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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

The Impossible Club.

THE first autumnal meeting of the Impossible club was held on Monday evening at the club's downtown headquarters, all the members being present and responding to roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the secretary reported that the affidavit of Mr. Jorkins regarding his story that a hotel clerk in Springfield wore no diamonds was missing, and therefore he moved that the statement be discredited and expunged from the records of the club and that Mr. Jorkins be fined 30 cents in accordance with by-law 36, adopted at the last meeting. The motion prevailed in spite of Mr. Jorkins' statement to the effect that at the time the telegram was sent to the club it was late in the evening and no notary was to be found. The programme committee reported that the evening's entertainment would



HE SPENT MUCH TIME FISHING.

consist of the relation of personal experiences undergone during the summer, and that each member would be limited to one minute, in order that the club might adjourn and the members be at home by nine o'clock at the latest.

The assistant secretary distributed the blank affidavits, and Dr. Dibble was called upon.

"My experiences have been rather limited," said the doctor. "I have been spending my vacation very quietly, as you know, in my new summer cottage at Pine lake. I had determined that I could afford to spend \$3,000 in the building and equipment of the cottage, and accordingly placed a limit of \$2,500 with the architect and house furnisher to whom I let the job. Everything was to be in readiness for occupancy by July 1, but on June 14 I received notice that I might move in at any time. I found everything in first-class shape, and the total expense had been slightly over \$2,100. As to any further experiences, I shall have to refer you to my friend Epkins here, who spent several weeks with me and had more leisure time to look for curious things."

"As to that," said Mr. Epkins, "I own up to having had a deal of time at my disposal, but as to experiences, they were few and far between. I spent the greater part of the time, when the weather would permit, in fishing. Fishing is not apt to lead a truthful man into very many experiences out of the ordinary. We had very good luck, though, and one forenoon we caught six bass trolling around the lake."

"Do they allow the bass to troll around the lake unattended?" asked the chairman. "Or do you mean to intimate that while trolling around the lake you caught six bass?"

"Put it any way you like," said Epkins. "Anyway, we caught the six bass, and some of them were whoppers. I am confident that one of them at least weighed a pound and a half. I had one other bass hooked and well up toward the boat when he gave a lunge and carried off my hook, spoon and everything else, but then he was a little fellow, weighing, perhaps, about a half-pound, and the loss of him didn't make much difference to the total."

"Todd and I had a most delightful time this summer," said Mr. Jorkins. "Together we went up here to a little summer resort in southern Wisconsin and put up at a farmer's house that was advertised as clean and comfortable, good beds, fine food and all that sort of thing, combined with a low rate. We paid a dollar a day, had separate beds, with hair mattresses and good springs, and all the eggs and milk and chickens that we wanted. We did not see a mosquito while we were there, and the weather, for the most part, was delightful. The proprietor had a clean-shaven chin and spoke good English and had read 'David Harum.' We did not do much fishing, although we understood there was pretty good fishing at the lake. We saw one party of four bring in a string of 13 perch and sunfish that had been caught during the day."

"I met an interesting character during the week," said Mr. Pope. "My wife

and I were enjoying ourselves one morning cleaning house when a ragged-looking individual, whom I suppose might be called a tramp, put in an appearance and asked for material assistance. He told a sad tale of being out of work for 14 consecutive months, and so on. I asked him if he was willing to do a little hard work if we should give him some food, and he exhibited a remarkable and suspicious willingness to do so. Accordingly, I told him if he would beat the dining-room carpet thoroughly we would give him a square meal. Much to our surprise he doffed his melancholy remnant of a coat and went to work. In less than an hour the carpet was thoroughly cleaned, and he then asked permission to take a bath before eating. I conducted him to the bathroom and superintended a very thorough bath on his part, and then loaned him my razor and outfit while he took a clean shave. By that time he presented a very respectable appearance, and we were pleased to have him stay several days with us, he doing a number of much-needed jobs about the place during his stay."

During the recital of Mr. Pope's story Mr. Keek had passed cigars to a number of the members sitting near him and the cigars had been lighted. As soon as Mr. Pope had finished speaking the smokers all broke out in expressions of admiration for the quality and flavor of the cigars, and made inquiries as to where they had been purchased.

"I really do not know, gentlemen," said Mr. Keek. "I seldom pay any attention whatever to my supply of cigars. My wife always buys them for me and there is always a good supply in the house. Mrs. Keek is very fond of the smell of smoke in the house and is a connoisseur in the matter of purchasing cigars. These are some from a box she presented me with on my last birthday. I am glad you like them. She told me at the time, I recollect, that she had purchased a little more expensive ones than usual because she had discovered that her last year's silk skirt would do very well for this year, with a little making over, and so I would be entitled to a little extravagance in the matter of cigars."

There was ominous silence for some seconds, but no one seemed to have the moral courage to make any remonstrance as Mr. Keek walked up to the desk, somewhat ostentatiously, and deposited his affidavit.

"The most fun I had during my vacation," said Mr. Teeple, "was down at a little town in Kentucky, where I was stopping with my friend, Mr. Watkins. 'Col. Watkins, I suppose?' interrupted Tiser.

"He's not a colonel, so far as I have heard," continued Teeple. "As I was saying, I was stopping with my friend, Mr. Watkins, who has a very beautiful little villa beside a splendid spring of pure and sparkling water. There were a number of other guests there, and also quite a delegation at a neighboring resort. One day a baseball game was proposed, and I was elected to umpire the game. I knew very little about baseball, except in a general sort of way, but I acted as umpire all right and seemed to give general satisfaction, although I knew some of my decisions were far removed from equity, accord-



SHE ALWAYS BUYS HIS CIGARS.

ing to the league rules. All hands seemed to enjoy the fun, and at the end of the game they persisted in giving three cheers for the umpire. It was my first experience at the game, but hereafter when my office boy asks for an afternoon off in order to go to the baseball game I shall be inclined to grant him the favor, though I must say that, as far as games go, I very much prefer the good old game of billiards. I am very fond of billiards, and really play a much better game than I did ten years ago."

At a signal from the chairman the club rose and sang two verses of "My Old Kentucky Home," and at the conclusion of the singing Mr. Tiser remarked:

"I am living in an apartment house on the South side, as you know, gentlemen, and I should like to invite the club to hold its next session with me. I was visiting with the janitor this afternoon in his office, and he told me that it always gave him great pleasure to be of any assistance he could in the matter of helping the tenants at times when they wished to entertain parties of friends. I think that—"

"Mr. Chairman," interrupted Mr. Bilton. "I think that owing to the inclemency of the weather we would better adjourn. Without wishing to cast any reflections on Brother Tiser's remarks, it may still not be amiss to say that there is a limit to everything. I move you, sir, that we do now adjourn."

The motion was carried unanimously, and after the usual closing exercises the club adjourned at 8:50 p. m. and the members went immediately to their respective cars.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "In the United States every worthy citizen reads a newspaper and owns it. A newspaper is a window through which men look out upon the world. Without a newspaper, a man is shut up in a small room, and knows little or nothing of what is happening outside himself. A good newspaper will keep a man in sympathy with the world's history. It is an unfolding encyclopaedia, an unbound book forever issuing and never finished."

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J. G. Jones, Sec.

BULL FIGHTS.

The way the Laredo Chapperal puts it: "In the presence of about 5,000 people last Sunday, many of them excursionists from up the State, two cows were brought into the cowpen, milked to the tune of 'Old Hundred.' The matadores, banderilleros and picadores performed some daring feats in roping off the calves. One milkmaid had a narrow escape from having his or her gizzard kicked out on account of approaching one of the animals from the off side. Carelessness on some one's part permitted a little black bull to butt into the pen in the midst of the milking bee, but he was promptly killed, and the band played on. The railroad people and the bullfighters are highly pleased with the results in the shape of dinero acquired from the performance."

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TOWN TOPICS.

Conductor Chas. Seamonds arrived here Wednesday from San Antonio, and went out to join the party of hunters in the Irvin pasture.

We extend thanks to Messrs. Arthur Smith and Manuel Salazar for their valuable assistance rendered us Tuesday morning. Come again.

J. W. Campbell of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Tuesday from Laredo, where he had been attending Federal Court.

G. H. Pfeuffer, formerly a business man of this place, but now of San Antonio, was here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hargus returned Wednesday morning from Encinal, where they spent several days.

Messrs. J. T. Maltberger and Curtis Hering were excused from the Federal Grand Jury at Laredo.

Dr. Moore and wife of Illinois, were in the city and we understand, expect to spend the winter here.

Uncle Jack Hargus says the country down about Ft. Well is wetter than it has been for several years.

Rev. Bruce Roberts preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday night.

Messrs. J. T. and Van Maltberger and Chas. Gilmer left for a few days hunt.

Messrs. Jack Hargus and Bud Hargus were in town from the Hargus ranch Wednesday.

Attorney C. C. Thomas has been in Pearsall most of the week attending District Court.

Drs. Livingston and Brown returned Wednesday morning from a short trip to Encinal.

Capt. Rogers was among the many who went to court at Pearsall during the week.

John Evetts Esq. is back in the city once more after a long stay in the 'bushes.'

L. P. Williams of the Puddin' boarded the train Monday morning for Pearsall.

C. L. Lindholm of Pearsall, was in town this week talking "Acetylene gas."

Another Bull Fight is billed to take place in New Laredo tomorrow.

Messrs. W. K. Beezley and Ed Evetts were in town fore part of the week.

Rev. J. S. McMurry came Wednesday to fill his appointments here.

Judge Dowe held forth at the Pearsall court nearly all this week.

J. M. Daniel was in Pearsall several days this week attending court.

A car of corn was unloaded Tuesday for Armstrong & Swink.

Mr. George Copp has bought the entire apiary of Dr. Speer.

Robt. Williams and George Wright were in town this week.

T. K. Hall was down from Dimmit county one day this week.

Mr. Jos. Cotulla is at Laredo attending Federal Court.

W. C. Irvin came in Wednesday from up the road.

J. L. Hicks returned Wednesday from Pearsall.

Mrs. Buckanan was in town trading Monday.

John Bode Esq. was up from Twogh Tuesday.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 1899.

Both Chilton and Bailey are before the people as candidates for the Senatorial plum next fall, and are giving us ample opportunity of judging for ourselves, the merits of each.

Just because cattle are high and liable to remain so for some years to come, farmers and ranchmen should not make the mistake of overstocking the farms and ranches.

The great curse to La Salle County, heretofore, has been in overstocking the ranges, and even yet, with all the loss and experience we have had we are not entirely freed from that old time delusion of over crowding the pastures.

The Sun does not intentionally omit mention of any one, or their friends, who come to or leave town, or any one who should have personal mention, but these omissions occur, doubtless, every week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Matthews arrived on Wednesday's train, after an absence of two or three days.

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Those that attended court in Pearsall from here this week, were: Mrs. A Walker and daughter, Miss Maggie, Messrs. W. A. Terry, W. S. Cobb and J. W. McMulin.

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A freight engine was derailed in Encinal Monday morning, caused by a broken switch, and delayed about 24 hours.

that kicks most when anything goes wrong or when their names are accidentally left out of the locals. Some of our most liberal supporters are men who never, so much as by word or sign, take notice of any mistake or error they may see; and there are others—their number is few, thank heaven—who take offense at every little mistake. It makes a tired feeling, but one accompanied by a sense of relief, creep over us when one of this ilk has us stop his paper because of some fancied slight, or because our opinions may differ from his.

We were in attendance at District Court in Pearsall during the fore part of the week and incidentally took note of the business being transacted by the merchants there. They all seem to have a very good stock of goods displayed and their stores are comfortably situated, but they care very little whether a person trades with them or not, at least that was the inference we drew when, in picking up a local paper we saw but two business announcements displayed.

Despite the fact that the last fiscal year in the Postal Department has been better, and more matter handled than any previous year is our business, the deficit amounted to over \$8,000,000. As given out by Postmaster General Smith, this was caused by the abuse of the second class rates, which provides for newspapers and periodicals issued regularly; this rate has been used by others who make a business of distributing posters, circulars, pamphlets etc., through the mail when they should have been compelled to pay third class rates.

We need a more equal adjustment of postal rates, reducing first class matter by half and a more careful supervision of the second class mail, thus reducing the expense of transportation, and the opportunity of further swindling the government. It is claimed by Mr. Smith that enough third class mail was handled last year as second class matter to have left a surplus of several millions instead of a large deficit.

R. W. Roberson of Carrizo was in Encinal Saturday last, shaking hands with his many friends.

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STABBED TO DEATH.
Pablo Plata, a Mexican, was found dead early yesterday morning near the railroad in the central portion of "Mexico," by George Copp. He immediately reported the matter to the authorities, and upon investigation it was found that he had a life stab icely over the heart, which had caused instant death. There was evidence of a struggle where the body was found, his slicker was thrown out to one side and his sleeves were rolled up to his elbows, indicating that he had prepared to fight. A heavy rain had fallen and put out the tracks of the murdered man. No clew was left whatever for the officers. At the inquest evidence was brought out that on the night before (Wednesday night) Plata and one named Martinez, had a fight, and Thursday night Plata was seen last about 12 o'clock, Martinez about 11. Friday morning Plata was found dead and Martinez was not to be found anywhere, so at present the officers are searching for the last named, Sheriff Burwell having offered \$25 reward for him. Plata was a "vaquero" on the Arvin Ranch and was considered a quiet sort of a fellow. Martinez has the reputation of being a dangerous character.

LATER—Martinez was arrested last night at the R. G. & E. P. crossing, about three quarters of a mile from the Rio Grande, by Deputy Sheriff Thomas and Constable Petty, and brought back here this morning. He confessed to the killing and also implicated Clara Santolla, a woman of bad repute, as being an accomplice. She was promptly put under arrest.

In the District Court at Pearsall this week the following cases in which our readers are interested, were disposed of as follows:

State of Texas vs. J. J. Burwell, murder, continued to next term.
State of Texas vs. A. J. Burwell, theft of cattle, continued to next term.
J. W. McMulin vs. C. O. Ellis et al, continued to next term.
State of Texas vs L. F. Burris, murder, now on trial.

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Until January 1st, 1900 we will sell the following listed articles at rock-bottom prices. Call and be convinced of what we say. We want your trade and will have it if low prices and honest dealings can induce you to buy.

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We have a large assortment of odd styles and sizes in Men's, Women's and Children's shoes, to go at these prices.

Arrow brand, formerly \$2.50, now going at.....\$1.50.
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 Imitation Kangaroo, was \$2.25, now.....\$1.30.
 Klondyke Dongola.....\$1.50.
 Coffee Romeo.....\$1.15.
 Brogans......85.

NECKTIES.

Four-in-hands......25.
 White dress bows.....5c to 15c.
 White string ties, per dozen.....10c.
 Windsors......25c.
 Scarfs......15c to 25c.

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White, former price \$1.50, now.....\$1.00.
 White, with colored bosom and cuffs, going at....95c
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 Work shirts, each from.....30c to 75c

All the above listed goods are first quality, standard articles, just what you buy daily. We sell them at these prices because they are in broken sizes and lots—remnants of this year's stock. We want the space they occupy for our spring line of goods.

No Goods charged at these prices—Our terms are cash.

J. A. LANDRUM & CO.

Local and Personal.

Rev. J. S. McMurry preached at Dilley last night.
 J. T. Alexander attended the dance last night from Millett.
 The Presbyterian Church is now fitted with acetylene gas lights.
 The young people enjoyed a nice dance at the Court House last night.
 E. W. Alderman was transacting business with our merchants Thursday.
 Heating Stoves at Keck Bros.
 Will Robbins Esq. of the Johnson ranch paid us an appreciated call yesterday evening.
 Copp's tomatoes continue to go out in large quantities, and are bringing fancier prices.
 Mrs. Cryer of San Antonio, was here one day this week visiting her son, Capt. J. H. Rogers.
 Fresh lemons at S. Cotulla's.
 Commissioner S. J. Jordan attended the special meeting of the Commissioners Court here Tuesday.
 Mr. W. A. Kerr and family have moved in from the La Motte ranch, and are occupying the Liard house.
 Mr. Simon Cotulla went up to Millett yesterday morning and returned on next train—but not alone.
 Mr. W. G. Johnson's father, who has been here visiting him, returned to his home in North Texas Monday.
 Miss Lillie Edmiston returned home Wednesday after spending several days in the city visiting Mrs. Chas. Sullivan.
 T. H. Poole and Ranger Old were summonsed to Pearsall yesterday as witnesses in the Burris case.
 Seeded Raisins, Currents, Citron, Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds, Filberts, Apples, and fancy Candy at S. Cotulla's.
 Sheriff Burwell and Deputy U. S. Marshal Hanson, brought eight Mexican women up from Laredo Thursday morning. These women were charged with illegally selling mescal, and sent here by the Federal Court to serve out their terms.
 Fine rain.
 Prospects bright.
 Break your land.
 Move to La Salle.
 The land of sunshine.
 Where winter is unknown.
 Flowers bloom the year 'round.
 Fresh Cocoanuts at S. Cotulla.
 Old papers for sale at this office.
 Luther Neal is reported on the sick list.
 Federal Court at Laredo has adjourned.
 Go to S. Cotulla's for your fancy candies.
 Services tomorrow at the Presbyterian Church.
 A showing of vain beauty, at J. M. Williams.
 J. W. McInnis and wife were in the city yesterday.
 C. H. Mayfield is absent on a hunt near Ft. Ewell.
 Jos. Cotulla returned yesterday morning from Laredo.
 W. G. Johnson went to Encinal this week on business.
 Eugene Irvin came in yesterday from the Irvin ranch.
 W. T. Hill was up from his ranch Tuesday on business.
 W. L. Hargus attended court at Pearsall during the week.
 Rev. J. F. Kimball preached to the Mexicans here Wednesday night.
 Sam Roberts came down from Pearsall and spent last night in the city.
 Ranger Curran Rogers came up on yesterday morning's train from Laredo.
 Tip-top values, bed rock prices.
 J. M. Williams.
 M. J. Barlow & Co., and Simon Cotulla, both gave us orders for stationery this week.
 D. W. McKey, a prosperous ranchman of Millett, was down with his wife first of the week.
 W. A. Kerr, foreman of the La Motte Ranch was among the men in town first of the week.

Furniture and Holiday Goods.

To The Trade, Of Southwest Texas.

We have just received a car of Furniture from the largest Furniture House in the United States, and are now ready to make you prices that will open your eyes with astonishment.

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Misses Mamie Rowland and Nancy Reynolds, two charming young ladies of Millett came down yesterday to attend the Ball last night.

Twenty-seven barrels of wine were shipped from Laredo to this place, consigned to J. S. Taylor, this week. It was unloaded and stored in Tarver & Hall's warehouse.

Manuel Salazar, who is employed on 'The Southland Queen' at Beeville, came up Saturday last to visit his mother. He will probably remain until after the Holidays.

Mr. E. M. Palmer, wife and little child arrived here Saturday last. Mr. Palmer relieved Mr. Miller as agent at the I. & G. N. depot, and will be here about thirty days.

Furniture of every description. We purchased before the advance and can sell cheaper than you can possibly buy anywhere else. Come see our elegant line—anything you want.

G. W. Henrichson & Co.

The party of hunters that came down from Austin and went out to the Coleman pasture about ten days ago, returned home yesterday. They reported a very successful trip, having killed twenty seven deer.

R. L. Henrichson, another one of Twohig's free hearted cowmen dropped in at our office while in town Saturday last and paid up his subscription a year ahead. Twohig is alright—so is her people.

Messrs. Bill Johns, Will Campbell, Joe and Will Robbins came in Thursday from Uncle Jack Hargus' ranch, where they spent the week hunting. They killed nine deer on the trip and report a 'high old time.'

Mr. Cliff Hess, who, in years gone by was one of Brooks' gallant ranger boys came down from Pearsall Tuesday evening. Cliff is almost a stranger here now as it has been nearly eight years since he last came to the brick house.

H. B. Miller was granted a thirty days lay off Saturday last. He left Monday with several other railroad men for the Irvin pasture where he expects to spend some time hunting; he also intends to go to Cuba before returning to work.

The Proprietors of the Alamo City Commercial College, Dullig Block, San Antonio, Texas, have something to say to young people who desire a business course in a first class commercial college. For catalogue and full information address, Shafer & Downey, Box 1129.

Our stock of Holiday goods are now complete and more varied than we have ever had any previous year. Nearly everything in this line is higher than it was last year, but most of ours were bought many months ago when prices were lowest, and we are absolutely furnishing better values for less money than ever before.

J. M. Williams.

Conductor J. D. Seamonds, Engineers Moynahan and Simpson, of the I. & G. N., and W. B. Weibling of the S. A. Foundry Co., arrived in the city Monday evening from San Antonio. Here they were joined by H. B. Miller, P. A. Kerr and Emmott Stevens, and all left forthwith for a ten days hunt on the Frio river in the Irvin pasture.

Mr. Cliff Hess, one of our old time friends dropped in to see us a few minutes Thursday evening. Mr. Hess has a contract to paint Capt. Rogers' residence, and as this is his first job in the city he would be glad to have you come around and examine the work, if you are thinking of having your house repainted. His work is first class, does up the job in short order, and if you are not satisfied it won't cost you a cent. If your house needs painting or papering, your buggy or carriage repainting and made to look same as new, look him up.

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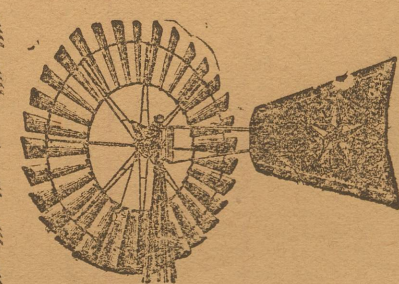
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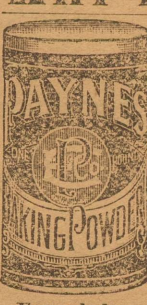
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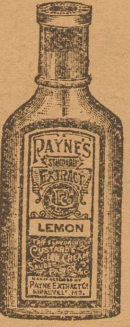
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South	Passenger Train	North
6:10 a. m. Lv. SAN ANTONIO		Ar. 12:10 p. m.
10:32 a. m. Lv. Leon		Ar. 11:34 a. m.
10:40 a. m. Lv. Medina		Ar. 11:42 a. m.
11:21 a. m. Lv. Lytle		Ar. 11:21 a. m.
11:41 a. m. Lv. Devins		Ar. 11:31 a. m.
11:50 a. m. Lv. Moores		Ar. 10:43 a. m.
12:15 p. m. Lv. Eden		Ar. 10:33 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv. Pearlall		Ar. 10:17 a. m.
1:10 p. m. Lv. Darby		Ar. 9:50 a. m.
1:15 p. m. Lv. Dilley		Ar. 9:45 a. m.
1:43 p. m. Lv. Millett		Ar. 9:31 a. m.
1:52 p. m. Lv. COTULLA		Ar. 9:10 a. m.
2:00 p. m. Lv. Tuna		Ar. 8:33 a. m.
2:19 p. m. Lv. Twohig		Ar. 8:14 a. m.
2:38 p. m. Lv. Burro		Ar. 8:23 a. m.
2:52 p. m. Lv. Echnal		Ar. 8:14 a. m.
3:10 p. m. Lv. Cactus		Ar. 7:55 a. m.
3:27 p. m. Lv. Webb		Ar. 7:40 a. m.
3:48 p. m. Lv. Green		Ar. 7:19 a. m.
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A. J. DEWITT.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over 10 years. Nothing gave me any relief. My feet and legs and abdomen were bloated so I could not wear shoes on my feet and only a loose dress. I saw Ripans Tablets advertised in our daily paper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only a household duties and at one time my sick husband. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. He feels some better but it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

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I have been suffering from headaches ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or go into a crowded place without getting a headache and sick at my stomach. I heard about Ripans Tablets from an aunt of mine who was talking them for stomach troubles. She had found such relief from their use she advised me to take them too, and I have been doing so since last October, and will say they have completely cured my headaches. I am twenty nine years old. You are welcome to use this testimonial.

Mrs. J. BROOKMYER.

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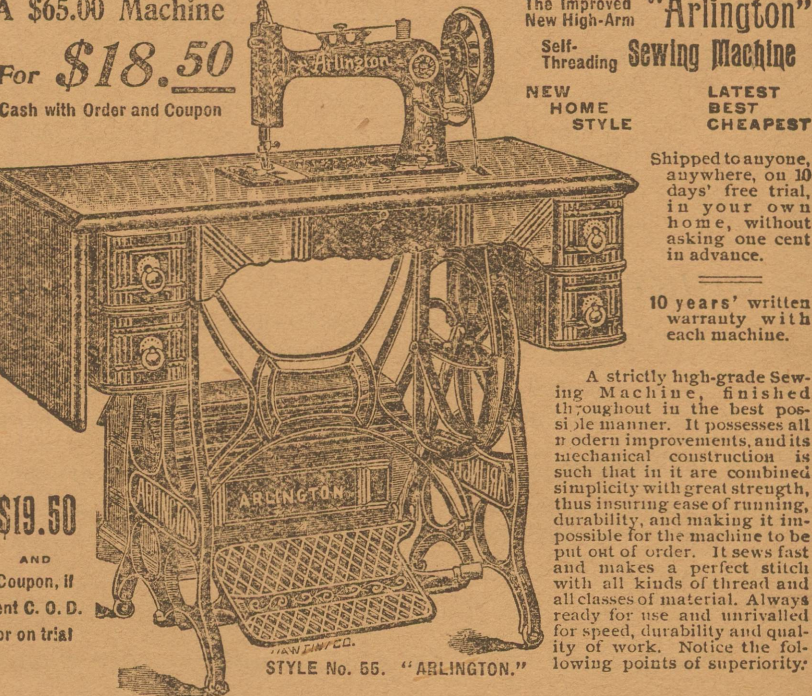
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