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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

FLAGS OF OUR WAR-SHIPS.

In the Equipment building at the New York navy yard there is a large manufactory where most of the flags of our navy are made. A large vessel carries forty American flags, and a smaller vessel almost as many. This does not include the fleet and international signal flags and the flags of other countries. There are 3 rooms in the Equipment building which are given up to flag making. One of these is very large and the others on either end are much smaller. There are sewing machines, scissors, pincushions, and flat-irons scattered around, so that the place does not look unlike a patriotic dress-makers establishment. The flags are all made by women, though a few men help to cut out the stars and do the finishing. The wind and weather destroy flags so fast, and new vessels are put into commission so rapidly, that it is necessary to employ a number of people even in time of peace. The working hours, during the present war, were extended from eight o'clock in the morning to ten o'clock in the evening. In one week eighteen hundred flags were made at the flag department, and this was when the rush of work was about over. The women cut all the square flags and devices for them. The men cut the stars and bias pennants and put on the finishing touches and the heading through which the rope runs. They also put in the rope and stencil the flag with the stars and nationality. There is a pattern book for every flag, and the patterns and the patterns are put away in paper bags when not in use. There are forty-four flags in a set of general signals used in the navy. These are in three sizes, while the regular flag is made in nine sizes. The largest flag measures 36 feet long, while the smallest is 30 inches. Pennants are made up to 70 feet long. There are nineteen international signal flags and forty-three foreign flags which are made at the navy yard. There are no specialists in the work room, and the women make any flag which may be assigned them. Of course it is necessary to have the flag exactly the same on both sides, which makes the work very difficult, especially with foreign flags, where the devices are in much detail. It may be truly said that some of the flags are fancy work on a Garterian scale. Here are wonderful landscapes, with round-faced suns with halos coming up from behind gay colored mountains over which run rainbows in four or five lines of outline or chain stitching, making a scene which would surprise an artist. Water must be indicated with some kind of embroidery stitch. Whole menageries of animals have to be represented on some flags. Flags of Costa Rica and San Salvador are considered the most difficult to make, says The New York Times, from which we glean our facts. The German flag is also considered difficult. The largest foreign flag is only 25 feet long. The largest sized American flags are made of 19 inch bunting and the narrow pennants are made of 4 1-2 inch bunting, which comes on purpose for them. Each flag which is made is measured on the floor over the seams and sewed to insure the exact measurement. There are metal pieces let into the floor and each one is marked for the different flags. It is an inspiring sight to see the manufacturing of these flags, and it seems curiously appropriate that

women should be selected to make them. Preparing the colors for gallant warriors who go to fight seems to have always been an essentially feminine duty which has obtained from very early days. In the middle ages fair ladies embroidered the banners under which their knights fought and although flag-making is now put on a business basis, it has been the work of the women in the United States since the first flag of the country was made down to the present day.—Scientific American.

DISCOVERED BY WOMAN.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at all Druggists. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

The mule was undoubtedly a bad mule, but Lieut. Kellenberger, of battery G. First Ohio light artillery, said that his disposition

in human nature is destroyed by improper treatment.

"He had been mistreated," said Lieutenant Kellenberger, "I will show you how this mule should be treated." Then the lieutenant, with the assistance of an orderly, saddled the mistreated mule in front of his own tent. The mule offered neither resistance nor protest. The lieutenant patted him on the neck.

"He needs but firm treatment," said he. Then Lieutenant Kellenberger mounted. The mistreated mule danced three bars of a two step, executed an individual hop, skip and jump with each leg and projected Lieut. Kellenberger into the air directly beneath a thorn tree.

"Catch that man-eating monster and beat him to death," said Lieutenant Kellenberger, as the hospital corps assisted him to his tent. Then several men came out of a company street and erected a tablet reading thus: "Where Kelly Fell, May 28th, 1898." -Ex.

A newspaper man was robbed the other day in Austin. All the valuables the robber obtained was the printer's pants and three coppers. Any two-bit lawyer could clear the robber on the plea insanity—provided he knew the fellow was a newspaper man that he was robbing.—Buffalo Banner.

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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

The approaching November brings to mind the custom of our ancestors, hallowed by time and rooted in our most sacred traditions, of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings He has vouchsafed to us during the past year. Few years in our history have afforded such cause for thanksgiving. We have been blessed with abundant harvests, our trade and commerce has been wonderfully increased, our public credit has been improved and strengthened, and all sections of our common country have been brought together and knitted into closer bonds of national purpose and unity.

The skies have been for a time darkened by a cloud of war, but as we were compelled to take up the sword in the cause of humanity, we are permitted to rejoice that the conflict has been of brief duration and the losses we have had to mourn, though grievous and important, have been so few considering the great results accomplished as to inspire us with gratitude and praise to the Lord of Hosts. We may laud and magnify His Holy name that the cessation of hostilities came so soon as to spare both sides the countless sorrows and disasters that attend protracted war.

I do, therefore, invite all my fellow citizens, those at home as well as those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe Thursday, the 24th day of November,

as content, saying that all she desired was "vindication." Be careful, therefore, what you say about the "female form divine," save in the way of honest laudation. It is not to be handled lightly or skeptically, as the case at law of Dietrich vs. Mengel bears witness. A woman may not travel on her shape, as the saying is, but she will insist to her dying day that she could do so if she saw fit.—St. Louis Republic.

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Don't think for a minute that because a man has done you a favor, he is under everlasting obligations to you.

THE ELECTION

Passed off very quietly indeed. There were no disturbances. Had it not been for the unusual number of hacks, buggies, carriages and in fact all sorts of 'go-hicles,' rushing in excited haste hither and thither no one would have known that the day was the occasion of the State election, you see there are at least two very distinct classes of voters. They are the intensely interested class and the pretend-not-to-be interested class. The latter have to be coaxed, begged, much-ly persuaded to go to the polls and vote. Some times one has to wine and dine them, pay a cash consideration, and even then hire a cushioned-seat vehicle to convey them to the polls to exercise the great American franchise. —Alice Echo.

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WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

Wise, even though envious, women who may have their doubts as to the genuineness of the pretty figure of some other woman should in future be cautious in the public expression of those doubts. A foolish woman in Milford, Ind., has just been called upon to pay \$126 for thus unbending her mind. It stands to reason that no pretty and primpy young female will submit patiently to attacks upon the integrity of her physical contour. Mrs. Anna Mengel of Milford might have known this when she rashly asserted at a village soiree in Milford that the attractive figure of Mrs. James Dietrich was due to the use of sawdust, bustles, and rubber. But, apparently she did not, and Mrs. Dietrich proceeded to enlighten her.

This enlightenment was brought about by means of a suit for \$5,000 damages for slander. In some way not explained in the news reports, the buxom Mrs. Dietrich, when her case against Mrs. Mengel came up for trial, convinced the jury that she had really and truly been slandered—that her figure was genuine, sans sawdust, sans bustles, sans rubber, sans everything, in fact, but good old Mother Nature's flesh and bone. Whereupon the jury, believing doubtless, that a woman with such a pretty figure should not be too hard upon a less fortunate sister, gave a verdict in Mrs. Dietrich's favor, and set apart and observe Thursday, the 24th day of November,

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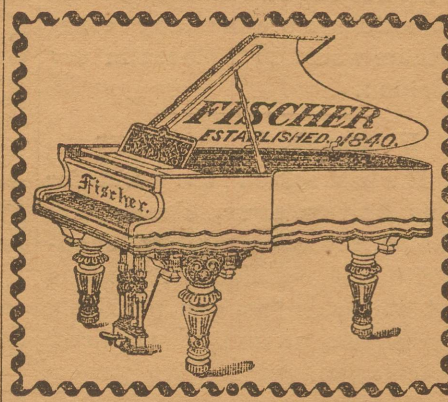
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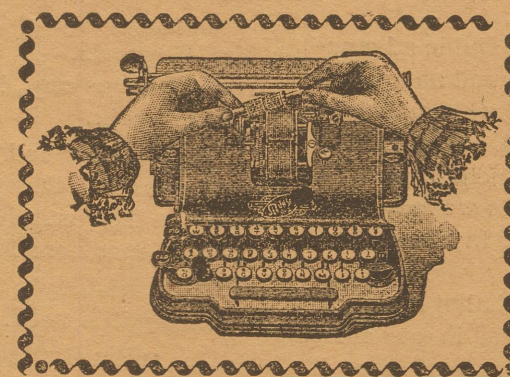
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Who can tell us whether or not the war is over?

Don't forget that we need a new flag for the Court House.

Whenever a man makes a good guess, he begins to talk of his good judgment.

The surveys of both ends of the proposed Nicaragua canal have been finished and the map made. This leaves nothing to do but to go to work now, and the question is, will we do it?

Capt. McCalla, who was sent by the United States government to rescue the Maria Teresa, if possible, reports that the ship is too badly damaged to save, as she rests on a rocky reef in from 16 to 21 feet of water.

The longest telephone line in the world was completed on 14th inst. It is between Austin, Texas, and Bar Harbor, Me., and is 2,600 miles long. This system will embrace New York, Washington and other large eastern cities.

The Spanish Commissioners have refused to sign the terms of peace as proposed by the American Commissioners, but will protest to the powers against 'spoilation.' They want a money consideration for the Philippines, which they will hardly get.

Col. W. J. Bryan, in speaking of the late election returns, claims that it was because of the war, and not because of a change in the minds of the Democrats that gave the Republicans victory. He is still in favor of the Chicago platform and thinks that it will be renewed in 1900.

At last Col. Dreyfus is to be given a new hearing, which does not mean that he will be cleared, (owing to the uncertainty of French justice) but which at least gives him another chance. His conviction in the first place was a mere farce and this may be only a ruse to gain more time.

With hardly an exception our exchanges are speaking of the quietness of the elections just past and its freedom from that class of votes that can be bought, but reading between the lines, as it were, we can still see the existence of these methods in politics all over the State, in some places more than others.

The Eagle Pass Guide advances one remedy (found on another page of this issue) which, at most, can only be local in its effects, but if our next legislature will do its duty to the State we may have laws more suitable in future elections.

The Australian ballot system is now being employed in our cities and we see no reason why it should not be adopted in the State at large, if not this, we may at least have a law requiring the voter to show his previous year's tax receipt. This, it is true, would not wholly prevent the present evil, but it would to some extent; and would at the same time increase the revenues of the State in a large measure.

What will our legislators do?

In speaking of the late election troubles in North Carolina, the Chicago Times-Herald says: "We have just held elections in the North, and we need go no further than Cook county to find that no representative of the negro race is chosen to an office. We do not find in National affairs that the President has invited a single negro to his cabinet, nor appointed negroes north of Mason and Dixon's line to federal offices."

A greater truth could not have been uttered by a newspaper than the above. The people of the North will not be dominated by the negro race, any more than we of the South, and if left to work out our own destiny we will do nothing more than any other section would do if placed in our position.

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The young men of our city gave another one of their successful dances at the Henrichson Hall last night. Couples came from far and near to participate in the pleasures of the waltzes, which moved in perfect time and harmony with the sweet strains of the violin and guitar. The hour of midnight had long since past ere tired nature began to assert her claims and bid the happy dancers cease their revels and seek their couches, to continue, in dreamland, the pleasures of the evening.

MILLETT MENTION.

A. B. Flowers shipped a car load of cattle last Monday.

A. M. Withers was in our town Tuesday.

Our Constable, Will Earnest, spent Monday in Dilley.

C. O. Harris came down Tuesday on business.

The charming Miss Carrie Cavender spent the fore part of the week here as the guest of Miss Mayme Rowland.

Mrs. Jack Hill of Twohig spent a few days here visiting her mother, Mrs. Reynolds.

Ward Williams esq., is back on the Cibola again.

Mr. Peyton Kerr and Miss Eva Stevens passed through here Tuesday on their way home from a visit to friends near Dilley.

Mr. Fred Binkley's brother is here visiting this week.

"THE BIG TWO."

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THEY SAW THE ENEMY

From early morning until late in the evening the reinforcements had been tramping, tramping, tramping over the narrow rail and along the muddy roads from Sibona to the left of Gen. Shafter's lines. It had been a hard march, now under a burning tropical sun, now in a pouring rain. The men were weighted down with three days' rations in haversacks, clothing and blankets rolled across the shoulder, and 50 rounds of ammunition in the cartridge belts.

Through mud and water the fresh troops had pushed on, now fording a swollen stream, now crossing a strip of meadow, now through timber, and occasionally climbing to the top of a hill, from which they could catch a glimpse of Santiago and its defenses. Finally the end of the long march was in sight, and as the men filed into the trenches, filled with water, they cared for nothing but a chance to sleep and rest.

From general headquarters came the orders that there was to be no firing during the night, unless the enemy made a demonstration against the American lines. Company commanders were given instructions to fire should they see any cause for it, but to be sure there was cause before they gave the orders for so doing. There was to be no general guard, but each company was to keep a few men on watch to prevent a surprise along their portion of the line.

As the sun sank beneath the western horizon the clouds came up, and soon the rain began again to fall in perfect torrents, but this or the novelty of a first night on the battle line was not sufficient to keep the tired troops awake, and long before the usual hour for taps the entire division was asleep, with the exception of the company sentries, who had been instructed to maintain a ceaseless vigilance.

Shortly after ten o'clock Corporal Sanders, of G company of one of the new regiments, awoke his captain with the startling information that a body of men were advancing toward the American lines in their immediate front.

"I can see no one, corporal," said the captain, as he peered into the darkness in this direction indicated by the noncom.

"Wait for a flash of lightning, captain," replied the corporal.

In a moment the flash came, and there, sure enough, were shadowy forms working their way through the high grass and brush less than 500 yards from them. The captain waited for another flash, to be sure of it, and when it came was certain that he could not be mistaken.

He had the company awakened immediately and on the firing line. "Don't shoot at the first flash," he cautioned. "Wait for the second to fire and get your aim at the first one."

In a moment there was a crash as the 500 odd guns went off together. Then there was silence again.

"Don't fire without command, men," cautioned the captain.

All along the entire line everything was commotion at once. Anxious eyes peered into the darkness, but could see nothing. Men ran hither and thither in their attempts to find the cause of the firing.

"What are you firing at?" exclaimed a battalion commander, coming up at a moment.

"There is a body of men approaching in our immediate front, major," explained the captain.

"Whereabouts?" and the major saw his eyes to be prepared to take advantage of the next flash of lightning.

"Did you see them?" asked as the lightning cut a vivid streak across the heavens.

"Nothing but some bushes, captain. I can't change the orders about firing, but I would advise you to be sure what you are shooting at, before you waste any more ammunition."

Another crash followed in a few moments, which the major didn't take the trouble to investigate.

"Only a case of nerves over in G company," he explained to his adjutant.

Along down the line the second volley was followed by a third, and the men who had been told to "Better send them home to mother," a noncom in F said.

But few men slept any during the three hours that followed the first volley. Until one o'clock would come now and then a volley from the entire company, then for awhile it would be scattering shots, and all the time the men were being wounded at the men doing the shooting from the entire division, for they could see nothing to shoot at and wanted to sleep.

When morning came the complaints began to pour into regimental headquarters regarding the disturbance G company had caused during the night. Even the division commander had noticed it, and instructed the regimental commander that it might be well to investigate a little.

An intimation from the division commander must be considered, and the officers of G company were sent for and asked to explain. The major of the battalion was also sent for, that he might tell what he knew of the night's doings.

"Captain, what were you shooting at last night?" asked the colonel, G company's commanding officer stepped into his tent.

"At Spanish soldiers, I presume, sir. At men of some kind, of least."

"You are sure it wasn't at the bushes? Other company commanders failed to see anything of Spanish soldiers or anything else on which to waste ammunition, and besides they are complaining that their men did not get a chance to sleep, on account of the firing."

"I am quite positive it was men I was firing at. I watched them until one o'clock this morning, when they fell back into the timber and disappeared."

"Who did you see, major; you say you were there just after the first volley?" asked the colonel.

"Nothing but bushes and a few nerves," and the major smiled.

"From all I can learn, captain, I am afraid you have been the victim of your own imagination, and in the future I would advise you to waste less ammunition and let your men sleep more."

The captain of G company left the colonel's quarters vowing vengeance. The story of the call went down from one end of the division to the other, and a G company man who could not stand ridicule dared not show himself, until the next day, when the laugh was turned and the colonel smiled.

The charge was caused by a little note from Gen. Shafter.

That note expressed the thanks of the general commanding for the vigilance the regiment had exercised on their first night in the trenches, as by their watchfulness they had prevented a surprise in their immediate front, and had possibly prevented a defeat.

The captain of G company was right. The Spaniards had crept to within 200 yards of the American lines, and his company alone had seen them and driven them back.

The next day a truce was on, and this was followed by the surrender of Santiago, so G company was the only company in the regiment that had the satisfaction of having fired at the enemy.

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 G. W. Reed came up from Encinal yesterday.
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 For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.
 T. A. Coleman left Thursday evening for San Antonio.
 Druggist L. W. Gaddis made a flying trip to Twohig Tuesday.
 D. W. McKey left Tuesday for Encinal to look at some cattle.
 Jno. Dillard was up from his ranch near Twohig, Thursday.
 Chas. Harris of Millett, was in our city a few hours Wednesday.
 Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's.
 L. A. Kerr returned Thursday from a business trip to San Antonio.
 S. Elliot was in Tuesday from the Levell Ranch, in Dimmitt county.
 T. D. Morgan went up to the Alamo City Thursday on business.
 For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.
 T. H. Gardner of the 'Puddin,' was in on business yesterday evening.
 J. W. Mathis, a well-known cow-buyer of San Antonio, is in the city.
 J. A. Landrum has been confined to his bed this week with fever.

Mrs. D. W. McKey left Sunday for Millett, after a short visit to friends here.
 Judge S. T. Dowe left Monday for Carrizo Springs, to attend District Court.
 The new officers are hustling around getting their bonds signed for approval.
 Get our prices on Gent's Furnishing Goods before buying elsewhere.
 G. W. Henrichson & Co.
 Mrs. J. N. Daniel spent several days at the McKey ranch near Millett, this week.
 Commissioner Sam J. Jordan of Encinal attended court here first of the week.
 Ira C. Jennings and son, Clarence, spent a few days in the Alamo city this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sparks returned Saturday last from a short visit to relatives in Devine.
 The Celebrated Bray Kentucky Jean Pants, sold under a positive guarantee not to rip, at M. J. Barlow & Co's.
 Mrs. Jake Holderman, of Oakville, is here on a visit to her brother, Mr. J. J. Hall.
 G. E. Johns returned Tuesday from San Antonio, where he had been for several days.
 Rev. M. T. Allen will preach to-morrow morning and at night at the Methodist church.
 J. M. Williams is beginning to receive his Christmas toys and holiday goods. Don't forget him.
 Our line of Dry Goods cannot be excelled. Call and let us show them.
 G. W. Henrichson & Co.
 Miss Mamie Rowland, one of Millett's charming young ladies, was in the city visiting friends yesterday.
 W. E. Campbell and family arrived here yesterday from Encinal and will make this their future home.



"SANTA CLAUS."

Our holiday box has arrived and we have secured a sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country on the night before Christmas. You will have to see the goods to judge whether prices and quality are right. We are so sure both are right that we invite you to compare them.
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 Ladies fall dress goods, wool cashmeres, worsteds, black and colored velveteens, ribbons, dress buttons, and ladies and childrens shoes will be sold out below cost, as we intend to discontinue said lines.
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 Mrs. W. H. Gates left Thursday for San Antonio in response to a telegram calling her to the bedside of her husband, W. H. Gates, who is lying very low at Santa Rosa Hospital.
 Sheriff W. M. Burwell and Capt. J. N. Daniel left Wednesday morning for Ft. Ewell and vicinity on official business. They returned Thursday evening.
 You will never know how quickly you can be cured of constipation, dyspepsia or liver complaint, until you have tried Dr. Sawyer's Little Wide Awake Pills.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

BY J. O. OWEN.

On account of the election and political news, it was but just to give our space in the paper to them; therefore, our column has not appeared regularly for the past month, but through the kindness of the editors, space is offered for regular publication of such subjects and thoughts as we hope will be of interest to the general public, and if possible, beneficial to the Educational work, of our town and country.
 If the efforts and influence of all the teachers of the county could be combined and organized into a working body, there is no doubt but that great good would result from their meetings. Teaching is a living, growing, profession, and the history as well as the experience of the past few years demonstrates, conclusively, that Education has advanced more, in the districts where teachers have often met in Institutes and other meetings. The State Legislature has thought the Institutes and Associations so vital to the advancement of education that it passed a law compelling a teacher to attend them or forfeit her wages, and if they are beneficial for the northern and more densely populated counties, why would they not be beneficial for La Salle county, her pupils, citizens and patrons? Although there are but few, there is no just reason why they should be inferior to teachers of other counties, and if such should be the case, it is all the more necessary that they should have these meetings and improve their condition and profession.
 Some months past the general public has been busy talking and politics, and now as they have been settled and our minds are in a more settled state, we are in a position to discuss the education of the rising generation. We, who have been accustomed to meet with teacher and patrons in Institutes, and hearing different methods and suggestions concerning educational questions, and the ways and means of educating and controlling students, are, at quite a loss to know just what course to pursue, or what would be the best for the student individually or collectively. So far in our work, we have worked without a guide, counsel, suggestion or visit from any patron of the school. These conditions are quite as new to us, as some of our methods are to the school, and just to what extent, that is, we are enabled to judge only by our work and association with the students, and from that basis we are led to believe that our methods and management, are very different, indeed, from those of previous teachers. With these facts in view, we feel sure that if the patrons were more familiar with our methods, and we, better acquainted with their wishes, that the work would be more satisfactory and success fully executed. We should like very much to have a meeting of the patrons and citizens some time next month. The first term of school closes with next month and we would like to have an opportunity of explaining to the patrons what work has been done, as well as what has not been done, and what we hope to do during the next term.
 If there is any one sufficiently interested in the welfare and success of the school, to suggest some means by which such a meeting can be had, it will be very much appreciated, indeed. During next week we will have the regular monthly examinations, and we would be pleased to have any one present who may be interested in the work.

spent a few hours in the city yesterday.
 Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.
 Miss Lillie Edmiston is attending school at the Buckow settlement now.
 Sargeant J. H. Dubose returned Thursday from a trip to the Alamo City.
 M. L. Moody, of Twohig, came up Thursday to meet a Shoe drummer here.
 Go to Keck Bros. for Barb wire. Prices as low as the lowest.
 Judge Mason Maney passed through here Thursday enroute to Pearsall.
 Dr. Kerr and wife, of Platonio, are visiting relatives in the city at present.
 Section Foreman E. M. Sparks was moved to the Green Section Wednesday.
 Rufo Robertson passed through on yesterday's train enroute to San Antonio.
 Messdames Young and Hill were in from the Cochina ranch Thursday.
 J. M. Chittim, of San Antonio, was among the arrivals on yesterday's train.
 Messrs. Dave and Geo. Levell, returned yesterday to their ranch in Dimmitt county.
 B. K. James, representing A. B. Frank Co., "did" the town Friday morning.
 Mr. I. B. Ammons of Oakville, is in the city, as the guest of Mr. B. F. Claunch and family.
 Atha Thomas Esq., has accepted position in G. W. Henrichson & Co's Dry Goods Department.
 A party of boys left here Wednesday morning for a few days hunting and fishing on the Frio river.
 Our complete stock of holiday goods are now being received. Call on us for anything in this line.
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Mrs. H. Riley returned Thursday after an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Sloan Jr., at Alvin, Texas.
 J. B. Billgard and a party of friends from Stockdale, passed through here Tuesday on a hunting expedition.
 If you owe the RECORD, call and settle up; then you will stand a better chance of "running your face" next time.
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 The greatest medicine for the Kidneys that has been discovered in modern times is Dr. Sawyer's Ukatine. The best proof is to give it a trial. J. M. Williams.
 Col. E. R. Lane, of San Antonio, visited Cotulla on official business during the latter part of the week.
 John R. Blocker came down from San Antonio Thursday to look after his stock interests in this section.
 Mr. R. A. Gilmer, a leading merchant of Encinal, stopped off here Wednesday on his way home from San Antonio.
 NOTICE.—All persons indebted to us will please call and settle their accounts at once.
 Massengale Bros.,
 Rangers Moore and Old returned Thursday evening from Carrizo Springs, where they have been attending District Court.
 Messrs. N. A. and Walter McCaleb of Carrizo Springs, arrived here Thursday evening, and left immediately for San Antonio.
 In many seemingly hopeless cases, consumption has been averted, in stopping a hacking cough, by use of Dr. Sawyer's Wild Cherry and Tar.
 J. M. Williams.
 John Conlan, accompanied by his mother arrived on Thursday's train from San Antonio, and left immediately for the Conlan ranch.

Springs' merchants, in company with his wife, passed through our city yesterday enroute to San Antonio.
 W. H. Garnett opened up a fruit and confectionery store on front street this week. He is carrying a full stock in his line, and asks a share of the public patronage.
 Mr. Burnett Little came down from San Antonio Wednesday and took charge of the Railroad section here. Burnett was a former resident of Cotulla, and his many friends will be glad to know of his return.
 The School Literary Society met last night at the School house. A large attendance of members and visitors were present to enjoy the exercises of the evening. Following is the programme for the next meeting, Nov. 25, '98.
 Song by children; Rec., Miss Daisy Carr; Song, Miss Eva Stevens; Rec. Miss Christy Steele Music, Miss Phelps and Mr. Massengale; Rec. John Landrum; Rec. Ida May Guinn; Reading, Miss Lola Faubion; Music; Reading, (Enoch Arden) Prof. Owen.
 All are respectfully invited to attend and participate in the exercises.
 The Cotulla Social and Debating Club met Monday night with a good attendance of members and visitors. The program for the evening was well rendered, and thoroughly enjoyed. The question of debate was: Resolved, that Railroads have done more than Newspapers for the civilization of the world. The two debaters appointed on the negative being absent, Miss Lou McMains and Mr. B. J. Yowell were called upon to defend that side, and succeeded in convincing the Judges of the correctness of their arguments. The result was the vote stood 2 to one in favor of the negative. The question chosen for the next regular meeting was: Resolved, that Marriage is a failure.

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BUCKOW.

Buckow, Texas, Nov. 12, 1898. —The election over, prospects of an early rain apparent—the knowing ones have prophesying, and we are left somewhat in a meditative mood. As to the election, every candidate for office had many friends; some more than others, which is evident from the returns; our congratulations are to the successful aspirants, and consolations to the defeated. At the 'Singing Club' which met last Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. T. J. Winslow, the members unanimously converted the organization into one of a larger scope—"The Lamp Light Social and Reading Club."

Prof. J. D. Dickson was elected President; Miss Della Clark, Vice President; Mrs. Nannie Buckow, Secretary; Mr. Ed Winters, Door-Keeper; and Mr. J. W. Buckow, Critic. The object of the Club is to acquire a knowledge of Parliamentary Law, study vocal music, improve the conversational powers and learn to become better readers and good elocutionists.

Mr. James Smith, wife, and children, of Millett, are visiting Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. M. E. Reynolds.

Mr. Ed McCoy left a few days ago with a drove of cattle for pas care near Millett.

Mrs. Despain has gone to San Diego on a visit to her son, Mr. Marshall Despain.

Hunting game is resorted to "hereabouts" to a large extent, and success usually crowns the sportsmen's efforts.

There will be no school next Thursday, Nov. 24th, "Thanksgiving day," but some appropriate exercises will be held at the school house.

SCHOOL GIRL.

MISS LEITER'S PAPER CROWN.

When a Child the Lady Said She Would Be a Queen Some Day.

A very interesting story which relates how Mrs. Curzon, when little Miss Leiter, was seen strutting up and down a room wearing a paper crown while she remarked: "I will be a queen some day." The lady who tells the story, says the Chicago Post, adds significantly that, "many a truth is spoken in jest." All of which is undeniably true, but at the same time we have no special reason to believe that the prediction has been verified or is likely to be verified, or that little Miss Mary prophetically gave utterance to a sparkling truth. We suppose there has never been a little girl in this delightful city of Chicago who has not at one time or another adorned herself with paper crown and announced that she was going to be a queen. Little girls have a weakness for this sort of thing, and yet we have no recollection that any young woman of our town has ever ascended a throne, save for temporary and unimportant purposes. Somebody has said that all American women are queens. Of course, not even the women themselves believe such wild hyperbole, but it is a gallant remark, and if it makes them feel good for the time being there is no objection to the phrase. Let the little girls play with their paper crowns and utter their mock solemn predictions, for we are making history nowadays, and Cuba or Hawaii or the Philippines may yet ask for a queen.

READY TO BE THRILLED.

The Harrowing Experience of a West-Corn Girl While Sightseeing in Boston.

Not many days ago a bright girl from a neighboring state stopped for a short time in Chicago while on her way home from a lengthy stay at the Atlantic seacoast. This was her first visit east, and she had gone there prepared to be thrilled by all sorts of emotions evoked by historic memories. She came back considerably disillusioned and merrily tells several good stories at her own expense. While in Boston she went sight-seeing under the guidance of her sister-in-law, and declares that while in the Copp's Hill burying ground she had the thrill of her life. The old cemetery is, of course, a good place for arousing patriotic emotions, but when that idea is suggested to this western girl she just smiles.

"As soon as my sister-in-law and I got into the place," she said, "I found myself almost stepping over a grave with an inscription on a queer little iron-covered sort of tomb. I jumped back, feeling the way you do when you step on a grave, and read the inscription, just three initials, no name or date. 'Isn't it pathetic?' I said to my sister-in-law. 'Oh, I don't know,' she answered, 'B. W. W. means Boston water works.' Oh, I had a long thrill there for about five seconds, but it was the last. After the awful prosaic shock administered by my sister-in-law I believe I could stand at Adam's grave without a quiver."

A Hallow'een Mystery

By Mrs. Calob Harrabee.

THERE was a meeting of the Hopedale Fishing club, and it was held in Vance Craydon's back yard. It was a very informal as well as a very noisy meeting. The club had only been in existence for two weeks and it had held 12 meetings, at which the resolutions passed would have filled two or three minute books, had the club owned them. But this afternoon there seemed to be something of unusual interest on hand. Three bags full of something were lying on the ground, and three boxes stood beside them. Vance had a quart measure in his hand.

"Now, all of you keep quiet, till I measure them," he shouted, trying to make himself heard above the din.

"I seen a tent last Saturday; just what we want, an' it was only—"

"The boys over at Westview have got a tent that—"

"Oh, what's the use gittin' a tent anyway. Let's put up a shanty. There's lots an' lots—"

"Do shut up, you fellows," entreated Vance. "Somebody'll have to keep count. Here's a piece of chalk. Now, Tom Caster, you put down a stroke every time I put a quart in the box."

"One!" Tom duly made a stroke.

"Don't make 'em so big; you'll have the box covered before we're half done," admonished Jimmy Elder.

"Whose don't this?" inquired Tom, sharply.

"Two," counted Vance.

"Don't fill 'em so full; we ain't agoin' to sell 'em that way," suggested Ed Leslie.

"I do wish you'd be still," exclaimed Vance in despair. "We won't git done before dark."

A sudden silence fell, and through the open window above them floated the words: "Yes, it's a dreadful pity. She's getting more an' more helpless every year, an' she's that independent she won't take anything only what she works for. She's always had a little saved up until this year, but times have been that hard an' her harvin' that sick spell along in the summer, took all she had."

"Yes," responded a voice that the boys recognized as belonging to Vance's mother, "and it does seem too bad that the nuts are a failure this year, too. She always made a good little sum making nut candy and taffy. If she were up in Brother Reuben's country now! There never were as many nuts there as this year."

The boys outside winked knowingly, for had not Uncle Reuben sent the very nuts that Vance was measuring out? To be sure they had all done many little kindnesses for the good man when he was visiting his sister during the summer, but to think of him giving three bushels of nuts in reward they envied Vance the possession of such an uncle!

"I'm sure," continued the voice from the kitchen, "we'd all be glad to help her, if she'd only let us. There isn't a family in the place that hasn't had her in distress. She ain't able to nurse now, but she used to be an extra good hand at it."

"Well, I must be going. I'll soon be supper-time," and Mrs. Craydon's caller departed. The boys continued measuring until the three bags were empty.

"Thirty-five quarts in every single bushel," exclaimed Vance, as Tom, after counting up and down to guard against any mistake, announced the result.

"He ain't noways stickin', is he?" remarked Fred Embury, and every boy present indorsed the sentiment expressed by Fred.

"Now," said Vance, "if we take them nuts over to the fair and sell them by the glass, like that fellow did last year, we'll clear over five dollars. Of course, we each want a quart of them for Hallow'een."

"Well, let's put them in your woodhouse now, an' all come to-morrow after school, an' settle who's to take them to the fair."

"You'll have to sell them outside, Dan says all the stands are took up."

"Huh, that's no difference. You can sell nuts anywhere this year," said Tom.

"Wish spring was here, so we could git our tent up, an' go a-fishin'," sighed Ed Leslie; "all the other fellows had a tent this summer."

The boys separated to meet again on the morrow. As the Craydon family gathered around the supper table that evening, Mrs. Craydon told them of her afternoon caller.

"It is really too bad that Aunt Hannah is so queer about taking help from any person," said Mr. Craydon. "I do not suppose that Vance knows how much he owes to her. If it had not been for her faithful care, you would not be here, my boy."

Vance looked up in surprise. "I always knew she took care of me when mother was sick, but I didn't know she kept me from dyin'," said the boy.

"Well, she did," said his father. "You and several of your boy friends owe old Aunt Hannah a world of gratitude."

"Yes," said his mother, "you took scarlet fever while I was in bed with pneumonia, and the doctor said you would have died if it had not been for Aunt Hannah. That was 13 years ago. She has grown old very rapidly this last three years."

Vance's head was so full of plans for the sale of the nuts to pay very strict attention just then, but after he had gone to bed her words recurred to him. Poor old Aunt Hannah! Many an apple had she given to the boys from her tree before the storm of last winter blew it down. As for nuts, her trees had always been full until this year, and such shellbarks! No one

around Hopedale had such nuts. They were every bit as large as Uncle Reuben's. If Uncle Reuben had only known that Aunt Hannah would have valued the gift of a bushel of nuts! Here Vance's thoughts must have been rather exciting, for he sat up in bed, stared out the window a minute, and then shook his head and muttered: "Pshaw, it wouldn't do at all; the fellows don't want to give them away!" And then he did some hard thinking, and finally went to sleep.

The next day he held an earnest conversation with his chum, Tom Ester, and at noon he and Tom each held another conversation with two other boys, and by the time school was out each member of the club had been conversed with. If the meeting was not as noisy as the meeting of the preceding day, the business transacted was fully as important.

During the week intervening between that afternoon and Hallow'een, the meetings became more and more frequent. I am afraid the lessons at school suffered from want of attention on the part of the boys. Various trips to the surrounding farmers were made, mysterious bundles began to accumulate in the woodhouse. A barrel of something that might be Baldwin apples stood in one corner. A large box full of—well it was either salt or sugar, and it didn't taste like salt—was on top of the barrel. It was only Tuesday, and Hallow'een did not come until Thursday evening. Plenty of time for more bundles to accumulate! And all the result of a few minutes' hard thinking.

On Hallow'een immediately after supper little Jennie Craydon made her appearance at Aunt Hannah's back door, and implored the old lady to come over to the Craydon house at once. "Papa was lying on the lounge moaning and mamma wanted her to come right away, without waiting to look her door, for what had she that anyone could steal? Aunt Hannah crossed the field which lay between her home and the Craydon residence. After inspecting the patient, she decided that an onion poultice was what he needed. And when it had been made and applied, Mr. Craydon's shoulder must be well rubbed with liniment. Then Aunt Hannah must have a roasted apple. By the time everything had been attended to and the roasted apples eaten, it was almost ten o'clock, and Vance and Jennie accompanied her to her door. Aunt Hannah opened her back door, went in and closed it after bidding the children good-night. She then went up to the little room in front, which served

as a storeroom in which she sold her taffy and candy. As she lit the lamp, she glanced around what had been an empty apartment when she had last seen it. In one corner stood the barrel of Baldwin's; beside it was the box before mentioned; hanging on a nail was a fine-looking ham; her own canister had been taken from the cupboard and stood on the shelf filled with tea; beside it nestled some packages of coffee on the lower shelf were three large boxes, one full of chestnuts, one of shellbarks, and one of walnuts; while a sack of flour obligingly wedged the boxes in against the wall.

Aunt Hannah sat down on a chair in speechless amazement. When she had collected her thoughts, she searched for some trace by which she could identify the donors, but in vain. Every label had been removed, and when, next morning, she made her way to Mrs. Craydon's that lady earnestly disavowed all connection with the gifts. The storekeeper was discreetly non-committal, and for years only the Hopedale Fishing club fully understood the mystery of Aunt Hannah's Hallow'een gifts. When Uncle Leuben heard the story, which he did when he made his annual visit to his sister during the following summer, he—but that belongs to a summer story; not to a Hallow'een mystery.—United Presbyterian.

They both lived in the suburbs where the air of the plains and from the mountains fans the flames of love. The date had been fixed for a buggy ride and for days and days and days the young man had anticipated the trip. Just as the robe had been properly arranged to keep the dust from interfering with their best clothes they started—but she told him to stop!

"What is it, dearest?"

"Won't you call the dog?"

"And what do we want a dog for?"

"I hate to tell you, Morrison."

"Confide in me, dearest. Should our enemies burn me at the stake to extort the secret, I would not violate your confidence."

"Then I can tell you. If Towser follows us he will not be at home when we return to bark and wake the old folks up, and in that way they will never know how late it is when we get back."—Denver Times.

Teeth Drawn to Show Servitude. In Peru it was once the custom for domestic servants to have two of their upper front teeth extracted. Their absence indicated their servitude.

ing Houston, across the bright, sunny waters circled by the hills of varying heights and shapes was most beautiful and inspiring.

"There is not a particle of exaggeration," exclaimed Mrs. Danforth, "in the remark of Prof. Hitchcock, of Amherst, that one could walk all day in the Berkshires and have a new and charming view every five minutes."

The drive precluded the writing or any more letters that day. The next morning brought the following letter from an old friend of Mrs. Danforth, which helped her to decide some questions at once:

My Dear Elizabeth: Yesterday I heard, through my next door neighbor, that you were thinking of engaging a niece of hers, Miss Clarissa Brown, to teach Latin and some other lessons in your school. I made no remark to my good neighbor when she told me this, but I earnestly desired to write to you at once, hoping to prevent you from making what seems to me a mistake, and what I think will seem so to you. I do not wish to write this, but I know I should be thankful to receive such a letter from you were I in your situation, and so I do as I would be done by.

"My neighbor, Mrs. Rossiter, told me that she took several prizes for Latin recitations in college, and that she was an exceptional mathematician. I have no question about this. But, knowing that in your school you desire to have teachers who are neat in person and well-bred, and courteous in their manners, as well as able to teach, I want to say that in these particulars you will be greatly disappointed in Miss Brown. I met her a number of times during two visits she paid her aunt, and was always pained to notice her extreme slowness in dress, her generally unkempt looks, her put in rags and poor shoes and gloves, a high-pitched voice and brusque manner. Mrs. Rossiter once said to me in speaking of her niece, and of how impossible it seemed to her to keep her in order, that she once expressed her slackness all came from a lack of early training, and that while she had a fine mind she utterly disregarded her personal appearance. These objections to Miss Brown, which in a private school of refined young ladies would to my mind be insuperable, might not of how impossible it seemed to her to keep her in order, that she once expressed her slackness all came from a lack of early training, and that while she had a fine mind she utterly disregarded her personal appearance. These objections to Miss Brown, which in a private school of refined young ladies would to my mind be insuperable, might not

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Mrs. Charles Danforth, the principal of a private school for young ladies in a beautiful suburb of one of our large cities, was spending the month of August in one of the hill towns in the Berkshires, enjoying that reposed pastoral country, the walks and the drives and the mountain climbs, and at her arrangements for the ensuing school year she had spread out her papers over a large table in her room one morning with the determination to complete her schedule, set her mind fully at rest, and so try to be free to enjoy the month of September without the care and anxiety which had interfered somewhat with her pleasures during July and August. The matter of changing teachers in several departments and the corresponding with them and about those who made applications for positions, the deciding between those whose recommendations and experience were about equal, had been, as she playfully said, "a terrible strain upon the judgment."

Having answered quite a batch of letters, she went downstairs and joined her hostess on the lawn under one of the wide-spreading elms so famous in that region. Mrs. Clarke was one of her girlhood friends with whom she had kept in closest touch amid all the changes and vicissitudes which had come to them during the 20 years since the graduation of the class. Indeed, since the death of Mr. Danforth, and during her friend's years of teaching, Mrs. Clarke had been her confidential adviser and greatest comfort.

"Here," said Mrs. Danforth, as she seated herself in a comfortable chair, "I've just written ten notes and letters and have things in pretty good shape now for the year. I'm going to take real comfort, I know, with those two graduates from Vassar! That Miss Knowles is just to my heart and will win all the girls to her at once, I am sure. Did I show you her testimonials, Mary? They are fine in every particular."

"Yes, I remember them," replied Mrs. Clarke. "This will not happen to you. Have you succeeded in securing your French and German teachers?"

"Yes, both of them," said Mrs. Danforth. "You know I had Mme. Lafitte last year, but I've been trying for three years to get Herr Schmidt, and am delighted that I have secured him. If I was perfectly certain of that Miss Brown with whom I have been corresponding, my mind would be quite settled and I could be free to enjoy myself the next few weeks."

"Why do you hesitate about her," asked Mrs. Clarke. "Aren't her recommendations satisfactory?"

"O yes," replied Mrs. Danforth, in a somewhat hesitating tone, "they are excellent with reference to her ability and to her aptitude to teach. But there is a certain slowness in her letters which in an almost indefinable way offends my good taste, and has set me to querying whether she might not be slack in her person. That would never do among my girls, you know. But I think I shall write and give her the position, for I really know no good objection to her."

"You could hardly reject her," said Mrs. Clarke, smilingly, "on account of slowness in her letters."

The conversation was interrupted by an invitation from a neighbor to both ladies to drive to Stockbridge that afternoon, starting directly after luncheon, so as to return while

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