,000. Terms, cash or one-fourth cash, balance in payments. See T. N. Bell, agent. 29

R. H. Adkinson and G. W. Milburn of Childress, nephews of the late H. T. Kenner, were here last Friday to attend the funeral services of their deceased uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wiggins came in last Thursday from Electra. Mr. Wiggins is able to be up some and it is thought he is slowly recovering 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.

Make This Xmas

A HARDWARE XMAS



We have practical gifts for the entire family.

**FLASHLIGHTS
GUNS AND AMUNITION
AIR RIFLES AND SHOT
SILVERWARE
PYREX
CUT GLASS
and
REAL CHINA DINNERWARE**

Do your shopping early and make our store your headquarters.

M. S. Henry & Co.

THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

ADELPHIAN CLUB

Mrs. Murry Martin was hostess to the Adelpian Club on Wednesday, December 13.

After a short business session, "Pelleas and Melisande," a play by Maurice Maeterlink, the Shakespeare of Belgium, was studied. The play, a tragedy, has for its theme an aspect of the eternal triangle and makes a universal appeal because of the artistic treatment of the universal passions, jealousy and love.

The study of the play was followed by a Christmas interlude made up of a brief study of the "Sistine Madonna" by Raphael and a Christmas Legend.

At the close of the lesson an attractive refreshment plate was handed the members and club guests, Mesdames Roy Ricks and Evans Mitchell. Plate favors were sprigs of holly.—Reporter.

REGISTER CARS

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

L. D. CAMPBELL.

Jimmie Self left Wednesday night for Buffalo, Mo., to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Self. Jimmie is bookkeeper for J. H. Self & Sons.

Miss Flay Black, trimmer for the Self Dry Goods Co., and Miss Lillian Finklea, trimmer for the R. B. Edwards Co., leave today for Dallas.

Furs Wanted—Wolf and skunk hides at B. F. Ringgold's variety store. No lot too small or too large to handle. Crowell, Texas. 17

W. H. Dougherty of Gainesville was in Crowell Sunday en route to Floydada. He was taken to Paducah by Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Henry.

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 Hollis, Okla., where he expects to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Bennie Chedister.

2,000 pairs counter bargain shoes.—Self's Sale.

Notice

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, county of Foard.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wilbarger County, on the 25th day of November, A. D., 1922, by the clerk thereof, in the case of The First State Bank of Crowell, a corporation, versus Frank Simpson and P. S. Skipworth, No. 3190, and to me, as sheriff, directed 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 property, to-wit:

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.

L. D. CAMPBELL, Sheriff.

Building something? Use Certain-
teed roofing.—M. S. Henry & Co.

R. T. GROVES

ATTY-AT-LAW

Office in Court House

Dr. Hines Clark

Physician and Surgeon

Office Russell Building over Owl Drug Store

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 horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with sour bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.



**FATHER !!
MOTHER !!**
ARE YOU FINANCIALLY TRAINING YOUR CHILD?

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.

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J.W. BELL, PRESIDENT
T.N. BELL, ACTIVE V. PRES.
S.S. BELL, CASHIER

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Sale on everything—Self's.
Ford for sale.—Hi-Way Garage. 13
Sanitary lard cans.—M. S. Henry & Co.
Extra bargains Saturday—Self's 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.
For Sale—One of the very best Jersey milch cows in the county.—J. R. Allee.
We have a few good work mules for sale on reasonable terms.—M. S. Henry & Co.
Furs Wanted—Wolf and skunk hides bought at Ringgold's Variety Store, Crowell, Texas.
"America's Answer," an official war picture, made in France during the war. Opera House, Monday, Dec. 18.

Men's khaki pants \$1.40.—Self's.
Wilson's ice balls.—M. S. Henry & Co.
Millinery less than half.—Self's Sale.
See the Mac Dry battery at Hi-Way Garage.
Remember the Gift Shop Dec. 15th and 16th. 26
Second hand buggy for sale.—J. H. 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.
Fresh assortment of Xmas candies, most appreciated gift.—Owl Drug Store.
Buy your Christmas gifts from the Columbian Gift Shop Dec. 15th and 16th. 26
We have a good stock of lard cans and hog killing supplies.—M. S. Henry and Co.
For Sale—Mammoth Bronz turkeys, hens \$5.00, and toms \$10.00 each.—Mrs. J. S. Bell. 26p

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. 26
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 Krabell 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. Minrick. 27p
Rev. R. H. Cooper of Fayette, Mo., is here visiting the family of his son, R. H. Cooper.
Jim Bell and U. J. Crognoe shipped seven cars of cattle to Wichita, Kan., last Saturday.
Oriole is the name of the flour you want if you like good bread. Found at Fox & Son's.
A full assortment of Christmas toys at B. F. Ringgold's variety store, Crowell, Texas. 27
Buy your Xmas candy from the Young Woman's Auxiliary at the postoffice Dec. 23rd. 27p
For Rent—A 5-room house in Crowell with all common conveniences, water, etc.—R. B. Lilly, Foard City. 28p
Rev. A. P. Hightower, pastor of Crowell Circuit, Methodist Church, will preach at Foard City next Sunday, Dec. 17.
Three large stray ducks came to my place Tuesday night. Owner may get them by paying for this notice.—Mrs. R. J. Roberts. 26
Coupons on "75 fat boys" given by the Bon Ton Bakery is discontinued. Those having 50 or more coupons will send them in and get a cake.—Bon Ton Bakery, Quanah, Texas. 26

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 \$1.00
 - Ladies Hose, per pair 12½c
 - Best, Heaviest Outing 15c
 - 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 store during this sale.

Self Dry Goods Co.

Best shoe bargains at Self's Sale.
"America's Answer"—Opera House, Monday, Dec. 18th.
We'll fix that flash light for you.—M. S. Henry & Co.
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.
Christmas gifts for every member of the family at Self Hdw. store.
If you want a good flashlight get a 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. Henry & Co.
Do you appreciate good bread? Then get a sack of Oriole flour at Fox & Son's.
For Sale—Mammoth 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, Crowell, Texas. 27
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. 27
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.

Shoe bargains cannot be beat at Self's Sale.
Ford car for sale in good condition.—Roy Todd. 27p
Candy! Candy! Candy at postoffice Dec. 23rd. 27
All-wool worsted men's suits for \$19.50.—Self's Sale.
Gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oils, Magnolia products. Phone 224.
No trouble carrying home your Xmas purchases, we will deliver them for you.—The Magee Toggery.

Insurance

Fire, Tornado, Hail, Farm, Livestock, Automobile, Cotton.

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We Invite You

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.

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Xmas Bargains

For You

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Save Money

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PENSLAR Agency CROWELL TEXAS

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Ask the man who uses them

Buy Your Xmas
CANDIES, NUTS, FRUITS, ETC.
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Buy Belle of Vernon Flour

DON'T WAIT
until the big demand is on for your feed unless you want to pay higher prices. Save your money by buying now.

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This Is Santa Claus Headquarters for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
Presents for the Men, Boys, Girls, Women
Come and Look Our Line Over
You are welcome at all times
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County Depository

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Worry has killed more men than wars

Don't Worry About Your XMAS Presents

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Gold and
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Jewelry
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SPECIAL MUSIC

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Money, Bravery, Patriotism,
"America's Answer"
HARDWARE AND CUTLERY, ETC.

Our store is the place to buy your Xmas presents.

Shop early, only 15 more days left. Your Christmas money will go a long way in our store.

M. S. HENRY & COMPANY

\$100.00 FREE

With each dollar you trade during our Sale we will give you a ticket with numbers on it. You tear one of the numbers off, place in a sealed box and keep the other. The two numbers are the same. Then on Saturday, December 23rd, a little girl blindfolded will draw a number from the box and if same as your number, we will present you a coupon for \$100.00, good on any touring car, roadster, truck or coupelet at Self Motor Co.

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Christmas Gift

Should be bought

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MAN'S STORE

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and
"Queen of the Pantry"
Flours

This Xmas

Should Be a
Practical Gift Xmas

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

- HIM**
- | | | |
|---------|--|----------|
| Shirts | | Sweaters |
| Collars | | Hats |
| Belts | | Caps |
| Socks | | Gloves |
| Ties | | Scarfs |

- Cigarette Cases
Cuff Links
Suspenders

Or, better still, bring him in and let us take his measure for a suit or a good, warm overcoat.

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

The Magee Toggery

Phone 129
(Use it)

How to Keep Laying Hens Comfortable

By F. W. Kazmeier

In the fall and winter when the weather begins to get uncomfortable, cold, dreary, wet and changeable, the hens on our general farms where they are more or less obliged to shift for themselves stop laying and as a result, all over the country the price climbs and climbs, until at this writing eggs are worth 50 cents per dozen in Texas and in New York City, our greatest consuming market of eggs, they have passed the dollar mark and are retailing at \$1.25 per dozen. People still eat those high priced eggs and are glad to get them. On our own place they come out and almost take them away from us, they are so scarce and hard to get. From all observations the hens have gone on a strike, not a hunger strike, but they have gone on an egg strike, by agreeing not to produce any eggs. I think everybody will admit there must be a reason and there is.

You can take a well bred hen and put her out in a dirty, drafty hen house and she will not produce any eggs. You would be fortunate if she did not contract a disease and die.

You could feed a flock of hens the best laying mash, or all the egg mashes in the world and permit her to remain in an uncomfortable hen house and she would probably not lay a single egg.

The breeding alone will not make eggs, the feeding alone will not make eggs, unless along with these things we have a comfortable place for the fowls to stay, we surely will be disappointed in their egg production.

The average farm poultry flock in Texas has no place that is really their own. They are driven from one place to another. Today they may have to roost outside in the trees, tomorrow they may have the opportunity to roost in the barn only to be chased out the next day. Such treatment will surely not be conducive to eggs in the fall and winter, and it is good it is so, otherwise, the hens on all farms would be without a home. You go out on a farm where there is no place for the hens or no hen house, at this time of the year, you will find them standing around humped up, with ruffled plumage, under some building or in the corner of a fence some where. 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 flock of chickens so treated. Surely no one can have so little understanding as to entertain such a thought but for a moment.

On the other hand, what a contrast. We can take you out to one of our hen houses, especially built for the 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 all of them on roosts that are clean 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 several of the hens voice their approval by singing out happily. In the day time you can hear them happily singing while they are working in the litter. You look at them and you will see their combs and wattles, you will see them digging in the litter, or eating and drinking something always. You have but to glance towards the nest boxes and see that they are repaying you for your kindness. Here the sun early in the morning shines through clean windows, and early 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 nest boxes, etc. You will hear a steady hum caused by the low singing of the entire flock as they merrily work in the litter. Occasionally you will hear a loud cackle indicating another has done her duty to reduce

the high cost of living. Now what do you hear when you approach a flock with no comfortable hen houses, you are very apt to hear absolutely nothing. If you hear anything you will hear them sneezing, coughing, rattling in the throat; you will hear them step from one foot onto the other to keep them warm. You will hear them working in their plumage in an effort to keep the mites from eating them up. This is no exaggeration. Thousands of flocks of chickens in Texas are doing this and all of these things this very minute.

I cannot see how people can go to bed comfortably in the winter and sleep all night when they know that they have a flock of hens out in the cold, dreary, drizzly, unpleasant weather, almost freezing to death. I could not sleep with a clear conscience. I am sincere in that statement. I would have to get up in the middle of the night and provide some comfort for the hens.

Heating Hen Houses Not Necessary

Some people that are interested in providing comfort for the hens think of heating the hen house. We have not found it wise to do this, because the various changes that would be created would be sure to give the fowls colds. A hen can stand considerable cold without being uncomfortable, if she has a place to roost at night where it is dry and where the wind cannot blow under her feathers. In the winter all shutters and windows should be closed tight, on all sides excepting on the south side where they should be left wide open all day and all night. The fowls need fresh air in great abundance. Without it they will soon get sick. A close house is sure to give the fowls all kinds of roun and colds. The open front fresh air houses appear to meet the requirements better than any other type. Do not let any cracks in the north, east or west ends create a draft in the house. The roof must be so it will keep the house dry. The floor must be dry at all times and should always have a deep, loose, dry litter not less than 12 inches deep. A wet floor or damp litter is a common cause for all kinds of colds in poultry.

Cleanliness and Sanitation

A filthy hen house is worse than none at all. If I could take some

of our readers into the hen houses I have been in where, when you approached the house you could see the dismal appearance and where the odor indicated an accumulation of droppings over a year. No windows or openings whatever. Just a hole, is about the best way of describing it. A dark, dirty, wet, bad-smelling hole for the chickens to stay day and night. Is it any wonder that under such conditions the hens die? That is all they can do. Do not think that I am exaggerating, I am not. I am only describing the condition of thousands of hen houses in Texas today.

Give Her a Chance

If we could only get our farmers and others interested in giving the hen a chance. See what she will do for you. If you give her half a chance. Give her a place to stay and that she can consider all her own where there won't be any rocks or corn cobs thrown at her. Where she can eat and drink and live in peace and comfort. You will be surprised at the results. I know of no kind of 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 make her feel at home, comfortable, happy 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.
- Scripture reading, Matt. 5:13-20.
- A regulated church membership.—Juanita Campbell.
- A consecrated church membership.
- Church members have equal privileges.—Mary Billington.
- Church members and their responsibilities.—Ola Carter.
- Church members twice blessed.—Maye Andrews.
- Summary.—Claudia Carter.
- Closing prayer.

You have noticed, no doubt, that some men are slow in making promises. They are the ones who keep them.

Debra Brothers touring cars \$1,005.00, roadsters \$975.00, f. o. b. Crowell.—E. Swain, agent.

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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, 13-year participation feature. Ages from 15 to 60.
W. H. DUNAGAN
With Southern Union Life Insurance Co.
Waco, Tex.

Thompson-Harvey

Miss Pauline Harvey, well known Denison girl and Mr. Edward J. Thompson, formerly of Crowell, but recently added to the citizenship of Denison, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Estes, Sherman. The Rev. J. H. Baxter performed the ceremony in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends of the happy contractants.

The bride was charming in an attractive afternoon gown of nocturnal blue charmeuse, with hat, wrap, slippers and hose en suite. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey, 331 West Munson street, and for the past four years has been employed at the Rockwell jewelry store.

The bridegroom was recently stationed with the national guardsmen here, but having returned to civil life, has resumed his trade as automobile mechanic, and is employed in a local shop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson of Crowell.—Denison Herald.

Leagues Will Elect Officers

The senior and intermediate leagues will have an election of officers Dec. 17th at 2 o'clock.

Every member is urged to be present. A new roll will be made and if it is impossible for you to be present, send or phone your excuse, else your name will be left off roll.

Hoping to see every boy and girl present, we are,

Yours for a great year's work,
EMILY PURCELL, Supt.
RUBY FOWLER, Asst. Supt.

Notice to Teachers

To teachers who attend the institute at Paducah: All teachers that arrive in Paducah Sunday, Dec. 17th, report at the court house for assignment of rooms. Some one will be at the court house all day and it is important that this be carried out.

All teachers that arrive in Paducah Monday are asked to go immediately to the high school building. Your baggage will be checked there, and your room assigned in the afternoon.
G. L. BURK.

Card of Thanks

We take this opportunity of expressing our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and the beautiful floral offering after the sudden death of our husband, father and grandfather.
THE ENTIRE KENNER FAMILY.

The man who is quick to start an argument and slow to quit is a blessing in a way. He prevents other people from wasting so much breath.

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.

The great trouble with our political parties is that they are political. We need Americanism instead.

Life is a burden only to those who make it so.

Endless Variety of Gifts For the Holiday Trade

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

MOTHER! MOVE CHILD'S BOWELS

"California Fig Syrup" is
Child's Best Laxative



Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little stomach is upset, tongue coated, or if your child is cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, a teaspoonful will never fail to open the bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste from the tender, little bowels and gives you

a well, playful child again. Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

Buy Your Feed Now

The feed crop of Texas is shorter than it has been for several 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.

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Christmas Sale

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 offer 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

DRESSER SCARFS

A Zeautiful Selection, values up to \$1.50, for Xmas sale only.....\$1.00
 A new woolen dress from our piece goods section will certainly please her

FRENCH SERES

36-Inch All-wool\$1.15
 40-Inch All-wool\$1.65

TRICOTINE

54-Inch All-wool\$2.15
 46-Inch All-wool\$2.15

POIRET TWILL

46-Inch Brown, only.....\$2.45

STORM SERGES

36-Inch All-wool79c
 44-Inch All-wool\$1.15

SILKS

Georgette, (all colors)79c
 Charmeuse, 40-inch\$2.45
 Crepe Satin\$2.45
 KIMONA SILKS, (special)\$1.15

BLANKETS AS GIFTS

Blankets Are Practical. Most Appreciated. Yet Not Expensive
 Single Blankets\$1.00
 Double Blankets, size 66x80.....\$1.95
 Woolnap Plaids, size 64x76.....\$2.85
 Woolnap Plaids, sizes 66x80.....\$3.95
 All Wool Plaids up to.....\$14.95

Buy Wearing Apparel for Yourself or for a Gift-- The Final Reduction in Our Ready-to-Wear Department.

SUITS

There are only 22 suits left. Values up to \$52.50. During This Sale Your Choice \$25.00

DRESSES

The greatest dress season we have ever known has left us with about 25 dresses which we have placed in 3 groups to sell at \$7.50, \$15.00, \$22.50.

COATS

Only 11 ladies coats and a few Misses, all at one price.....\$17.50

MILLINERY

Following our usual custom—"Every Hat Must Go." We offer you choice of any hat in our millinery department for\$2.00
 Regardless of former selling price or cost. (Only twelve left)

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

In the face of stiff advances in clothing prices for spring we have been hammering the life out of clothing prices on men's suits and overcoats all fall. That's why we have reduced our stock of 249 suits in the beginning to its present size of 139. We deliver the last blow at clothing prices during this our Christmas sale. Give him a suit or overcoat for Christmas.

\$45.00 Values Reduced to\$34.50
\$40.00 Values Reduced to\$29.50
\$35.00 Values Reduced to\$27.50
\$30.00 Values Reduced to\$21.50
\$25.00 Values Reduced to\$18.50
OUR TWO FAMOUS SERGES
\$35.00 Values Reduced to\$27.50
\$25.00 Values Reduced to\$16.95
All Overcots Reduced in Same Proportion

WHY NOT GIVE HIM A LION OR STETSON HAT?

You can't go wrong on this combination. He either wears one or the other.

STETSONS

\$9.00
\$8.50
\$7.50

LIONS

\$5.00
\$4.00
\$1.99

Look in his old hat now, get the size and then let us lay one aside for his Christmas gift.

DON'T ASK DAD what he wants for Christmas, he doesn't know. You simply can't get the men folks to tell you what sort of presents they'd like—but just the same, you can please them with the right ones. This list will tickle him pink.

- SHIRTS \$1.50 to \$5.00
- HOSE 15c to \$1.50
- GLOVES 20c to \$3.00
- CAPS \$1.00 to \$4.50
- SHOES \$3.50 to \$9.00
- HAND BAGS \$3.95 to \$8.95
- SUPPORTERS 15c to 50c
- SUSPENDERS 50c to 75c
- HANKERCHIEFS 10c to \$1.00
- BELTS 50c to \$1.50
- UNDERWEAR \$1.00 to \$3.50
- HOUSE SHOES \$2.25
- NIGHT SHIRTS \$1.50

TIES TIES

Whoever heard of a man having enough ties? He'll appreciate your selection from our stock of silks and knits. A big Christmas assortment received this week. Make your selection now before they are picked over. Put up in fancy Holiday boxes if you prefer.

See our combination set tie, socks, supporters, put up in Christmas package for only\$1.85

ONLY SEVEN MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS. BE HERE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.

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Crowell, Texas

CHRISTMAS SALE

Christmas, what an enchantment of life its spirit bears! It gives to every home the cheer that marks the day with love and stirs us with a desire to give. This store has set its house in order for Christmas Jubilee. Every section is brimming with fine things for Holiday giving. Ready with the beautiful, the rare, the serviceable and the practical things for your Holiday wants. Beginning Friday, Dec. 15th, we will place our entire stock of merchandise on sale at a great reduction. Come and do your Christmas shopping now and at a saving.

LADIES AND CHILDREN'S HOSE

\$3.50 Grade Now	\$2.95
\$3.00 Grade Now	\$2.25
\$2.50 Grade Now	\$1.95
\$2.25 Grade now	\$1.89
\$2.00 Grade now	\$1.49
\$1.75 Grade now	\$1.39
\$1.50 Grade now	\$1.29
\$1.25 Grade now	98c
75c Grade now	69c
65c Grade now	49c
50c Grade now	39c
35c Grade now	29c
25c Grade now	19c
20c Grade now	15c
15c Grade now	11c

SILKS AT GREAT REDUCTION

\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15
\$3.85	\$3.05
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.25	\$2.69
\$3.00	\$2.15
\$2.75	\$2.05
\$2.50	\$1.95
\$2.25	\$1.69
\$2.00	\$1.49
\$1.75	\$1.39
\$1.50	\$1.29

DRESS GINGHAM

65c Grade now	49c
50c Grade now	39c
40c Grade now	34c
35c Grade now	29c
30c Grade now	24c
25c Grade now	19c

WOOL DRESS GOODS AT GREAT REDUCTION

\$4.95	\$3.89
\$4.25	\$3.19
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.25	\$2.25
\$2.95	\$2.15
\$2.65	\$1.98
\$2.50	\$1.95
\$2.25	\$1.69
\$2.00	\$1.49
\$1.75	\$1.39
\$1.50	\$1.29
95c	79c
75c	69c

BOYS DRESS SHOES

\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15
\$3.75	\$3.05
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.25	\$2.85
\$3.00	\$2.25

Extra Specials

- One Lot Men's Blue Overalls, 240 weight, all sizes **\$1.19**
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- One Lot Men's Ribbed Unions, (Coopers) **\$1.19**
- One Lot Men's Heavy Shirts, mixed wool **\$1.69**
- One Lot Men's Dress Shirts, \$1.50 value **98c**
- One Lot Men's Silk Knit Ties, \$1.00 value **50c**
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- One Lot Dress Gingham, 17 1-2c value **10c**
- One Lot Men's and Boys' Hats, val. to \$6, choice **\$1.95**
- One Lot of 25 Men's Suits, \$25 value **\$13.85**
- One Lot Boys' Suits, 2 pair pants, \$12.50 value **\$7.15**
- One Lot Men's and Ladies' Shoes, values to \$6.50 **\$2.95**
- One Lot Ladies' and Misses' Shoes and Slippers, values to \$6.00 **\$1.95**
- One Lot Men's Grey Chambrey Shirts, \$1.25 value **79c**
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- One Lot Boys' Overalls, sizes 4 to 16 **79c**
- One Lot Men's Blue Overalls, extra heavy **\$1.69**
- One Lot Outing, extra heavy **15c**
- One Lot Brown Domestic **10c**
- One Lot Men's Blue Work Shirts **79c**
- One Lot Men's Heavy Work Caps, \$1.50 value **98c**
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\$42.50	\$31.90
\$40.00	\$30.00
\$37.50	\$28.15
\$35.00	\$26.25
\$32.50	\$24.40
\$30.00	\$22.50
\$28.50	\$21.10
\$27.50	\$20.65
\$25.00	\$19.75
\$22.50	\$16.90
\$20.00	\$15.00
\$17.50	\$13.15
\$15.00	\$11.25

BOYS' SUITS AT GREAT REDUCTION

\$16.50	\$12.95
\$15.00	\$11.95
\$13.50	\$10.45
\$12.50	\$9.95
\$11.50	\$8.95
\$10.00	\$7.95
\$9.00	\$7.15

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS

\$10.00	\$7.95
\$9.00	\$6.95
\$8.50	\$6.45
\$8.00	\$6.15
\$7.50	\$5.95
\$7.00	\$5.45
\$6.50	\$5.15
\$6.00	\$4.95
\$5.50	\$4.45
\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.00	\$2.15

LADIES' COATS AND COAT SUITS AT GREAT REDUCTION

\$35.00	\$26.25
\$32.50	\$24.40
\$30.00	22.25
\$27.50	\$20.65
\$25.00	\$18.75
\$22.50	\$16.90
\$20.00	\$15.00
\$18.50	\$13.90
\$17.50	\$12.65
\$16.50	\$12.40
\$15.00	\$11.25
\$12.50	\$9.40

MEN'S DRESS PANTS

\$10.00	\$7.95
\$9.00	\$6.95
\$8.50	\$6.45
\$8.00	\$6.15
\$7.50	\$5.95
\$7.00	\$5.45
\$6.50	\$5.15
\$6.00	\$4.95
\$5.50	\$4.45
\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

\$3.75	\$3.05
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.25	\$2.89
\$3.00	\$2.15
\$2.75	\$2.05
\$2.50	\$1.95
\$2.25	\$1.69
\$2.00	\$1.19
\$1.75	\$1.39
\$1.50	\$1.29
\$1.25	98c

MISSSES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

\$5.50	\$4.15
\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.75	\$3.65
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.25	\$3.25
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\$2.50	\$1.95
\$2.25	\$1.89
\$2.00	\$1.49
\$1.75	\$1.39
\$1.50	\$1.29
\$1.25	98c

MEN'S DRESS SHOES

\$11.50	\$8.95
\$10.00	\$7.95
\$8.50	\$6.95
\$8.00	\$6.45
\$7.50	\$6.15
\$7.00	\$5.95
\$6.50	\$5.45
\$6.00	\$4.95
\$5.50	\$4.45
\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.75	\$3.65
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15
\$3.50	\$2.95

MEN'S WORK SHOES

\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.25	\$2.65
\$3.00	\$2.25
\$2.50	\$1.95

LADIES SHOES AND SLIPPERS

\$9.00	\$6.95
\$8.50	\$6.65
\$8.00	\$6.45
\$7.50	\$5.95
\$7.00	\$5.45
\$6.50	\$5.15
\$6.00	\$4.95
\$5.50	\$4.45
\$5.00	\$3.95
\$4.50	\$3.45
\$4.00	\$3.15
\$3.75	\$3.05
\$3.50	\$2.95
\$3.00	\$2.25
\$2.75	\$1.95

MEN'S AND BOYS CAPS

\$2.50	\$1.95
\$2.25	\$1.89
\$2.00	\$1.49
\$1.75	\$1.39
\$1.50	\$1.29
\$1.25	98c
\$1.00	89c
85c	69c
75c	59c
65c	49c
50c	39c

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**Christmas
Cards**

News Office

TESTS FOR GEORGE

By LOUIS H. RAYBOLD
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"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 on 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' earnest conversation Constance's mother wound up almost tearfully, "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. "I'll 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 not 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 Bennett'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 wait 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. Surrounding 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 yapping 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.
"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 I?" 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?"
"Ye-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 you. Now, if I'd only known! You see, as a matter of fact, I do like dogs and—but that's another story!"
And George's mother-in-law never told.

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 find 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."

SLANG OF "GOOD OLD DAYS"

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

"He's a poor nut!" jeered the flapper.
"In '59 we should have called him a 'nutny-hammer,'" put in her great-grandfather, unexpectedly.
The flapper looked interested. "What was '59 for hip-pocket?" asked she.
"Hingo," answered the old man promptly. "And home brew we should have called 'blue-rub'; 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 'slamming' about in their 'clumpers,' more like men than women, but you are always—'Jimmy.'"
"Next you'll be telling me you shinned in '59!"
"No, we 'hopped.' Do you know what we meant by a 'hammer'?"
"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.'"
"But there's one word that your generation can't parallel. What did we mean by 'mannersbit'?"
"You have me, grandfather," admitted the flapper.
The old man opened a little, worn book on the table beside him and read: "'Mannersbit—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.

HIGH FOOD VALUE OF DATES

Ideal Diet Never Properly Appreciated by the American Public, Is Physician's Assertion.

"The value of the date as a food is not half appreciated by the American public," writes Dr. John Harvey Kellogg. "It is a rich source of iron, and a variety of sugar which is readily assimilated and which is much more wholesome than cane sugar, but it supplies a fine quality of food iron. An ounce of dates, in fact, supplies one-third more food iron than an ordinary beefsteak and iron of much finer quality."
The date is equally superior as a source of food lime and other food salts, supplying seven times as much lime as does beef tenderloin. The date requires nothing but the simple addition of milk to constitute a complete diet. A pound of dates and a quart of milk afford nourishment not only sufficient in quantity to supply the needs of the average person, but of the highest quality.
"The American people are suffering from lime starvation, which is resulting not only in a loss of stature, due to lack of bone development, but an almost universal decay of teeth. The free use of dates with milk as a part 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 (*Ocimum viride*) known as the mosquito 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 carpentry 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 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.

Would Help.

"I get along pretty well at golf," said Paw Nuritch. "The caddy hands me the proper club."
"Well?"
"I wish the butler would deal out the forks at dinner the same way."

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From the dealer's viewpoint, there are today only a few cars which are regarded—and justly regarded—as real money makers.

The Hupmobile is in the very forefront of these cars that dealers can handle with profit.

The Hupmobile is so priced that it occupies a strategic position.

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New thousands have proved they are willing, and eager to pay a little more money for Hupmobile's more reliable, more economical service, and brilliant performance. Hupmobile has for 14 years been recognized throughout the world as one of the biggest values, and one of the soundest mechanisms, manufactured.

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For 14 years, Hupmobile sales have been constantly increasing. 1922 saw all records shattered.

Next year will throw 1922 into shadow. That is as certain as sunrise.

The dealer who obtains a Hupmobile contract today is in the same advantageous position as the farmer who buys land that has lain fallow for years. The soil has only to be "tickled with a hoe, to smile with a harvest."

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People want the Hupmobile. They want it because it is actually a fine car, at a low price.

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SEEN THROUGH ENGLISH EYES

Traveler Declares American Women Splendidly Domesticated and Versatile to a High Degree.

An entertaining way for the American woman to see herself as she is seen is to follow the comments made by the Manchester Guardian's correspondent in America, Muriel Harris:
"In her home the American woman is domestic almost in the German sense. There is no handing over the kitchen entirely to the cook, for instance. There is no hard-and-fast line which leaves this to the maid and that to the mistress. Domestic crises are more frequent even than in England, but when they occur it is no special tragedy, because the mistress of the house is practically always able to fill in the gap without shaking the foundations of the household. American women can nearly all of them cook and sew and do anything in the house from managing the furnace to seeing that the electric fuses are in order. In our sense, she is far more domesticated 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, common 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 regarded as being."

STOP THAT ITCHING

There is a lot of skin trouble among school children this fall. We will sell you a jar of Blue Star on a guarantee for Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on School Children. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.—Owl Drug Store.

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Dentist
Bell Building
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PRE-INVENTORY SALE

Starts Dec. 16, and Ends Dec. 23

NAMING PRICES THAT ARE WAY, WAY LESS

It is our purpose during this Sale to offer extraordinary opportunities for economy. We have made an extra exertion to lighten the burden of every-day expenses for people who patronize this store. Do the people of Margaret and the surrounding country really want to cut the cost of living? If they do this is indeed their opportunity. This is not to be a clean up of odds and ends. The merchandise is first-class, merchandise that is in demand right now, though many of the lots are necessarily limited and may not last throughout the first day of the Sale.

GINGHAM

Here is an opportunity to obtain high quality gingham at a radically low price. They come in patterns to please everyone at the following prices:

- 15c Gingham @ 10c
- 20c Gingham @ 17½c
- 25c Gingham @ 20c

WOOL DRESS GOODS AT LOW PRICES

- 42-Inch Wool Serge @ \$1.50
- \$1.00 Storm Serge @ 75c
- 85c Storm Serge @ 50c

DOMESTIC

We have a limited amount of unbleached domestic for, per yard 9c

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

It's a Real Bargain to Buy These Hanes Unions at \$1.00
They are way underpriced. Big sizes, little sizes, all sizes.

SHIRTS

A Dandy Good Men's Blue Work Shirt for 75c

HATS AND CAPS FOR MEN AND BOYS

If you want a real bargain in a hat come to our store Saturday morning, December 16th.

THREAD

7 Spools of Sewing Thread for 25c

ALUMINUM WARE

A Bargain in Stewers and Roasters for ... 75c

SHOES—EXTRA VALUES

At the prices that we will have our shoes marked in this sale everyone will be able to own a new pair of shoes. Come early before the stock is broken.

BOYS' SUITS

Boys all-wool and corduroy suits priced at one-half off.

- \$10.00 Suits @ \$5.00
- \$8.00 Suits @ \$4.00
- \$7.50 Suits @ \$3.75
- Men's Corduroy Suits priced @ \$8.50
- Men's Overalls, first class grade for \$1.00

BLANKETS

- 70x80 Blanket for \$2.95
- 66x80 Blanket for \$2.50
- 64x76 Blanket for \$2.25

SPECIAL VALUES IN OUR RIBBONS

Satin and Taffeta Ribbons in various widths and colors, values from 35c to 75c, Special per yard 25c

ENAMEL WARE

Your Choice in any Item for 50c

NOTICE

Tickets for the free Oven Glass Ware will not be given during the Sale.

We're going to wind up the month of December in whirl-wind fashion. We're going to make things hum by putting into action this End-of-the-Year Bargain Event. We're placing on sale various assortments of dependable merchandise at price-saving that will prove irresistible. The articles listed above are only a few of the many bargains that will be offered you during this sale. A visit to our store will convince you that we are offering merchandise at remarkably low prices.

Sale Starts Saturday, Dec. 16, and Ends Saturday, Dec. 23

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