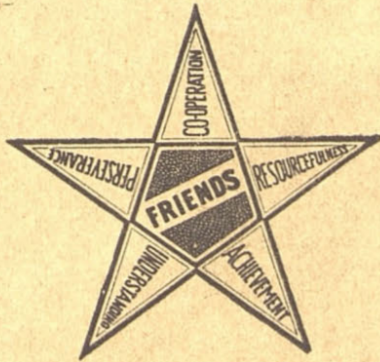


## The Cross Plains and Cross Cut Sections Gets More Producers

### An Emergency Account

A Reserve account at the bank is really an emergency account, ready at a moments notice to render aid; whether it is to tide over a season of sickness, accident or a period of uncertainty.

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OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

"A Bank of Personal Service"

Lowe, DuLaney & Carter had showing for at least a 50 barrel well Wednesday morning on their S. C. Barr lease, block 82, Central addition—and they had hopes of increasing production, but after penetrating the sand about 7 feet—they found salt water, and now they are preparing to cut off the water by putting few feet of cement in the hole, and save the well for probably 50 barrel producer. They found oil at 1421 feet. These operators have made location northwest and are rigging up for No. 2 well.

Cranfills & Reynolds on block 57, Central addition, are drilling at 675 feet. They failed to find sufficient pay on their well south of school house C. O. Moore on block 7, Steele addition, fishing for bit at 900 feet.

White & Harris, block 7, Steele addition, drilling at 720.

Mook-Texas Co. Canyon Oil & Gas Co. & M. E. Wakefield, block 31 Steele addition, drilling at 1145.

L. A. Warren, block 6, Steele addition, drilling at 500.

J. G. Weiler, block 89 Central addition, shut down for fuel.

McCamey, Neeb & Stone, block 10 Central addition, rigged up.

Brannon & Murry, block 85, Central addition, rig up.

Canyon Oil & Gas Co. on C. W. Barr tract south of town, lost string of tools, have plugged hole and moved to new location.

T. R. Slick's E. A. Haley No. 1, drilling at 285 feet, southeast of town-site.

C. O. Moore finished his Wade McDaniels No. 2, at 362 feet for 12 barrels O. B. Sudderth is moving in machine on T. C. Thorne No. 1.

Canyon Oil & Co. are drilling at 1145 on their Harris No. 1-A in Burkett field, on deep test.

#### CROSS CUT SECTION

Root & Rhodes completed their No. 5 Moore for a 25 barrel well and are spudding on their No. 6. J. K. Hughes' J. M. Moore No. 1, with 3,000,000 feet of gas in upper sand at 1080, are cementing pipe and putting in braden head and will go to oil pay. Moore & Wilson on Baxter No. 4 are on sand with showing for nice well at 1272 ft. Their Gafford No. 6 is drilling at 650, and their No. 7 at 550 feet, Gilman & Wilson are drilling at 715 feet on their Teston No. 7. J. K. Hughes' Arledge 2 drilling at 625 feet. H. H. Adams, et al, are underreaming at 1920 feet on their J. P. Newton No. 1. Bob Gilman, et al, on their east Chambers 2, drilling in, with showing for nice well. McLeister, et al, No. 1 on Clark estate are drilling at 700 feet. Mook & Wakefield are drilling at 1075 feet on their Wright No. 1, and at 460 feet on their J. W. Newton No. 1. Canyon Oil and Gas Co. are preparing to give their Elsbury No. 4 another shot at 1430 ft. Conway Bros. & Gilman are drilling at 1050 on their Newton No. 9. Cowboy Evans on his McDonough No. 1, is drilling at 450 feet. Gilman, et al, are rigging up on Henry No. 1 Edwards, et al, are rigging up on Madison No. 1. Halmack Oil Co. and Shutz & McCamey are drilling at 425 on their Hubbard No. 1. Mendenhall, et al, are rigging up on Newton No. 10. Gilman & Wilson rigging up on their Newton No. 9. Simms Oil Co. missed the pay on their Gaines No. 1 and moved rig to new location.

No report from Cottonwood section this week. Trading in leases continues active as operators continue developments.

Mrs. Harry Baker is visiting in the state of Pennsylvania this week.

Mrs. Sam D Jones and daughter, Evelyn of Mineral Wells, are visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Klatts.

Broad Bond was attending business in Cisco, Wednesday.

#### Youngblood-Davidson

Jess Youngblood, of Millsap, and Miss Sadie Davidson, of this city, were married at Eastland, August 12. They visited a few days at Millsap, then returned here, where they will make their home. They have many friends here—and all join in wishing them every happiness.

Perry Hughes of Baird has purchased the Chrysler agency here, from Guy Hester. The firm name will be known as Hi-Way Garage No. 2. Mr. Hester will remain with the firm as salesman. Mr. Hughes' brother will also be here.

### CROSS PLAINS GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY BY BIG DAILIES

Sunday's Dallas News carried a three column picture of Cross Plains business section, and referred to it as "Lively view of Lively Town of Cross Plains" and added, "This is quite a lively little town, as this view snapped on a business street will testify. Cross Plains divides its growth between an oil boom and a natural inclination to expand".

The above mentioned picture and the quotations reproduced, was only a part of what the Dallas News carried. Considerable more than a column of oil news was included, given in very descriptive form, the developments of the local fields.

The Fort Worth papers would have carried an equal amount of space covering Cross Plains developments but unfortunately the articles mailed to those papers were delayed enroute and arrived too late for the Sunday papers. All of those papers have been very kind, and liberal in giving Cross Plains due publicity, and the people of this section appreciate it.

Our correspondent to the daily papers F. M. Gwin, deserves much credit for preparing such valuable news information for these big state dailies, and he keeps in close touch with the press at all times.

Reports from Brownwood, Santa Anna and other points, indicate that they were visited last week by an army of grasshoppers. But they were only mobilizing at those points for a general advance upon Cross Plains and territory. They didn't appear to be hungry, but just wanted to see the sights. They were so thick on the ground here in places, that you couldn't see the ground. They evidently enjoyed their visit here, as they remained for several days.

Representative Eugene Black of Texas, with mother, visited relatives and friends in Cross Plains last week. Mr. Black was well pleased with the varied soils and also with crop conditions found here. Mrs. Joe H. Shackelford motored with them to Cisco Sunday, where they made rail connections.

A petition was circulated here this week, protesting the operation of a skating rink or dance hall here. A long list of signatures were on the petition. It is the opinion of many that Cross Plains can have an oil boom without the usual forms of entertainment that ordinarily are expected, so a strong effort will be made to keep out the forms of entertainment which are recognized by a good majority, as detrimental to the city's welfare, it is stated.

#### Cottonwood Notes

Mr. Vernon Brownlee city mail carrier of Dallas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brownlee, the past week. Miss Gwendolyn Jensen of Cisco is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Murray.

Mrs. Beene and daughter of Merkel are visiting relatives here.

Miss Eva and Elizabeth Reed and another young lady (who's name we didn't learn) passed through Monday, enroute to Cross Plains.

G. A. Clifton and Nelson Pierce left Monday for Colorado and other points for a few days vacation.

Mrs. J. F. Ashobrunner and son Ira, of Fort Worth attended church here Sunday, shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. E. L. Darby of Stephenville is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Respass.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Denman of Alabama are visiting J. D. Mitchell and family.

Bill Fulton of Shabee, Okla., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Fulton.

Mr. Pen Houston of Clyde was called to the bed side of his brother, J. M. Houston. Mr. Houston has not been doing so well the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Handy returned to their home here last week. Mr. Handy has been away for medical treatment.

Miss Merle Ledbetter of Scranton is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hembree.



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### THE COUNTY TAX RATE HAS BEEN REDUCED

The county Tax Rate has been reduced from 65 cents to 55 cents on the hundred. This is news that most all like to read, of recent years the county tax rate has gradually increased, and this reduction coming at this time it was a surprise to many of us. When speaking in general terms, taxes are increasing everywhere.

County judge, Victor B. Gilbert, and the County Commissioners are to be congratulated, for having so economically handled the finances of the county, that a tax reduction has been made possible, yet we should all be willing to pay taxes for the things that are essential for the proper growth and development of our county's resources, and that should be at no far distant date.

M. Kohlman and wife of Coleman, are opening up a Racket store next door to Clark's Grocery. Only part of their goods have arrived to date.

### METHODIST REVIVAL STARTS NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

How're your habits? Old Fashioned Revival Meeting under the auspices of the Methodist church, at the Baptist tabernacle. Beginning Sunday, August 23rd, running for period of two weeks.

Let's warm up the heart. Preaching by the pastor, Tom W. Brabham. Orchestra and music under direction of professor LeMaire, singing and personal work under the direction of James F. Jolly. Make your arrangements to be on hand every service.

Two services daily: 10 and 8:15. You will find a place to worship at all services.—The Pastor.

Lee Seward's mother and grandmother, of Brady, were visitors in his home Sunday.

Grandma Kenedy was pleasantly surprised last Thursday when many nice gifts were sent to her by thoughtful neighbors, as it was her birthday.



## Health's Companion

Clean Teeth are Health's Companion. When it cost so little to keep the teeth clean and healthy, why not buy your boy or girl a Brush and tube of Paste here! Don't delay.

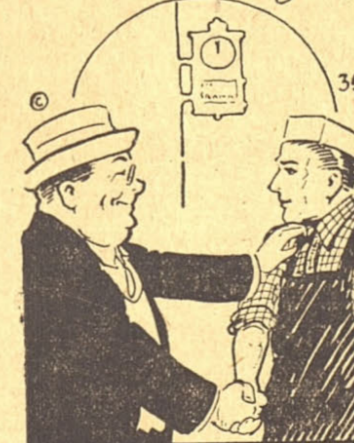
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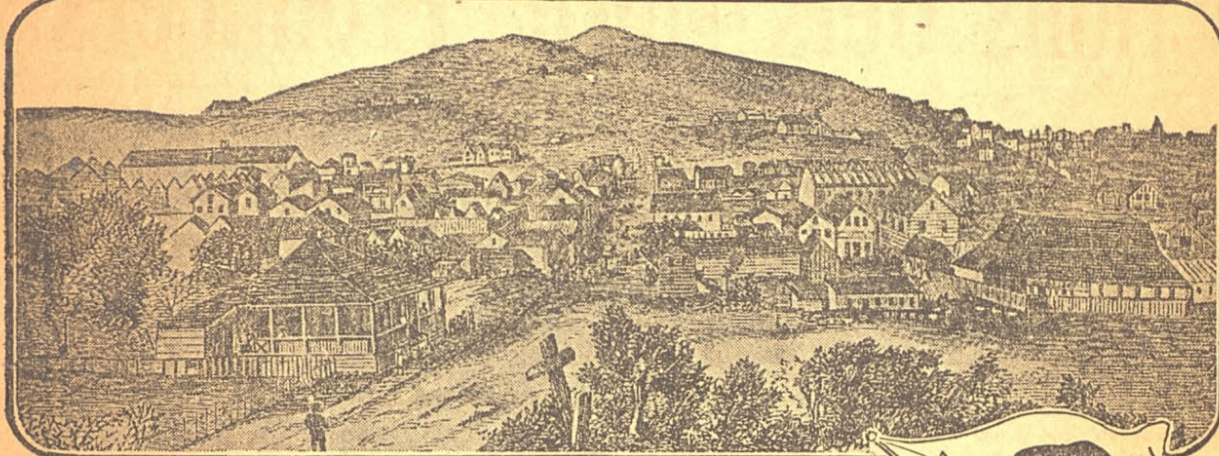
It will come back with a bigger, and better harvest.

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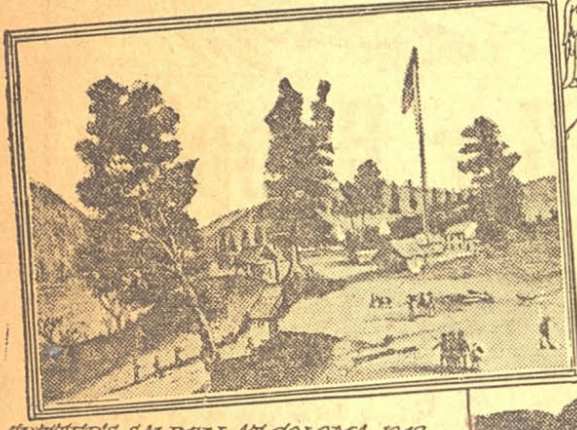
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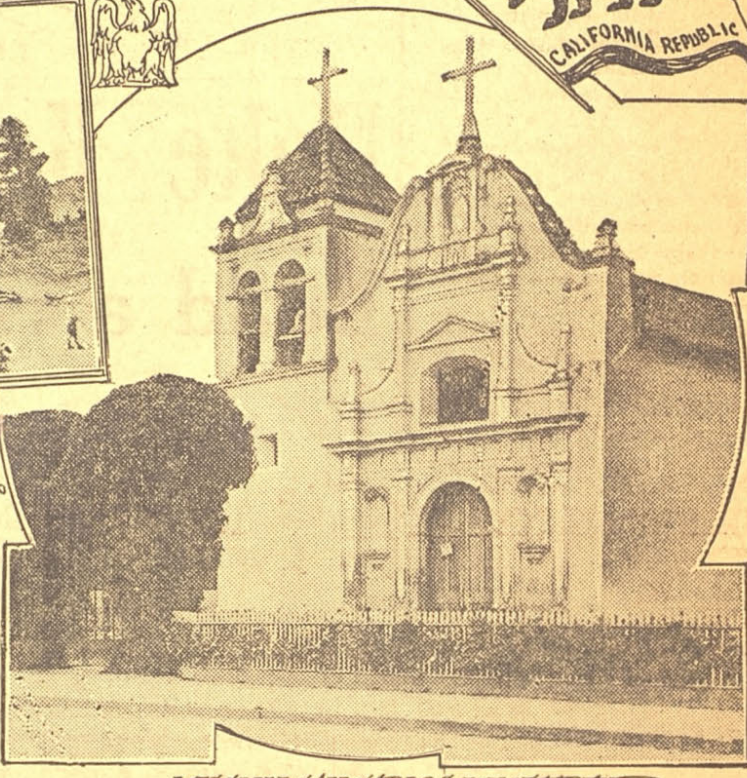
# California Celebrates Her Statehood



SAN FRANCISCO, WINTER OF 1849-50



SUTTER'S SAWMILL AT COLOMA, 1849



MISSION SAN CARLOS, MONTEREY

## September 9 Is 75th Anniversary of Her Admission to Union

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

**C**ALIFORNIA this year is celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of her admission to the Union. Admission day is September 9, but with characteristic exuberance many cities are throwing in fiestas and pageants of their own for good measure.

Merely a local affair? Hardly. California may rightly assume that the United States—and pretty much all the rest of the world—is directly or indirectly interested in her celebration. For all the peoples of the civilized world contributed to the gold rush of 1849-50 that made the Golden State almost overnight.

The forty-niners, you see, rushed California into the Union away ahead of her geographical turn.

This upsetting of the geographical sequence by the admission of California as the twenty-eighth state introduced new factors which hastened the development of the Indian country. Out of the demand for communication between the Mississippi and the Pacific came the Overland Mail of the Fifties, the Pony express of 1860, the St. Louis-San Francisco telegraph line of 1861 and the driving of the gold and silver railroad spikes in 1869 at Ogden—each a story in itself.

Moreover the "ifs" of history have a fascination all their own and California furnishes several which will long interest historians:

If the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 had not notified the Russians that further extension of their Pacific coast activities would be regarded as the "manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States"—

If the raising of the "California Republic" flag by Americans June 14, 1846, had not been followed three weeks later at Monterey by the annexation of California to the United States—

If Admiral Seymour's British fleet had arrived at Monterey before Commodore Sloat of the American navy had taken possession, instead of just after—

If gold had been discovered in California during the Mexican war, instead of just after the region had become ours by conquest and treaty—

Then, too, the rise and fall of the California missions is of interest alike to historical student, economist and religionist.

Jesuits began the establishment of the missions of Lower California. With their expulsion in 1767, the Dominicans were given the work, while the Franciscans were called upon to begin on upper California. Father Junipero Serra, padre presidente, had founded nine missions along the Camino Real from San Diego to San Francisco when he died in 1784. They prospered.

When Mexico secularized the missions of California in 1824 there were 21, with a force of 30,000 Indian neophytes. The padres had about 810,000 cattle, sheep, horses and mules. Their annual grain crop was 245,000 bushels; their annual income from sales from herds was \$550,000. The result of secularization was this: "A few years sufficed to strip the establishments of everything of value and leave the Indians, who were in contemplation of law the beneficiaries of secularization, a shivering crowd of naked and, so to speak, homeless wanderers."

Again: California has such a bag of tricks for visitors from ordinary spots. It has, for example, assorted climates at all seasons for all comers. It's just as easy on a summer day to stand on a snowbank on the slopes of Mount Whitney (14,502) and catch steelhead trout in an ice-cold lake as it is to cook eggs in the sun in Death valley (-278). And at San Diego not even a native son can tell by the thermometer whether it's Christmas or the Fourth of July. Then there is Mount Lassen, the only active volcano, and the big trees and redwoods, the oldest and biggest living things on earth, and so on.

California's very name suggests the romance of her early days—and her historical beginnings are very old. Cortez, conqueror of Mexico, gave the name to Baja (Lower) California when he made his settlement at La Paz in 1534-5. California is the name of a fictional island, inhabited by Amazons under Queen Calafia and rich in gold, diamonds and pearls, in an old Spanish romance, "Las Sergas de Esplandian," by Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo (1510).

In Alta (Upper) California, Cabrillo national monument marks the spot first sighted by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in June of 1542. He was a Portuguese navigator flying the golden castles of Castile and the red lions of Leon. So the flag of Spain was the first to float over the coast.

In June of 1579 a strange ship flying the red cross of St. George swooped down on the coast of Alta California and captured Spaniards, galleons and treasure galore. It was the Golden Hind on her way round the world under that great sea captain, Sir Francis Drake—part gentleman adventurer and part pirate. Drake landed north of San Francisco, took possession in the name of England and named the region New Albion.

The Russians, blundering down through Behring strait in 1728, prosecuted the fur trade vigorously, established their fortified posts as far south as San Francisco bay and had the Spanish Californians terrorized. The Monroe Doctrine put an end to their

dreams of an empire on the American Pacific, including Hawaii, and incidentally gave us Alaska by purchase in 1867.

The red and yellow of Spain came down in 1821, when Mexico won her independence. Thereafter the Mexican flag floated in nominal sovereignty over Alta California for 25 years.

June 14, 1846, a company of Americans took possession of Sonoma, made prisoners of Gen. Mariano G. Vallejo and his small garrison, hauled down the Mexican flag, proclaimed the Republic of California and ran up a unique flag especially made for the occasion from five yards of unbleached cotton cloth and a can of red paint.

The "Bear flag" waved proudly over the Republic of California for just 24 days. The Mexican war had been on since May 13, though nobody in California knew it. When the news reached Commodore John D. Sloat, in command of American naval forces in the Pacific, he sailed into Monterey, took possession of the port and on July 7 raised the Stars and Stripes and proclaimed the annexation of California to the United States. Admiral Seymour arrived with a British fleet a few days later—just too late.

The "California war," set going by the hoisting of the "Bear flag," came to an end with the signing of the "Cahuenga capitulation" of January 13, 1847. The next year saw the end of the Mexican war.

A momentous day for California was February 2, 1848. On that day was signed the treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which made California safely ours by conquest and purchase. And on that day James W. Marshall picked up a nugget of gold in the raceway of the new sawmill at Coloma in the Sacramento valley, just built by Capt. John A. Sutter, of Sutter's Fort and New Helvetia fame.

At the close of the Mexican regime there was the miserable presidio and pueblo of Yerba Buena at the entrance to San Francisco bay, with 200 inhabitants. By the winter of 1849-50 this miserable village had become the city of San Francisco, with 50,000 people in canvas tents, tin houses and wooden cabins, scattered all the way from the beach to Telegraph hill—and as many more on the way via the Horn, the isthmus and the overland trail.

So that is what the discovery of gold at Sutter's mill did for California. And why California's gold, lying almost in plain sight, should have escaped the Spaniard—the most indefatigable gold-hunter the world ever saw—is a mystery—unless one believes in the guiding hand of Divine Providence in the progress of the one nation of earth dedicated to liberty, equality of rights and the pursuit of happiness.

cording to press reports the required silver has been purchased in India through a German firm and the nickel through an Italian firm. The manufacturing stamps have been imported from Europe.

### Maryland's Flag a Copy

The state flag of Maryland represents the escutcheon of the paternal coat of arms of Lord Baltimore. The first and fourth quarters consist of six vertical bars, alternately gold and

black, with a diagonal band, on which the colors are reversed; the second and third quarters consist of a quartered field of red and white, charged with a Greek cross, its arms terminating in trefoils, with the colors transposed, red being on the white ground and white on the red, and all being represented as on the escutcheon of the present seal of Maryland.

The beaver, though looked on as an embodiment of industry, sleeps ten hours a day.

## THE HOUSE THAT JILL BUILT

By DON MARK LEMON

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**I**T CAME gyrating around the corner on its rim, carried along by a dusty gust of April wind, and as it swerved by me, seemingly with the instinct of a live thing seeking to get out of my way, I made a grab for the little old derby and succeeded in gaining a squashed hold upon it. As I was knocking some of the dust from the crown its owner came around the corner, whipped along by a second dusty gust of weather, and espying the hat safe in my hands he hurried forward with an expression compounded of vexation and relief.

Giving the derby a final brush around its rim, I was about to return it to its ingenious owner when a large placard pasted inside the crown caught my eye and, before I was aware of the fact, I had read the following singular sentence:

"Thou shalt not take unto thee for a wife a woman who invents things."

"Does your wife invent things?" he asked.

"I am not married," I explained.

He gave me a look of incredulous wonder, that ran into envy. "That's so, all men aren't married," he reflected.

"Have you ever heard of Kant?" he asked.

"The great German philosopher?"

"Yes. Well, I believe he takes as the starting point of his immortal philosophy the dictum, I am. Now, I add a third word, and start off with, I am married, and necessarily I arrive at a quite different philosophy of things."

"Ah," I smiled.

"Quite different! But I will not bother you with any dissertation on things as they seem: I wish merely to advise you never to marry a woman who invents things."

"You have married such a lady—unfortunately?" I sympathized.

"Three."

I stared incredulously, then severely. "Don't mistake me!" he exclaimed: "I am not a bigamist. My first wife was scalded to death by an ingenious water heater which she had all but perfected. My second wife was asphyxiated by her wonderful automatic gas hair curler. My present wife—"

he did not finish his sentence but removing his hat, gazed at the placard "wasted in the crown, and then, taking it by the handkerchief, dusted the derby thoughtfully.

It was the noon hour, and as we were opposite a cafe I invited him in to lunch.

"You seem not to have taken your own advice," I remarked over the oysters.

"No, not yet. But if circumstances are such that I shall ever again marry, I assure you I shall act with cumulative wisdom."

"For the lady's sake, let us hope that nothing unpleasant will happen," I said.

He shook his head as he dipped an oyster into his sauce. "I do not wish to see any harm befall her, but I fear if she continues to live in the house that Jill built something unhappy will come of it."

"The house that Jill built?"

He gave me the look of a child that thinks every one must know what it is talking about.

"Yes, the house that Jill built."

"And Jill?"

"Why, she's my wife! She built the house herself. That is, she invented it and had it built after her own designs. She certainly is a genius," he added, with a faint glow of pride.

"A woman invent a whole dwelling house?" I exclaimed. "I'd like to see it."

"Yes, Jill invented it all herself, and it's got Patent Applied For stamped over the entrance. She is somewhere in the city now, starting a company. I saw her on the street, but she was too busy to stop. Then my hat blew off and I had to follow."

There was a naïveté about the man that disarmed contempt, and when he invited me to come out some evening and see the house that Jill had built I gladly accepted his invitation.

I found my late acquaintance at home, and he greeted me in an enthusiastic yet subdued manner.

"Hush!" he whispered. "Jill is in her room thinking, and we mustn't be noisy! See," he said, directing my eyes every way at once by a sweeping motion of his hands, "tis a very pretty interior, and one could hardly believe that such an artistic place is fireproof, earthquake-proof, lightning-proof, and—"

he sunk his voice to a backstair whisper—taxproof!"

"Taxproof?" I exclaimed. "You don't say?"

"I do! That is, Jill says so, and while she hasn't explained to me just how it is taxproof, she has promised to do so, and when she does I'll show you."

It was indeed a rather pretty interior for a house so protected against the violences of nature, and my host remained silent while I admired the tasteful entryway. Finally, he could contain himself no longer, and exclaimed: "You must see all over the house. It's small, but it's a model of comfort, convenience and security! That is," he added hastily, "see everywhere but in Jill's room. I never was in there."

My interest and curiosity were now

thoroughly aroused and I followed the little man about, delighted with his delight, which seemed no longer dashed by any regret at having an inventive genius for a wife.

I found the house to be protected from lightning by a number of highly improved telescopic rods; built with a water-tight double flooring; arterled with pipes that in case of fire would automatically fill the building with fire-extinguishing gas; and the whole remarkable structure set upon powerful sleeping-car springs that would distribute and make harmless the violent shock of an earthquake or an explosion.

"You should be proud of your wife," I assured him; "and instead of fearing that something serious will result from her inventions, rather feel yourself doubly secure while sheltered behind the bright shield of her practical genius."

"It's the taxproof-cycloneproof arrangement that worries me," he explained. "She won't show me how it is worked, and I've pressed every button I can find and got myself in a world of trouble, but I can't come across that tax-cyclone button. I wonder what would happen if I should discover it and press it," he mused.

"You might prefer to pay taxes," I laughed.

He shook his head in a kind of good-natured ill-nature and I saw his eyes roam around as in search of some secret button. As we passed the third door on the left of the hallway, he paused and whispered, "That is it! That is Jill's room! She's in there thinking now, and she never comes out till some bright idea comes out with her." He stooped and applied his eye to the keyhole, then suddenly straightened up. "Why, she's gone out! I say, let's hunt together for that cyclone-tax button."

I waved aside the astonishing proposition. "You go first," I laughed, "and I won't follow. Your wife's business may be yours, but it's no part mine."

"You're right," he assented. "Something unpleasant might happen and then I'd be sorry for having got you into trouble. Come, I'll show you the Patent Applied For over the door, and I guess you'll just have time to get the next car back to the city."

As I walked down the road in the dusk meditating on the House that Jill Built and its strange inmates, I suddenly began to doubt the reality of Jill. Perhaps the little man was himself the inventor of the patented house and had fabricated "Jill" as an advertising scheme, or else as a kind of silent partner on whom he might shift any unpleasant responsibilities. Or, perhaps, too close application of his invention had unbalanced him and given rise to this queer hallucination.

Yet the man was as guileless as a boy of ten, with none of the cunning of insanity, and, wondering if the patented house might not prove a pretty big thing after all, I paused and looked back, a little vain of my experience.

Had I found myself suddenly on the other side of the earth I could not have been more astonished. The House that Jill Built was gone!

A moment later I was running breathlessly back down the road. Once I came to a standstill and hesitated mentally. Had there been any such place as the house that Jill built? Might I not have merely imagined it?

Bringing up directly before the plot of ground where the house that Jill built had been standing only a few moments before, I found merely a stretch of unweeded lawn.

I stared before me in deepening wonder, then wheeled about, morbidly fearful lest the house, like some unpleasant dead thing, was hiding at my back. But the house that Jill built was indeed gone! A kind of painful humor seized me and I laughed queerly. "He pressed the tax-button, I guess!"

Suddenly I was conscious of voices. They seemed to come from nowhere, indistinct at first, but as I listened attentively they soon resolved into the sound of a dispute.

"You did!" "I did not!" "You did! How dare you dispute me!"

"But my love, I did not! I was under the table when I butted my head against the button."

"What were you doing under the table?"

"My love, it would not avail me to lie, and though it would I could not do so gracefully in your presence. I was hunting for the tax-cyclone button."

"You found it!"

"Yes, my love!" There was a note of humiliated triumph in the familiar voice. "But had I known you were in the house, I would not have entered your room unbidden."

"Stand aside!"

I had but a moment longer to wonder from where the voices came, then my brain seemed to reel as the center of the lawn before me stirred and out of the earth, lighted by a score of incandescent lights and with all its shades open, arose the House that Jill Built.

Stealing around to the side of the structure I saw my late host standing humbly in the presence of a magnificent red-haired woman, fully six feet in stature.

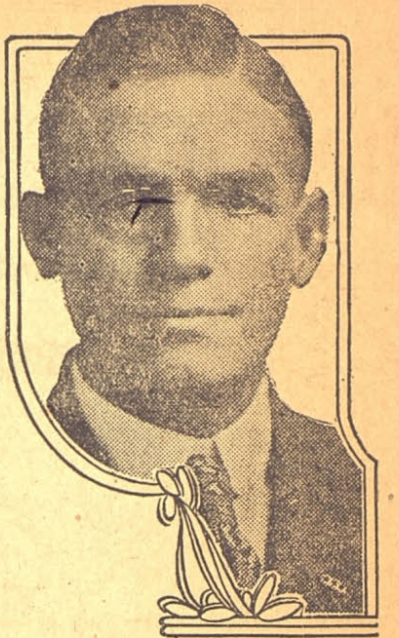
"The next time, sir, that you let this house into the cyclone cellar, I shall shut you in with it till I plant another lawn on the roof. Be warned in time!"

With a fixed mental picture of the dramatic scene, and no longer doubting the reality of "Jill," I turned and strode away.

### Practical Girl

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### Vacation Note

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# Landlubber on the "Bowdoin"

Tells of His Experiences on Flagship of MacMillan's Expedition.

Washington, D. C.—"There is no place on board a small schooner bound for the Arctic for a landlubber," writes Maynard Owen Williams, a representative of the National Geographic society, from the Bowdoin, flagship of the MacMillan Arctic expedition. "With Liberty engines on the deck, steel barrels of gasoline lashed to the rail and boxes of gasoline and oil making a false floor which brings a man's head at the exact height of a swinging boom, a landsman must get over being a landlubber at the first possible moment.

"The minute we got outside Monhegan, Commander MacMillan said, 'Williams, take the wheel. Keep her on 120 degrees,' and immediately turned and left the Bowdoin to me. Both he and Mate Robinson do all they can to explain everything but don't talk technical language in order to appear imposing. I found out, for instance, that a 'sheet' is not a sail, as I thought, but a rope which serves to hold a boom down toward the point where it can bat a man on the ear.

"Our watch is midnight to six and noon to six. Dick (Salmon) interrupted my dreams (if any) with a large hand in the small of my back. One of the first annoyances was that there are little pantalettes inside a suit of oilskins and sticky rubber boots don't slide into the trousers as easily as a landsman would like. I did everything but put my hand on the galley stove. Playing stork and tugging at reluctant garments that have become fast friends is not easy in a rough sea even if that sea is what a seaman calls 'moderate.'

**As to Eating.**  
"When I went on deck we were in a fairly thick fog. Under the red and green lights the pretty curve of bows reached up to the prow above which the jib was furled into a spirity mass with the rope meandering along its back like the Potomac in its most undecided mood. In the sea there were phosphorescent flashes and the black water purled into a creamy mass under her prow.

"We eat very well. Pickles and hardtack on deck seem to appeal to the seasick ones who, on the table below, would have to face fish chowder, a huge tray of lobsters and many other things including mince pie for which one is ill prepared when his world is adrift and won't settle down.

"A passenger on a big steamer thinks he has his sea legs when he can walk down a twenty-foot promenade deck without becoming a Laplander. But the landlubber in oilskins has a different task. The rail on the Bowdoin is just the height of the decoration of my golf stockings. There are halcyons and sheets, dory tackle and all sorts of other lines which coil their serpentine around where one

least expects them. The flukes on the anchors are as eager to grab a foot as they are to seize on a footing or a holding or whatever it is they grab in the bed of the sea. To add to the confusion there are all the casks and cases of gasoline and the three huge cases of Liberty motors. A landlubber must get over lubbering soon or else become a liability or a corpse.

"Aft we have a layaret, which is a storage place behind the captain's cabin. This room is shared with the mate.

"From Captain MacMillan's room one enters the engine room with its 60-horsepower, semi-Diesel oil engine and its various generators for electric light and radio equipment.

"The hold has become a radio room and its fore quarters are occupied by a Jark room and an electric ice box. Spoiled meat has not only cost every other Arctic explorer dear but has deprived the men of something fresh. Our bushel of cucumbers are crisp as the phrase they gave birth to.

"The pantry, galley and forecabin

are all together though some lady visitors did install some cretonne curtains which have gone the way of all beauty. A cretonne curtain is no support to a man who rolls out of a top bunk in a hurry. I know.

"So this is our little boat. She's a beauty and every seaman envies us our place in her. The crew is wonderfully fine. All in all it's a place for a man even if he starts as a landlubber. He may never return a first-class seaman but if he can't learn to hold her helm steady when a huge sail with a forty-foot baseball bat tied to it is trying to Babe Ruth a few heads he is better off the boat than on it.

"There is no question of the ability of Commander MacMillan. Seamen and explorers testify to that. But the safety of the whole ship may depend at times on whether a landlubber can steer, raise or lower sail or pick a tiny light out of a deep fog on a horizonless sea. This is no training cruise for midshipmen. By force of circumstances the man of the sea, who knows its moods, must trust to landlubbers at times. All hands will be on deck when the need arises and MacMillan and Robinson are able men. But sooner or later the landlubber has to face it. So perhaps it is not as surprising as it seemed to me that with fair weather and a smooth sea, our captain left out the A. B. C. theory and handed the wheel to a landlubber on his first water with a 'Take the wheel! Keep her on 120 degrees.'

## 23,000 Killed in Industries

Accident Rate, However, Shows Decrease Since Inception of Safety First.

By C. B. AUOL, President, National Safety Council.

New York.—Of the 85,000 lives lost in the United States in 1924, 23,000 were lost in the industries. Though this is a large figure it is not alarming because the fatal accident rate in the industries of this country has decreased since the inception of the safety movement and were it not for this movement the figure would be much larger than 23,000.

One of the most important considerations of industrial management of today is the introduction of the new employees into the plant. Statistics show that the new employee is more liable to injury than one who has seen long service. The accident rates for men in the employ of a company for less than six months or a year are much higher than for the employees having longer service records.

**Some of the Causes.**  
Accidents to new employees are due not only to carelessness or thoughtlessness but also to ignorance of the hazards and working conditions. Another factor is nervousness due to a desire to equal the production and speed of the more experienced workman. Mechanical safeguards have, to

a certain extent, prevented accidents from both of these causes. The greater number of accidents, however, occur from causes that are not preventable by guards. To prevent the occurrence of accidents the industries of this country have undertaken a universal program of safety education.

The day the new man comes to work he gets his first lesson in safety. He is given information about the plant and is supplied with the company's rules and instructions regarding safe practices. From then on the necessity for the prevention of accidents and ways and means of preventing accidents is kept constantly before him by various means.

Probably the most effective method of keeping the safety message before the American workmen is the safety bulletin board. All through the plant at places where the workmen congregate during the day are placed these bulletin boards and on them are posted bulletins vividly portraying causes and results of accidents and methods of avoiding them.

Because the physical condition of a worker has much to do with his susceptibility to an avoidable accident, physical examination for the new employee and periodical examination for the older employee is becoming quite universal in American industry. The applicant is tested for physical qualifications corresponding to the physical requirements of the job which he is to take. The examination of new employees does not mean that physical defects disqualify them from work. Instead, the physically defective employee is given work from which he will not suffer.

Through departmental competition in reducing accidents in the plant, the employee is constantly on the alert to keep the accidents in his own department down so as not to injure the departmental record. He is given representation on plant safety committees and, in many plants, is paid extra for his suggestions regarding the improvement of safe working conditions. Pay envelopes are often stamped with safety messages so that the employee receiving his wage cannot help but get this message of safety.

Once or twice a year, and in some instances, three or four times a year, concentrated campaigns are conducted to lower the accident rates in the plant and, for a period of one week to a month (whatever the length of the campaign may be) the significance of accident prevention work is kept constantly before the workers. Americanization work among the foreign-born workers is conducted almost entirely from a safety viewpoint. There are numerous other methods invented for use in educating the employees in safety but those mentioned are probably the most universal in use.

### Japanese to Study American Rice Fields

Tokyo.—The department of agriculture is planning to send an expert to the United States to study and report on the agricultural situation, especially with regard to the cultivation of Japanese rice on American farms.

The output of Japanese grain in America is said to have been on the increase up to 1923, when 270,000,000 pounds were produced. The subsequent decrease is ascribed to the rise in dollar exchange against moneys of importing countries.

In addition to studying the rice cultivation situation in America, the agricultural department investigator will also look into the system of selling farm products and the supervision of traffic bearing upon agriculture.

### Pup Is Freak

Paterson, N. J.—One of a litter of eleven puppies born to a German police dog owned by James Cronin has a head which veterinarians say resembles that of a monkey, although otherwise it has a perfect body.

## KEEPING FIGHT ON LIQUOR OUT POLITICS FAILS

Executive Expects to Choose Best Man Possible.

Washington.—The shining bubble bearing the inscription, "No politics in prohibition enforcement," has burst, unceremoniously.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has let it be known that the new prohibition administrators selected by Lincoln C. Andrews, dry czar, must be approved by Senators in the various districts. This admission came from a high Treasury official. It is in accordance with the ancient custom here, and would occasion no surprise except for the repeated announcements from Andrews that political influence can not count.

Mellon intends to secure the best men possible for the new jobs. In fact, he would like to see men of the Andrews type selected—men who have had business experience and are good executives.

The Treasury policy does not necessarily mean that every man recommended by a Senator will be taken. If the recommendations are not regarded as good by Andrews they will not be taken, it is said. But on the other hand, the man chosen must be approved by the Senators in the States included in the district over which the regional director will have jurisdiction.

If the particular director chosen by Andrews is not satisfactory to any Senator he will be dropped. Mellon has made it clear that he wants harmony all around. This policy is aimed toward that end.

The statement of Treasury policy was regarded as especially significant as it was called by an inquiry regarding the pronouncement from President Coolidge at Swampscott recently that there would be no politics in selecting the, new dry directors.

It was pointed out that Andrews had been consulting with Senators and listening to their recommendations. Andrews admitted this frankly enough, but declared that he would select the best man he could find. The veto power which Senators will have has been admitted for the first time, however.

In the last analysis it all comes down to the necessary realization that Senators are cogs in the political machine, that their co-operation is needed and that they are in a position to do damage to a program of legislation if they so desire, as well as to resort to retaliation in their home districts. Mellon, with a longer experience in politics than Andrews, knows this.

This does not mean that Andrews will not have wide latitude. It will be necessary for him, however, to keep on good terms with Senators and work with them.

Mellon would like to have such men as Andrews as regional directors. This does not mean, it was explained, that the selections would be confined to ex-service men, though this type will be largely represented.

## BAN ON CATTLE HAS BEEN MODIFIED

Oklahoma Removes Restrictions for 3 Days on Fort Worth Market.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Quarantines against shipments of cattle from the Fort Worth market into or through Oklahoma and Kansas, put into effect several days ago because of the foot and mouth disease situation in Harris County, have been modified and cattle are now moving freely to the Northern markets, it was said by A. G. Donovan, general manager of the Fort Worth Stock Yards Company.

Pending further investigation, the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture have tentatively removed its restriction against the Fort Worth market for a period of three days, its president, J. A. Whitehurst, notified Mr. Donovan by telegraph. The Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Commission had previously notified the stock yards company of a modification of its quarantine against a great part of East, South, and Central Texas, including the Fort Worth market, so as to include only the area under quarantine by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

### Raid Fort Wayne, Ind.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Forty Federal prohibition enforcement officers swooped down upon Fort Wayne and started out with 100 search warrants issued in the office of U. S. Commissioner T. J. Logan.

### Fails to Find Arctic Base.

Washington.—Commander Donald B. McMillan, in a flight over Ellsmere Island was unable to find a suitable intermediate base for his Arctic expedition between Etah, Greenland, the main base, and Cape Thomas Hubbard, where it is planned to establish the advance flying base. The flight was in a direct line toward Cape Thomas Hubbard but everywhere rugged country and ice were found. Another flight farther to the south will be made in an effort to locate a base.

## Woman Made Long Hike to Appear in Lawsuit

It is over 80 miles from Southampton to London, but Mrs. Catherine Foyle, sixty-four years old, walked the whole distance, accompanied by her little dog, in order to defend herself in the law courts recently, says the London Graphic.

In the chancery division she appeared, with a bottle of lemonade powder firmly clenched in her hand, to defend a motion to restrain her from selling goods and soft drinks from a stall in the New forest and from lighting a fire without permission.

Other people were following her example in the forest, it was stated, and were creating a nuisance.

"We do not want to be hard on her," said Mr. Pollock, for the crown, "but we want an order that we can show to everybody."

The order was granted, and it was stated that the crown would pay Mrs. Foyle's fare back, as well as that of the dog.

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### Squirrel Had Gumption

At Epping, N. H., a teacher and her pupils noted an interesting bit of natural history last spring. A squirrel was seen playing in a sugar maple near the schoolhouse, and a closer inspection revealed the fact that he had gnawed the underside of a limb and, hanging on by his four feet, was sucking the sap that oozed out. He repeated this performance several times.

### Scouts and a Dog

In Portland, Ore., lived an old lady with no companion but a dog, and no income but what she could make from her sewing. Two patrols discovered her, and for nearly a year the boys supplied their new friend with groceries, chopped up wooden store boxes to keep her fuel buckets filled and generally looked after her needs. Recently the little old lady died, and, according to report, her guardian sorely missed her.

There is nothing more satisfactory after a day of hard work than a line full of snowy-white clothes. For such results use Red Cross Ball Blue.—Advertisement.

### Cure for Insomnia

An inventor of Macclesfield, England, is said to have perfected a machine that will cure insomnia. The machine is placed alongside of the bed and emits light rays of 12 different colors, flashing at prearranged periods. The effect of this combination of colors and periodicity is intended to be soothing and to induce sleep. The color flashes at such regular intervals have a peculiar effect upon the retina, it is said. The inventor maintains he has cured several stubborn cases of sleeplessness in ten to fifteen minutes.

### Woman Juggles Freight

Mrs. Florence Merriman, of Portland, Maine, is probably the only "lady stevedore" in the country. She says she can handle as much freight as any man. She also is mate and cook, and in addition helps at any other task while at sea.

### Helpful Suggestion

"I'm in a quandary," she said to the milliner. "I don't know what to do about a hat. I'm of two minds about it."

"Then take two hats," suggested the milliner, "and please both minds."—Boston Transcript.

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### St. Francis' Centenary

The seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis, the poor man of Assisi, will be observed throughout Italy in 1926. The great apostle of poverty died October 4, 1226, at the age of forty-four.

## SUFFERED AFTER BIRTH OF BABY

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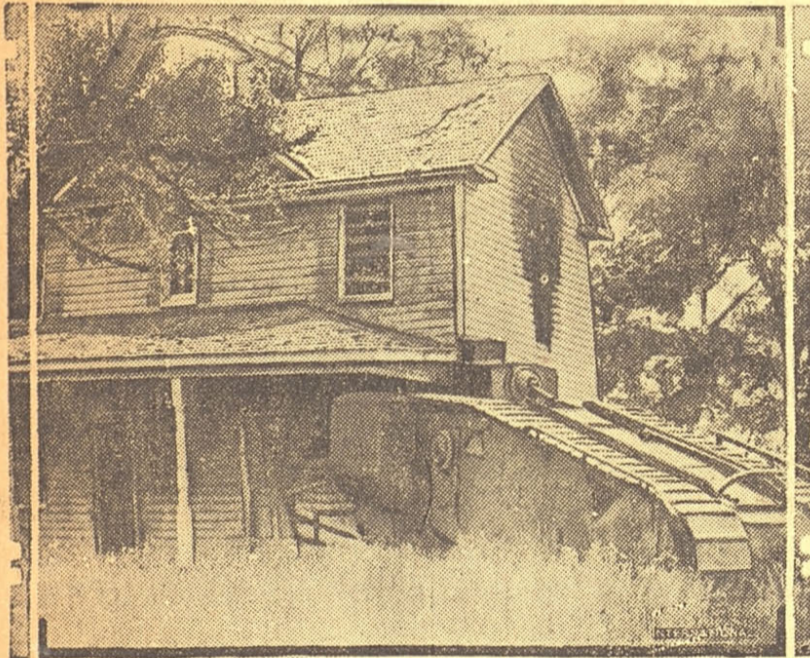
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## "MOLLY," LOBSTER, LIVES GENUINE CHARMED LIFE

Aged Female Crustacean Frequently Caught, but Always Returned to Native Haunts.

Swans Island, Me.—Catching Molly is getting to be an old story with the lobstermen here. Molly is an old female lobster that has been caught on an average of once a week by some fisherman who sets his traps in Placentia Bay, her favorite abiding place. The officials at the United States fish hatchery at Boothbay Harbor long ago punched their little round hole in the middle one of Molly's tail flippers. In lobsterman language, that means that the punched lobster is a mother, or "seeder" and is to be saved.

When these punched-tail seed lobsters are taken the lobsterman carries them to market with the rest of his catch. The dealer pays him at the same rate as for others. In turn, the dealer saves the "seeder" for the State

of Maine collection boat Sheldrake, which makes regular trips along the coast. The state officials reimburse the dealer for his outlay, and the seed lobsters are returned to the water.

In Molly's case some wag punched holes in the other tail flippers, so there is no mistaking her. If any lobsterman in these waters should get tired of taking Molly out of his traps and in a moment of petulance take her home and cook her he would expect no more luck.

Molly has come to be regarded as the mascot of Placentia bay. Therefore, she may with impunity enter any lobster pot, eat all the bait, and make herself generally at home, secure in the knowledge that despite her unwelcome marauding she will be carefully returned to her native element.

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10 in. Bowls, were 70c each, now	-----55c
9 in. Bowls, were 45c each, now	-----35c
14 in. Platters, were 85c each, now	-----70c
11 in. Platters were 50c, now	-----35c

### Lot No. 2: GOLD BAND

7 in. Plates, sold at 1.50 per set, now	-----1.25
5 in. Plates, sold at 1.00 per set, now	-----85c
Cups and Saucers, sold at 1.65, now	-----1.25
9 in. Round Bowls, sold at 60c each, now	-----45c
8 in, round Bowls, sold at 40c each, now	-----35c
7 in. round Bowls, sold at 35c. now	-----30c

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One of the important needs of Callahan County right now, as The Enterprise views the situation, is a first class County Farm Agent, one who is capable of supervising the terracing of farms this fall and winter. It is high time something should be done to stop the soil from washing away.—Clyde Enterprise.

Callahan County needs a County Agent, and should have one. Practically all farmers are conversant with the methods and results of the farm agents work. Where county agents are employed, their work has exemplified the fact that they are an asset to any farming county, and by all means Callahan county should have one.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs of Gilmer, are visiting Ben Pearce and family and other relatives.

T. B. Carpenter of Blanket, accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cruger Carpenter, of Pueblo, Colo., were here the past week end, visiting Mr. Carpenter's daughter, Mrs. G. A. Brown.

#### Notice on Application to Lease

No. 758

Guardianship of Boyce and Lois Robbins

Notice is hereby given that I, Mrs. Winnie Robbins, Guardian of the estates of Boyce Robbins and Lois Robbins, have on this, the 20th day of August, 1925, filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for order of the County Judge of Callahan County, Texas authorizing me, as guardian of the Estates of said wards to make a certain mineral lease described in said application or one upon such terms as the Court may order and decree, of the undivided interest of said wards in that certain tract and parcel of land, described as follows:

2-42 undivided interest in and to 239 acres, more or less out of the southwest part of Rebecca Edwards Survey, No. 778, in Callahan County, Texas, described as follows: Beginning at at the original S. W. Cor. of survey at a stake for cor; from which a P. O. Brs. N. 58 W. 5.2 vrs. Thence N. with west line of said survey 1490 1-5 vrs. to stake for cor. Thence E. 883 vrs. to stake on west bank of creek, Thence S. crossing creek 477 vrs. to stone mound on rock hill; Thence E. 109 vrs. Thence S. 1013 1-5 vrs. to south line of said R. Edwards survey, Thence W. to the place of beginning, less 6 acres deeded to Bart Pentecost, by H. L. Robbins, said 6 acres now owned by T. E. Mitchell.

Said application will be heard by the Honorable Victor B. Gilbert in the city of Baird, Texas, on the 29th day of August, 1925.

All persons interested in the Estate of said minors are hereby notified to be present on said day and file or otherwise present in said Court, on or before said day, any and all contests and objections to the granting of an order authorizing me, as guardian, to make said lease.

MRS. WINNIE ROBBINS.



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MEXICO IN NEED OF STRONG HAND

DR. SHERWILL SAYS COUNTRY REQUIRES DICTATION FOR LAW AND ORDER.

AGRARIAN PROBLEM VITAL

If Calles Fails to Solve Them, Mexico Will Suffer for Generations to Come and Calles Will Sink Into Oblivion.

Williamston, Mass.—The use of dictatorial methods is now necessary in Mexico to bring about law and order, Dr. Guillermo A. Sherrill, secretary of the Inter-American High Commission, said at the Institute of Politics at Dr. Leo S. Rowe's round table conference on Inter-American relations. He read a communication described as "very important from J. Puig Casaurane, secretary to public instruction, at Mexico City, outlining a program of policy.

"The last revolution in Mexico perverted to a considerable extent the moral sense of the country," he said. "Bandits have openly prospered and have been rewarded or bribed or stopped their activities; mobs have held sway and agrarian and labor movements have taken a dangerous direction. To bring order out of chaos it is necessary to use dictatorial methods without forgetting that the purpose of any dictatorship at present would be only to pave the way for democracy.

"It would have as its immediate object the task of directing the agrarian and labor movements into conservative channels and checking self-appointed Generals and grafters who have infested the country. Calles must rise above the personal interests of some of his followers and guarantee the reign of law.

"The solution of the agrarian and labor problems will be the salvation of Mexico. If Calles fails to solve them, Mexico will suffer for generations yet to come, and Calles will sink into oblivion. The present methods of agrarians are misguided. If their mistakes are not corrected the agrarian policy will be a failure.

"The American Government must be patient and must exercise great care in supporting complaints of American interests in Mexico. In many cases there has been no denial of justice to American interests and appeals to the American Government have often had the purpose of obtaining special privileges through a show of force. This will not do if the United States Government is to develop a policy of friendship toward Mexico and fulfill its higher mission as a trustee of Pan-American faith.

CALIFORNIA GIRL KEPT IN LOCKED CAGE

Couple Ashamed to Let World Know Daughter is Demented.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A Mexican couple, ashamed to have their neighbors know the existence of a demented daughter, kept the girl locked in a wooden cage for years and fed her as if she were an animal.

The strange situation was divulged here when two police officers entered the home of Maria and Heginio Seanez, forced open a locked door and found Josefa Seanez, 23, lying naked on the floor of a specially constructed wooden cage.

The parents, recently from El Paso, tearfully explained that the girl had been "sick in the head" since birth and that they did not want the world to know about it.

"We gave her good care," the rents cried. "We gave her very good care."

At the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital, where the girl was taken, physicians said she was in excellent health and apparently had not been subjected to any ill treatment.

"The girl was removed solely because we feared a fire in the frame structure where the Seanez family lives," Police Captain Kline said. "We have known of her case for some time. The family were entirely in their rights in holding her. If they had been wealthy people with a good home we would have permitted them to keep her."

The room where Josefa was kept was large and clean, and the cage, made of lattice work, only partly filled it. According to police, the girl had plenty of food and ventilation.

Former Senator Gray Dies. Wilmington, Del.—George Gray, 85, former United States Senator from Delaware and retired Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, is dead.

Man and Wife Slain. Muncie, Ind.—Ben Hance and his wife were shot to death here by a man who Hance identified shortly before his death as George (Dutch) Anderson, companion of Gerald Chapman, notorious mail robber who is now under death sentence in the Connecticut State prison for the murder of a New Britain, Conn., police officer. Anderson escaped with Chapman from the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., where he was serving a sentence for robbing the United States mails.

CONDENSED AUSTIN NEWS

Revenue amounting to approximately \$66,000 annually is received by the University of Texas from rental of residences and summer camp sites.

Oil gathered by pipe lines in Texas in June amounted to 12,684,026 barrels, an increase of 1,113,254 barrels compared with the previous month, the oil and gas division of the Railroad Commission reported.

Gross receipts tax collections for the quarter ending June 30 aggregated \$1,683,000, Comptroller S. H. Terrell has announced. Collections of tax on production of crude oil for the current quarter amounted to \$1,400,000.

The Railroad Commission gave notice of hearing for Sept. 8 to consider an application of the carrier to apply the rough rice rates at minimum on carload shipments of rice, bran and rice hulls which had been accorded transit privileges.

So that farmers can receive an advance of \$85 per bale, the Texas Cotton Growers' Finance Corporation has amended its charter by increasing its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000. It is a subsidiary of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

It has been held by the Attorney General that funds of Harris County can not be used to dig trenches for the burial of cattle destroyed in eradicating the hoof and mouth disease. The expense will have to be borne by the State or Federal Government.

Assistant Attorney General Clifford L. Stone conferred with defense counsel in the case of the State vs. Henry Henke, et al. for \$30,000 damages, the value of shell, sand and gravel taken from alleged public lands at Morgan's Point, without payment to the State.

A. D. Mangham has been nominated and confirmed for retention as storekeeper-accountant at the San Antonio State Hospital. His nomination was made by Dr. W. J. Johnson, who becomes superintendent at San Antonio on Sept. 1 and confirmation was made by the State Board of Control.

Cotton shippers of the State have asked the Railroad Commission for a further conference in the matter of a revision of the cotton rates in Texas and the Railroad Commission will hear them some time in the future, the date yet to be fixed. Whether it will be a formal hearing or an informal discussion is undecided.

Appeal in the first case where a woman has been convicted of violating the liquor law since the Court of Criminal Appeals adjourned for the summer vacation in June has been filed. The defendant is Elinor Knight, convicted in Potter County of possessing liquor and sentenced to one year.

All cotton fields of Presidio and Brewster counties must be cleaned of all bolls prior to February 1 of every year, while all cotton fields in the counties of El Paso, Hudspeh, Ward, Reeves and Pecos found to be infested with the pink boll worm must be subject to the same treatment, Geo. B. Terrell, commissioner of agriculture, said.

The Attorney General's Department in an opinion to the Railroad Commission advised that it has no objection to the granting of the application of the Gulf & Interstate Railway Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to acquire and operate the properties of the Santa Fe Dock and Channel Company.

Unless a tropical storm or other disaster occurs, sufficient revenue will be realized from crops on the farms of the State prison system to pay off the entire prison debt by the middle of next November, Judge F. L. Hawkins of the Court of Criminal Appeals said on his return to Austin from a vacation in the coast country, followed by a trip through Retrieve, Harlem and other State farms.

Plans for conducting experiments in reforestation on all three classes of pine have been completed and material progress made toward starting the actual work, it was announced here by E. O. Siecke, State Forester, who was in Austin regarding title to a third tract of land which is soon to come under the control of the State Board of Forestry, consisting of the president of the A. & M. College, the State Land Commissioner and the State Forester.

Returning to Austin from Fort Worth where he held a conference with C. W. Woodman, assistant director of the Federal Labor Department, E. J. Crocker, Texas Labor Commissioner, announced that he made arrangements for continuing State free employment agencies after September 1, when State funds for the conduct of such agencies will be available. Commissioner Crockett said the arrangement was only temporary, the Federal authorities agreeing to continue to work through the present season.

Texas News

Loss by fire in Texas during July amounted to \$679,793.59. J. J. Timmins, state fire marshal, reported the other day. Eighty two fires of unknown origin caused \$398,650.14 loss.

Work of dredging the slips serving Piers 10 and 11 has been started, according to announcement made by E. E. Gossrau, general manager of the Galveston Wharf Company.

J. U. Yarbrough has been named by the board of regents of the University of Texas as director of the University Junior college of San Antonio.

Burnet day at the county fair held at Bertram proved a great success. The parade was led by the Burner band.

Sanitary corrections were made on 28 municipal water supplies by the division of sanitary engineering of the state board of health, the July reports show.

The Yoakum Light and Water Company is making considerable improvement in the water service. It is installing over 1500 feet of 6-inch mains on Gonzales Street and West Grand Avenue.

Early in the year it was thought that the pecan crop in the Burnet section this fall would be a complete failure. It is estimated now that Marble Falls will ship six to eight cars, which is about 15 cars short of a normal crop.

Application for \$20,000 in state and federal aid to be used in constructing 11.2 miles of rock asphalt from Uvalde to Knippa, was filed several days ago with the state highway commission by Uvalde County. Estimated cost of the project is \$60,000.

The construction train of the San Benito and Rio Grande Valley railroad has entered the city of Hidalgo, near Mission, work on the road having progressed that far, according to George Winsor, general manager of the road.

An organization known as the United States Army Press Association has been formed at Camp Normoyle for the purpose of drawing all army publications into a mutual association with members exchanging news and working together for the benefit of the army as a whole.

Complete report on the West Texas interstate commerce commission hearing on proposed extensions of railroads July 20 to 25, was received a few days ago by the Texas railroad commission. It consists of 1526 typewritten pages and includes all the testimony offered.

An experiment is now in progress near Hebronville looking toward the development of that section as a date growing area. Mrs. Lorine Jones Spoonits has planted more than 100 date palms on her ranch, six miles north of Hebronville and announces if the experiment is successful a large additional acreage will be devoted to raising of dates.

M. E. Ludlow, one of the leading melon growers of Gregg County, has carried 30 giant watermelons to Marshall, where they will be kept in cold storage until the opening of the Marshall fair, where the melons will be exhibited. One of the melons weighs 105 pounds. Ludlow will also exhibit melons at the state fair of Texas this year.

W. Churchill, Wichita, Kan., chief engineer, and R. W. Cooper, locating engineer of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company, soon will begin surveying operations to determine the most direct rail route from Alpine to Mexico. They made this announcement a short time ago when in Alpine making arrangements for the survey.

A state gasoline tax of 3 cents a gallon, revenue of which is to be devoted entirely to highway construction and maintenance, will be proposed in a bill to be submitted by him at the next regular session of the legislature, R. S. Bowers, state senator from the Fourteenth District, told the Associated Press a few days ago. Gus Russek, state senator from the Fifteenth District, said he would support such a bill.

Actual construction of the Houston-Gulf Gas Company's line from the Refugio gas field in Refugio County to Houston will start the first week in September, according to W. L. Moody III, director of the company. The Hope Engineering and Supply Company, which has the contract for the complete construction of the line has completed the survey from Refugio to Edna and is working towards Houston. The Youngstown Shett and Tube Company of Youngstown, Ohio, is rushing work on the manufacture of the pipe, and delivery along the right of way will begin at an early date.

The turkey crop throughout the section of Bastrop will be the smallest ever known this year. The low price of 10c paid for turkeys last year discouraged the farmers and many discontinued raising the birds. Due to the severe drouth conditions the egg yield this spring was low and turkey chicks, through lack of moisture were unable to break the shell. Young turkeys are unusually scarce and of very small size and old fowls with the flocks are likewise in poor condition. The turkey revenue in normal years is quite an asset to farmers in this section.

THE PASSING DAY

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Eastern Mills Seek Texas Location.

It is reported that many Eastern cotton mills are anxious to move to Texas! They offer to have their plants appraised by engineers satisfactory to themselves and the places to which they propose to move and to move their plants to Texas points that subscribe capital stock equal to the appraised valuation, the new stock subscriptions to be used for buildings and operating capital. The reasons for desiring to move to Texas are that working conditions are better here, 20 per cent can be saved in operating expenses, and the \$7.50 required to move each bale of cotton to the factory is also saved.

This should be a good proposition for Texas points desiring cotton mills, provided they take the precaution to avoid buying out-of-date machinery. Junk machinery in a manufacturing plant is dear even if given away.

Should Learn Lesson From Drouth

It is said that in Caldwell county alone the cotton crop this year will be at least nine million dollars short of the crop of 1924, which means that the drouth has cost that much in cotton and nearly as much more in other crops—certainly not less than fifteen million dollars. Fifty other Texas counties have suffered as much or almost as much as Caldwell. Such a condition is likely to occur at any time in almost any part of the State. Fifteen million dollars, the amount lost to Caldwell county this year, would go far toward preparing to irrigate a great part of the county. Texas is slow at learning lessons if movements are not started at once to store water for irrigation wherever possible. Even in years of average rainfall irrigation would largely increase the crops.

Texas Rice Crop is Good.

Texas is making the best rice crop it has ever produced. Texas rice is made by irrigation, for which advance preparation is always made. Therefore, rice growers do not worry about getting enough rain to make a crop. The price is good this year too, and rice growers are prosperous.

A few decades ago this country depended almost altogether on Japan and other foreign countries for its rice. It was even thought that good rice could not be grown here. Now Texas and Louisiana are growing great crops of better rice than we have before been accustomed to.

We are learning that Texas can grow many things we once thought impossible. It is no idle boast to say that we can feed and clothe a great part of the world, and can furnish most of the world with its luxuries. We can't do this, though, without plenty of water stored for our crops.

Much Ado About Nothing.

A great ado is being made about placing a bust of Lincoln at the Texas Technological College as one of a group of the five greatest Americans. Lincoln may or may not have been one of the five greatest and his bust in the group will not settle that question or force the acceptance of Lincoln as among the greatest upon those who see it. It merely means that those to whom the selection was left agreed to place it there. Doubtless they did not agree among themselves as to who are entitled to such recognition. It would be difficult to find a group of five persons who would be in entire accord as to the five greatest men in America's history. The fact that the objectors have suggested at least a dozen to take the place of Lincoln shows that there can never be entire accord on this subject. Those who are opposed to Lincoln's bust at Texas Tech. should base their objections on artistic grounds. All will agree Lincoln was not much for looks.

Hard Schedule in Texas Schools.

Headlines in Texas papers tell us almost daily that there is a hard schedule this fall before almost every Texas school. Naturally unsophisticated readers conclude that students are going to have to work pretty hard to make their courses, but a reading of the articles always shows that the difficult schedule refers to the football games. Nearly all of the advance newspaper information about the schools has reference to athletic rather than to educational affairs.

Are Texas educational institutions getting athletically top-heavy? Is education becoming a physical sport rather than an intellectual training. I do not attempt an answer, but merely ask the question for your consideration. There are times when the conscientious teacher is made to wonder if he is merely holding his classes together to furnish rooters for the athletic contests.

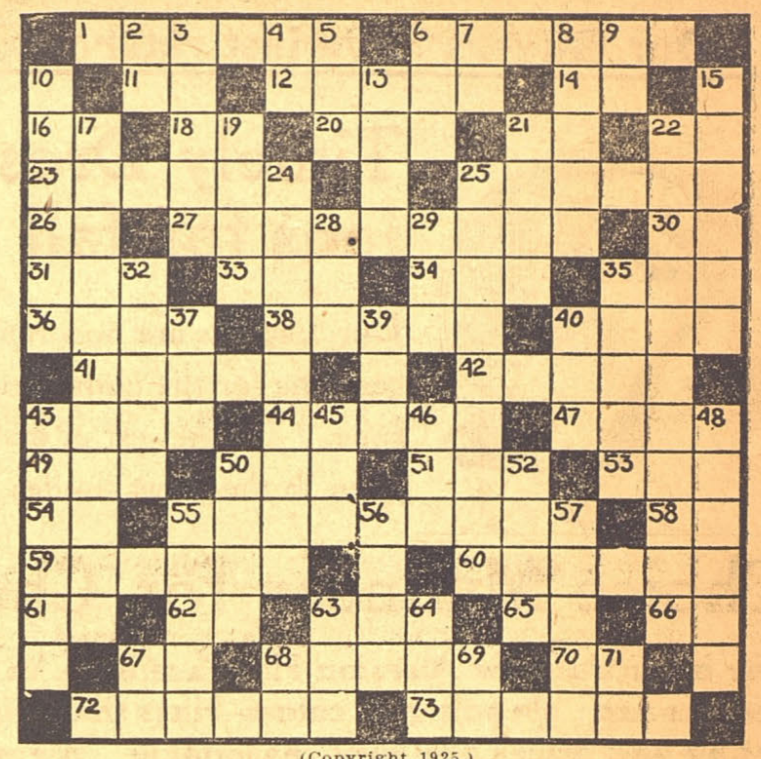
Florida Now Leads California.

A report from Miami, the Los Angeles of Florida, states that a real estate dealer recently made a profit of \$8,000,000 in eight hours on a \$1,000,000 investment. Los Angeles will now be heard.

Paying Out Three for One.

The report of the Texas Insurance Commissioner shows that in 1924 insurance companies of all classes collected in Texas in premiums \$133,768,222, and paid out in losses only \$44,427,012—three dollars received for every dollar paid out. The question arises: "Where does the other two thirds go, and who gets it?" Another equally interesting question is: "How long will this unequal ratio of receipts and disbursements be permitted by the people of Texas?"

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



- Horizontal. 1-Untidy or slovenly 6-Eras 8-A musical instrument 10-A royal residence 12-A famous Italian watering place 15-A circular plate of some heavy material 17-One who transmits wireless messages 19-To strike the hands together 21-Profusely 22-Translated 24-To amuse 25-States incorrectly 28-A title of the pope (abbr.) 29-Vigor 32-A blemish 37-Makes cripple 37-A dentist 38-A southern constellation 40-Existed 43-Bread crumbs boiled in milk and flavored 45-United (abbr.) 46-French for king 48-Gained by labor 50-To catch in a snare 52-A biblical name 55-Native of a southern state 56-A longitudinal timber at the bottom of a boat 57-Nails 63-Dried and mowed grass 64-A negative 67-In such a manner 68-A continent (abbr.) 69-A point of the compass 71-Civil engineer (abbr.) The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Last Week's Puzzle. DANGERS PATTERS ALEAK TAR OATEN LIED PYRES PAGE LED GOM ON HUR IN RAT O BUN RR E PIP ARJON TON E DEED APJIS WEED RN ERR NOD PL SING TIRED LAIC T YET LED PAL O AM TOG V POP AN MOP PO E AD ODD PLAY BORED UNDO EARED WEN ULCER BRESDEN DIMMERS

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE. When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

NURSERY RHYME PUZZLE



"BOW-wow-wow," "Whose dog art thou?" "I'm my little master's dog, Bow-wow-wow; And I'd like a bite of cookie Now-wow-wow." Find two other boys. Upper left hand corner down, along head and shoulder. Upper left corner down, along leg.



# The BLACK GANG

A Sequel to Bulldog Drummond.

BY CYRIL McNEILE SAPPER  
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## THE CLERGYMAN

**SYNOPSIS.**—To a gathering of anarchists in Barking, London suburb, Zaboloff, foreign agitator, tells of the operations of a body of men who have become a menace to their activities. He says they are masked and wear long black cloaks and are acting without the law. He is interrupted by the men he is describing (the Black Gang), who break up the meeting, sentencing some of the participants to condign punishment and carrying away others. A memorandum found on Zaboloff gives an address in Hoxton, which the leader of the attacking party considers of importance. Sir Bryan Johnstone, director of criminal investigation, hears from Inspector McIver, sent to arrest Zaboloff the night before, of his discomfiture. He had been seized and chloroformed and his raid frustrated. Hugh Drummond, man of leisure, tells Johnstone of seeing the kidnapers and their victims. He becomes an unpaid agent of the police, under McIver. William Atkinson, ostensibly pawnbroker and money lender, really Count Zadawa, director of anarchy in England, does business in another London suburb. A mysterious stranger invades the premises. Drummond attempts to burglarize the premises to get evidence. While so engaged, with two companions, a bomb is hurled at them. The explosion kills "Ginger Martin," expert burglar. Drummond and his friend escape, taking with them a bag they find on the floor.

## CHAPTER V—Continued

"Well, there, old son, at the moment you have me beat," conceded Hugh. "I sort of figured it out this way. Whoever the bird is who bunged that bomb, he recognized me as being the leader of our little bunch. I mean it was me he was staring at through the door, with eyes bubbling over with tenderness and love. It was me that bally bomb was intended for—not Ginger Martin, though he was actually doing the work. And if this cove is prepared to wreck his own office just to get me out of the way—I guess I must be somewhat unpopular."

"The reasoning seems extraordinarily profound," murmured Peter.

"Now the great point is—does he know who I am?" continued Hugh. "Our great difficulty before Zaboloff was kind enough to present us with the address of their headquarters was to get in touch with the man at the top. And now the headquarters are no more. No man can work in an office with periodical bowlders falling on his head from the roof, and a large hole in the wall just behind him. I mean there's no privacy about it. And so—unless he knows me—he won't be able to carry on the good work when he finds that neither of my boots has reached the top of St. Paul's. We shall be parted again—which is dreadful to think of. Why, we might even pass one another in the street as complete strangers."

"I get you," said Peter. "And you don't know him."

"Not well enough to call him Bertie. There's a humpbacked blighter up there who calls himself a count, and on whom I focused the old optic for about two seconds the other evening. But whether he's the humorist who bunged the bomb or not is a different matter." He glanced up as the door opened. "What is it, Denny?"

"I found this bag, sir, in the pocket of the coat you were wearing tonight."

His servant came into the room carrying the chamois leather bag, which he handed to Drummond.

The door closed behind him, and Hugh stared thoughtfully at the bag in his hand.

"I'd forgotten about this. Saw it lying on the floor, just before we hopped it. Hullo! It's sealed."

"For goodness' sake be careful, boy!" cried Phyllis. "It may be another bomb."

Hugh laughed and ripped open the bag; then his eyes slowly widened in amazement as he saw the contents.

"Great Scott!" he cried. "What the devil have we got here?"

He emptied the bag out on to the table, and for a moment or two the others stared silently at half a dozen objects that flashed and glittered with a thousand fires. Five of them were white; but the sixth—appreciably larger than the others, and they were the size of walnuts—was a wonderful rose pink.

"What on earth are they? Lumps of glass?"

With a hand that shook a little, Toby Sinclair picked one of them up and examined it.

"No, you fellows," he muttered, "they're diamonds."

"Rot!" cried Hugh incredulously. "They're diamonds," repeated Toby. "I happen, to know something about

precious stones. These are diamonds." "But they must be worth a lot," said Phyllis, picking up the pink one. "Worth a lot," said Toby dazedly. "Worth a lot! Why, Mrs. Hugh, they are literally worth untold gold in the right market. They are absolutely priceless. I've never even thought of such stones. That one that you're holding in your hand would be worth over a quarter of a million pounds, if you could get the right buyer."

For a moment no one spoke; then Hugh laughed cheerily.

"Bang goes next month's dress allowance, old thing!" He swept them all into the bag, and stood up. "I'm laying even money that the bomb-thrower is coughing some and then again over his bread-and-milk. This bag must have been in the desk." His shoulders began to shake. "How frightfully funny!"

## CHAPTER VI

### In Which There Is a Stormy Supper Party at the Ritz

It was just about the time that Ginger Martin's wife became, all unconsciously, a widow that the sitting-room bell of a certain private suite in the Ritz was rung. The occupants of the room were two in number—a man and a woman—and they had arrived only that morning from the Continent. The man, whose signature in the register announced him to be the Reverend Theodosius Longmoor—looked a splendid specimen of the right sort of clergyman. Tall, broad-shouldered, with a pair of shrewd, kindly eyes and a great mass of snow-white hair, he was the type of man who attracted attention wherever he went, and in whatever society he found himself. A faint twang in his speech betrayed his nationality, and, indeed, he made no secret of it. He was an American, born and bred, who had been seeing first hand for himself some of the dreadful horrors of the famine which was ravaging Central Europe.

And with him had gone his daughter Janet—that faithful, constant companion of his, who since her mother's death had never left him. She was a good-looking girl, too—though perhaps unkind people might have said girlhood's happy days had receded somewhat into the past. Thirty, perhaps—even thirty-five—though her father always alluded to her as "My little girl."

There was something very sweet and touching about their relationship; his pride in her and her simple, loving adoration for dad. Undoubtedly a charming couple, had been the verdict of their chance acquaintances—so simple, so fresh, so unassuming in these days of complexity and double-dealing.

After dinner, because his little Janet was tired, the Reverend Theodosius and his daughter remained in their suite.

And for two hours until he got up and rang the bell, the Reverend Theodosius was engrossed in work; while his little Janet, lying on the sofa, displayed considerably more leg than one would have expected a vicar's daughter even to possess. And occasional gurgles of laughter seemed to prove that Guy de Maupassant appeals to a more catholic audience than he would have suspected.

She was knitting decorously when the waiter came in, and her father ordered a little supper to be sent up.

"Some chicken, please, and a little foie gras. I am expecting a friend very soon—so lay for three. Some champagne—yes. Perrier Jouet '04 will do. I'm afraid I don't know much about wine. And a little Vichy water for my daughter."

The waiter withdrew.

"What time do you expect Zadawa?" Janet asked.

"He should have been here by now. I don't know why he's late."

"Did you see him this afternoon?"

"No. I was down at the office, but only for a short while."

The sound of voices outside the door caused Janet to resume her knitting, and the next moment Count Zadawa was announced. For an appreciable time after the waiter had withdrawn he stood staring at them: then a smile crossed his face.

"Magnificent," he murmured. "Superb. Madame, I felicitate you. Well though I know your powers, this time you have excelled yourself. I have the most wonderful news for you."

Reverend Theodosius bit the end off a cigar and stared at his visitor with eyes from which every trace of kindness had vanished.

"It's about time you did have some good news, Zadawa," he snapped. "Anything more d-d disgraceful than the way you've let this so-called Black Gang do you in, I've never heard of."

But the other merely smiled quietly. "I admit it," he murmured. "Up to date they had scored a faint measure of success—exaggerated, my friends, greatly exaggerated by the papers. Tonight came the reckoning, which incidentally is the reason why I am a little late. Tonight"—he leaned forward impressively—"the leader of the gang himself honored me with a visit. And the leader will lead no more."

"You killed him," said the girl, helping herself to champagne.

"I did," answered the count. "And without the leader I think we can ignore the gang."

"That's all right as far as it goes," said the Reverend Theodosius in a slightly mollified tone. "But have you covered all your traces? In this country the police get peevish over murder."

The count gave a self-satisfied smile.

"Not only that," he remarked, "but I have made it appear as if he had killed himself. Listen, my friends, and I will give you a brief statement of the events of the past few days. I suddenly found out that the leader of this gang had discovered my headquarters in Hoxton. I was actually talking to Latter in my office at the time, when I heard outside the call of an owl. Now from the information I had received, that was the rallying call of their gang, and I dashed into the passage. Sure enough, standing by the door at the end was a huge man covered from head to foot in black. Whether it was bravado that made him give the cry, or whether it was a ruse to enable him to see me, is immaterial now. As I say—he is dead. But—and this is the point—I made me decide that the office there, convenient though it was, would have to be given up."

"I was completing the final sorting out of my papers with my secretary, when the electric warning disc on my desk glowed red. Now, the office was empty, and the red light meant that someone had opened the door outside. I heard nothing, which only made it all the more suspicious. So between us we gathered up every important paper, switched off all lights and went out through the secret door. Then we waited."

He turned to the clergyman, who sat motionless save for a ceaseless tapping of his left knee with his hand.

"As you know, monsieur," he proceeded, "there is an opening in that door through which one can see into the room. And through that opening I watched developments. After a while a torch was switched on at the further door, and I heard voices. And then the man holding the torch came cautiously in. He was turning it into every corner, but finally he focused it on my desk. I heard him speak to one of his companions, who came into the beam of light and started to pick the lock. And it was then that I switched on every light, and closed the other door electrically. They were caught—caught like rats in a trap."

The hunchback paused dramatically, and drained his champagne. If he was expecting any laudatory remarks on the part of his audience he was disappointed. But the Reverend Theodosius and his little Janet might have been carved out of marble, save for that ceaseless tapping by the man of his left knee. In fact, had Count Zadawa been less pleased with himself and less sure of the effect he was about to cause he might have had a premonition of coming danger. There was something almost terrifying in the big clergyman's immobility.

"Like rats in a trap," repeated the hunchback gloatingly. "Two men I didn't know, and—well, you know who the other was. True he had his mask on by way of disguise, but I recognized him at once. That huge figure couldn't be mistaken—it was the leader of the Black Gang himself."

"And what did you do, Zadawa? How did you dispose of one or all those men so that no suspicion is likely to rest on you?"

The hunchback rubbed his hands together gleefully.

"By an act which, I think you will agree, is very nearly worthy of yourself, monsieur. To shoot was impossible—because I am not sufficiently expert with a revolver to be sure of killing them. No—nothing so ordinary as that. They saw me watching them: 'I can see his eyes, Hugh,' said one of them to the leader, and I remembered suddenly that in the passage not far from where I stood were half a dozen bombs—What is it, monsieur?"

He paused in alarm at the look on the clergyman's face as he slowly rose.

"Evidently the reverend gentleman is quite wrought up over something. What's going to happen?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Variation in Story

Leon Bloy, to whose memoir, monument has been erected in France, was a deep student of ingratitude. One day a lady asked him if the children of this era were usually ingrate. "Yes, madame. Allow me to tell you a story. There was a young villager who wanted to leave the parental roof, and who pestered his father into dividing up the family live stock and giving him his share—" "I know that story," interrupted the lady. "It is the parable of the Prodigal Son. Subsequently he returned, repentant, to his father's home?" "No, madame," said Bloy. "In my story it is the pigs that return."

The birth rate is higher in Japan than in any other country in which vital statistics are kept.

## The HAPPY HOME

By MARGARET BRUCE

### A Solitaire Gift

"Grandmother is growing very feeble," mused mother anxiously. "I hardly know what to suggest to keep her amused and busy. She cannot see to read, except very large print, and she grows tired of knitting. Now that she cannot go out in the car any more, on account of her dear old bones, I just don't know what to do." She



has to spend so many hours alone."

"Solitaire!" ejaculated granddaughter. "It's the very thing for her. Molly's Aunt Mary, who broke her leg, you know, plays it by the hour, Molly says. She isn't so old, but she has been a shut-in for weeks and will be for weeks more, I guess. Let's make a card-shark of grandmother and let her gamble with herself to her heart's content."

Solitaire proved to be the solution of the long, dreary hours spent by the precious old lady whose active days were over. That very day granddaughter went to the city and bought a small solitaire table, a small, light stand with a straight outer edge and a curved front so that it could be drawn up over the lap of the player in her deep cushioned chair. She purchased several decks of cards with very large clear numerals and symbols on them, that would not confuse the aging eyes, and last of all she got a book of solitaire games—so many that grandmother could never find time to learn them all.

The print of the book of games was rather small, so granddaughter copied them off, one by one, in large black letters on stiff cards. When grandmother had mastered one, her devoted grandchild printed another for her. Perfectly absorbed in the fascinating game which she had never had time to play during her busy life, grandmother sat every day by her sunny window, laying red on black or building up suits, as she played canfield, forty thieves, and other variations of this solitaire sport.

"I don't know why they call it solitaire," said grandmother, putting her spectacles up on her forehead. "I feel as if I had company all the time. Sometimes the cards beat me but now and then I beat them—they're like real, live opponents pitting their brains and luck against mine."

### Doing Over Old Furniture

"What a beautiful old secretary! Where did you find it?" exclaimed an evening caller.

"Picked it up in a second-hand shop," proudly responded the host, a lover of antiques. "Paid only \$12 for it." Then, as the caller opened an astounded mouth, he added, ruefully:

"But it cost me \$60 to have it done over."

We all know of the treasures in old mahogany, rosewood, and black walnut that may be found lurking in dim old shops, in ancient houses and barns, and that may be bought for a song. But we also know that we sing a different tune when we learn what it will cost us to have these beautiful pieces put into shape for our living rooms. Very often they have been painted or varnished at some time in their careers, and the surface is blistered, cracked and muddied. If we are willing to give the time and effort to the job, however, we can do over these rare treasures ourselves, not only saving much money but having the joy of seeing the true grain of the wood come out in a soft satin sheen.

First of all, apply to the wood a coat (possibly two) of a good varnish remover. Carefully scrape this off with a putty knife or blunt edged tool. I have found a pancake turner very efficient. When the loosened paint and



varnish are entirely off, and the wood is all revealed, clean off all traces of the remover with gasoline or turpentine. Your true lover of old mahogany will then slowly produce the ideal dull satin polish by rubbing away at the surface, day after day, with boiled linseed oil mixed with finely powdered pumice stone. It is a long, loving process indeed.

If there is neither the time nor the strength to give this natural polish, a good mahogany stain may be applied smoothly, allowed to dry thoroughly for a day or two, and then the surface rubbed with the oil and pumice.

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### Swedish Missionary Work

Scandinavian churches, next to those of the United States and England, are the most active Protestant foreign missionary agencies. Archbishop Soderblom, the picturesque and virile head of the see of Upsala, states that there are 132 Swedish missionary agencies abroad and that last year they baptized 854 persons. The missionary churches in Africa, the East Indies and China number 34,096 members and maintain 414 missionary schools that teach 20,000 children.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

# Sunday School Lesson

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## Lesson for August 23

### THE MACEDONIAN CALL

**LESSON TEXT**—Acts 16:6-15.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—"Come over into Macedonia, and help us."—Acts 16:9.  
**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Paul's Wonderful Vision.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—Paul Called to Europe.  
**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—The Macedonian Call and What It Led To.  
**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—The Hand of God in Missions.

I. Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to Preach the Word in Asia (vv. 6-8).

The inclination of Paul and his companions was to tarry in the provinces of Asia Minor preaching the Word, but contrary to their inclination they were hurried along. There were many people in Asia who yet needed the Gospel. They might have reasoned, what difference would it make where we preach so the Gospel is preached? We have here a fine lesson on Divine guidance. The Holy Spirit is as active and faithful in closing doors as in opening them. "The stops as well as the steps of good men are ordered of the Lord." We ought as truly to recognize God's hand in the "shut-ins" as in the "open-outs."

II. The Call to Macedonia (vv. 9-12).

The Gospel having broken the confines of the Jewish city and country, the middle wall of partition having been abolished, the time has come for it to leap across the Aegean sea and begin its conquest on another continent. Christianity thus ceased to be an oriental religion, and through the centuries has been mainly occidental.

1. The Vision (v. 9).

Being hemmed in on all sides, a vision was given to Paul of a man of Macedonia pleading for help. This made plain to him the closed doors about him. In finding the Divine will we should look both ways. Before there can be any great forward movement, there must be a vision. There is no victory without a vision.

2. The Advance (vv. 10-12).

As soon as the Divine way was known, they moved forward therein. Visions must be quickly translated, and aggressive action taken or else they are blotted from our skies. Paul never questioned the wisdom of God nor delayed action. This is characteristic of all God's true servants. With a straight course, Paul moved out of his own country to the strategic center of a new continent.

III. The First Convert in Europe (vv. 13-15).

The missionaries first went to Philippi and spent several days in studying conditions there. The Jewish element in this city was comparatively insignificant. So much so that they could not have a synagogue. Therefore, the devout people were accustomed to worship by the river side. To this humble gathering Paul came and preached to the women assembled there. A certain woman from Thyatira named Lydia, a proselyte, believed his message and was baptized. The steps in Lydia's conversion are worthy of note, for they are typical:

1. Attendance at the Place of Worship (v. 13).

Usually those whom God is calling are found at the place of prayer. Lydia was a woman of wealth, culture and wide experience, and yet she had need of Christ. She was seeking the heavenly light. God sends many an inquirer to the prayer meeting.

2. Listening to the Preaching of the Word of God (vv. 13-14).

The instrument used in the conversion of sinners is the Word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). It is highly important that at every prayer meeting the Word of God shall be spoken so that the inquirer after God may find the light.

3. Her Heart Was Opened by the Lord (v. 14).

Only the Lord can convert a soul. It is our business to preach the Word of God, and it is God's business to open the heart of the inquirer. Regeneration is a supernatural work. When the Gospel is preached the Spirit of God opens the sinner's heart for the reception of Christ.

4. She Was Baptized (v. 15).

Every one whose heart the Lord has opened desires to confess Him in baptism. Baptism is an outward sign of inward grace.

5. Her Household Believed (v. 15).

Real conversion cannot be concealed. When one is converted those in the house will find it out.

6. Practical Hospitality (v. 15).

Those who have experienced God's saving grace are thus disposed to have part in His work by rendering aid to His ministers.

### True Humility

True humility consists not in thinking little of oneself, but in not thinking of oneself at all.—Capt. J. Arthur Hadfield.

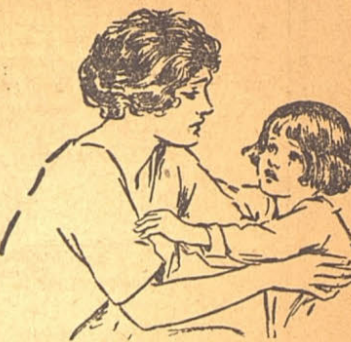
### Selfishness

Nothing parches the soul like selfishness; the heart that feeds upon itself grows old fast.—W. L. Watkins.

### Our Tasks

"Our tasks are easier when we pray about them."

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## Dr. Scholl's Zino-pads

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### First Aid

"Were you bashful the first time you called on a girl?" "Why, yes, but her father helped me out."

A project for the construction of a system of canals in Poland to connect the Baltic and the Black seas, is being advanced by a syndicate there.

## Why Risk Neglect?

Are you lame and aching; weak and nervous? Do you suffer backache, sharp pains, disturbing bladder irregularities? This condition is often due to a slowing up of the kidneys. The kidneys, you know, are constantly filtering the blood. Once they fall behind in their work, poisons accumulate and undermine one's health. Serious troubles may follow. If you have reason to suspect faulty kidney elimination, try Doan's Pills. Doan's are a tested diuretic, recommended by thousands. Ask your neighbor!

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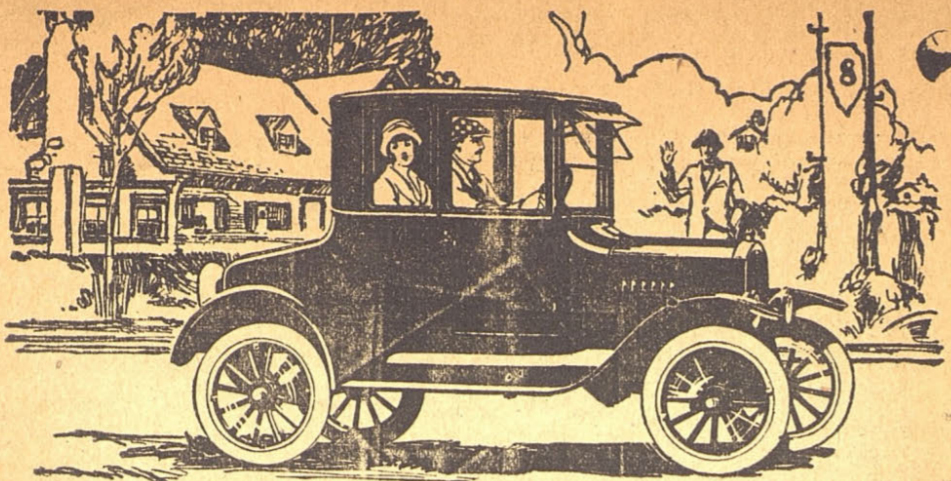
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Detroit

Mrs. Tom Anderson and children are visiting in San Angelo and Rock Springs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Bohannan of Brownwood were visiting in the home of Charlie Barr, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Everett of Baird were shopping here Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor of Dallas, has just opened a Millinery Shop on the balcony of Deal's Drug Store. She states that Cross Plains has a very promising future. Her place of business will be styled, The Bonnet Shop.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson is in sanitarium at Brownwood, but is improving and may be able to come home this week.

L. N. Hanks and family who left here last year, for other Texas points, have returned to make their home here.

Some body must be speaking a good word for the Review, as new subscribers continue to come, while others are new. We certainly appreciate it.



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### Liberty Notes

As I have not seen anything from this part of the country for a long time will try to give a little news.

Mrs. Lillie Talbott and son, Charlie, were shopping in Cross Plains Saturday

Miss Eula Talbott visited with Miss Mable Erwin Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Bruce Erwin went to Rising Star Friday on business.

Mrs. Lillie Talbott and family spent last Sunday with her father, J. M. Bullock, of Deer Plains. It being Mr. Bullock's birthday, he being 75 years old and of course he had a birthday dinner, his sons, Hubert and Huey, and his grand son, Charlie Talbott, being the same day, they all had the dinner at Mr. Bullock's. Those present on this occasion were Mr. L. M. Bullock and family of Breckenridge; Mr. Ira Bullock and family, of Parks, and Mrs. Lillie Talbott and family, of Liberty.

Miss Trula Marshall has been visiting her grand-mother of Dressy the past week.

Miss Mable Erwin of Liberty has been visiting in Dressy the past week.  
—Liberty Rose.

Martin Neeb and daughters, Leta and Marie, and B. B. Bond visited in Santa Anna past week.

Frank Williams and family motored to Baird the past week end.

Alvin Smith of Weslaco, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith.

Johnnie White and wife of Dallas are here spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. White.

Misses Pauline Bond, Christine McGowen and Maurine Alsbrook motored to Rising Star Sunday.

Miss Daisy Loving of Clyde has accepted position with W. A. McGowen and Sons, as bookkeeper.

H. A. Pace and family have returned from a tour of south and east Texas.

Mrs. Coats of Dallas and her sister, Miss Brown, of Pioneer, were shopping here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Neeb and cousin were shopping here the past week.

Mrs. Jim McGowan and Mrs. Brubeck are visiting in Dallas this week.

Uncle Jim Coffman and Floyd Odell, are visiting in Oklahoma this week.

N. C. Mitchell of the Farmers National Bank is visiting his parents at Indian Gap.

Mrs. Martin Neeb and daughter, Kathleen, and Juanita Wilson motored to Brownwood, the past week end.

Len Irvin and family of Littlefield are here visiting family connection this week. Mr. Irvin is sheriff of Lamb county. He and family formerly lived here. They read the Review.

### Notice to Public

The attention of the Public is called to the new Automobile Law. All headlights must be tested by the First day of September. The inspection of headlights will be made by Garages which have been designated by the Commissioners Court. Under the new law cut-outs have been barred on all motor vehicles and cannot be used on any Public Highway. Your attention is also called to the law against speeding on any Public Highway and to all reckless driving.

It is also a violation of the law for any person to operate an automobile without displaying the State Highway Number on the front and rear of such vehicle. In case where one of the numbers has been lost a new number may be secured upon application to the County Tax Collector. All persons violating this law will be vigorously prosecuted.

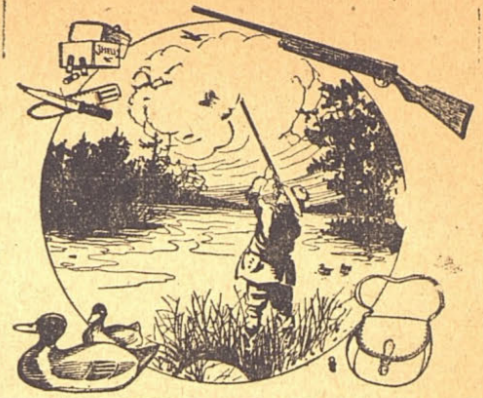
All automobile owners will find it advisable to have their lights tested at once in order that the work may be completed before the First day of September. The following persons at the following places have been appointed by the Commissioners Court to test head-lights in this County: Irving H. Mitchell, Baird; Grady Johnson, Oplin; G. E. Morgan, Cross Plains; J. F. Coffey, Cottonwood; Harry Berry, Clyde; and A. Julian, Putnam.

All officers within the County are being notified to enforce these laws strictly after the First Day of September.

B. F. RUSSELL  
County Attorney.

G. H. CORN  
Sheriff.

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## Annoucnement

I wish to announce that I have just opened a Millinery Shop at Deal's Drug Store, on the balcony. I have had twelve years experience in millinery and designing.

You'll find nothing but the very latest creations in Hats displayed here, and I earnestly solicit and will appreciate your valued patronage. You are invited.

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