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THE COMPANION For The Rest Of 1899.

During the remaining weeks of 1899 The Youth's Companion will maintain its fresh and varied interest for young and old by presenting articles from the pens of eminent men and women and stories by the most gifted writers of fiction.

Among these contributors will be Frank R. Stockton who presents a droll story, "The Wolf and the Wheelbarrow;" James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," who offers "Hints on Reading;" W. D. Howells and Jane Barlow, each of whom contributes a serial story; Bret Harte, who recalls an early California experience in "How I Went to the Mines;" Mary E. Wilkins, who tells of "Sereny Maria at School;" and Henry M. Stanley, who under the title, "For Life and Liberty," relates a thrilling adventure of his travels in Darkest Africa.

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There are few better protections against unworthy conduct than the faculty of believing in yourself and taking a high estimate of what the future has in store for you. When men are discouraged, and "down on their luck," and come to think that there is no future for them, they are peculiarly liable to temptation. "What is the use," they think, "of trying? I do not amount to anything. I might as well take pleasure as it flies, and let the future take care of itself." Perhaps there are comparatively few of us that do not occasionally have these low-toned moments. We lose sight of our ideals or become skeptical about them. You do not know what you are doing for a fellow man when you teach him to believe in himself by believing in him. You are bestowing a choicer gift than money or position.

A good deal of the power of the Gospel lodges itself in its capacity to invigorate self-respect by showing men that God cares for them, and revealing to them the dignity of their nature and destiny. It has been verified a thousand times that when a great responsibility or dignity is imposed upon a man, his best energies are enlisted in becoming worthy of it. A man who believes in his worth and future has always the inspiration of that motive. More sins than we often think for can be traced to discouragement or the clouding of ideals.—Boston Watchman.

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TOWN TOPICS.

Beverly Poole Esq., returned Sunday from the Alamo City.

Mr. Jno. T. Maltberger and wife arrived Tuesday from San Antonio.

Mr. Van Ratcliff returned Tuesday from a short visit to the Fair.

Mr. J. M. Ramsey of the Twohig country was in Tuesday on business.

Master Butler Smith helped us in the type setting department a day or two this week.

Mrs. D. S. Livingston left Wednesday for Twohig to visit her mother, Mrs. Geo. Hill.

Call on us for Aermotor windmills.

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D. W. McKey returned to Millett Sunday after spending a few days in the Alamo City.

Mr. Chas. Sullivan, the well-known sheep man came into town a few days ago, he also, reports fine rains.

W. G. Johnson and family returned Tuesday from San Antonio and left that evening for their ranch.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKey, Saturday Nov. 4, a baby girl. Both mother and babe are doing well.

Emmett C. Stevens returned Monday from the Alamo City where he had been in attendance at the Fair.

Miss Nancy Roundell, after spending a few days in Millett

Miss Kate Stanfield arrived from San Antonio Saturday, where she has been taking in the sights at the Fair.

W. C. Irvin, the jovial stockman from up on the lower Cibolo country returned Sunday from the Fair at San Antonio.

Miss May Belle Rodonald, a charming young lady of the Twohig country, was up between trains, shopping, Tuesday.

J. S. Taylor passed through here enroute to his dam on the Nueces in Dimmitt county, Tuesday, from San Antonio.

W. J. Barker, postmaster at Carrizo Springs, stopped over here Monday night and Tuesday enroute home from the Fair.

State Rangers Wright, Taylor and Dubose returned Wednesday from San Antonio, where they had been attending the Fair.

Mr. Woodlief Thomas, one of our popular young stockmen, took in the sights at the Fair last week, returning home Sunday.

J. W. McInnis, a prosperous stockman of the Twohig country, visited Cotulla on business Tuesday, returning home that evening.

Jno. Hall Jr. returned Wednesday after a ten days visit to the Fair. John says he saw everything worth seeing and is satisfied with his trip.

The cold weather of last week, which begun after a good soaking rain, terminated Monday in one of the finest rainfalls ever known at this season of the year.

Uncle Robert Hall returned Wednesday from the Fair. While there he exposed himself too much and is real sick but hopes of his recovery are being expressed.

Van G. Maltberger Esq., the popular young Hide & Animal Inspector of La Salle County, was among those who returned Sunday from the Fair at San Antonio.

Dr J. O. Bellville was called down from Pearsall Thursday to attend Mrs. J. E. Miller. He returned yesterday.

The season now in the ground is one of the best we have ever had at this time of the year. A few sunny days is all that is needed to make grass grow.

We are glad to call attention to the new Ad of the Chicago Dental Parlors of San Antonio. If low prices and good work will attract business, they will surely have it.

Our job department turned out two jobs this week, one for Dr. A. D. Mosely of Carrizo Springs, for 500 circulars; one for Mr. Geo. Copp for 500 Note heads for his Irrigation Farm.

Mr. Geo. Tarver, manager of the House Ranch, was in town Wednesday and reports a fine rain in his part of the county, says the rainfall of the past few days amounted to four and a half inches.

The rain of Sunday night and Monday, so far as can be learned, was general. Prospects for good spring grass are brighter than for many years past, and all the stockman, the farmer and the merchant are jubilant.

Simon Cotulla, the popular young Front Street Confectionery man, returned from the Fair Tuesday. He reports a good time, says he saw 'lots' of people while there, and thinks that altogether, his time and money were well spent.

Mr. Frank P. Holland, the San Antonio Daily Express visitor

in the interest of reports business in his line very good and says his paper is being liberally supported by the people in this section.

Mr. Geo. W. Jay, the popular Saloon man spent a few minutes in our office Thursday morning chatting about the current events of the day. Though short, his visit was pleasant and much enjoyed. Call again, the latch string always hangs outside the door.

The Nueces has been on another "boom" but on account of the country bridge has caused no trouble to the inhabitants "over the river" in coming to the city. The bridge is proving a great blessing to the whole county and one that cannot be dispensed with for twice its original cost.

Mr. J. M. Williams returned Tuesday from Dallas. While there he purchased several fine young bulls for his ranch in Dimmitt County and had them shipped out the day following. Messrs L. P. Williams, Thos. H. Gardner and Geo. Wright met him here and assisted in driving them out to the ranch.

Mrs. A. Burke, of the La Motte Ranch near Ft. Ewell accompanied by her niece Miss Mary Baylor, returned Wednesday from San Antonio. Before leaving town for the ranch Mrs. Burke, left the requisite cash with the Record for Mr. J. W. Baylor, who is attending the Peacock School in the Alamo City. Thanks.

Attorney Covey C. Thomas returned Sunday from a short visit to the Fair. Covey says the chief attraction Saturday was the football game between the 'Varsity and the A & M College boys, in which the college boys were beaten 6 to 0. He further thinks that you can always depend on the University coming out in the lead, not only in athletic sports but in learning as well; but then he is a graduate of that institution and of course thinks it is the best.

Rev. M. T. Allen returned Tuesday from San Marcos where he has been attending Conference. He will be stationed at Moore, this year, and left the day following, overland, for that place, where he will preach Sunday. Bro. Allen has just finished two successful years of labor here and leaves now with the regrets of many of his flock following him to his new field. He is a faithful, conscientious minister and we commend him to the people of Moore.

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Between San Antonio and Laredo
TIME TABLE.

South	Passenger Train.	North
9:00 a. m.	Lv. SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 12:25 p. m.
10:30 a. m.	Lv. Leon	Ar. 12:38 p. m.
10:30 a. m.	Lv. Medina	Ar. 11:57 a. m.
10:30 a. m.	Lv. Lytle	Ar. 11:36 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	Lv. Devine	Ar. 11:16 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	Lv. Moore	Ar. 10:58 a. m.
12:30 p. m.	Lv. Edin	Ar. 10:48 a. m.
12:30 p. m.	Lv. Pearsall	Ar. 10:32 a. m.
12:30 p. m.	Lv. Derby	Ar. 10:13 a. m.
12:30 p. m.	Lv. Dilley	Ar. 9:58 a. m.
1:12 p. m.	Lv. Millett	Ar. 9:44 a. m.
1:12 p. m.	Lv. COTULLA	Ar. 9:22 a. m.
1:12 p. m.	Lv. Tuna	Ar. 9:05 a. m.
2:30 p. m.	Lv. Twohig	Ar. 8:55 a. m.
2:30 p. m.	Lv. Barro	Ar. 8:36 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Lv. Encinal	Ar. 8:23 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Lv. Cactus	Ar. 8:04 a. m.
3:00 p. m.	Lv. Webb	Ar. 7:45 a. m.
3:30 p. m.	Lv. Green	Ar. 7:23 a. m.
3:55 p. m.	Lv. Sanchez	Ar. 7:12 a. m.
4:10 p. m.	Lv. LAREDO	Lv. 7:00 a. m.

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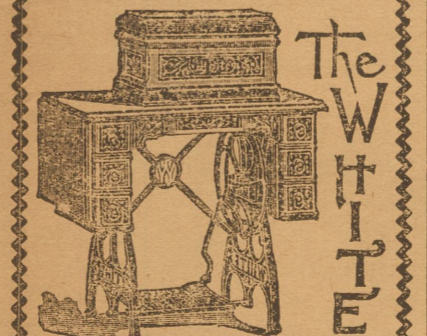
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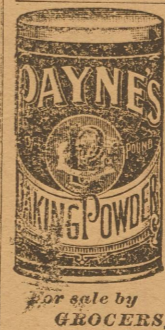


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The Floresville Chronicle, in speaking of our answer to her question concerning Kleberg, says we either spoke in ignorance or grossly misrepresented the facts, when we said it appeared to us that he had voted for a tariff on hides because of personal gain. We think we did neither. True, he owned no cattle himself, he says, but at the time of his election to Congress, if we mistake not, he was manager of the Santa Gertrudes ranch, the property of his wife's mother. He may have no claim on it now, but he will, and it is to his personal interest to see it prosper. We make no objection to a protective tariff on hides, but claim that if a Democrat can conscientiously vote for such a tariff, why not protect the farmer as well. Has this been done?

We believe in the doctrine of giving even the devil his due, and therefore have no inclination or desire to detract from the just mead of praise for his work in the district. We know he has done as the Chronicle says, but could not any other man have done as much? and is he entitled to all the praise?

That he was once an advocate of the single gold standard and has, since the adoption of the Chicago platform, changed his convictions to the side of bimetalism, is a fact that should not be an honest change of heart.

We were told by no less authority than a personal friend of Robert Kleberg, that he could not swallow that sudden political somersault of Rudolph. If this is so; if his own brother cannot believe in him, how can we? There are a great many people who do not believe it was an honest change of heart.

The Chronicle further says that he (Kleberg) succeeded in holding the democratic party together, and in making it as strong, if not stronger, than ever before. We know personally of many who bolted the party last fall for no other reason than that his name was on the ticket. And to refute that argument we point to the difference of his majority last year and that of former years under Henry Crain.

The Chronicle believes in Kleberg, we don't. Our space is too valuable to be devoting it to politics this early in the season, and therefore, for the time being, we let the matter rest. Later on when a good strong man comes out, one who has proven his worth to the Democratic party, and whose past political life has been free from stain, we may again take up the pen in the matter of Congressman, and go further into detail.

There seems to be one very great distinction at least between Bailey and Chilton. Chilton's position on imperialism has not been exactly clear to the majority and he is kept pretty busy explaining. Bailey's position, on the other hand, has never been doubted. Somehow he has a way of explaining himself on public questions that there is never any doubt. He asserts himself every time, and then if he happens to be on the popular side all right, but if his side is not so popular, he stays with it.—Lulu G. Signal.

Another of our exchanges, the Silver X-Ray, who is, by the way a Populist, in speaking of Chilton

says in effect, "the only fault we can find in him, is that he is not of our party." Than which no higher praise can be given to any man. Chilton has made a good senator, but Bailey's honesty, in the face of certain defeat, will go a long way on election day and will win him many votes, regardless of any difference in his and the voter's views. We want honesty in politics first, then party.

Mr. Sam J. Jordan bought the sheep and goats of Messrs Chas. Sullivan and Tim Conlan this week and drove them to his ranch in Encinal County. The price paid, we understand was \$1.50 per head. This practically closes the sheep industry in La Salle county, they being the last two men to handle sheep exclusively.

According to one of our exchanges, Walter L. Farnsworth, who claims to have married over forty women in different parts of the world, will offer a unique defense when his case is called. He says: "The sultan of Sulu has many wives, and is under the protection of the United States government; I also have many wives, but the police, not the government, have me in charge. This is not according to the constitutional provision guaranteeing equality to all and then denying special privileges to the residents of this country. I will see that I either go free or my logic is not good. If the United States government upholds polygamy in one, she should uphold it in all. But he must have an awful nerve. Most men find one wife more than enough.

We can see no reason why his logic is not good. If the United States government upholds polygamy in one, she should uphold it in all. But he must have an awful nerve. Most men find one wife more than enough.

The RECORD received another communication from Canada this week about the Alaska boundary question. Our readers will remember that we

Hold, and address side, when we then answered. Since that time the question has been settled, and in favor of the United States. We had almost forgotten the incident when it was again recalled to our mind by another card with the following legend in various styles and sizes of type. "Ha, ha, shake, brother, you are one ahead on that Alaska deal. Yours,—"

On the address side is a sentiment, in picture, wholly different from that on the card formerly used. Two women sit side by side, representing respectively the United States and Canada, each has the shield of her country in her hand, each is supported, the one by an eagle, the other by a lion. Above their heads is two clasped hands supporting the United States and the Canadian flags. The motto is: "Anglo-Saxon. One Aim, One Goal, Gloria Mundi."

The sentiment is good, the intention is good, and we accept them. We knew but little of the merits of that dispute, we only knew of our Uncle Samuel's wonderful tenacity in holding his own. And we were not disappointed.

Schley, the hero of Santiago, is to have a home purchased on the popular subscription plan. If we continue to make naval heroes the best plan would be to buy a town and colonize them there.—Hondo Herald.

Amen! With a salary many times larger than most of the suckers who subscribe to such funds, the naval heroes are amply able to build their own homes, just like other people, and we consider it the height of folly to give to such an enterprise.

Rather give to the orphans, and needy ones with whom we come in daily contact than to be spending it to build a house for men, who when the house is built and possession is gained, would not so much as say "thank you" to the people who built it.

TO THE PUBLIC:

Because of an article in the San Antonio Express of recent date, stating that I was there prospecting with a view of removing to San Antonio, it is now currently reported that I am arranging to leave Cotulla. Were it not that so many of my friends have asked me about it and seemed to give it credence, I should pay no attention to it. I here state that the publication was without my authority or knowledge and further that Cotulla is my home, and I expect to remain here. I came to stay and have no reason to change my intention.

CHAS. H. MAYFIELD.

PUDDIN'.

It rains, it rains, it rains, what a good country this is when we have plenty of rain.

Mr. Judd and his daughter Miss Annie of San Antonio are out on a visit to their relatives and many friends. We hope their visit will be long and pleasant.

Mrs. Smith, of Big Foot is on a visit to her daughter Mrs. T. H. Gardner.

Rev. Henry Jefferey, of Carizzo Springs filled his regular appointment here last Saturday night and Sunday. He always receives a hearty welcome.

Mr. B. Vesper and his daughter Mamie and Miss Minnie McMains returned from the Alamo City where they had been to attend the San Antonio International Fair.

Mr. J. M. Williams has just returned from near Dallas, where he bought some fine calves.

Mr. G. W. Wright made a flying trip to Cotulla Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilbert of Uvalde, were down this week to see about their Apiary on the river.

Pain, rain, rain, more rain. We had the heaviest rain to fall here, that has been known for sometime.

Mr. B. Waelder returned to the Millett ranch, from quite an extensive trip to the Fair, and reported that he had the pleasure of beholding one of the "Texas wonders, (a live footed horse.)"

J. T. Alexander returned Sunday from the Fair and reported the same as the aforesaid gentleman.

Capt. A. Millett and family returned to the ranch this week.

D. W. McKey was in the Alamo City, but has returned.

Quite a number of the young people attended a dance at Dilley Friday night.

School is progressing nicely and with the cooperation of the patrons, better results will be given.

I saw the Record in San Antonio. Watch out! Mr. Record or you will be Recorded.

Mr. W. Johnson was in Thursday on business.

Mr. C. F. Binkley bought a stove!!! Energy has its reward.

Mr. Martin and lady of Kennedy are visiting relatives in Millett.

Mr. W. M. Earnest returned this week from quite an extensive trip to Uvalde.

Prof. D. M. Henry of Encinal passed through Millett Sunday on the south bound train. He has been to the Alamo City on business.

Mr. Jim Hightower Jr. (the young fellow that clerks in Earnest & Co's. store) stepped up behind a deer and accidentally shot it. Good shot brother.

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OF LA SALLE COUNTY TEACHER'S INSTITUTE TO BE HELD DECEMBER 1ST AND 2ND, 1899.

- 1. Permanent organization. 2. Objects and aims of teachers Institute by Judge S. T. Dowe. General discussion. 3. Teachers' duties with reference to teachers' institutes, by D. M. Henry. Discussion. 4. Language primary department by Miss Janie Thomas and Miss Julia Bell. 5. Primary numbers by Miss Minnie Campbell. 2. P. M.

- 1. Methods in history by Mr. Carrigan. 2. Methods in teaching geography by Miss Lucy Neal. 3. Decimal fractions by Prof. Alexander. 4. Primary reading Miss Lilian Pope. Friday Night.

- 1. Invocation by Rev. Bruce Roberts. 2. Welcome address by Mr. Phelps. 3. Response by Prof. Alexander.

- 4. The object of Public school by Gillespie. 5. Recitation by Miss Daisie Carr. 6. Late school law—advantages or disadvantages by Mr. C. C. Thomas.

- 7. Recitation by John Landrum. Music. 8. Recitation by Miss Bulah Dubose. 9. Address by Judge S. T. Dowe. Saturday 9:30

- 1. How to teach writing in primary grades by Mrs. Ada Owen.

and Bank discount by J. O. Owen.

- 4. What subjects should be discussed at the next Institute.

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Mr. R. N. Shull, of Millett, is in town today on business.

Jas. Edmiston Esq. was in the city Thursday on business.

Mr. John Shull and wife come down to day from Millett.

J. A. Smith took in the Alamo City several days this week.

Mr. W. H. Steel came up from his ranch near Tilden yesterday morning.

Emory Alderman, Esq. of Two-hog is in town today, and dropped in to see us.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hargus got back Monday from the Fair at San Antonio.

T. K. Hall received a fine hog by express yesterday, one he had bought while at the Fair.

Merchant N. A. Swink spent several days this week in the Alamo City, taking in the Fair.

W. E. Campbell and Sheriff Burwell were among those that returned from the Fair Thursday.

Attorney C. H. Mayfield was in Galveston a day or two this week attending to some legal business.

"Crip" Compton returned Thursday after an absence of ten days attending the San Antonio Fair.

Jno. F. Tobin Esq. deputy sheriff, returned yesterday from Karnes city where he has been on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. D. C. Smith and children returned yesterday from Valder, where they have been at the bedside of Mrs. Smith's father.

Miss Katie Stanfield succeeded in securing a "blue ribbon" on her exhibit of needle work at the Fair. The piece which won the approbation of the judges was a white bonnet, hand made and beautifully finished.

H. Riley is at home again in absence of ten days in Antonio.

Red Raisins, Currents, Citrus, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Peas, Apples, and fancy Candies at S. Cotulla's.

W. P. Dowe, of Cuero, who has been visiting his brother, Judge Dowe, returned home yesterday.

J. W. Campbell and son, of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Thursday on their way home from the Fair.

It will be seen by the program, printed elsewhere, the teachers will meet on the first and second of next month and organize an Institute.

Mr. T. J. Johnson, of Alamo, passed through here Wednesday enroute to her former home near Tuna to visit her mother, Mrs. L. Edmiston.

Mr. Jno. B. Shull called us in to his office Sunday and handed us the price for a years subscription, to be applied on his account. Thanks, we are glad to know the Record is being appreciated.

Rev. Russell was sent to fill this circuit in the coming year, by Conference, which met at San Marcos last week. Bro. Russell is well known to many of his future congregations, who are ready to welcome him to his field of labor.

Sheriff Pete Tumlinson and Jim Proctor, accompanied by their estimable wives returned from the Alamo City Fair Thursday, and left for their homes in Carrizo Springs.

W. B. Stanfield, the most popular confectioner on Centre Street did the "Gov. Hogg act" by going to sleep while getting a shave. Will slept so peacefully that the barber couldn't find the heart to awake him so without asking any instructions, he amputated Will's handsome black moustache at one fell stroke, and that's why he sheds the "briny."

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W. B. Stanfield.

Mug Tarver, one of Center Street's young merchants took in the Fair at the Alamo City early in the week. Judging from the laughter raised when he tells some of his tales, we suppose he had a good time and enjoyed his trip immensely.

A fresh supply of candies kept on hand at Stanfield's all the time.

Mr. W. M. Guinn, of Alpine, came down Monday to visit his father, Mr. W. B. Guinn. Will says Cotulla looks just the same as it did years ago, when as a school boy, he begun his studies in "the school house on the hill." He will be here about ten days, thinks that will be a fine time to get re-acquainted with his old time friends.

Arthur Wiedenthal, who has been attending the Alamo City Commercial College for the past six months, returned home Thursday evening.

Fresh pecans, peanuts and popcorn for sale at W. B. Stanfield's.

In the roping contest Wednesday evening at the Fair, Mr. W. N. Young of the Cochina ranch secured the first prize for roping, throwing and tying a steer in 48 3-4 seconds. J. C. Proctor, of Dimmitt County secured second prize, his time was 56 seconds. Pete Tumlinson also of Dimmitt County won fourth in 1.04. Eugene Irvin, whom fate seemed to be against, roped his steer and threw him twice, but each time the animal regained his feet before he could be tied. After the second throw Eugene dismounted, then had to again mount and throw his animal. He came out in 1.13.

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A Canadian editor, being asked if he had ever seen a bald-headed woman, replied: "No, we never did. Nor have we ever seen a woman waltzing around town in her shirt sleeves with a cigar between her teeth. We have never seen a woman go a-fishing with a bottle in her hip pocket, sit on the damp ground all day and then go home drunk at night. Nor have we ever seen a woman yank off her coat and swear she could lick any man in town. God bless her! She ain't built that way.—Ex.

And he might have added that she is the only link that connects man with his God, that to remove her and her elevating influence from the earth would send man straight to hell, with never a hope to buoy him up. Woman is the main-spring of the universe, a round her all the other works of the Creator revolve and are of secondary importance. The limit was reached when woman was created and so long as she stays within the bounds of her sphere, she can command and obtain the respect of all true men, for "The greatest man among us is he who loves them best."

There are number of people in Corpus Christi, like in other places, who are continually sending away for articles that they can just as well buy from home merchants. They never stop to think that they are setting a bad example and, if everybody did it, the home merchants would have to close up and then we would have no town. If your home merchant don't have what you want ask him to get it, and he will be very apt to do it and get it, too, as cheap as you can and make a little commission on it besides, or ought to for his trouble. "Live and let live" is a very good motto. It nearly kills some people though when they see a neighbor making a nickel or two. This is selfishness, and it has killed more towns than you can shake a stick at.—Corpus Christi Caller.

It was Eli Perkins who put the following reproof of a careless daughter into a father's mouth: "I want to speak to you of your mother. It may be that you noticed a worn look upon her face. Of course it has not been brought there by any act of yours; still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you to get up in the morning and get breakfast. When your mother comes and begins to express surprise, go right up and kiss her on the mouth. You can't imagine how it will brighten her dear face.

Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Away back when you were a little girl she kissed you when no one else was tempted by your fever tainted breath and swollen face; you were not so attractive then as you are now. Through years of childish sunshine and sorrow she was always ready to cure, by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little, dirty chubby hands whenever they were injured in the first skirmishes with the rough old world. And then the midnight kisses with which she routed so many bad dreams, as she leaned above your restless pillow, have been on interest those long years.

"Of course, she is not so pretty and kissable as you are; but if you had done your share of the work during the past ten years the contrast would not be so marked. Her face was more wrinkles than yours.

"And yet, if you're sick that face would appear far more beautiful than an angel's as it hovered over you watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort, and everyone of those wrinkles would seem to be bright wavelets of sunshine chasing each other over the dear face.

"She will leave you one of these days. These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, will break her down. Those rough, hard hands, which have done so many necessary things for you, will be crossed upon her lifeless breast. Those neglected lips, which gave you your first baby kiss, will be forever closed, and those sad, tired eyes will have opened in eternity and then you will appreciate your mother, but it will be too late."—The Lone Star Weekly.



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A. T. DEWITT.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over 10 years. Not long ago my bowels were so bad that I was obliged to use a cathartic every day. I bought and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and now I feel a great deal better. I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am 67 years old, have no occupation, and my household duties are making my back hurt. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. It feels some better but I will face some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

Mrs. MARY GORHAM CLAY.

I want to inform you, in words of highest praise, of the benefit I have derived from Ripans Tablets. I am a professional nurse and in this profession a clear head is always needed. Ripans Tablets do it. After one of my cases I found myself completely run down. Acting on the advice of Dr. Geo. Nowler, Ph. D., 58 Newark Ave., Jersey City, I took Ripans Tablets with grand results.

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COUSIN EMILY—We're neither of us very big, but we can't both of us sit in that chair.

WILCOX (gallantly)—Oh, I don't know.

Cousin Emily (coquettishly)—Well, not at this time of day and with all these people around, we can't.

Mrs. Biglin—Did you sleep well, Mr. Wilcox?

WILCOX—Like a top. I didn't know a thing from the time my head hit the pillow until Dick was shaking my shoulder and yelling at me to get up. I'd have given a ten-dollar note for ten minutes' more sleep.

Mrs. Biglin and Cousin Emily (in one voice)—Wasn't that too bad?

Biglin—The sweet angel! I notice you didn't make any ten-dollar bluffs at me, though, Berrie? Well, since you are so urgent, I will take a berry. You people ought to have heard him swear when I tipped into the room and whispered to know whether he was awake. You've heard a circus man make a few extempore remarks, haven't you, when the gay rone slips and the center pole falls down and smashes a Roman chariot and the mirrors in the merry-go-round or something of that kind, don't you know? Well, good people, that innocent-looking young man, with the aburn down on his classic upper lip, that you see pouring all the cream out of the jug on his berries can give any circus man cards and spades and shock him into hysterics.

WILCOX—I did say "damn," I admit it.

Biglin—What you said took all the color out of the carpet and bleached the window shades in streaks; and it wasn't so much what you said at that—it was the devilish way you said it.

Cousin Emily—Was it any worse than the night you got up and bit your instep against the rocker of the chair?

Mrs. Biglin—I don't think I would talk if I were you. May, pass those graham biscuits to Mr. Wilcox.

Biglin (starting up and intercepting the plate)—Dearest! Oh, well, then, rush on your doom, rash fool. I suppose, seeing that Ed made them, especially on your account, with her own dainty-like hands, it would be only polite to sort of trim with one.

WILCOX—They're immense.

Biglin—They are, rather. If they were smaller it would be a sort of palliation of their culinary crime, as it were. But let's slip into your napkin. I'll divert their attention.

Cousin Emily—I'm not going to take the responsibility for those biscuits, and I want to tell you about something, Richard Biglin did. He always pretended he didn't like mutton chops, and last Sunday, but last! Slip into your napkin. I'll divert their attention.

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Biglin—Is that some of your delicious plum preserves in that dish, my life?

Mrs. Biglin—It is, heart of my heart; but if you think you're going to get any, I'd like to fool you. I had to steal the money to get the sugar—Emily, don't you let him get that dish.

Quick! Look at my clean tablecloth!

Cousin Emily—You—just wait till I get you alone, Richard Biglin.

Biglin—You bear that, Margaret? Heard what she said, didn't you? Now, I want to ask you if you consider that I made advances. Ed, do they run after you that way, or is it just a peculiar fascination I exert over them?

WILCOX—I don't know.

Cousin Emily—You can't stand them without falling for the police. What were you going to say about Dick, Miss Emily?

Cousin Emily—Me? Oh, yes; about those mutton chops. Dick said he didn't like mutton, and Margaret said I both love it. She never dared to have it, though.

Mrs. Biglin—Oh, no; I'm scared of Dick Biglin.

Cousin Emily—Until last Sunday, and then I did the marketing. I went to the—

Biglin—Oh, Emmy, I beg your pardon for interrupting you. I never like to interrupt anybody myself, and I'm sure that I would be the last to push in unless I felt that there was some necessity for it. You understand how that is, don't you? I knew you would. I'm going to ask a favor of you now, and I don't want you to do it unless you feel as if you wanted to and could do it without inconveniencing yourself.

Mrs. Biglin—What is it you want, Dick?

Biglin—Pass the butter over this way, please.

Cousin Emily—Throw one of those biscuits at him, won't you, please?

Biglin—He can do it if any man can. He put a 16-pound shot 42 feet last year we were at college, and I think he has got stronger since then. Ed, we've got to be moving over toward our car some time this morning. I suppose you know that, don't you?

WILCOX—How is it on this line at this time of day? Pretty well crowded, I suppose?

Biglin—Well, as soon as it gets out that I'm going to town the folks, of course, have to crowd around. You can't really blame them. I try to sneak off quietly sometimes, but they always seem to catch on to the fact that it's me, and then the crush is something terrible.

Mrs. Biglin—Tell Mr. Wilcox about those mutton chops, Emmy.

Cousin Emily—I'm not going to. I've started to tell it six times, and every time I get shut up in the middle.—

Biglin—Like a folding bed.

Mrs. Biglin—A city ordinance wouldn't shut you up, Dick. If a woman was to talk the way you do—well, I don't know what you would say.

WILCOX—Now will you be good?

Biglin—It may surprise you, ladies and gentlemen, to learn that I dislike exceedingly to exert my naturally brilliant conversational powers. I find whenever I go to a social gathering that a deep silence succeeds my entrance.

Cousin Emily—They are wondering what you are, and how you managed to break loose.

Biglin—Nay, nay, Pauline. My fame has gone before, and they are naturally anxious not to lose any of the corrutating gems of thought or scintillating witticisms that may drop from my lips. I find that I am practically expected to make a speech.

Mrs. Biglin—You would hate to disappoint anybody, wouldn't you?

Biglin—I don't like to disappoint anybody, as you say. Now, you see how it is right here. Wilcox chips in here and I get a little bong not or repartee or something of that kind. No? Emily, you make a happy spel.

Cousin Emily—I wish you'd talk sense for a few minutes, Dick.

Biglin—Is there any more coffee there? I might take a little if I were properly approached. I thank you. Put some water in the pot and give Mr. Wilcox a little now. Well, I think that ought to hold us for awhile. If there is no serious objection this meeting will stand adjourned until dinner-time. There is no objection except on the part of Miss Emily, who never would quit if somebody didn't stop her. Therefore the meeting is adjourned.—Chicago Daily Rep.