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## TURN THE TRICK ON THE SPINNER NEXT SPRING

Stamford, Dec. 2.—Not a pound of cotton in the fields should be left ungathered, but should be gleaned if possible. Then it should be stored and sold at the probably boosted prices of spring when the same old "gag" of spinners and factors will be employed to create among the growers the idea that "this is going to be an unusually prosperous one for the farmers," says the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in a statement on the situation today.

"It would be foolish to try to impress the farmer with the advisability of gathering the present crop at the low market price and the high picking exaction if his proceeds were from prices they obtain at present. But, on the other hand, it is not amiss to ask him to go to some expense in gathering that which he has raised when he clearly knows that by storing it he can hold it until such a time as the market will be more equitable.

"The old trick is to boost the prices in the spring for the good purpose of making the farmer believe the year will be a prosperous one for the cotton farmer and, hence, increase his acreage. Such was the case in 1920 when cotton conventions in various parts of the nation left the impression that there was such an appalling cotton shortage that the high prices then obtaining would continue to be stimulative to the cotton grower for two or three years. Having thus "baited" the farmer and influenced him to devote all his acreage to the staple, the sinister influences then turned the water upon the farmer when his crop began to reach the market.

"It is inferential to believe that this same old trick, though frayed but still effective, will be employed again next spring. Under that hypothesis the farmer should be quick to perceive it and use it as a boomerang upon those who would later filch his pocketbook under deception. He should, therefore, hold over all the cotton he can until spring, and at the first moment that the market attains a price that will admit of a healthy profit to the farmer, he should turn loose his cotton and cut his acreage to the bone.

"The time has come when the farmer must counteract the tricks of the manipulator. There is no better time than the spring of 1921," thinks the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

## ON SNAKE KILLS 26 RATTLESNAKES IN DEN NEAR CHILDRESS

Childress, Texas, Dec. 4.—E. D. Brown of this city claims to be the champion rattlesnake hunter of Texas. A few days ago on Judge M. J. Hathaway's farm, six miles south of Childress, he killed thirty-six rattlesnakes in one den. The snakes had rattlers numbering from one to sixteen. The rattles were skinned and the hides brought \$10. He received 25c per foot. A large amount of oil was secured, M. Brown says there are a number of rattlers in a den that he expects to capture in a few days.

## ALLMAN WELL NOW ON PUMP, SHOWING GOOD

The Andover-Texas Oil & Drilling Company have completed well No. 8 on the R. B. Allman lease. This well was shot two weeks ago with twenty pounds of glycerine which blew to the top of the derrick, cut the cable and dropped the tools with 45 feet of rope hitched to them 451 feet to the bottom of the well.

Sam L. Rogers, now in charge, after some difficulty fished out the tools. The well is now cleaned out, tubed and on pump and is making a good producer. This well is the company's hold-out farther east and the prospect for more locations in that area are good.—Brownwood Bulletin.

## SANTA ANNA MASONS ATTEND GRAND LODGE

Dr. Sealy, Chas. Erwin, Grady Adams, Dennis Kelley and Roy Stafford of Rockwood, attended the Grand Lodge meeting of Texas Masons at Waco, last week. They all report a good time and some fine work accomplished.

During the grand lodge meeting the proposal to build a handsome temple in Waco for the permanent home of the grand lodge was considered. It is stated that the present quarters are inadequate to meet the requirements of the organization.

## COLEMAN NIMRODS BRING BACK MEAT

Last week Will Board, J. R. Gipson and R. E. L. Culp went on their annual hunt to the wilds of Kimble county, returning home Thursday, making it one of the shortest trips of their lives.

But their trip was cut short by being very successful, the three claiming for their own five fine deer. Not being on the ground we can't say with positive certainty who was the master hunter of the trio, but we do know that Culp claims the honor of killing the largest white tailed buck deer of his experience, and he has quite a number to his credit in the past.

The boys report this trip to have been one of the most enjoyable as well as successful of the many they have taken and when you see one of them on the street with a gathering of folks around them you may know they are telling of the thrills of the hunt.—Coleman County Optimist.

## 50 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN UNDERWEIGHT

Fifty per cent of the children of Texas are underweight, indicating a lack of the proper food at the proper time, nervous strain or not enough sleep, according to Miss Pearl N. Hyre, public health nurse of the Texas Public Health Association. Miss Hyre declares that the weight of the child is one of the best indications of good or bad health.

Miss Hyre was in Ballinger last Saturday and addressed a large number of school teachers here. She is carrying on a campaign for "scales for every school in the state." She thinks that children can be interested in taking better care of themselves and be taught the importance of good health by creating an interest in weight gaining, and what it takes to bring about the proper weight at the proper age.

The Texas Public Health Association is sending two nurses into the schools of the state to examine the children and to demonstrate the need of public health nurses in the schools. This work is being financed solely through the sale of Christmas seals, which are now being sold.

## METHODIST CHURCH

(R. A. Crosby, Pastor) Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "The Power of God." For the evening service, "The Purpose of Life." A watch night program is being planned for the last night of the Old Year, which will include the program for the coming year and will be interspersed with fine music. Let all the members of the church plan to be there.

Make this the church going year of your life. We expect the members of the church to be present, and friends and strangers will find a hearty welcome.

## GINNER'S REPORT

There were 37,934 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Coleman County from the crop of 1920 prior to Dec. 1, 1920, as compared with 23,788 bales ginned to Dec. 1, 1919. Sam L. Rogers, Director.



## FRIENDS

NEW WELL ON CAPPS FARM TO BE DRILLED SOON

It is reported that another test well is soon to be drilled on the Capps farm, two miles east of the city, by F. W. McElroy and others, including the Pippin Oil Co. Arrangements have been made for moving one of the Pippin Co.'s rigs from Coleman County to the Capps site. A standard rig will be used. The first well drilled on the Capps farm found some oil and a great quantity of wet gas at about 1500 feet. This well was abandoned.—Brownwood Bulletin.

**A Dollar Saved Is a Dollar Made**

The following is good until January 1st----after that date nearly all papers and magazines will have to raise their rates.

<b>No. 1</b>	Fort Worth Star-Telegram	One year is	\$10.00
	Santa Anna News one year is		1.50
	Regular Price for both		\$11.50
	<b>Bargain Price</b>		<b>\$8.50</b>
<b>No. 2</b>	Holland's Magazine 3 years is		\$2.00
	Farm and Ranch 3 years is		2.00
	Santa Anna News one year is		1.50
	Regular Price for all three		\$5.50
	<b>Bargain Price</b>		<b>\$4.25</b>
<b>No. 3</b>	Dallas Semi-Weekly one year is		\$1.00
	Santa Anna News one year is		1.50
	Regular Price for both		\$2.50
	<b>Bargain Price</b>		<b>\$2.00</b>

NOT GOOD AFTER JANUARY 1st, 1921

**News Office**

## GRAHAM LEGION STARTS COMMUNITY HOUSE

Graham, Dec. 11.—In the interest of a community house at Graham, a home talent musical extravaganza was given recently. The entertainment, which included both vaudeville and minstrel numbers, was well received, and the proceeds of same are to go to a fund members of the American Legion in Graham are raising to build a community house in that city this year.

## LEGIONNAIRES CLEAN DIRTY STREETS

Fayette, Mo., Dec. 11.—New and peculiar occupations seem to be all in the day's work for American Legionnaires. The latest trade to be adopted is that of a street cleaning department. The Roger White Post of the American Legion, in this city, recently turned out in a body and cleaned up the town. The streets of the city had become entirely too dirty to be sightly, it was said, before their action was taken.

The men donned denim overalls and O. D. shirts and reported at the Legion club rooms for duty. Some of the amateur street cleaners remarked when the job was finished that "it was not near so hard as "policing" in the army."

## WAR ORPHAN ADOPTED BY GALVESTON POST AMERICAN LEGION

Galveston, Dec. 11.—One more little French war orphan has been assured of sufficient clothes, food, and in a measure, happiness, during the coming year. For this little girl, whose name is Simonne Navelet, and who has brown eyes, thanks Argonne Post of the American Legion, of this city. The child lives at St. Michel, France, near the scene of the great battle in which American soldiers forced the Germans to retreat.

Simonne's father was killed early in the war. She has two sisters, and her mother is trying to rebuild the home she and her three daughters lost during the first German onslaught. The support of the family is only that gained from the mother's earnings—the children being small—and an insufficient military pension.

## CORNER DRUG STORE MAKES BIG IMPROVEMENTS

The Corner Drug Store boys have been busy for the past ten days making some changes and putting in some new furniture, one of the most noticeable features is the new window casing that extends the full length of the building, and is now decorated with high class Xmas goods. The prescription room has been enlarged, which adds much to that department. We are always glad to see such improvements.

## ONE WAY TO CATCH THE MICE AND RATS

Fill ordinary zinc tub with water to within about three inches of the top and cover top of water well with cotton seed hulls (cottonseed) will do if hulls are not handy. Place bait on top of hulls near center of tub. Anything that rats or mice are specially fond of will do. Then place board, one end on rim of tub and the other resting on the floor.

Rats can be caught in same manner, but deeper tub should be used.

## CAN WED HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 4.—Hold the Kentucky statute barring marriage of son-in-law to mother-in-law would not be sustained by higher courts, County Judge Tang today dismissed Walter Thornton and his wife and ex-mother-in-law, Effie Hale from custody. Thornton was previously divorced from his present wife's daughter.

## REORGANIZE Y. M. B. L. ON JANUARY 1ST

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Business League Monday night, it was decided to stage a re-organization campaign immediately after the first of the year. Porter Whaley or W. T. Wheeler of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be asked to assist in the campaign. It is planned to revise the system of collections and subscriptions, and to add many new members during the week.

The suggestion of Noel Penn was unanimously adopted that thirty Advisory Directors be appointed from communities within the Ballinger trade territory, to assist in county wide moves such as the Poultry Show, County Fair, Rat Extermination Campaign, rabbit drives, and other similar enterprises in which the entire county is interested. It is possible that these Directors will be brought to Ballinger for quarterly conferences.

The Board voted to start a County-wide Rat Extermination campaign the contest to begin January 3rd and end January 15th. The Secretary was instructed to place propaganda and publicity articles in the county papers during this month. It was reported that R. H. Reppert of College Station would assist in organizing the county.

The Secretary reported that the contest had been closed in the "Trade at Home" Campaign and prizes awarded.

The Board unanimously voted the Poultry Show a success.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

The Brady Standard came out the latter part of last week with its Xmas issue. Printed in red and black, containing twenty pages. This paper is a credit to any town of many times its size. You can't run a paper and put the class into it with out the full support of the town. We believe Brady is behind her paper.

## LOW PRICE COTTON DON'T WORRY THIS COLEMAN CO. MAN

George Hipshire, one of the leading Coleman county farmers living and doing well in the Junction community, is not troubling his mind over the low price of cotton. To be sure he had quite a crop of the staple, and when he planted it he expected handsome returns for his work. But when the great slump in prices came and he realized that it was not bringing the profit it should he quit the cotton field for the "old fashioned sorghum mill" and began the manufacture of "long sweetnin," for which he found a ready sale at \$1.25 the gallon. His cane patch comprises several acres, planted in the first place for feed for stock, but when run through the mill and the cooking pan, it makes the best human food in the world and with a turn-out of three hundred gallons to the acre—why should he worry? The moral is more cane and less cotton, make it at home and not have to buy it, and the world will carry more sunshine for the average home, and much less worry.—Coleman County Optimist.

## "MOTHER NOT THERE AT BIRTH"

Insisting that he was born in San Francisco although his father and mother have never left China, Wun Hung Lo, a Chinaman fighting deportation, found the examining board rather inclined to doubt the whereabouts of his parents about the time of his birth.

Wun Hung Lo was asked if he remembered the San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906, and like all true San Franciscans he knew nothing of the reported disaster.

He was positive that he was born in San Francisco, and knew the name of the street on which he was born. He was equally positive later that his parents had never departed from China. He will be sent back to get acquainted with them.

## THE BROTHERS

By JACK LAWTON.

Dolores, with her dark eyes and cream-olive skin, looked as her mother might have looked when the young American engineer married her and brought her back to his land.

Dolores knew, too, the trickery of her mother's charm and the radiance of the flashing smile over pearly teeth. Dolores' father, worshiped the girl as he had worshiped his love before her, and when his life, too, came to an early end he left his daughter beseeching tender care, to the guardianship of the man who was his closest friend.

Again the girl's cajoleries won her triumph; there was no favor not actually harmful which the guardian withheld. And at the height of her beauty and triumph a neighborhood party brought Donald and Douglas, the twins, to Dolores' notice—and to their surrender. Donald and Douglas Bruce were valued members of the small town; young lawyers following the lawyer father before them.

That it was Douglas who did the greater part of the firm's work, and Donald who spent the greater part of the firm's money, made no difference. Both were eagerly welcomed, and many pretty, fetching cups set for them. And then they met Dolores.

That very night as Don sat upon the bed the brother shared, the brothers knew what had happened. Both had fallen in love at first meeting, if not at first sight, with the little half-Spanish beauty.

And so neither one discussed her. And when Douglas closed his office door to an afternoon clientage and soberly went the same road, Don smiled after him, for Don was sure of himself, where girls were concerned; even a witching wonder of a girl like Dolores. Once she had almost yielded to his impulsive caress—almost, but not quite. He smiled again at recollection of her startled retreat. But her eyes had made him sure.

Confidence broken, they were drifting apart. After a last miserably sleepless night, Douglas made his decision. He would go to Dolores and ask her to marry him.

And Dolores said yes. It was unbelievable, but her soft whisper still lingered in Douglas' ears, the caress of her hand as she had taken flight from his fonder caress. And when Douglas came, vague in his joy, to the room he shared with Donald, his brother cast upon him a fretful glance. "Beastly luck!" exclaimed Donald; "have to break an engagement tonight to wait for this man who will see no one but me. Say, Douz, would you mind running back to Dolores, to explain my absence. She says it makes the guardian wild to have any fellow call her over the phone. She expected me at nine at the latest."

Douglas considered. "All right," he agreed, "I will tell her."

He was thinking that he would try again to persuade Dolores to absolve him from the promise that for a time his brother must not learn of their engagement.

Dolores would have to "break it" first, she said, to her stern guardian. She was in the moonlit garden as Douglas came; she had told him regretfully at the recent parting that the guardian insisted upon her companionship in the house at nine o'clock. How, he wondered, had she escaped the guardian. He vaulted the wall, as Donald usually did, that he might quickly reach her side.

With a laugh Dolores turned to greet him.

"Don," she cried, "Don, darling!"

In the shadows Douglas felt the little traitor hands stretched out to meet his own, and then the hands touched his shoulders.

"I thought you'd never come, Don, dearest," murmured Dolores; "your brother Douglas was here, and I had a dreadful time shaking him."

Suddenly Douglas put from him the clinging hands.

"Wait," he whispered, and vaulted back over the garden wall. He was white and breathless when he stood before his brother. They were alike, Douglas realized grimly, enough alike to be mistaken for one another among shadows. Well, he had found out the sham of a girl to whom his love had been given. Now Donald must "get his." "Don," he said brusquely, "do me a favor without question—later you'll understand. Hurry over to Dolores; she's there beside the garden wall. As you approach say: 'Are you there, Dolores? This is Douglas. That's all. For a moment I want her to think that you are me.'"

Something in his brother's determined expression banished the wondering smile from Donald's lips.

"All right," he agreed briskly, and was gone.

Douglas sat with his face in his hands, waiting. This was a hard lesson that he had sent his brother to learn. After an unbearable time Donald returned.

"She called me Douglas, darling," he said slowly, "as you expected she would. She has been playing with us both, Douz."

His hand groped for his brother's and clasped it; the old love enveloped them both.

"Dolores is going to marry her guardian," Donald said; "she told me so."

## A Christmas Stocking

By Bertha Esmond Ridgely

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CHRISTMAS and the high cost of living do not make a very harmonious combination," observed Mrs. Ralston, in her quiet, patient way.

"I was just thinking of that, mother," replied her married daughter, Eunice Marsh, who sat with her work basket in her lap, her needle threaded with mending yarn, and rounding one of her husband's stockings at the heel.

"There! that is done, and I hope it will pass muster as half respectable pinned up to Aunt Mary's macel."

Mrs. Ralston sighed, and Eunice did not act any too cheerful. They were lovable, generous souls, and until the past year or two had never known what it was to skimp and watch the corners closely. The mother picked up the stocking Eunice had placed on the table.

"Come to think of it, Eunice," she said, "we can do better than that. Just run up to the storeroom. Here is the key. You'll find father's clothes and things as they were when he died."

The last years of John Ralston's life had been full of anxiety and struggle. There was a mortgage on the old homestead, and at one time it seemed a foreclosure could not be avoided. Then in some way he secured the money to pay it off, and fortunately it was clear of encumbrance when he died. That was just a month after Eunice married Randal Marsh.

Her heart warmed as she thought of the loyal, whole-souled man who had come into her life at a critical time. It had been generally supposed that Randal had some little means, for he was industrious and thrifty, but when Mr. Ralston died Randal stepped into his place, practical, hard working and self-sacrificing.

The tears fell as Eunice reached the storeroom, and lifted the top of the fancy box she had herself covered, in which her father had been accustomed to store his extra clothing. Randal himself had made the receptacle, and together they had given it to Mr. Ralston on his last birthday. Eunice removed some articles of apparel tenderly and with care, placed them on a chair, and discovered some handkerchiefs and three pairs of stockings rolled up neatly. She took the top pair, undid it and with satisfaction noted as it unrolled that it was new and whole.

"Why, what can this be!" she uttered, as an envelope fell from the released folds. Her wonderment increased as she picked it up and found it unsealed and inside a written page and a peculiar looking key. Then with staring eyes, breathless, stirred to the depths of her soul, she read:

"After I am gone see that this letter and key are given to Randal Marsh. It has been a secret he made me promise never to divulge, that he gave me money to pay off the mortgage. Poor, noble hearted fellow! he had saved the \$2,000 to build a little home, and gave it freely to benefit us all. Month by month I have saved what I could, and have placed the money in a safety deposit box in the City bank, where there is nearly the amount he gave me."

Eunice with difficulty suppressed a great cry of joy.

She could scarcely refrain from rushing downstairs and revealing her marvelous discovery to her mother. As she reflected how much this generous donation would mean to them all, in a transport of happy tears she sobbed forth her love for the worthy helpmate who had so well fulfilled his duty to herself and her family.

Eunice was alive with half-subdued excitement all that evening. She waited when they reached Aunt Mary's until her mother and the others had placed their little gifts in the stocking bearing a card with Randal's name. All alone, she kissed the precious envelope and slipped it into the stocking.

"A necktie, gloves and a pen knife. That from nuncy. Something always useful. A letter, no! a card of greeting, no! Why, what does this mean?" spoke Randal Marsh, and read it as they all gathered about the fire place, and then he knew. Unselfish man that he was, he actually blushed like a culprit detected at the revelation of a sleeping secret of years.

"It means that I have the dearest, most noble husband in the world!" cried Eunice, her arms about him, her lips raining kisses. "Oh, my brave one! my true one! And who in the world today deserves the blessings of Christmas more than you!"

## A Yuletide Blessing

By Ralph Hamilton

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CHRISTMAS CHEER was in the air everywhere. The sleigh bells had a special tone for Ned Graham as he sped over the glittering snow-homeward bound, the melodious clanging of the skates along the river course made perfect music to his enraptured ear, the stars appeared to shine with a new luster—and all for him, he almost fancied, on this first Christmas eve he could remember where peace on earth, good will to men had a real vitalizing meaning, and himself a part of it all!

Left an orphan at eight, for five years he had been the slave of a miserly old being. Then Victor Wade, a distant relative, and his wife Alice had taken Ned to their humble little home.

"You have no children of your own and a blessing will come to you for caring for this poor outcast," the village clergyman had told them, and indeed his words had come true. He nestled down into their hearts and gave them an obedience and love.

And Ned as well shared the shadow that hovered over their lives. Alice was the only daughter of the richest man in Brompton. She had married Wade against the wishes of Martin Brill, who had from that hour shut both of them out of his life.

"He can't treat my dear, good mother that way!" declared Ned sturdily to a chum. "Some day I'm going to let him know how mean he is to the best two people who ever lived."

Mr. and Mrs. Wade had gone to a Christmas entertainment and Ned was speeding homeward full of holiday plans.

Dashing through the gateway Ned came to a sudden halt. A light showed in the parlor, the porch window of the room was open, and plainly visible inside was a rough-appearing man tossing over the packages grouped under the little tree.

"It's a burglar!" gasped the startled Ned, "and stealing our Christmas presents! Hey, you! get out of there or I'll shoot you full of bullets!" and



A Rough Appearing Man Tossing Over the Packages.

Ned ran to the window, drew a revolver from its case and presented it in menacing view.

The intruder turned, dashed from the room into the hall and disappeared. Villantly triumphant, Ned went back to the parlor, for the first moment noticing a small satchel lying open on a chair. It somewhat thrilled him to observe strange-looking articles of steel within.

"Burglars' tools!" whispered Ned, fairly awed. "And here's a great big wallet stuffed full of papers and bank notes, and right across it is stamped the name of 'Martin Brill' in gilt letters. Say! This fellow must have robbed the old man before he came here."

Half an hour later Ned stood in the garden of the Brill home. Gazing into the one lighted room of the place he saw Brill tied to a chair and striving to dislodge a gag in his mouth. He was frantic; he tore his hair; incoherently he babbled forth the visit of a night marauder as Ned released him.

"You're the Wade boy, aren't you?" he quavered. "You've done me a good turn. Do another. Call the police."

"Say," interposed Ned, "if you'll come with me I'll see that you get your wallet back."

"What—why—come with you—where?"

"To your daughter's home. A funny thing has happened, and if you want your wallet back you've got to go with me there."

Half-distracted, fully mystified, Martin Brill consented to the strange proposal. Arrived, Ned told his story, produced the wallet and restored it to its owner.

"Oh! had you've won my eternal gratitude!" cried the delighted old man, but paused abruptly, his eyes fixed upon a decorated framed portrait of himself.

"Mr. Wade got the holly for that," said Ned, "and your daughter trimmed it. They do that every year."

Martin Brill sat staring at the portrait, a dim mist crossing his eyes. Ned stole quietly from the room as he heard footsteps on the front porch.

"Sh-h!" he whispered, reaching it. "Mother, you've got a visitor."

"Why, who is it?" asked Alice surprisedly.

"Santa Claus, I'm thinking," was the prompt response—and it was.

# MEATS and GROCERIES

You will more than likely need a fine ham for Xmas, a nice roast, or any kind of meat, don't wait to call at the store, just phone and we will send it right out.

Our Grocery Department is running over with good Xmas eats; Apples, Oranges and everything for the

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"The Home of E-A-T-S"

## Buy Useful Gifts!

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- Ivory Sets
- Fine Stationery
- Jacob's Candy (Made Last Night)
- Perfumes
- Books and Bibles
- Combs and Brushes
- Electric Irons
- Cut Glass

### For Dad and the Boys

- Safety Razors
- Shaving Sets
- Smoking Sets
- Cigars and Cigarettes, Xmas Boxes
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- Flash Lights
- Pocket Knives
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WANTED TO RENT—2 houses, anywhere from 3 to 5 rooms. Apply News office. 50tf

# Notice!

There will be held at my farm, six miles north of Trickham, on Tuesday, December 28, 1920, **An Auction Sale** at which the following articles will be for sale:

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| 4 work mules   | 1 mule colt      |
| 2 head horses  | 1 disc harrow    |
| 1 cultivator   | 1 planter        |
| 1 sulky plow   | 1 one-row harrow |
| 1 slide cultivator                                   | 1 Georgia stock  |
| 1 heavy sweep stock, 1 McCormick reaper, nearly new; | 2 Wagons         |
| 1 open buggy, buggy harness and all work harness     |                  |

**W. S. Ellis**

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### FAKE BABY HIPPO IN TRAP

Hunters Have No Easy Task in Getting Youngster From Pit Into Which It Is Deceyed.

A writer in Chambers' Journal, in telling of the work of zoologists says: "Pitfalls are dug for the hippopotamus, which has the habit of allowing its young to trot along in front of it instead of behind, so that it can have its eye open to any danger to its offspring. The young creature appears to vanish into the earth; through the branches which cover the pit, and the terrified mother turns and bolts. Then, always supposing that he can annex his prize before a lion or a leopard strips its bones, the hunter has his work cut out to get the weighty youngster out of the pit. A noose is passed over the neck and the forelegs, and the legs are bound securely together. Then a sloping pathway is dug out of the pit, and the baby hippo, a weight of about half a ton, is hauled upon a stout litter through the bush to the nearest river, where it continues its journey on a native barge. The hippopotamus is malicious and dangerous from the day of its birth, and becomes reconciled to captivity only after many months."

### UNIQUE SYSTEM OF HEATING

Method of Swedish Inventor Utilizes Electricity Where the Current Is Inexpensive.

A Swedish inventor has devised a most unique system of electrical heating for houses of from four to ten rooms, and which is especially intended for localities where electric current is inexpensive. The system consists of two tanks, a motor-driven rotary pump, and the necessary radiators and piping. One of the tanks is placed in the attic of the house and is thermally insulated. In it are placed the heating units, which, normally, are only operated at night, when the rates for electric current are low. In the morning, the heating units are disconnected from the supply circuit and the motor-driven pump started. The water flows down the piping and through the radiators by the force of gravity and is collected in a receiving tank in the basement, from where it is pumped and returned to the tank in the attic. It is claimed that the cost of heating a house by this system is about 12 cents per room, with a current rate of 1 cent a kilowatt hour.

### WHAT MAKES FOG.

London is famous for its fogs. Why? Because, for one reason, London is a city. Cities make smoke, and smoke makes fogs. Doubtless London fogs are much thicker and more prevalent nowadays than a century ago. The city is much bigger, and there is more smoke.

A fog is formed by the condensation of moisture upon smoke particles and dust particles suspended in the atmosphere. The more smoke and dust, the greater the liability to the formation of fog, each particle furnishing a nucleus for moisture when conditions are right.

Thus as a city grows in population, fogs become more frequent.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### REPAIRING LANDMARKS.

The old powder house at Manchester, Mass., and which is a historic landmark, is being repaired, the roof shingled and put in general good condition. This building, constructed of brick, eight feet square, is Manchester's visible and enduring evidence of preparation during the days immediately preceding the War of 1812.

It is a matter of historic pride that the bricks for this building were carried up the steep hill by the women of the town, who piled as many as they could carry into their aprons. The building is still in a fair state of preservation.

### FINE IDEA.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has a fine idea. "What's that?" "Says to avoid 'em."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### OVERCAME HIM.

"Who is the fellow on the pier?" "A food profliter." "He seems fascinated." "Well, it is a case of pirate getting his first view of the ocean."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### HAMLET MODEL YOUNG MAN

Writer Declares That Melancholy Dane Was "Perfect Lady's Perfect Gentleman."

We are told in so many words that he was a model young man. He has presented the English language with two of its stereotyped phrases for the marking of a standardized perfection: he is called "the goss of fashion and the mold of form." The utterance of these words by Ophelia is as illuminative as the words themselves. It is plain that the youthful Hamlet lives up meticulously, not only to conventional, but to feminine, to maidenly, standards of propriety and excellence. He is the perfect lady's perfect gentleman. O. W. Firkins writes in the North American Review.

But we do not need Ophelia's testimony; listen to the young man himself. His mother urges him not to return to college. "I shall in all my best obey you, Madam," he replies with a filial decorum which Samuel Richardson or Hannah More could not have mended. Observe the nature of his objections to suicide.

Oh, that the Everlasting had not fixed His canon 'gainst self-slaughter. He condemns the act, not because it is cowardly or simply immoral, but because it is uncanonical, unscriptural. Here is a young man in whom his catechist or confessor may rejoice. With such a person it is obviously hazardous to joke. When Horatio, his fellow student, calls himself a truant, Hamlet solemnly defends him against the charge.

I would not hear your enemy say so. Clearly this is a young collegian who never "veers the souls of deans." We see him assiduous at lectures, methodical in his notes, Shakespeare has not forgotten to inform us that he kept a note book. Within two minutes after his father's ghost has ended the appalling tale of the murder in the garden, the young prince is jotting down by moonlight an invaluable memorandum about the relations of smiles to villainy. Do I mean that Hamlet is a fool? Not at all. Hamlet has a strong mind, but its strength is shown at the outset in the docility and thoroughness of its assent to the proposition of its teachers.

### FIRST VENTURE OF LIPTON

Friend Tells How He Took Chance With Patrons of a Rundown Grocery.

Dr. J. H. Ostrander, a personal friend of Sir Thomas Lipton, told recently for the first time the story of Lipton's initial business venture, an exchange store.

Lipton's first business venture was an event in one little corner of Glasgow. He bought for a few pounds a sorry old rundown provision shop that had changed hands a score of times; everybody had failed. It was in a neighborhood where profits were meager and housewives close traders, and where sharp practice and indifference precluded credit. So when Lipton announced that he would trust any decent neighbor once all foresaw his doom.

Lipton, however, did not mean that he would carry accounts 30 days, for at this period five such accounts would have swamped him. As he himself put it: "In misfortune I will carry any decent chap till Saturday night. I will be a friend to you in spite of prevailing business rules; but if you break faith with me you will lose a friend and I will lose my business." Thus he put them on their honor. And it won: won because sympathy and fellowship dominated the boy and excited like attributes in others.

### Of the Eye of a Frog.

The smallest camera in the world which has actually "taken" pictures is doubtless the eye of the frog, says Boys' Life. It has been found that the retina of the eye, on being dissected, is found to have a purple reddish color, which fades away or becomes bleached on exposure to daylight. If the eye be placed in front of a window and left there, or "exposed" for some time, and then fixed in a 4 per cent solution of alum the optogram is partially fixed and retains an inverted picture of the window. It is claimed that by a similar photographic process the last picture or image retained by the eye of a dead man or animal may be preserved.

### Natural Thermometer.

It was a wonderful sapphire, so it is said, that led the celebrated Doctor Sorby to the discovery of the nature of the liquid sometimes found inclosed in the cavities of crystals. The gem in question contained a tube-shaped cavity, a quarter of an inch long and an eighteenth of an inch in diameter, which was so regular in its bore that it served, by means of the liquid partially filling it, for a thermometer. The contained liquid half-filled the bore at 50 degrees F. and completely filled it at 80 degrees. A study of the rate of expansion of the liquid led to the conclusion that it must be carbonic acid.

### A Pious Man's Consolation.

Dr. Lyman P. Powell gives some examples of the lengths to which petty bitterness between sects will sometimes carry men. "A visitor in a certain town which had four churches and adequately supported none asked a pillar of one poor, dying church, 'How's your church getting on?' 'Not very well,' was the reply, 'but thank the Lord, the others are not doing any better.'"—Christian Register.



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### "PUBLICAN" HAD FEW FRIENDS

Tax-Gatherer, in the Days of Our Lord Was a Person of Common Detestation.

The publican was a tax-gatherer under a system known as farming out the taxes, common throughout many parts of Roman empire at the time of Our Lord's earthly ministry. For a capital sum paid down to the government the taxes of a province or district were made over to the purchaser, who in turn might subdivide his district and sell the taxes of the parts to different persons. The men employed to collect the taxes were the publicans. The system was bad in many ways. It necessitated large taxes, because only part of the money reached the treasury, and it turned loose upon the people an avicious, unscrupulous band of collectors. As a class, the publicans were detested. Xenophon, the Greek general and historian, said they were robbers. Theophrastus, another ancient writer, being asked which were the worst kind of wild beasts, replied, "On the mountains, bears and lions; in the cities, publicans and pettyfoggers." By the Jews the publicans were especially detested. There was a conquered country, and they hated their Roman conquerors. The tax-gatherer was a reminder of their position, and their taxes went to a pagan government. However, tax-gathering was necessary, and no doubt there were honorable men among the publicans. At least, there was one in Palestine, for St. Matthew was a publican.

### QUITE AGREED



The Sister—If I were you I wouldn't pay so much attention to that horrid Fannie Flitters. The Brother—And I wouldn't either, if I were you.

### BOOK STRANGELY RECOVERED.

From a little fishing village on the French coast, named Sables d'Olonne, comes this story: A little company of fishermen, lifting their nets, found in the midst of an unusually heavy catch of fish a black Morocco-bound book, battered

and scratched but complete, all its pages stuck together inside the covers. It was a breviary. Within the pages were many holy pictures and pictures of churches, hand-written prayers, etc.

One picture was a cathedral under which was written, "Our Lady of Dakan."

Just legible on the flyleaf was the name of the breviary's owner, Bishop Jelabert of Dakar, in Africa, who, with six priests, returning with him to the African mission, was drowned in a shipwreck last January.

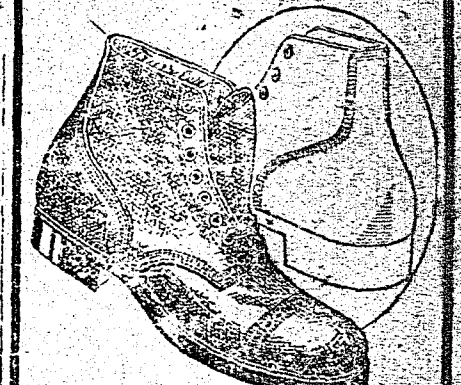
The breviary has been returned to the bishop's family.

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Friday, Dec. 17, 1920

Entered at the post office of Santa Anna as second class mail.

It is an unwise merchant or banker who will demand of farmers now that they sell their cotton to pay their obligations to store or bank. Unless actual bankruptcy there is no calamity that can befall the country merchant than for his customers to be without money to buy wares he has on his shelves. If his profits come from merchandising and not from cotton gambling, he is then without a business. It is conceivable that in some places merchants are forcing their farm customers to sell in order that they may buy and hold the cotton until it goes up, but on account of the strained credit conditions there is probably much less of this than usual. If a merchant were on the verge of bankruptcy and it were necessary to cash in his every asset he would be justified in calling on his farmers to pay up. There is no doubt, however, that the business men are in much better position to secure credit than are the farmers and it is certainly to their interest to help maintain prices of farm products in this territory, for as the farmers prosper they prosper. On the other hand it is certainly the farmer's duty to put his cotton in a barn or warehouse wherever one is in reach and put up the receipts as collateral for the relief of his creditors. With the purchasing power of the farmers of this country reduced two and a half billion dollars, according to the Secretary of Agriculture, it is time to stiffen up prices and help keep the money in the hands of the farmers, for the country merchant can't sell a dollar's worth of goods to the cotton exchange gamblers in the cities, no matter how much they make out of cotton. The wide-awake, progressive merchants and bankers are realizing this and are helping out the farmers

in this community. If you have some of this-kind it will be well to get better acquainted with them and let the other fellow worry along without your business next year.

Get your ads ready for the big special Jan. 7th. We want every business in town represented in the News in that issue. If you have enjoyed a good business during the past year and want the public to continue to give you a portion of their business, and want to tell them so, here is your opportunity. Five hundred extras will be put out. Get your ads ready.

We received this week the first issue of the "Coleman County Optimist." This a new publication for Coleman County, and is edited by Mr. L. F. Wade and associates of Coleman. The paper is very neat in appearance and carries a nice line of Coleman County news. We wish for these gentlemen much success in their new venture.

A large number of fruit trees of various kinds are being set out by the people of Coleman county. People who keep in touch with the situation in this respect state that more attention is being given to setting out fruit trees this year than at any previous time in the history of this county.

The News comes out two days early next week. Have your ad ready on Monday. The Editor will be back on the job and will be around to get the copy. Better still, write your ad today and bring it to the office. To be sure to get a good set up and position.

Republicans in Oklahoma are going to have their say in Congress. They elected a woman Representative.

Mr. Harding doesn't seem to have done badly after all in hitching his wagon to the Marion Star.

### AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching at 11, by the Pastor. Junior Union at 3 p. m. Sunbeams at 4:30, Senior Union at 6 and at 7 p. m. The Junior Union will render a special Christmas program, subject "God's Great Gift." The public invited to all the services.  
 Pastor.

### PAPER PRICES

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram presents some interesting

data on paper-costs during the past nine years. The following is a condensed reproduction of the table furnished by the Star-Telegram:

Year	Paper, Postage and Freight Cost Per Year	Bargain Day Price	Loss Per Reader
1912	\$471	\$3.25	\$1.46
1913	4.69	3.25	1.44
1914	4.77	3.25	1.52
1915	5.09	3.25	1.84
1916	5.76	3.65	2.11
1917	7.78	5.65	2.22
1918	9.37	6.50	2.87
1919	14.47	6.50	7.97
1920	17.89	7.85	10.04

As will be noted from the above, the Star-Telegram lost \$1.46 on each subscriber in 1912, while at the present time the loss has mounted to \$10.04 per reader. Those who are familiar with the paper situation do not doubt for a minute the accuracy of these figures. Subscriptions never have covered the cost, whether of the metropolitan dailies, or the small country weeklies. At that there is no one in the newspaper business but who would welcome a return to the low subscription rates of nine years ago, if printing costs could be correspondingly lowered and returned to the basis of nine years ago.

The future does not show any brighter prospects. Trade papers give assurance of increasing shortage in the supply of paper, and point out that 500 lbs. of paper are being consumed for every 400 lbs. manufactured. These papers advise the country weeklies to advance their subscription rates to \$4.00 and \$5.00 in order to meet the present-day costs of publication.

As an example of the steadily mounting costs of print paper, writing paper and paper of every description, the News on September 1st received a bulletin from the West-Cullum Paper Co. of Dallas announcing current prices on paper. On September 6th, just five days later a revised bulletin was received showing advances of from 1/4c per lb. on the cheapest papers to 4c per lb. on the higher grade bonds. On October 23rd new revised prices were received, again showing advances of from 1/4c to 3c per lb. Still more recently, in fact, just this week, price lists received from eastern supply houses show construction bond, one of the popular medium-priced papers, to have advanced another 4c per lb., with other prices showing proportionate advances. This means that as

soon as the Texas supply houses receive new shipments from the mills in the east, another advance will be made on all grades of paper.

Construction bond is now selling for 44c per lb. Seven or eight years ago, there was a superabundance of this grade of paper on the market at 11c per lb.

Add to this the fact that ink, machinery, supplies and labor have all advanced, treble and quadruple their pre-war status, with not a single decline noted in the past four years, and it must readily be admitted that the newspaper and printing industry has reached the most critical period in its history.

### The Firefly's Light.

Fame and fortune await the scientist who discovers the secret of the familiar firefly or lightning bug. No one has been able to tell how the little insect produces the flashes of light we see twinkling about on dark nights. Careful scientific tests have proven, however, that this light is produced with about one four-hundredths part of the energy which is expended in the flame of a candle. Considering the strength or rather feebleness of the firefly this light is believed to be the most efficient form of illumination today. If this method could be understood and put to work it is calculated that the energy exerted by a boy in driving a bicycle would be sufficient to run a powerful dynamo or light miles of street lamps. The light of the firefly is practically heatless and it is believed among scientists that the future of the lighting industry of the world depends upon the discovery of heatless light.

### FAVORED CLASS IN RUSSIA

Only Actresses Are Permitted by Government to Wear Shoes and Finery.

There is only one favored class in Russia today, according to a Paris correspondent. Strangely enough, this class is composed entirely of women. They are the theatrical stars and beauties. They alone are permitted the wearing of rich garments and the possession of jewels. The Russians have always been passionate lovers of the theater, and even under the present regime they treat their stage favorites as so many reigning queens.

Incidentally, the actresses are the only women in Russia today who are permitted to wear shoes during warm weather. The peasant women of Russia always went barefoot during the summer months. Hence Russians regard bare feet as the distinguishing mark of the woman of the people. Any woman who affects to wear shoes in Russia nowadays, unless she be a favorite of the footlights, is regarded as a daughter of the despised "bourgeoisie." She is considered a fair target for insult and persecution. Even the wives of soviet dignitaries, such as Trotsky and Lenin, have been obliged to bow to popular sentiment. They may be seen any day in Moscow tripping through the streets barefoot.

## Old Santa Points



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## The Doctor's Wife

By Mary Graham Bonner



HE HAD married her in the first place of all because of her lovely, low voice. There had been other reasons too—her good looks, her smile, her common sense, but mainly and chiefly the attraction which had drawn him to her had been her voice.

It had seemed during those first years of his practicing and trying to make headway in a seemingly unresponsive city, that voices would drive him mad, wailing, complaining, whimpering always discontented.

Even when he met women socially he felt they refrained from telling him anything but a sorrowful tale of themselves.

As for his wife—she understood. She smiled at the poor excuses they made to come and see him, of the jealousy they showed of each other, of the gifts they sent him, of senseless reasons they had for telephoning.

Sometimes they would both be invited out to dinner at some patient's house. The doctor's wife chuckled as she thought of how little she was wanted.

Usually they looked at her, she knew, rather pityingly, and at times, the holder of the sympathizers would say to her:

"It must be awful to be a doctor's wife. I'd never have a moment's peace if I were you with so many women caring for my husband!"

"We get used to it," the doctor's wife said so as not to be disappointing, smiling to herself. What fun it was to be a doctor's wife. How much pity one got one didn't deserve, how much wasted sympathy, how many deliciously jealous thoughts one inspired.

It was Christmas Eve. The doctor had promised his wife that he would help her in those many pleasant engrossing night-before-Christmas tasks.

She went upstairs to see that the children were quite asleep when she heard the telephone ring. She answered it, and then heard her husband's voice who was already answering it from below.

Something, some curious something, made her listen.

"Oh doctor," she heard a voice say, the voice of the one woman who had lately caused her first pang of jealousy. "I can't wait another moment. I must see you. I'm sorry, on Christmas Eve too, but I must. Please, doctor, can you come at once?"

"That's all right, little lady," she heard her husband answer. "I'll be up at once."

"I'm going out for awhile," the doctor called up the stairs. And was gone without a word of regret and with no effort at an excuse.

Late that evening she went out of the house. She would see this other woman. She called a taxi and hurried off.

"I'm sorry," the maid told her, "but Madame can see no one." And the door was shut abruptly.

What would she do? What could she do? Finally, exhausted after walking about the streets, she went home, her heart full of dry, choking sobs.

At last she heard the doctor's key. He came in. He looked tired. But she was worn out.

"You've been to—," she began.

"Yes," he answered wearily, as he lit a cigarette. "I have been there all this time. But she has the finest boy you could hope to see: they're simply delighted."

"Boy?" she shrieked.

"Yes," the doctor nodded. He was too tired to notice her quick change of expression.

"Oh," he said after a moment. "I'm so glad you didn't finish the Christmas things without me. No matter how late it is, we must always get ready for Christmas together, mustn't we?"

He kissed her lightly.

"After I had left the house," he added, "I remembered, I hadn't asked you to wait, and I wanted you to wait no matter how long I'd be! Selfish of me, perhaps, but we must have our Christmas Eve together and get ready for the children's Christmas together, mustn't we, wife of my heart?"

"We most assuredly must," she answered him, and added to herself: "What fools these women are who pity the doctor's wife. I'm the happiest woman in the whole world."

And the doctor was saying:

"My dear, do you know that it is Christmas morning and that I'm wishing you a Merry Christmas!"

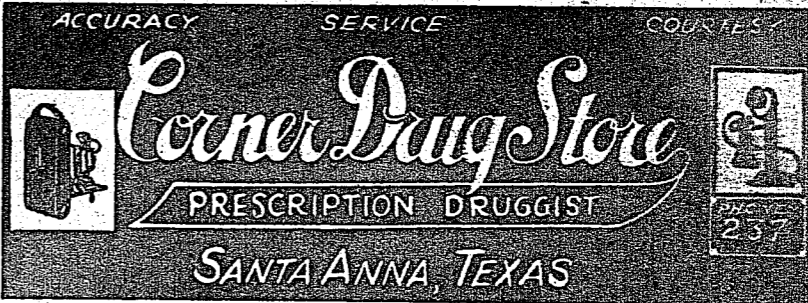
"Merry Christmas," she returned, and in her heart rang the merriest and happiest of Christmas bells!



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### CATER TO OLFACTORY NERVE

Audience in "Movie" Theaters Are to Smell Things That They See on the Screen.

The olfactory nerve is the next to be satisfied in the big movie palaces. Eye and ear already get their fill in the movie houses, where films showing the beauty spots of the world in their natural colors are exhibited to the sound of appropriate music.

The scraping of sandpaper imitates the sound of waves. Explosions are reproduced for two of the animal senses. The entrance of the villain is announced with a crash of cymbals. Low, sad music attends the boiling of missionaries and custard pies float to jazzy ripples of what might be called melody.

The senses of touch and taste must remain unsatisfied at public performances, say those who know, but the sense of smell is due to have its fill as do the two senses that have already been catered to so well.

In the near future movie fans can expect to smell bread baking in the bakery scenes, the fresh smell of newly soaked, wetted soil in rainy scenes.

### COLORED BOYS' SHOES

Shoes with "railroad edges," half an inch wide, shiny patent ramps and gray tops, with big buttons, also shoes of cream colored calf, with toes high and square like a brick, and heels nearly two inches high—shoes

### HELPING OUT.

"Pardon me," broke in central, "but I happened to overhear and understand your girl turned you down."

"Yes," admitted the youth who had just invested \$100 to get the

"If you'll excuse me, I think I can give you a number where you'll have better luck."—American Legion.

### JUST SO.

"How about the club banquet?" "First, we'll drink to the absent ones."

"I see. And the more absent ones there are, the more we'll have to drink."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### NO HAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Because of Great Humidity Grass Cannot Be Cured, So It Is Cut Every Day.

Because of the great humidity grass can't be cured in the Philippines. As a consequence it is cut fresh every day and brought into the towns and cities for sale at a stipulated price per cargo, two bundles weighing about 125 pounds. It is cut with a small home made knife and washed in running water before being placed in the bundle. American horses cannot live on it, but native horses eat it and grow fat. Guinea, grass and Bermuda are the commonest kinds of grasses grown for horse roughage in the islands, according to a writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger. For American horses and mules hay is imported into Manila from the Pacific coast states and brings about \$75 per ton. Oats sell for about the same price. On account of the excessive rains oats cannot be grown in the islands, rust affects it. Corn grows well; Filipino farmers can harvest three crops a year from a single piece of ground. To keep it, it is necessary to leave it in the husk; otherwise weevils destroy it. It is tied in bundles and hung on bamboo poles, then husked and shelled as needed. Corn mills are now being established in Visayan islands, where the natives prefer cornmeal to rice as a staple food.

### MEXICAN OFFICIALS COMING TO STATE FAIR

Dallas, Texas.—A telegram received by Secretary W. H. Stratton of the State Fair of Texas from the offices of General J. B. Trevino, at Mexico City, secretary of the departments of industry, commerce and labor, states that ten officials of the Mexican government will accompany the mammoth Mexican National exhibit to the State Fair of Texas this year. It is estimated that between 300 and 500 business men of Mexico will attend the State Fair of Texas.

### WOMAN'S PHYSICAL WORTH.

A jury has awarded Miss Rooney of New York \$40,000 damages for the fracture of a leg by a careless motorist. Taking this award of \$40,000 as a basis for a general increase of 33 per cent a woman is now worth about \$460,000, recent damage suits having established these amounts: Hair, \$20,000; nose, \$15,000; eyes, \$20,000; broken heart, \$250,000; arms, \$85,000; legs, \$80,000.—Capper's Weekly.

### ALL HE BROUGHT



She had invited the violinist to dinner. "You didn't bring your violin," she exclaimed when he arrived. "No. All I brought was my appetite."

### THE AGE OF GAS.

Our civilization, Secretary Lane recently remarked, is a product of power plus steel. He went on to characterize the age in which we are living as the age of gas, on the ground that such an expression was justified by the extent to which gas fuel is employed in the fundamental processes of our basic industries. It is interesting to note, in view of this estimate, figures on our gas industry which have just been compiled. From these it appears that 1,166 artificial gas companies in the United States are now supplying more than 300,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas of one sort or another to 8,500,000 customers.—Scientific American.

### MANY SCULPTORS IDLE.

According to American Art News, the sculptors complain that there is little work at present in their line of endeavor, and even the leading men are "waiting." The commemorative war statues and patriotic groups that were to decorate cities, towns and cemeteries, have not thus far materialized. The unsettled conditions of the country, they contend, which are holding up building, are accountable for the present "doldrums."

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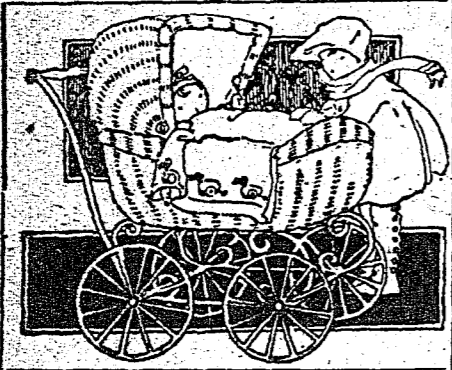
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Old Santa Claus has made his headquarters here---just look below---



**WE** have a toy or present for every child (and the grown folks to) in this community.

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Only 6 more days to make your purchase.

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"Same Goods For Less Money"

#### FIRST AID.

"This stuff won't kill me, I hope," said the timorous customer. "I don't think so," replied the "blind tiger" proprietor. "But what did you press that button for?" "Oh, I was just calling our private ambulance." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

#### HARVARD EXEMPTS NONE.

All Harvard students are now required to take some active part in athletics. There is no longer any line drawn between the students who go in for development above the collar and those who favor development below the collar.

#### BIG FLATS FOR MADRID.

A gigantic effort to settle the housing problem of the Spanish capital by the influx of thousands of country folk to the city is in progress in the northern section adjacent to the suburb of Cuatro Caminos. A private concern has acquired an enormous tract of land and has begun building what for Madrid are skyscrapers of ten stories. Each of these buildings is to contain 400 flats and 40 stores. The new model suburb is to be in all respects modern. Engineers are now engaged in laying out a boulevard running through its center over half a mile long and 130 feet in width, with two carriage ways and a central promenade lined with trees.

"I see where a Georgia moonshiner took his first ride on a train the other day, in the custody of an officer."

"Cases like that will be rare after a while."

"Why?" "The average moonshiner will have money enough to 'do' the Riviera once a year." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

#### THRIFT.

"I'm going to be more thrifty hereafter," remarked the man who is always making resolutions. "Good idea," replied his wife. "Up to now your thrift hasn't gotten much beyond the daylight-saving arranged by the government."

## One Christmas Eve

By Alvah Jordan Garth



THE girl with sad memories sat gazing mournfully out upon the brightly illuminated street, abstractedly taking in the Christmas trooping crowds. The man, sombre as well, who had just stepped upon the front platform of the car remained there, crisp and biting as was the yuletide air. There came the call of an intersection and Ada Wilton at the last moment caught the name and hurried to the rear. As she alighted Randall Petrie started, stared, made a movement as if to hasten after her, but the door clanged close and he saw the figure of the only woman he had ever loved swallowed up in the fast receding waves of alternate light and darkness.

"Of what avail—she would scarcely welcome me," he spoke under his breath. "We are parted by her will—she must have meant it to be final."

He entered the car and sat down in the seat the girl had just vacated. It was an old story to his weary soul, the one love romance of his life. He had met Ada Wilton at her mother's home in the quiet little village



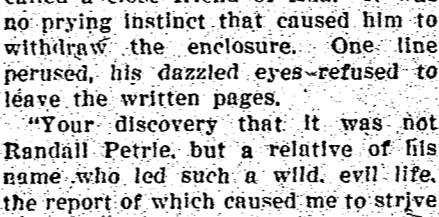
of Brocton, had all but confessed his love. A decisive understanding to his proposal was stayed by an interruption. The next morning Petrie was suddenly summoned by a relative in another town. He had expected to be gone only a few days but his sojourn ran into months. Twice he wrote Ada. There came no reply. A third letter was returned to him marked, "Refused." He had later made inquiries regarding her to learn that she and her mother had removed to the city, and he gave her up as lost to him.

As the car stopped for new passengers Petrie moved to make room for one of them. He jostled something in the seat. A small hand bag. His quick senses discerned its ownership. He left the car at the first stop. Like some miser greedy of a treasure inestimable Randall Petrie hurried into a public restaurant and sought its remotest corner. He held something that had belonged to Ada! A fitting excuse was given to return it to her. Its contents would surely give some clew to her place of work, her real depre. He opened the hand bag. A purse showed the edge of a card in a little pocket. Petrie drew it out.

"She remembered—she has kept that all this time!" he exclaimed. "Then—" Words failed him. His heart beat mightily. He had brought to light a photograph of himself he had once given to Ada. He fingered over several little packages and Christmas cards, then an envelope, unstamped and unsealed, addressed to "Miss Laura Deane Brocton." Instantly Petrie recalled a close friend of Ada. It was no prying instinct that caused him to

withdraw the enclosure. One line perused, his dazzled eyes refused to leave the written pages.

"Your discovery that it was not Randall Petrie, but a relative of his name, who led such a wild, evil life, the report of which caused me to strive to forget, comes too late to bridge the mistaken past, but, oh! Laura! how can I ever repay the injustice done?"



Some way, some way, he must know of my fateful error, for I love him more than ever, because of the cruel wrong I have done him."

"I had hoped to be able to save up enough to make mamma a present of a victrola this Christmas," ran one paragraph, "but I find I must wait until her birthday. You know how she loves the old songs."

Randall Petrie pressed his lips to the signature, to him the dearest name on earth, memorized the address written below it and left the restaurant in a glow of hopeful purpose and faith.

"Two twenty-three Rossiter street," he covered the distance as if borne on wings. A new meaning to Christmas Eve had come to him.

"I have brought a lost hand bag," he spoke as his summons at the door of the house he sought was opened. And then he paused. There stood before him Ada. She gazed at him, overcome by the unexpected encounter. Instantly she had started back. She did not draw from his embracing touch.

In a torrent of words he sought no outlet without evasion or attempted apology. Randall Petrie told of the contents in the handbag that had led him back to her. Was he welcome? With a low, tender cry like to that of a tired child finding a sure haven of rest at last, Ada's head sank to his shoulder.

"And the surprise for mother!" whispered Randall ardently. "I shall be here the first thing Christmas morning, all the sweet old songs she loves, and oh, my treasure, may I include the Wedding March?"

## BEING FAT IS REAL TRAGEDY.

To Modern Woman It is a Worry That Frequently Leads to Ruined Health and Insanity.

A fat man is usually a jolly sort of an individual who accepts the world as the same sort of a joke as the world considers him. Girth, says the New York Sun, may worry a man occasionally because it is an annoyance but with the modern woman it verges upon tragedy. As physicians—if they would talk freely—can tell you, it is a worry to them that frequently leads to ruined health, insanity or the grave.

It is possible for a man to grow fat gracefully. At least he can subdue his habits, stop running for trains, give up his golf and spend most of his time in ponderous poses. His tailor can easily arrange his clothing into well-known and accepted lines.

The case of the woman is different. Fashion binds her as with a chain. There are no stylish frocks for stout women. The fashion of today calls for slim figures and trim ankles. Waists and hips are taboo. There are no sleeves capable of concealing over-fleshed arms. Man can adapt his clothes to his figure, but woman must adapt her figure to the clothes, or else shamelessly admit that she cannot wear what is fashionable.

It was not always so. In another generation the stout woman had a well defined place—the "dowager type." It was sometimes called. The woman who made the best biscuits and cooked the most savory chicken was always a round sort of person who never minded it when people came unexpectedly around dinner time. She was the one children flocked to for sympathy and the one who seemed to make the world brighter wherever she went.

## FORKS FIRST USED IN 1574

Occasion Was Dinner Given by Henry III of France—Account Given by Royal Guest.

It is hard to believe the sensation produced when forks first came into use. It was in 1574, at a dinner given by Henry III of France. Here is an account by a royal lady guest, the Ladies' Home Journal recalls: "The guests never touched the meat with their fingers, but with forks, which they carried to their mouths, bending their necks and bodies over their plates."

"There were several salads. These they ate with forks, for it is not considered proper to touch the food with the fingers. However difficult it may be to manage it, it is thought better to put the little instrument in the mouth than the fingers."

"Then artichokes, asparagus, peas and beans were brought. It was a pleasure to watch them try to eat these with their forks, for some, who were less adroit than the others, dropped as many on their plates and on the way to the mouth as they were able to get to their mouths."

"Afterward a great silver basin and a pitcher of water were brought and the guests washed their hands, though it seems as if there could not be much scent of meat and grease on them, for they had touched their food only with these forked instruments."

## Too Much Candor.

My traveling companion had been carrying an old black bag which barely held together. I had told her that she would have to carry a different piece of baggage if she were going to travel with me, but it made no impression.

One early morning we sat down in a small waiting room in a branch line station in central Oregon. Next to me was an old black bag with which I began to fumble. Finally I put my finger through a rip in the side and began to pull out some wearing apparel and at the same time turned to my friend and said: "Pauline, you certainly ought to be ashamed of yourself to carry such a ransacklike contraption as this bag is."

"I beg your pardon," said a woman seated on the other side of me, "but that is my bag."

"Brazil's Big Snake Nursery." There are said to be more snakes in Brazil than in any other country of the western hemisphere, an exchange remarks. At Barutan, near Sao Paulo, there is a great snake garden where scientists are studying the mysteries of snake biology. The original reason for the establishment of the garden, which is a huge nursery for snakes, was to obtain serum enough for those bitten by snakes throughout Brazil. The garden is 600 acres in extent and divided into three departments, two of which are devoted to cobras, crocals and bothrops, the most poisonous snakes known; while the third department is given to the nonpoisonous snakes.

She Knew Her Proper Plates. Misses—Mercy, Hilda! You mustn't clean the plates with your handkerchiefs!

Hilda—Oh, that's all right, ma'am; it's only a dirty one. — Karlgatzen (Christiania).

Funeral Arrangements. Teacher—What is the presidential succession law, John?

John—the presidential succession law provides that if both president and vice president die the cabinet members will follow in succession.—Boys' Life.

## COFFINS AND CASKETS Day or Night

Funeral Car in Connection

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Money back without question if HUNT'S Salve fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Try a 25 cent box at our risk.

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Meets every Thursday night in W. O. W. Hall. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend when convenient.

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S. J. PIERATT, Secy.

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## STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders meeting of The First State Bank will be held in the Bank's office Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1921, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, for the transaction of any other business as may come before the body.

P. P. Bond, Cashier.

## NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the eye man, will be at S. W. Childers & Co's. store, Saturday, Jan. 1st. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, headache and eye strain relieved.

## GET MORE EGGS

By feeding "MARTIN'S EGG PRODUCER." Double your money back in EGGS or your money back in CASH. Martin's Roup Remedy Cures and Prevents Roup. Absolutely guaranteed by, C. K. Hunter.



## Your Christmas Lists Are Easily Filled Here

Among the following articles are many presents that will prove satisfactory—and are reasonable in price.

White Ivory Stationery Books Cut Glass Jewelry Fountain Pens Watches Perfumes

Kodaks and Albums Manicure Sets Toilet Sets Tea Sets Cordova Purses Purses and Hand Bags Bill Folds Box Candy

Victrolas Records Indian Moccasins Thermos Bottles Lunch Sets Flashlights Safety Razors

## King's Candies for American Queens, in all size Christmas Boxes

Christmas Boxes of Fine Cigars and Cigarettes Pipe, Cigar and Cigarette Cases and Holders and Smoking Sets

## The Corner Drug Store



# SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

## FOR MEN

Gloves  
Ties  
Silk Socks  
Silk Shirts  
Belts  
Sweaters

Traveling Bags  
Steamer Trunks  
Overcoats  
Suits  
Hats  
Shoes

Silk Underwear  
Silk Hose  
Purses  
Gloves  
Blankets: Wool, Wool-  
nap and Cotton

Bedroom Slippers  
Sweaters  
Coats  
Coatsuits  
Waists  
Bath Robes

In fact everything for the man or boy

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs

**EVERYTHING AT A BIG REDUCTION**

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### CATER TO OLFACTORY NERVE

Audience in "Movie" Theaters Are to Smell Things That They See on the Screen.

The olfactory nerve is the next to be satisfied in the big movie palaces. Eye and ear already get their fill in the movie houses, where films showing the beauty spots of the world in their natural colors are exhibited to the sound of appropriate music.

The scraping of sandpaper imitates the sound of waves. Explosions are reproduced for two of the animal senses. The entrance of the villain is announced with a crash of symbols. Low, sad music attends the boiling of missionaries and custard pies float to jazzy ripples of what might be called melody.

The senses of touch and taste must remain unsatisfied at public performances, say those who know, but the sense of smell is due to have its fill as do the two senses that have already been catered to so well.

In the near future movie fans can expect to smell bread baking in the bakery scenes, the fresh smell of newly soaked, wetted soil in rainy scenes.

### COLORED BOYS' SHOES.

Shoes with "railroad edges," half an inch wide, shiny patent vamps and gray tops, with big buttons, also shoes of cream colored calf, with toes high and square like a brick, and heels nearly two inches high—shoes like these are made in a Manchester, N. H., shop for the lively colored boys, way down South. Next after watermelon, a colored boy likes fancy shoes. He will go without his dinner, to buy a pair of shoes that fits his eye. Fit doesn't matter. If the shoes are too large there's room for his feet to grow. If they are too small, he just "loosens" them, that is, cuts them on the sides, to make them easy. The shoes with the "railroad edges" get his eye. The edges stick out from the shoes, like a pizza on a summer cottage. They look wide enough to run a railroad train around.

### HELPING OUT.

"Pardon me," broke in central, "but I happened to overhear and understand your girl turned you down."

"Yes," admitted the youth who had just invested a nickel to get the bad news.

"If you'll excuse me, I think I can give you a number where you'll have better luck"—American Legion.

Dr. T. Richard Sealy, J. Frank Turner, wife and baby, left Tuesday night for Temple, where the baby will undergo X-ray examinations.

### THE TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas has enjoyed the biggest enrollment of its history in 1920. All previous records have been broken. The wide-awake, progressive young peo-

ple of the Southwest have been coming to this great institution by the hundreds all thru the year. Even the big enrollment of 3965 in 1919 has been surpassed, this year's enrollment being over 4000, the largest annual enrollment of any American business college.

There is a reason for the big

business enjoyed by this school, the fact that they have, since the beginning of the school, been always ready to extend a helping hand to their students or graduates, a policy which has won the friendship and goodwill of their former students and caused them to send relatives and friends to Tyler, knowing

that they will receive the most thorough business training to be had, in the shortest time and at the least cost.

An example of their policy of helpfulness is in the maintenance of the Students Loan Fund. Any ambitious young person who wants a business training but has the funds can secure

financial assistance with which to get a business course through this Students Loan Fund, paying it back after he has finished his course and taken a position, which the College will secure for him. This makes it possible for every young man or woman who is really, sincerely anxious to get an education and make a start in the world, to do so.

The College maintains a service Department, which is absolutely free to all graduates. Any graduate of the school may, at any time, call on the Service Department for information on any question or problem of a business character and the desired information will be gladly given. The interest of the College in its graduates never ceases. They are always ready to assist a former student in any way possible.

For complete information and large free catalogue, fill in and mail coupon.

Name .....  
Address .....  
Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coleman County Greeting:

Whereas oath has this day been made before me by W. I. Blanton that V. D. Lincoecum is absent from this state or in transit, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, you are hereby Committed that you, by making publication of this writ in some newspaper printed in Coleman County, if there be one, for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, summons the said V. D. Lincoecum to be and appear before me at a regular term of Justice Court for precinct No. 7, in said county of Coleman, to be held at my office in the town of Santa Anna in the County of Coleman on the 17th day of Jan., 1921, to answer the suit of the said W. I. Blanton against V. D. Lincoecum, said plaintiff's demand being for the sum of \$34.80, due upon account.

Herein Fail Not and of this writ make due returns at the regular term of the Justice Court for precinct No. 7, in said County of Coleman, to be held the 17th day of January, 1921 next, as the law directs.

Given under my hand this the 3rd day of Dec., 1920.

S. J. PIERATT,  
Justice of the Peace, precinct No. 7, Coleman County.

Issued on the 3rd day of Dec., 1920.

S. J. PIERATT,  
Justice of the Peace Coleman County.  
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FOR SALE—One baby bed and mattress, one three-quarter bed, mattress and springs, all good as new, only used short time. Phone 45.

# NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION!

## Under Auspices of AMERICAN LEGION

There will be a big New Year's Celebration at Santa Anna, given under the auspices of Jack Laughlin Post of the American Legion. Everybody is invited to attend.

THERE WILL BE: Goat Roping, Horse Races, Tournament Riding, Cigar Races, Wild Horse Riding, and other amusements for the day.

Entrance Fee to Goat Roping \$5.00	Fee For Tournament Riding \$2.00
First Prize, \$50.00	First Prize, \$10.00
Second Prize, \$20.00	Second Prize, \$7.50
Third Prize, \$10.00	Third Prize, \$5.00

### SOME OF THE RACES

Concho Chief and Billy. Brown Deck and the John Harper Horse  
The above horses are matched, and a number of other races will be run  
NO HORSE BARRED

Those who wish to enter any of the contests are requested to write or wire,

**HOWARD KINGSBERY,**  
Santa Anna, Texas

# EXTRA LOW PRICES!

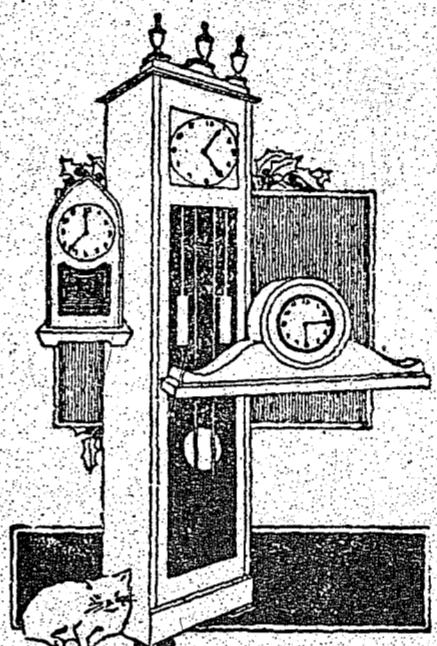
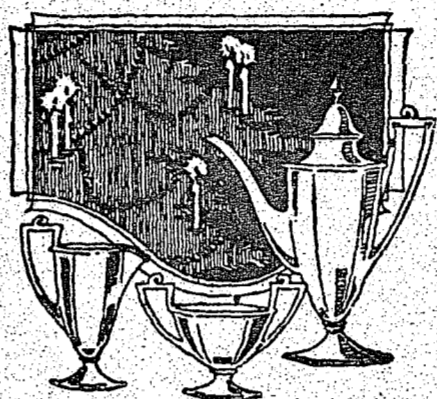
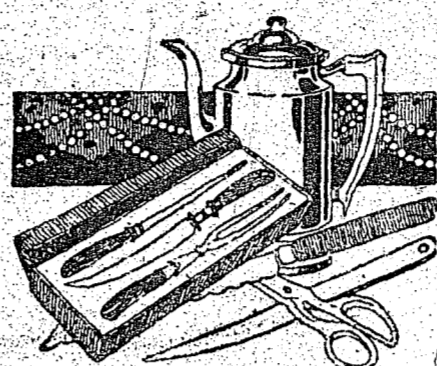
WE are still selling our entire stock of D-R-Y G-O-O-D-S at cost, to make room for our large stock of New Goods to arrive after the first of the year.

It will pay you to come in and lay in a supply, as goods will probably not be sold cheaper.

Prices that will surprise you  
Goods that will please you

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"The Store That Started  
The Ball to Rolling"



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Decorated China  
Silver Hollow Ware  
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Chests of Silver

See Our Windows for latest Gift Ideas

Golden Throated Claxtonolas  
Highest Class Talking Machine in the World

Select your Christmas Presents now and we will hold them for you.

### COMER BLUE, Jeweler

#### LIBERTY ITEMS

We had a nice crowd at Sunday School and also at singing Sunday night.

Undine Day spent Sunday with Ruby Russell.

Gertrude Baker, who has been teaching at Eden came home Sunday.

We are to have an Xmas tree at the church Xmas eve night. Everyone come and bring all your presents.

Quite a number of Liberty people attended the box supper at Antioch Saturday night.

Bro. Dowell will fill his regular appointment Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night.

There will be a program at the school house Friday night.

Eula Mae Polk spent Sunday night with Iva Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Howard and family and Jess Howard visited in Liberty Saturday night and Sunday.

Jess Williams and Fred Bland were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have purchased them a new Ford. Mr. Hughes thinks he is riding in an aeroplane when he is going five miles an hour.

S. H. Duggins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Duggins, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and Pearl motored to Brownwood Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holt, Ruth and Roy went to Brownwood Saturday.

The party at Undine Day's was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mrs. Gladys Sheffield has sold out to Mr. Jap Jones.

The Concord and Liberty boys basket ball team played a game at Liberty Friday. The score was 31 to 6 in favor of Concord.

We'll Xmas will soon be here and we'll have more news next time.

#### GAVE BIRTH TO FOUR CHILDREN

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 4. —Mrs. Vina T. Knight, wife of a farmer at Plain City, Utah, gave birth to four children, three boys and a girl, last night. Two of the babies died soon after birth.

#### FRESHMAN REPORT

As you will no doubt notice we have failed to have a report in the paper in several weeks, but we have been so busy we have not had time.

This week will be spent in taking tests for Christmas, and of course we will be kindly rushed.

The party at Sam's about four weeks ago was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Poole to Lida in history class, "Lida what was the date of the Peloponnesian War?" Lida "Oh, Miss Poole, I don't know, I have have so many dates I can't remember them all."

We are all anxious for Xmas to come, so we can get a little rest from our work, as we are rushed most the time. Maybe old Santa Claus will not forget us entirely anyway.

Most of the Freshmen class was present at the birthday party at Mattie Ella's Saturday night. Many interesting games were played, and we all had a jolly time together.

#### CARD OF THANKS

To every one of you whose sympathy and ministrations were offered in our sorrow we express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

J. E. McClellan and Family.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coleman County Greeting:

Whereas oath has this day been made before me by Taylor Wheeler, agent of Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. that V. D. Lincecum is absent from this state or in transit, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, you are hereby Commanded that you, by making publication of this writ in some newspaper printed in Coleman County, if there be one, for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, summons the said V. D. Lincecum to be and appear before me at a regular term of Justice Court for precinct No. 7, in said County of Coleman, to be held at my office in the town of Santa Anna in the County of Coleman on the 17th day of January, 1921, to answer the suit of the said Burton-Lingo Lumber Co. against V. D. Lincecum, said plaintiff's demand being for the sum of \$59.10 due upon account for lumber.

Herein Fall Not and of this writ make due returns at the regular term of the Justice Court for precinct No. 7, in said County of Coleman, to be held the 17th day of January, 1921 next, as the law directs.

Given under my hand this the 3rd day of Dec., 1920.

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#### NOTICE

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas are hereby notified that the annual meeting to elect directors and to attend to any other business that may come before it, will be held at the offices of the bank on the second Tuesday in January, 1921, being the 11th proximo, at 2 o'clock p. m. Burgess Weaver, 50-52-c Vice President

G. A. Shockley and J. O. Martin have returned from the Llano country, where they have been on a hunting trip. We did not see any big game hanging on them, but the effects of the outdoor life is there.



## QUALITY GIFTS

WE list herewith an assortment of Articles and Preparations from our regular stock of high grade merchandise that will make excellent gifts. Christmas is just eight days off and we urge you to do your shopping at once.

#### Kodaks

Eastman Kodaks  
\$4.00 to \$35.00

#### Stationery

Whiting's and Montague's  
A Beautiful Line

#### Thermos Bottles

Always a Useful Gift  
\$3.00 to \$12.00

#### Greeting Cards

and Christmas Seals

#### Fountain Pens

Conklin's Fountain Pens  
\$1.00 to \$10.00

#### Manicure Sets

A Gift That She Will Appreciate  
\$3.00 to \$20.00

#### Perfumes

Djer Kiss and Mary Garden Sets

#### Candy

Norris' and Hughes' Fancy Candies

Pathe Phonographs, Special Deal This Week, See Them

:-: Hunter's Pharmacy :-:



# Holiday Gifts

- Ladies' Silk Blouses
- Ladies' Satin Blouses
- Ladies' Velvet Blouses
- Men's Felt Slippers
- Women's Felt Slippers
- Children's Felt Slippers
- Bath Robes for Children
- Bath Robes for Women
- All Wool Blankets
- California Plaid Blankets
- Ladies' Silk Underwear
- Ladies' Silk Hose
- Men's Silk Hose
- Men's Cashmere Hose
- Men's Warm Lined Kid Gloves
- Women's Warm Lined Kid Gloves
- Women's Dress Kid Gloves
- Women's Wool Knit Gloves
- Boys' and Girls' Knit Gloves
- Misses' Wool Gloves
- Boys' All-wool Mackinaws
- Boys' Heavy Lined Coats
- Men's Sheep Lined Coats
- Men's Leather Lined Coats
- Men's Leather Vests
- Women's Wool Sweaters
- Men's Wool Sweaters
- Boys' and Girls' Wool Sweaters
- Heavy Wool Scarfs
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# MONUMENTS

I am representing  
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**NEWS OFFICE**

WANTED TO RENT—House in Santa Anna, possession by 1st of Jan. Apply to E. M. Niell.

A. U. Weaver and Chas. Woodruff have returned from their hunting trip. They claim they brought down some big game.

FOR SALE—A Quickmeal cook stove, practically new. E. M. Easley, at First National Bank.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, any hat in the house for \$5.00. Mrs. G. A. Shockley.

## ORIGIN OF TERM "TWO BITS" HARD TO SIGNAL TO MARS

Can Be Traced to Piece of Silver Coined by Mexico, and Is Not Slang Phrase.

To northern and eastern people, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the term "two bits" may sound like slang, but to people of the West and Southwest it is the best of idiomatic English. The expression, "a quarter," is seldom heard in those regions. People invariably say "two bits," and it is much easier for them to say "six bits" than "seventy-five cents."

The word "bit" was used in this sense about 1792, when the Spanish milled dollar was the unit of money in the Southwest. At that time there happened to be coined under Spanish authority a piece of silver for Mexico that represented the eighth part of a dollar, and that was called a "real" after the name of a coin in Spain. It had the same value as the early American shilling. Yankees used the shilling as a common expression, and some people can remember when farmers hired help by shillings.

When the "forty-niners" went to California and the Southwest they found that dos reales was the equivalent of two shillings. Later, dos reales became common as a quarter. The Americans never learned to say dos reales, but they may have Americanized that amount by saying "two bits."

### GOOD REASON



Mrs. Benham—Be a man.  
Benham—How can I, when you keep me so short?

### HIS SYSTEM DEFECTIVE.

The shabby visitor laid his hat upon a chair, and drawing a booklet from his pocket, approached the merchant prince.

"I can tell you," he said, "how to become a great success; how to win independence for life."

"Three seconds gone from the minute I'm giving you," said the merchant.

"I have here," went on the visitor, "an infallible memory system. Master it and you will master the world. You will not forget to post the letter your wife gave you this morning, and you can do without that worsted on your finger."

"My trouble," said the merchant, "is that I can't find a reliable system for forgetting things I want to. Your minute's up."

Sadly the visitor departed, but two minutes later he returned to the office, breathless and excited.

"I forgot my hat!" he said.—Argonaut.

### WONDERFUL GAS ENGINE.

The most powerful gas engine is claimed to be one made at Liege, Belgium. It was not quite completed at the outbreak of the war, but was taken to Germany, and restored to its owners only after the war's close. As now improved, it develops 8,000 horsepower. Each of its four cylinders has a diameter of about 51 inches, a stroke of 58 inches, and it makes 94 revolutions per minute. The heat of the exhaust generates steam to drive a turbine.

### JAPAN TO RAISE SHEEP.

Experiments in the raising of sheep are being conducted by the agricultural department of the Japanese government, representatives of which have recently purchased some 200 Shropshire and 50 Cotswold ewes while on a mission to Australia. A number of rams have already been sent to Japan from England. It is reported that the total number of sheep now in Japan does not exceed 4,000 to 5,000, of mixed breeds.

### THE RESEMBLANCE.

"The labor troubles seem to be proceeding like clockwork."  
"Yes, apparently, they have the strike habit."

Neither Light Nor Electric Flashes Are Really Practical, According to Professor.

In attempting to communicate with Mars, there are several factors that must be taken into consideration. Henry Meier of Case Western Reserve summed these up at a recent meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science. He said that in the first place the probably low temperature, rarefied atmosphere and absence of water on Mars are against the existence there of beings similar to ourselves.

In the next place, signaling by light must be given up, for the reason that the earth's atmosphere would absorb 40 per cent of the light sent out, and the distance is so great that an area of light ten miles square on earth would, if seen from Mars through a telescope magnifying five hundred times, appear like an area one inch square viewed at a distance of five hundred feet.

In considering signals by radio, it has been computed that it would require a current of a million amperes at the sending station to obtain one ampere at a receiving station on Mars. And Mr. Meier remarked that the powerful electric current sent out by the sun would probably overwhelm the weak waves sent from the earth.

### HE WON



Willie—Mother, I just made a bet.  
Mother—You naughty boy! What made you do it?

Willie—I bet Walter my cap against a button that you'd give me a nickel to buy some candy with. You don't want me to lose my cap, do you?

### NEW MOTIVE POWER.

A new method has been perfected for supplying motive power for engines. The invention of the gasoline engine marked a great forward step over the steam engine. In these engines gasoline is mixed with air and ignited by an electric spark, and the resulting explosion forces down the piston. The new plan is to spray oil upon heated air under pressure, when the resulting explosion provides the force which drives the piston. The lower grades of crude oil can be used for the purpose. The invention is believed to be one of the most important in a generation. It is, besides, an American invention and will enable our ships driven in this way to enjoy a tremendous advantage compared with the engines of other nations. The invention is especially timely today when America's merchant marine is competing for the supremacy of the seas.—Boys' Life.

### SUIT HAD A STRING TO IT.

A novel device to prevent thefts from the outside of a shop was described at Manchester (Eng.) recently when John Taylor was sent to prison for three months for stealing a suit of clothes from outside a pawnbroker's shop.

The clothes were attached by a piece of string to a bell in the shop. When Taylor took them from the hook the bell rang and alarmed the shopman, who rushed out and caught Taylor before he could get away.

### DESERATE IMPULSE.

"What are you going to do if they decide to suppress 'home brew'?"  
"I'll go right back to the house," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop, "and burn the 'No Place Like Home' motto to the wall."

### NATURALLY.

"When the policeman picked up the girl who fell over the bank, how did she look?"  
"She looked very much cast down."

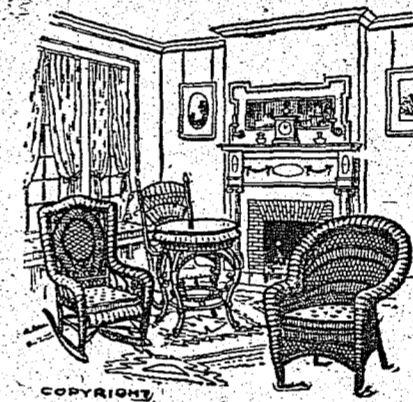
# USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS NOT GIMCRACKS

Cotton is too low and money too scarce to be wasted on worthless presents. Every present should be something that is serviceable, as well as beautiful. Our store is full of just such gifts. Any of the following would make sensible gifts:



A Rug or some piece of Furniture

Something in Aluminum or Porcelain for the kitchen



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Here is a gift for wife or mother that can't be beat. Get a

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SAVES MILES OF STEPS



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Santa Anna, Texas

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"Teach economy; that is among the first and highest virtues. And begins with saving money."  
—Abraham Lincoln.

A BANK ACCOUNT IS "HOME INSURANCE."

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We will offer some extra prices on most everything in our line till after the Holidays, as we want to reduce our stock Eight or Ten Thousand Dollars before we take stock New Year's. So come to Marshall's and get prices. We mean just what we say. We must reduce our stock.

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The Best Meat, per pound . . . 19c  
Swift's Hams, per pound . . . 33c  
Swift's Sliced Bacon, per pound . . . 50c  
The Best Wrapped Meat, per pound 30c  
Navy Beans, Pink Beans,  
Pinto Beans, 12 pounds . . . \$1.00  
High Patent Flour, per sack . . . \$2.50

Come to see us and we will make it worth your while.

**Marshall' Grocery**

The Best Grocery in Santa Anna.

## NEWS for the BUYERS

**LOST OR STRAYED**—\$10 reward for information leading to the recovery of one bay mare mule, 15 1-2 hands high, heavy set and in good condition, O9 brand on right hip and shoulder. J. R. Gipson. 49-50-c

Buy your feed at Marshall's, we have the best feed store in Santa Anna.

All underwear 1-3 off, for quick selling at the Santa Anna Merc. Co.

**POSTED**—No hunting allowed on any of my land. Mrs. L. Chambers. 49-tf

### Kill Blue Bugs.

And all blood sucking insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens, Money back guarantee. Sold by all druggists

Good, fresh corn meal 85c per sack at Marshall's.

See Mrs. Shockley for hand painted pictures.

Save \$35 to \$40 on buggies, only a few left at this price. C. E. Welch.

Two rooms to rent for light housekeeping. Phone 281.

A big reduction on all Bruner Woollens. Woollens cut to about half. Parker Bros.

Just unloaded two car loads of feed at Marshall's.

I have one good Oakland Sensible Six for sale at a bargain. If you are in the market for car see me. E. M. Raney.

20 per cent discount on all casings and tubes. Ed Sanderson Garage.

See the values in men's Overcoats, we are offering on today's prices, Santa Anna Merc. Co.

Largest assortment of apples in town at McFarland & Wilson.

You will have time to get your Christmas suit now. We guarantee quick deliveries. Parker Bros.

We give S. & H. Green trading stamps, Texas Mercantile Co.

**POSTED**—My farm is posted and all hunters are warned to stay off. M. J. Austin. 48-52p

Bran, \$2.00 per hundred, Shorts \$3.00 per hundred. Cash Feed Store.

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The best line of candy to be had, at Marshall's.

### HAND LOTION

We prepare a hand lotion from a prescription of one of the ablest physicians in Texas, that not only prevents chaffing but beautifies the skin and makes it soft and white. Corner Drug Store. 48-tf

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### Small Farm For Sale

50 acre tract, nearly all in cultivation, good black land, 12 miles south of town. G. W. Faulkner, Santa Anna.

To save money buy your shoes from Santa Anna Merc. Co.

Oranges at all prices and sizes for the Xmas tree and stockings at McFarland & Wilson's.

**AUCTION SALE**—Of Jersey cows and heifers, all good color and springers, shipped from Smith County, Texas, which is noted for good Jerseys. Come and avail yourself of this opportunity to beat the high cost of living. Sale begins Saturday, Dec. 18, at 1 p. m. at O. K. Waggon yard. 50-p

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Don't forget that we have the best soft wheat flour made, Boquet, Smith's Best and Cake Flour, every sack guaranteed to give entire satisfaction or your money back, at Marshall's.

Ties, Hosiery and other small gifts, Santa Anna Merc. Co.

### Fine Cow For Sale

Holstein-Fresien, to freshen about 23rd. She can be seen here in town any time. Buy the best—they are the cheapest. E. M. Raney. 50-51

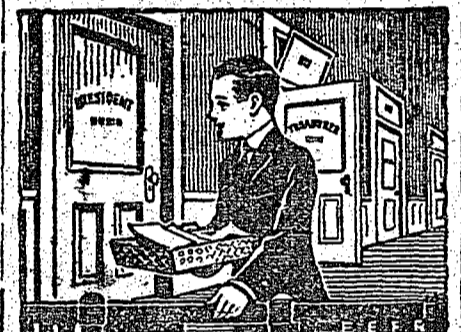
Everything to eat that comes in the grocery line will be found at McFarland & Wilson's.

20 per cent discount on all casings and tubes. Ed Sanderson Garage.

One custom-tailored suit or overcoat will outwear two readymades. Parker Bros.

**LOST**—Hand bag in Santa Anna, containing letters and clothes. Leave at this office.

Candy and nuts for the Christmas bags at McFarland & Wilson's.



### Does Your Letter-head Get It?

The appearance of your letter-head may mean success or failure. Do yourself justice in the quality of your business messenger.

We do not advocate extravagance. We recommend the use of a very moderate priced standard paper.

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### E. J. REEFER'S 'MORE EGGS'

**"More Eggs" Paid the Pastor**  
I can't express in words how much I have been benefited by "More Eggs." I have paid my debts, clothed the children in new dresses, and that is not all. I paid my pastor his dues. I sold 42½ dozen eggs last week, set 4 dozen, ate some, and had 1½ dozen left.

MRS. LENA McBRON, Woodbury, Tenn. For Sale at Wofford's.

Save \$35 to \$40 on buggies, only a few left at this price. C. E. Welch.

We have for Xmas, cocanuts, walnuts, pecans, butter nuts chest nuts, almonds and pop corn, at Marshall's.

Buy special values in serges this week, Santa Anna Merc. Co. 20 per cent discount on all casings and tubes. Ed Sanderson Garage.

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I have four Holstein-Fresien heifers from some of the best milkers in the country. On registered Holstein-Fresien cow and two High grade Holstein Fresien cows all for prices that will make them sell. First come first served. E. M. Raney

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Remember we won't be undersold on anything the same quality, we meet any and all prices, so come to Marshall's for what you want.

**FOR SALE**—83 model, seven passenger Overland, good shape, new Goodyear tires. See J. B. Boler at Santa Fe Station. 50tf

See Clubbing Offer On Front Page

## FOR YOUR EYES

### Dr. J. H. Hales of Brownwood

(Formerly sole owner of Brownwood Optical Co.) visits Santa Anna regularly, every three weeks.

Hundreds of Coleman County citizens know Dr. Hales, and will testify to his skill and integrity.

Dr. Hales guarantees to fit your eyes and he makes all glasses for the individual case.

Look for Dr. Hales dates in Santa Anna, in this paper or inquire at Comer Blue's Jewelry Store.

Dr. Hales Next Date in Santa Anna will be

**MONDAY**

**December Twenty**

Remember this date and see Dr. Hales for your eye trouble.

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If every person in the United States carried the small sum of \$10.00 in cash a startling increase in prices would result, with a fatal curtailment of loanable funds!

With your money in the Bank, it is not only available to you, but serves the very important purpose of placing your money in circulation to aid legitimate commerce.

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