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TEXAS IS ANTI BY ONLY 6,037

An Immense Vote with Result Very Close

Dallas, July 25.—The incomplete returns up to this morning stand:
For Prohibition 230,631
Against Prohibition 236,668
Anti Majority 6,037
Whatever returns may yet come in will not materially change the general result.
The big surprises are the small ones in all the big town counties. Dallas County was counted for 5,000 anti majority and gave Tarrant was counted at not less than 4,000 anti majority, but gave 16,000; Tarrant was reckoned to give 15,000 anti majority, but voted 13,500, with an anti majority of 9,000; Harris' anti majority was under 6,000.
There was no disturbance arising from the election in the entire State, notwithstanding an interest never excited in intensify, as indicated by the large vote.
There is some talk of contests, but it is believed that this is mostly excited talk at the exciting close of a close contest.

Following are the latest figures which will not be materially changed:

County	For	Against
Armstrong	334	80
Angelina	705	915
Aransas	166	205
Atascosa	400	600
Brewster	1,893	1,824
Brewster	416	301
Brewster	307	2,596
Brewster	39	45
Brewster	270	483
Brewster	1,115	1,615
Brewster	15	7
Brewster	818	993
Brewster	3,553	3,178
Brewster	2,244	11,446
Brewster	152	102
Brewster	1,851	1,362
Brewster	613	567
Brewster	581	542
Brewster	974	1,541
Brewster	270	483
Brewster	1,405	1,258
Brewster	1,514	1,387
Brewster	755	1,049
Brewster	142	143
Brewster	118	17
Brewster	913	779
Brewster	1,729	1,365
Brewster	823	948
Brewster	735	609
Brewster	140	64
Brewster	784	383
Brewster	1,823	880
Brewster	5,069	1,759
Brewster	669	1,859
Brewster	28	1,520
Brewster	1,560	1,212
Brewster	288	245
Brewster	157	77
Brewster	322	1,245
Brewster	1,321	899
Brewster	175	106
Brewster	264	269
Brewster	260	241
Brewster	2,203	1,193
Brewster	1,110	784
Brewster	2,081	1,669
Brewster	87	43
Brewster	1,207	1,300
Brewster	557	181
Brewster	395	217
Brewster	1,969	1,554
Brewster	394	300
Brewster	224	189
Brewster	174	73
Brewster	280	50
Brewster	21	646
Brewster	7,943	8,147
Brewster	1,335	820
Brewster	2,575	1,774
Brewster	532	2,286
Brewster	286	166
Brewster	211	155
Brewster	497	182
Brewster	21	646
Brewster	199	196
Brewster	4,588	3,287
Brewster	642	2,584
Brewster	2,092	991
Brewster	3,679	1,716
Brewster	583	4,576
Brewster	2,632	1,595
Brewster	75	71
Brewster	945	477
Brewster	402	251
Brewster	408	1,282
Brewster	1,282	1,632
Brewster	438	302
Brewster	475	230
Brewster	528	125
Brewster	2,238	2,276
Brewster	690	641
Brewster	1,282	1,632
Brewster	125	40
Brewster	1,405	4,144
Brewster	138	41
Brewster	151	1,540
Brewster	795	915
Brewster	786	786
Brewster	1,280	1,280
Brewster	1,398	1,398

Gray	323	101
Grayson	4,259	3,678
Gregg	819	480
Guadalupe	668	2,534
Harris	3,628	9,213
Hays	933	606
Haskell	1,214	760
Hardin	808	1,020
Hansford	65	34
Hall	845	261
Hemphill	240	123
Henderson	1,464	1,401
Hopkins	2,904	1,194
Hill	3,906	1,942
Hood	966	445
Houston	1,567	1,789
Howard	484	325
Hale	666	210
Hidalgo	205	689
Harrison	1,370	1,402
Hamilton	1,113	1,061
Hardeman	916	444
Hutchinson	77	72
Hunt	4,765	1,671
Hartley	62	50
Irion	107	74
Jack	1,011	718
Jasper	584	578
Jeff Davis	73	63
Jones	1,761	823
Johnson	3,178	1,727
Jackson	434	384
Jefferson	1,516	2,600
Jim Wells	166	253
*Kaufman	2,581	1,743
Kendall	125	715
King	40	30
Kinney	192	167
Kimble	252	238
Kent	170	101
Karnes	696	984
Kerr	877	676
King	54	36
Knox	749	447
Lampasas	809	644
Lamar	3,030	2,113
*Lipscomb	159	97
*Lubbock	353	147
Lamb	36	11
La Salle	142	224
Lavaca	715	2,250
Liberty	549	771
Limestone	2,377	1,905
Live Oak	184	125
Leon	1,190	1,037
Llano	483	678
Lee	611	1,318
*Lynn	155	89
*Madison	876	514
Marion	466	468
Mason	435	463
Medina	430	1,041
Menard	188	203
*Milam	2,378	2,688
Madison	876	514
Morris	692	500
Maverick	53	203
McLennan	4,465	4,551
Mitchell	800	299
Martin	129	50
Mills	801	668
Matagorda	766	776
Montague	1,822	1,399
Montgomery	802	717
*Moore	52	21
Motley	224	123
*McCulloch	884	594
Midland	203	98
McMullen	40	60
1,859	1,599	1,438
1,520	2,207	1,970
1,212	824	442
245	548	825
77	244	413
1,245	123	43
899	68	40
106	470	856
269	99	37
241	1,299	1,148
1,193	1,435	1,132
784	134	199
1,669	2,370	1,383
43	115	99
*Polk	763	602
*Potter	727	589
Rains	439	369
Reagan	35	15
Randall	328	96
Roberts	111	53
Reeves	339	154
*Red River	2,079	1,276
Robertson	1,194	1,764
Refugio	74	316
Rockwall	919	291
Runnels	1,426	1,084
Rusk	1,840	2,042
Sabine	695	326
San Jacinto	492	553
San Saba	793	659
Stonewall	400	243
*Shackelford	259	256
San Augustine	468	529
Sherman	140	34
San Patricio	382	364
Smith	2,733	2,074
Sutton	127	126
Shelby	2,113	1,143
Schleicher	208	56
Scurry	1,014	421
*Swisher	367	111
Somervell	267	243
Star	89	729
Starr	151	63
Stevens	591	671
Stiles	292	138
*Tarrant	6,839	7,439
Taylor	1,944	811
Terrill	218	123
Terry	40	74
Tom Green	1,060	756
Travis	2,662	1,642
Trinity	654	744
Tyler	501	567
Throckmorton	446	201
Titus	1,280	786
Upton	1,008	1,008

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Uvalde	673	436
Val Verde	2,318	1,338
Victoria	266	312
Waller	517	972
Ward	149	66
Walker	659	1,107
Washington	835	3,242
Webb	78	987
Wharton	844	1,550
*Wheeler	93	64
Wilbarger	590	651
Williamson	2,746	2,747
*Wilson	729	1,256
Winkler
Wise	2,710	1,167
*Wichita	1,069	1,075
Wood	1,584	1,710
*Yokum	60	24
*Young	1,350	614
Zavalla	139	79
*Incomplete.

DALLAS' NEW SKYSCRAPER.

Col. Simpson to Improve All Windsor Site.
Dallas: Col. John N. Simpson announces that he has authorized Architect H. A. Overbeck of Dallas to draw plans for a modern office building, either for seven or nine stories, which he would have built on the corner of Commerce and Market streets.
A power plant will be located in the basement and a refrigerating plant will be installed. The first floor will have modern store rooms and the five floors above the ground will be occupied by the M. K. & T. Railway of Texas as general offices. The floors above will be for lease for general purposes. The proposed structure will cost in the neighborhood of \$175,000.

U. S. Population Center.

Bloomington, Ind.: In tangled underbrush on the farm of William L. Mosher, eight miles northeast of this city, the exact center of population of the United States was located late last Friday, but the only inhabitant of the immediate neighborhood found was a large rattlesnake which slid out of the bushes and was killed by one of the party of Prof. W. A. Coghall of Indiana University, who discovered the spot, which will be distinguished by a tablet.

Motor Car Brownsville to Mission.

Brownsville: The Frisco's motor car which arrived here the first part of last week will run between here and Mission instead of between Harlingen and Mission, as at first outlined, according to a message received here from Vice President Perkins. Both Brownsville and San Benito citizens protested against being left out of the car schedule.

ST. PAUL AS BASEBALL FAN

Would Be Enthusiastic Rooter and Attend All Games, Declares Rev. Dr. Young of Brooklyn.

One Sunday in each year is devoted by Bedford Presbyterian church of Brooklyn to a sermon on baseball. The services are held under the auspices of the New York league of Y. M. C. A. baseball teams. This year's service was held recently and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Edward Young. He told his hearers that St. Paul, if preaching in America this summer, would undoubtedly be an enthusiastic fan and would attend the games.
"Paul was an enthusiastic sportsman," the preacher said. "So close was his friendship with the presiding officers at the great games of western Asia as to excite their very active solicitude in his behalf when Paul seemed in danger—so records the Book of Acts. He used athletic terms frequently, speaking of himself as a runner and boxer and figuratively applying the term 'great umpire of the skies' to his Master.
"A bad time came to the ball field a few years ago when betting and sold contests ruined the game, but now young men are here taught honor, the slightest infraction thereof being visited with exclusion from the field."

One by Tim Hurst.

Tim Hurst, the former major league umpire, was asked one day what was the closest and hardest decision he ever made, says the Sporting News. "It was in Baltimore," he said. "Jennings was on first, McGraw was on second and Stenzel at the bat. They started a double steal. Jennings as he passed Long, hit him and Long tripped him, after which Jennings went on and jumped into Collins. Tenney tried to hold McGraw, but he broke away, reached second and kicked the ball out of Lowe's hands. Stenzel swung his bat and hit Robinson on the hand trying to keep him from throwing. Robby tripped me and poked me in the back to keep me from seeing and Stenzel spiked my foot." "How did you decide it?" was asked. "I called it a foul ball, sent the runners back and kicked Stenzel on the shin," said Tim.

BURSTING BOILER DEALS DIRE DEATH

ONE INSTANTLY KILLED AND ONE FATALLY HURT.

TEAM IS CRUSHED TO DEATH

Boiler Hurlled Out of Alley and Across the Street in City of Dallas.

Dallas: Charles Cormack was instantly killed, his wife fatally injured, dying next day, two mules slain outright, property damage and odzen lives endangered Wednesday by the explosion of a 35-horsepower boiler back of the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Main and North Harwood streets.
The boiler was hurled a distance of fully 150 feet and crashed against the building occupied by the George W. Loudermilk undertaking establishment. One end of the boiler broke through the brick wall of this building, tearing a hole several feet in diameter.
Four well drillers who were at work within thirty feet of the boiler at the time were merely shaken by the explosion, none of them being hurt.

Charles Cormack of Mesquite and his wife had stopped their wagon on the west side of Harwood street, against the sidewalk and immediately in front of the alley where the well was being drilled. Mr. Cormack was climbing down from the seat when the explosion occurred. The forward end of the flying boiler caught him, crushing him against the cement pavement. His skull was crushed almost flat and practically every bone in the left side of his body broken. Frightful wounds were inflicted to the left thigh and upper part of the leg, and a part of the left foot was torn off and could not be found. The man was planed beneath the wreck of the boiler.

A team of mules belonging to B. O. Clark of Richardson were struck by the boiler and instantly killed. Clark was driving south on Harwood street and his team stepped across the opening into the alley just in time to be struck by the flying boiler. Mr. Clark was seated on top of a load of hay. He was burned by steam, but his injuries are slight. The mules were still in the harness when the driver climbed from the wagon, both stone dead.

T. A. Murphy, Charles Roach, Jack Duhig and Sam Goodan, drillers, who were at work when the explosion occurred, had narrow escapes. Murphy was forty feet aloft on the derrick and saved himself from being carried down with the mass of timber by leaping from the derrick to a ledge of the building about six feet away. He hung there until rescued by other workmen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Pettit were in an automobile coming along Harwood street when the explosion occurred. As the exploded boiler shot across the street it passed within a few inches of the front of the automobile. The damage to the Campbell Hotel, in the rear of which the explosion occurred, is slight, probably not in excess of \$150.
Some damage was done to the roof of the Presbyterian Church, against which the heavy derrick fell. The entire plant of machinery being used to dig the well, is practically ruined.

TEXAS LEADS ONION CROP

Lone Star Easily Heads All States on Onion Crop.

San Antonio: Onion growers of Texas say that Indiana, with its production of 1,250,000 bushels of onions, does not lead the nation. The Southwestern Truck Growers' Association, alone, has already shipped from the San Antonio territory 2100 carloads of onions, each carrying 450 crates of 50 pounds, or one bushel to the crate. This is 1,025,000 bushels, or 51,250,000 pounds. Northern, Eastern and Central Texas are yet to be heard from. While the greatest portion of the Texas crop comes from Southwest Texas there are tens of thousands of crates shipped independently of the association, not only from this section, but from the other sections of Texas.

To Test Texas Clays.

Washington: At the request of Representative Sheppard, the Bureau of Mines has agreed to test the various clays in Mr. Sheppard's Congressional District with a view to determining their commercial value. Representative Sheppard says his district abounds in clays that are believed to be valuable for the manufacture of piping, pottery and pressed brick.

SOLDIERS AND POLICE CLASH

Trouble Starts from a Personal Quarrel Between Citizen and Street Commissioner.

El Paso, July 24.—One dead, one fatally injured and a third man badly wounded is the net result of a battle between the police and a small bunch of insurgents on the streets of Juarez Sunday afternoon. Darillo Hernandez, an insurgent soldier, engaged in an argument with Dolores Martinez, present Street Commissioner of Juarez, in front of the Martinez residence. He was asked to move on and replied by firing a pistol at Martinez who ran into the house, procured a rifle and shot the soldier through the head, killing him instantly.
Comrades of the dead man climbed to the roof of the garrison building and opened a hot fire on the Martinez residence, and as a detachment of police appeared upon the scene, the firing became general, more than fifty shots being fired.
Martinez was wounded in the arm and a scalp wound in addition. Pallo Iomell, an insurgent Lieutenant, was shot through the stomach and will probably die.
The battle was suspended upon the appearance of Gen. Blanco, who had the wounded removed to the hospital. There is much feeling over the affair between the police and insurgents, but officers appear to have the situation well in hand.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY PLANS

Plans Nearly Completed by Architects for Four Buildings.

Dallas: Dr. R. S. Hyer, president of the Southern Methodist University, has returned from a two weeks' visit to Chicago, where he was in consultation with the architects who are preparing the plans for the buildings soon to be erected.
Dr. Hyer said: "I spent two weeks in Chicago over the drafting boards and in daily consultation with the architects. Plans are now being prepared for four splendid buildings. One will be an administration building, which will cost \$200,000 and which is to be known as the Dallas Building as a recognition of the splendid donation given by Dallas for bringing the dormitory here. There are to be two dormitories, one each for boys and girls, to cost each about \$125,000. There is to be a building for class room purposes, which, for the present, will be used jointly by the language and science departments and which will cost about \$75,000.

\$100,000 Fire Sweeps Alice.

Corpus Christi: Fire destroyed about 75 per cent of the business section of Alice, Texas, thirty miles west of here, Wednesday morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. No casualties were reported. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have started the fire. High winds and inadequate fire fighting apparatus hindered the firemen.
Jersey City Politics Beat Commission.
New York: By a majority of 1,453 votes Jersey City has rejected the commission form of government which the New Jersey Legislature prescribed and Gov. Wilson defended. There were 13,038 votes against the plan and 11,585 in its favor. Of twelve wards only three, the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth, returned a majority for the plan. Both the Democratic and Republican organizations worked hard to defeat the innovation.

Greatest Central Storage House.

Pittsburg, Pa.: It is announced that the Pennsylvania Railroad will build in this city the largest storage house in the world at a cost of \$5,000,000. The new storage house will cover at least ten blocks on Penn avenue, in the produce yards district. It is stated millions of dollars' worth of fruit and vegetables have rotted in this city in past years because of the great lack of cold storage facilities.
Death From Accident Under Car.
Dallas: Declaring that they went under a box car in the Santa Fe yards to keep out of the rain and that while under the car the trucks passed over them, J. J. Watkins of Mullen, Texas, and Thomas Bixon of Seattle, Wash., suffered injuries early Saturday morning which caused each of the men the loss of one leg. The accident occurred shortly after 4 o'clock. Amputation of the members was necessary immediately. Watkins' right leg was severely crushed below the knee joint. Bixon's leg was crushed above the knee and amputation was necessary at the hip. Watkins stands a good chance to recover. Bixon died in the afternoon.

Oak Cliff Gets Library.

Dallas: Arrangements are far advanced for the branch of the Dallas Public Library to be erected and maintained in Oak Cliff. The matter was put before Andrew Carnegie, who had given \$50,000 for the main library building. There has been received from Mr. Carnegie an offer to give for the branch in Oak Cliff \$25,000 conditioned that the lot shall be acquired by the local branch and that the city shall guarantee the maintenance of the branch and for the securing of books for the library, a sum not less than 10 per cent of the Carnegie donation, for each year of the work of the library.
Conditions Are a Disgrace.
Georgetown: For July Judge Richard Critz has held seven lunacy trials, and all of the unfortunates are now in the Williamson County jail and the authorities have been unable to get any of the patients in the asylums at Austin, Terrell or San Antonio. Judge Critz states that all this year he has experienced the greatest difficulty in getting any provision from the State to care for the lunatics and they have remained in the county jail as long as a year and a half.

TEXAS WATER RATE INCREASED ALL ROUND

MALLORY AND MORGAN LINES ADVANCE TARIFFS.

SAY RATES ARE TOO LOW

Increases Are Slight in Some Instances, but Affect Nearly All Classes.

New York, July 25.—Effective Aug. 15, both the Mallory and Morgan lines operating through Galveston will advance their commodity tariffs by a general revision upward, of course not radically, but generally.

The new tariff will be ready for mailing in a few days and should reach Texas in about ten days. The changes include less than carloads and carload shipments, and apply almost exclusively to the water haul, that is, New York to Galveston, as the great bulk of the shipments are now carried on the combination of local rates, which means recognition at Galveston.
Some of the rates are only slightly advanced, but nearly all are advanced some. The justification for this, as given by the traffic officials of the lines concerned, is that for a year or more some rates have been abnormally low, due to excessive competition.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

View Notes.

July 25—The revival meeting has closed, with quite a number of additions to the church.

Postmaster Safford is visiting at Slaton.

Quite a lot of new comers are visiting this country. But very few are purchasing land or otherwise locating in these parts.

The excursion on the 22nd was loaded, it being the first through train on the Coleman cut-off.

This section was visited with nice showers yesterday and the crops are looking very much improved.

The prohibition election is over and View did credit to the occasion by giving the pros a handsome majority. W.H.G.

White Church Items.

The rain that fell Sunday afternoon was very much appreciated by all.

J. M. Milam and Luther Franks have been very busy with their binders for the past week.

Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theresa, were pleasant callers at Mr. Franks Thursday night.

Joe Brown transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Mrs. B. L. Dulin visited Mrs. Riggins Thursday.

Miss Theresa Watford is on the sick list.

Pat Hutchins transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Mr. Bickley transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicke and Mrs. Starkey visited at Mr. Watfords Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to say that Mr. Burns who has been sick for the past week is reported better and we hope he will soon be well.

Lee White of Butman community visited at Mr. Snows Sunday.

Miss Willie Dulin visited Miss Ludie Dulin Saturday night and Sunday.

C. L. Tucker, Geo. Davidson and J. S. Bickley attended the county farmers union at Center Point Saturday as delegates from the church.

A. Dulin were at church Sunday.

As a pleasant Sunday and home Monday.

Abilene from

ily visited friends in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

C. L. Tucker and Ike Tyler were at B. L. Dulin's Sunday morning.

Daton Snow and family were in Trent Thursday.

Luther Franks was at Comper Saturday and Sunday.

W. M. Snow transacted business in Merkel Thursday.

Raymond Demere visited his brother Frank at Blair Sunday.

Claud Demere transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Henry Hicks transacted business in Nubia Saturday.

G. O. Cozart of Rock Crossing was in our midst Sunday.

L. H. Burns was in Nubia Saturday.

Misses Eula and Ruth Pannel visited Miss Mary Grider Sunday.

Several of our young folks attended preaching at Nubia Saturday night and reported they heard a good sermon.

Mr. Demere and son Raymond transacted business in Merkel Tuesday.

Arthur Sears and family of Merkel spent the past week on their ranch here in our community.

J. E. Costephens spent Saturday and Sunday in Merkel with homefolks.

Alpha Costephens visited in the Butman community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dulin of Butman community visited at Mr. Farmers Sunday.

Mrs. Johnson of Roscoe add her mother Mrs. Costephens of Merkel are visiting J. E. Costephens and boy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. White of Butman visited at Mr. Davidsons Sunday.

Oscar Dulin was in our community Sunday on business getting all the cats he could to keep him company in his bachelor home.

Emmit Perkins was in Nubia Saturday.

C. L. Tucker and B. L. Dulin attended the I. O. O. F. lodge in Nubia Saturday night.

Columbus and Gold Riggins visited at Mr. Farmers Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Willie Dulin visited Miss Theresa Watford Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill and family spent Sunday and Monday with Daton Snow and family.

Mrs. Milam visited Mrs. Riggins Monday afternoon.

Misses Hester and Alda Snow visited Miss Theresa Watford Monday afternoon.

Daton and Zelmer Snow transacted business in Merkel Tuesday. Lost Chicken.

Butman Community.

July 24—Some of the people in our community had a nice rain Sunday afternoon.

Crops are looking fine.

R. N. White and family spent Sunday with Mr. Daviston and family.

Mrs. Costephens and two daughters, Annie May and Jewell, and Mrs. Johnson of Roscoe are visiting in the Canyon.

Some of the young people attended preaching at Nubia Saturday night.

Miss Willie Dulin spent Saturday with her cousin Ludie.

Dent Cozart and children were visiting at the home of E. E. Patterson and J. A. Dulin Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Buck Moore and children were visiting at the home of Mrs. Grider last week.

J. E. Costephens transacted business in Merkel Saturday.

Miss Mary Grider spent Sunday night with Miss Eulala Pannel.

J. A. Dulin and wife were callers at the home of Mr. Farmer Sunday evening and got water bound and had to stay all night.

Miss Lillie White is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger was shopping in Merkel last week.

Several from our community went to the county district union at Center Point.

The people of our community are preparing for a childrens day at Butman the fifth Sunday.

The meeting will begin Friday night.

Miss Hattie Hunter attended preaching at Nubia Saturday night.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Burrus is on the sick list.

Little Rosie Grider had the misfortune of getting a glass bead in his ear last week, but it was removed and he is O. K.

Mrs. Harrie was visiting in the Castle Peak community last week.

Misses Little and Virgie Woods attended preaching at Nubia last Saturday night.

Lee White went to White Church Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ada Franks and Nora Blazmon were the guests of Miss Mary Grider Sunday.

Guess Who.

Nubia News.

July 25—We are having some very cool weather.

Bro. Lambert who has been holding a meeting here and at Riney left Monday for Hilton.

Miss Ruby Reid visited Mrs. Jim Moore Saturday.

Mrs. Effie Atwood of Oklahoma is visiting her mother Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. Rhoda Watkins of Rochester is visiting her sister Mrs. Davenport.

Miss Jewel Toombs of Riney visited Miss Fannie Blair Sunday.

P. F. Weer, wife and baby of the White Church community attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Blackburn is very sick this week.

Mrs. Myrtle Boden and son, Carroll Walton and family visited John and Will Toombs Sunday.

Mrs. John Davenport and son Herbert went to Merkel Friday on business.

Several people from here are going to attend the childrens day at Butman Sunday.

Sunshine.

Happiest Girl in Lincoln.

A Lincoln, Neb., girl writes: "I had been ailing for some time with chronic constipation and stomach trouble. I began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and in three days I was able to be up and got better right along. I am the proudest girl in Lincoln to find such a good medicine." For sale by all dealers.



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THIS THE WIDOW REJECTED

Refused to Receive "One Housewife" Listed in Effects Left by Her Soldier Husband.

The regulation which provides that upon the death of a soldier a complete inventory of his effects shall be sent to his next of kin gave rise to an amusing incident at one of our southwestern army posts recently.

Private Blank, recently returned from a two years' tour of duty in the Philippines, having departed this life, the officer in charge forwarded to his wife in a small Ohio town an itemized list of the property of the deceased, with a request that she check off the articles that she desired so that the balance could be sold. In due time the list was returned, asking that all the articles except the one erased be forwarded. That one item had been so scratched, erased and blotted out that it was entirely obliterated. The officer's curiosity was aroused, so he referred to a carbon copy, whereupon he discovered that the indignant widow had no desire to harbor her late husband's one housewife. —Lippincott's.

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SUMMER



COTTON TAKES SLIDE HALF CENT A POUND

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AUGUST IS HEAVIEST LOSER

Looks Like Long Bull Campaign Has Struck a Snag. Promise of Big Crop a Feature.

New Orleans, La., July 19.—Tuesday's cotton market was one of the most exciting in many months, with heavy sales and sensational declines in all futures. Private reports from Liverpool early in the morning to the effect that the bull leaders were liquidating, stirred up selling orders in all parts of the cotton world, and futures on the New Orleans Exchange opened at a wide decline, only to go still lower as trading progressed.

When trading was over it was the general opinion on the floor that the bull campaign in the summer months had been abandoned.

August, the mid chain old crop month, lost inviting its lowest or nearly so. A couple of points in those would have been \$2.50. Mabel Co. close of the day. Agnes H. enormous loss. Annie...

With the Southwest, confidence in the big estimates of the coming crop, together with unfavorable trade advices, seemed to be responsible for the general selling movement.

The New York market showed a full half cent decline in August sellers.

LEWIS STRANG AUTO VICTIM

Car Turns Over Killing Famous Speed Merchant.

Milwaukee, Wis.: Lewis Strang, well-known automobile racing driver, who has driven cars in various sections of the United States, was instantly killed Thursday near Blue River, Wis., while piloting the machine of the technical committee on the Wisconsin Automobile Association's reliability run. The tour was from La Crosse to Lancaster, a distance of about 123 miles.

Early reports were to the effect that Strang was going along at a good speed when he encountered a passing team and in endeavoring to avoid a collision, the car plunged over an embankment, pinning Strang to the ground. Later advices, however, indicate that the car was running at only about four miles an hour when a wagon was seen ahead going in the same direction. Strang turned aside, but the soil suddenly gave way and his car slid down the embankment, turning turtle and Strang reluctant to jump, went under to his death. In the car with Strang were J. Tufts, Milwaukee; Joe Jaegerberger and L. A. Clark of Lancaster, Wis.

A sucking fly has made its appearance in some cotton fields in South Texas, and is doing great damage where prevalent.

Postoffice and Postal Banks.

Washington: The postal savings at Memphis and Taylor, Texas, and Perry, Okla., will begin taking deposits Monday, July 24. The Postoffice Department announces that the postoffices in the newly created Culberson County are Van Horn, Ables, Boracho, Kent, Lobo and Plateau.

PORTUGAL IS UNDER REVOLT

Troops and Populace Engage in Fights.

Lisbon: Advices from Guimaras state that severe conflicts have occurred there between the inhabitants and the troops. Order was restored only after serious fighting, during which many people were wounded.

Advices from Coimbra report street fighting there as a result of counter...

HAITIAN REBELS HOLD WHIP

French Consul is Wounded by Street Bullet From Street Fighters. President to Capital.

Cape Haitien, July 21.—Cape Haitien is in the hands of the revolutionists and the sole protection of Americans and other foreigners at this port is an American yacht. The United States gunboat Petrel sailed from here several hours previous to the arrival of the yacht, leaving American interests unprotected, and when the yacht came into the harbor her owner, Mr. Dick, found the town in a state of semi-anarchy. The insurgents were rapidly approaching and President Simon and his troops had left Fort Liberte for Port au Prince.

There were rumors also that the cruiser Antoine Simon was on her way to bombard some of the ports.

As is customary under such circumstances, most of the residents took sides with the revolutionists, and soon the authorities were unable to check the disorder. Mr. Dick notified the authorities that he would not permit any bombardment by Haitian warships and would protect foreigners.

Early Wednesday night fighting broke out in the streets. The searchlight of the yacht was kept playing on the house in which the Americans collected with their wives.

At daybreak, however, the Government was overthrown; the revolutionists had occupied the town and the streets were filled with excited men, shooting at random. All the American women were taken aboard the yacht while the foreign Consulates were refugees. These included Generals who had opposed the revolution and the local authorities, in protecting whom the French Consul was slightly wounded.

The fast scout Chester left Thursday—a four days' voyage—to Haiti, and the Des Moines, which will require a week's time for the trip, left Boston about the same time.

ASIATIC CHOLERA APPEARS

Two Cases Develop and the Victims Disappear.

Boston, Mass.: Asiatic cholera has reached Boston. It caused one death, while two foreign sailors who are believed to have brought the disease, after being taken ill, disappeared and their whereabouts are unknown, according to a statement given out officially by Chairman Samuel H. Durkin, of the board of health of Boston. The cholera victim was Mrs. Tamassio Mastrodencio, who died at the hospital of Gallups Island Thursday. She took into her home as boarders a few weeks ago two sailors, who were members of the crew of a steamer supposed to have sailed from an Italian port.

Case of Asiatic Cholera Develops.

New York: Official tests Saturday proved the existence of a case of true Asiatic cholera in Bellevue hospital. The victim is Manuel Bermudez, a Spaniard, who arrived here on a tramp from Liverpool, July 12. He was taken sick in a crowded sailor's boarding house and removed to the hospital where his case was, at first diagnosed as typhoid fever. Despite the fact that he has mingled with hundreds of his fellows in the crowded beehive of his on South street, the city health authorities say there is no danger of his having spread the disease.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company

was secured sites for warehouses, offices and stables, together with truckage for a general oil and by-products business in Amarillo. It is understood that this concern will install one of the largest oil plants in the South.

Katy Connection With Abilene.

Denison: It is learned here from official sources that Katy engineers will begin locating an extension of the Texas Central Railroad, recently acquired by the former road, from Cross Plains to Abilene, about fifty miles. This extension was promised the people of Callahan County by Katy officials when the Texas Central was taken over. At Abilene the extension will connect with the Wichita Valley line.

LATE FURNITURE SHOP BUANS

Citizens and Trustees Fight Flames and Confine Them to Row of Buildings.

Rusk, Texas, July 22.—Fire late Friday afternoon destroyed the furniture factory and other smaller buildings of the State penitentiary here, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. A row of brick buildings two and three stories in length on the south side of the main wall was destroyed, together with all contents, which included a quantity of machinery and supplies. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

There were no prisoners in the destroyed building when the fire broke out. The furniture factory has not been in operation for about a year, but arrangements had been perfected for reopening it at an early date. The barbershop, tinshop and several storerooms were also destroyed.

The fire was fought by citizens and trustees, who were hampered by poor water pressure from the penitentiary pumps. After over an hour's work, however, they were able to confine the flames to the south side of the wall. The prisoners were kept under guard while the fire was in progress, but arrangements were made to get them out of the building expeditiously if necessary. Their quarters were about seventy-five feet from the burning building.

Penitentiary officials estimate the loss at \$75,000, with no insurance.

The furniture factory was a brick structure, three stories in height, with wooden floors and considerable wood in its interior construction. The other buildings were of two stories. All were gutted by the flames and their contents are practically a total loss. There was considerable machinery and equipment in the furniture building, all of which was destroyed, while a quantity of supplies in the storerooms was also a total loss.

MISSISSIPPI COTTON CENTER

Mississippi Still Holds Place as Center of Industry.

Washington: The center of production of the cotton growing area of the United States in 1919 was located three miles south of Vaiden, Carroll County, Mississippi, according to the Census Bureau's statistics, just issued.

This cotton producing area is about 1,500 miles long and 500 miles wide. The total area of the counties in which cotton was grown in 1919 is approximately 525,000 square miles, or about 400,000,000 acres. Of this, only about one acre in every thirteen was devoted to cotton.

The center of production has been in Mississippi all years for which record has been made.

Big Telephone Deal.

Austin: The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company have bought the property of the Texas Telegraph & Telephone Company, consisting of six local exchanges and 400 miles of toll lines. The exchanges are at Burnett, Llano, San Saba, Marble Falls, Fredericksburg and Mason, with toll lines connecting the exchanges. The consideration was \$60,000. It was announced that the entire system is to be rebuilt with new wires and modern equipment installed.

Street Car in Pro Contest.

Fort Worth: Henry Day and P. W. Rogers, two negroes, were discussing prohibition at the negro Baptist Church, when a traction company car jumped the track, knocked them down and crashed into the church. Day is seriously injured and Rogers is badly bruised. A morning prayer meeting was in progress in the church in the interest of prohibition, and the congregation was badly scared when the car struck the side of the house. The two men injured were standing outside, discussing prohibition, when the car bowled them over.

Started Her to Talking.

Columbus, Ind.: A deafening clap of thunder restored the speech of Mrs. Jonathan Drake of this city, who two years ago lost her voice because of a paralyzed condition of the vocal organs. During a severe electrical storm there was a loud peal of thunder, which so frightened Mrs. Drake that she screamed, and when she had recovered from the shock she had fully regained her voice and power of speech.

Reciprocity Up to Canada.

Washington: Reciprocity with Canada was approved by the Senate Saturday by the decisive vote of 53 to 27. Parties and factions were split by the tribulations caused by the measure to this record-breaking extent. A few formalities will be observed and then the question whether reciprocity shall prevail will be up to Canada.

Birmingham to Hold Liquor Election

Birmingham, Ala.: Probate Judge J. P. Stiles this morning set August 24 as the date for the liquor election in this city and county. Both the local optionists and the prohibitionists have organized thoroughly and a big fight is expected. Mobile and Montgomery have gone "wet."

George Smith, Austin's crack second baseman, was married to Miss Jessie Pearl Henry of Hutto, one day last week.

SERIAL STORY

ELUSIVE ISABEL

By JACQUES FUTRELLE

Illustrations by M. KETTER

SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats in the national capital when a messenger brings a note directing him to come to the embassy at once. Here a beautiful young woman asks that she be given a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detective, are warned that a plot of the Latin races against the English speaking races is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. In a conservatory his attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, soon disappears. A revolver shot is heard and Campbell and Grimm hasten down the hall to find that Senor Alvarez of the Mexican legation, has been shot. A woman did it, and Grimm is assured it was Miss Thorne. He visits her, demanding knowledge of the affair, and there arrests a man named Pietro Petrozini. Miss Thorne visits an old man, Luigi, apparently a bomb maker, and they speak of a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars in gold is stolen from the office of Senor Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela. While detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation.

CHAPTER X.

A Safe Opening.

Together they entered the adjoining room, which was small compared to the one they had just left. Senor Rodriguez used it as a private office. His desk was on their right between two windows overlooking the same pleasant little garden which was visible from the suite of tiny drawing-rooms farther along. The safe, a formidable looking receptacle of black enameled steel, stood at their left, closed and locked. The remaining wall space of the room was given over to oak cabinets, evidently a storage place for the less important legation papers.

"Has any one besides yourself been in this room today?" Mr. Grimm inquired.

"Not a soul, Senor," was the reply. Mr. Grimm went over and examined the windows. They were both locked inside; and there were no marks of any sort on the sills.

"They are just as I left them last night," explained Senor Rodriguez. "I have not touched them to-day." "And there's only one door," mused Mr. Grimm, meaning that by which they had entered. "So it would appear that whoever was here last night entered through that room. Very well."

He walked around the room once, opening and shutting the doors of the cabinets as he passed, and finally paused in front of the safe. A brief examination of the nicked dial and handle and of the enameled edges of the heavy doors satisfied him that no force had been employed—the safe had merely been unlocked. Whereupon he sat himself down, cross-legged on the floor, in front of it.

"What are the first and second figures of the combination?" he asked.

"Thirty-six, then back to ten."

Mr. Grimm set the dial at thirty-six, and then, with his ear pressed closely against the polished door, turned the dial slowly back. Senor Rodriguez stood looking on helplessly, but none the less intently. The pointer read ten, then nine, eight, seven, five. Mr. Grimm gazed at it thoughtfully, after which he did it all over again, placidly and without haste.

"Now, we'll look inside, please," he requested, rising.

Senor Rodriguez unlocked the safe while Mr. Grimm respectfully turned his eyes away, then pulled the door wide open. The books had been piled one on top of another and thrust into various pigeon holes at the top. Mr. Grimm understood that this disorder was the result of making room at the bottom for the bulk of gold, and asked no questions. Instead, he sat down upon the floor again.

"The lock on this private compartment at the top is broken," he remarked after a moment.

"Si, Senor," the diplomatist agreed. "Evidently the robbers were not content with only fifty thousand dollars in gold—they imagined that something else of value was hidden there."

"Was there?" asked Mr. Grimm naively. He didn't look around.

"Nothing of monetary value," the senor explained. "There were some important state papers in there—they are there yet—but no money."

"None of the papers was stolen?" "No, Senor. There were only nine packets—they are there yet."

"Contents all right?" "Yes. I personally looked them over."

Mr. Grimm drew out the packets of papers, one by one. They were all unsealed save the last. When he reached for that, Senor Rodriguez made a quick, involuntary motion toward it with his hand.

"This one's sealed," commented Mr.

Grimm. "It doesn't happen that you opened it and sealed it again?"

Senor Rodriguez stood staring at him blankly for a moment, then some sudden apprehension was aroused, for a startled look came into his eyes, and again he reached for the packet.

"Dios mio!" he exclaimed, "let me see, Senor."

"Going to open it?" asked Mr. Grimm.

"Yes, Senor. I had not thought of it before."

Mr. Grimm rose and walked over to the window where the light was better. He scrutinized the sealed packet closely. There were three red spots of wax upon it, each impressed with the legation seal; the envelope was without marks otherwise. He turned and twisted it aimlessly, and peered curiously at the various seals, after which he handed it to the frankly impatient diplomatist.

Senor Rodriguez opened it, with nervous, twitching fingers. Mr. Grimm had turned toward the safe again, but he heard the crackle of parchment as some document was drawn out of the envelope, and then came a deep sigh of relief. Having satisfied his sudden fears for the safety of the paper, whatever it was, the senor placed it in another envelope and sealed it again with elaborate care. Mr. Grimm dropped into the swivel chair at the desk.

"Senor," he inquired pleasantly, "your daughter and Miss Thorne were in this room yesterday afternoon?"

"Yes," replied the diplomatist as if surprised at the question.

"What time, please?" "About three o'clock. They were going out driving. Why?"

"And just where, please, did you find that handkerchief?" continued Mr. Grimm.

"Handkerchief?" repeated the diplomatist. "You mean Miss Thorne's handkerchief?" He paused and regarded Mr. Grimm keenly. "Senor, what am I to understand from that question?"

"It was plain enough," replied Mr. Grimm. "Where did you find that handkerchief?" There was silence for an instant. "In this room?"

"Yes," replied Senor Rodriguez at last.

"Near the safe?" Mr. Grimm persisted.

"Yes," came the slow reply, again. "Just here," and he indicated a spot a little to the left of the safe.

"And when did you find it? Yesterday afternoon? Last night? This morning?"

"This morning," and without any apparent reason the diplomatist's face turned deathly white.

"But, Senor—Senor, you are mistaken! There can be nothing—! A woman! Two hundred pounds of gold! Senor!"

Mr. Grimm was still pleasant about it; his curiosity was absolutely impersonal; his eyes, grown listless again, were turned straight into the other's face.

"If that handkerchief had been



"The Lock on This Private Compartment at the Top is Broken."

there last night, Senor," he resumed quietly, "wouldn't you have noticed it when you placed the gold in the safe?"

Senor Rodriguez stared at him a long time.

"I don't know," he said, at last. He dropped back into a chair with his face in his hands. "Senor," he burst out suddenly, impetuously, after a moment, "if the gold is not recovered I am ruined. You understand that better than I can tell you. It's the kind of thing that could not be explained to my government." He rose suddenly and faced the impassive young man, with merciless determination in his face. "You must find that gold, Senor," he said.

"No matter who may be—who may suffer?" inquired Mr. Grimm.

"Find the gold, Senor!"

"Very well," commented Mr. Grimm, without moving. "Do me the favor, please, to regain possession of the handkerchief you just returned to Miss Thorne, and to send to me here your secretary, Senor Diaz, and your servants, one by one. I shall question them alone. No, don't be alarmed. Unless they know of the robbery they shall get no inkling of it from me. First, be good enough to replace the packet in the safe, and lock it."

Senor Rodriguez replaced the packet without question, afterward locking the door, then went out. A moment later Senor Diaz appeared. He remained with Mr. Grimm for just eight minutes. Senor Rodriguez entered again as his secretary passed on, and laid a lace handkerchief on the desk. Mr. Grimm stared at it curiously for a long time.

"It's the same handkerchief?" "Si, Senor."

"There's no doubt whatever about it?"

"No, Senor, I got it by—!"

"It's of no consequence," interrupted

ed Mr. Grimm. "Now the servants, please—the men first."

The first of the men servants was in the room two minutes; the second—the butler—was there five minutes; one of the women was not questioned at all; the other remained ten minutes. Mr. Grimm followed her into the hall; Senor Rodriguez stood there helpless, impatient.

"Well?" he demanded eagerly. "I'm going out a little while," replied Mr. Grimm placidly. "No one has even an intimation of the affair—please keep the matter absolutely to yourself until I return."

That was all. The door opened and closed, and he was gone.

At the end of an hour he returned, passed on through to the diplomatist's private office, sat down in front of the locked safe again, and set the dial at thirty-six. Senor Rodriguez looked on, astonished, as Mr. Grimm pressed the soft rubber soulder of a stethoscope against the safe door and began turning the dial back toward ten, slowly, slowly. Thirty-five minutes later the lock clicked. Mr. Grimm rose, turned the handle, and pulled the safe door open.

"That's how it was done," he explained to the amazed diplomatist. "And now, please, have a servant hand my card to Miss Thorne."

CHAPTER XL

The Lace Handkerchief.

Still wearing the graceful, filmy morning gown, with an added touch of scarlet in her hair—a single red rose—Miss Thorne came into the drawing-room where Mr. Grimm sat waiting. There was curiosity in her manner, thinly veiled, but the haunting smile still lingered about her lips. Mr. Grimm bowed low, and placed a chair for her, after which he stood for a time staring down at one slim, white hand at rest on the arm of the seat. At last, he, too, sat down.

"I believe," he said slowly, without preliminaries, "this is your handkerchief?"

He offered the lacy trifle, odd in design, unique in workmanship, obviously of foreign texture, and she accepted it.

"Yes," she agreed readily, "I must have dropped it again."

"That is the one handed to you by Senor Rodriguez," Mr. Grimm told her. "I think you said you lost it in his office yesterday afternoon?"

"Yes!" She nodded inquiringly. "It may interest you to know that Senor Rodriguez's butler positively identifies it as one he restored to you twice at dinner last evening, between seven and nine o'clock. Mr. Grimm went on dispassionately.

"Indeed!" exclaimed Miss Thorne. "The senor identifies it as one found this morning in his office. Grimm explained obligingly that the night fifty thousand dollars were stolen from his safe. Miss Thorne sat motionless.

"All this means—what?" she asked, at length.

"I'll trouble you, please, to give me the money," requested Mr. Grimm courteously. "No reason appears to you should have taken it. But I seek reasons, nor am I seeking agreeable publicity—only the money."

"It seems to me you attach u importance to the handkerchief," objected.

"That's a matter of opinion," Grimm remarked. "It would be less, even tedious, to attempt to prove a burglar theory, but again is the difficulty of entrance, weight of the gold, the ingenious method of opening the safe, and the supposition that not more than six persons knew the money was in the safe, while a person in the house might have learned it in any of a dozen ways. And, in addition, is the fact that the handkerchief is odd, there fore noticeable. A lace expert assures me there's probably not another like it in the world."

She stopped. Miss Thorne's eyes sparkled and a smile seemed to be tugging at the corners of her mouth. She spread out the handkerchief on her knees.

"You could identify this again, of course?" she queried.

"Yes."

She thoughtfully crumpled up the bit of lace in both hands, then opened them. There were two handkerchiefs now—they were identical.

"Which is it, please?" she asked.

If Mr. Grimm was disappointed there was not a trace of it on his face. She laughed outright, gleefully, mockingly, then, demurely:

"Pardon me! You see, it's absurd. The handkerchief the butler restored to me at dinner, after I lost one in the senor's office, might have been either of these, or one of ten other dupli cates in my room, all given to me by her Maj—I mean," she corrected quickly, "by a friend in Europe." She was silent for a moment. "Is that all?"

"No," replied Mr. Grimm gravely decisively. "I'm not satisfied. I shall insist upon the return of the money, and if it is not forthcoming I dare say Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, would be pleased to give his personal check rather than have the matter become public." She started to interrupt; but he went on. "In any event you will be requested to leave the country."

Then, and not until then, a decided change came over Miss Thorne's face. A deeper color leaped to her cheeks, the smile faded from her lips, and there was a flash of uneasiness in her eyes.

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"Certainly, sir," said the lecturer. "You have given us a lot of figures about immigration, increase of wealth, the growth of trusts and all that," said the man. "Let's see what you know about figures yourself. How do you find the greatest common divisor?"

Slowly and deliberately the orator took a glass of water. Then he pointed his finger straight at the questioner. Lightning flashed from his eyes, and he replied, in a voice that made the gas jets quiver: "Advertiser for it, you ignoramus!" The audience cheered and yelled and stamped, and the wretched man who had asked the question crawled out of the hall a total wreck.

Another Pressing Need.

It's well enough to devote a lot of time and a good deal of prize money to the composition of a National anthem, but what's the matter with giving a wedding march, too? Be forever indebted to the erratic Bavarian and a butcher?

opportunity for ambitious bachelors. The bride that would follow in this couple passed down the wedding strain, of Bollen's exquisite Marche and Plain Dealer.

News. The world was at the city hall. Judge three times to see judge. Arthur Atherton, twenty-five foot high, eight pounds, kley, nineteen pounds, 136 pounds.—

Who Eued the Widow. A man is suing a widow for refusing to marry at be one of those ironed men who want to sit porch of a house that was once earned by another in Post.

Wis. "You hear mamma tell us in out of the rain?" "I'm not goin' to do it till she can't lay me ap 'bout spoilin' her

Of Cookery—

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It is seldom that the girl who sells the cut glass in the big department stores can tell you precisely what to do in order to preserve these beautiful and expensive articles, but one young lady, who owns several costly pieces and who is overly enthusiastic concerning them, says that with the proper care they are a joy forever and a delight to behold.

As a warning she says that it requires considerable more care and attention than does silverware, as cut glass will not stand any rough handling while being polished. This brittle article is actually the most fragile in the world of the housewife; it seems to await its chance to chatter, and, therefore, in the following rules are adhered to, breakage will be reduced to the smallest percentage.

Keep it in a china closet that has a rail or support that will avert its slipping.

Make sure that the shelf is strong so hold the weight if the pieces are large.

Never rinse under running water. Prepare water for washing in a wooden pan or dish tub, and fold a towel on the bottom so that the pieces can rest on its cushiony layers.

Make the water tepid and add ammonia; use a good white soap, a camel's hair brush (sold for this purpose) and a lintless cloth.

Rinse with water of the same temperature and dry with a soft towel, polishing afterwards with tissue paper that comes for this purpose, or you can use a new clean chamol.

Do not put grease of any kind in these pieces, not even butter, as grease makes them cloudy and you can never polish them as brightly after so using.

Brushing should always be done with the softest brushes procurable; stiff brushes scratch unmercifully. But a brush must be used to clean the crevices so it cannot be dispensed with.

Never use tacks or buckshot to clean the inside of bottles, jugs and pitchers, but the ground shell of an egg, salt and lemon or a little white vinegar.

A piece of raw potato, soaked in a carafe or any of the deeper pieces will help to make brightening a light task and cleaning still easier.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Do not use soap on window panes. Either alcohol or ammonia will give a fine polish.

Remove stains or discolorations from tinware by dipping a damp cloth in common baking soda and rubbing briskly.

To remove white spots from varnished furniture moisten a soft cloth with alcohol and wipe the spots, being careful not to rub too hard, or the varnish will come off.

To prevent cakes bursting on top do not allow them to bake too fast. They should not begin to brown or crust until fully raised. A pan of cold water set on the grate above will keep them from browning too rapidly.

Varnished Floor.

An expert painter and interior decorator says that when wishing to freshen up varnished woodwork or floors to take a piece of new cheesecloth about one yard square, dip it in the varnish and squeeze out until you can handle easily. Then go over the woodwork the same as if using a cloth to wipe off. Of course the woodwork or floors should be perfectly clean. It does not take a third of the time it does to use a brush and the finished work looks equally well. It does not, of course, put on as heavy a coating of varnish as when using a brush, but being so much easier to do we can afford to do it oftener.

Russian Salad.

Simmer a can of tomatoes, one bay leaf, 12 cloves, blade of mace, slice of onion, six sprigs of parsley, for ten minutes, then strain. Add to hot liquor three-fourths of a box of gelatin dissolved in a little water, two tablespoonfuls of tarragon, vinegar, one teaspoonful salt, one-fourth teaspoonful paprika. Fill a border mold three-fourths full of cold cooked chicken and celery cut fine; then pour in the jelly; set on ice until firm, fill center with chilled lettuce, circle outside with sliced cucumbers.

Grape Juice.

Here is a beverage you may like. Take a long glass and put in some shaved ice and the juice of one lime. The fruit itself may also be left in if desired. Now add a wineglass of grape juice and fill up the glass with sparkling water.

Brownies.

One cup sugar, two eggs, one-half cup butter, one-half cup flour, two squares melted chocolate, one-half pound walnuts, chopped, one teaspoon vanilla. Bake in pan 7x11.

AT THE BOARDING HOUSE.



"Who is that man," asked the new boarder, "who is making such a fuss because he has swallowed a fish-bone?"

"That's the sword swallower at the dime museum around the corner."

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"I suffered with eczema about ten months, but am now entirely cured, and I believe Cuticura Remedies are the best skin cure there is." (Signed) Miss Mattie J. Shaffer, R. F. D. 1, Box 8, Dancy, Miss., Oct. 27, 1910.

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Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 4 L, Boston.

No Luck.

"I never do have any such luck as the other boys!" complained young Harold.

"Why, I am surprised!" answered his mother. "You have roller skates, a bicycle, a football suit, and a ticket to the gymnasium. Some boys would think themselves very lucky if they had those things."

"Yes, but Willie Swaddling's house burned down, and he helped to save things! Tom Anderson's house was robbed, and he heard the burglar! And Jack Turner is sick, and the neighbors are carrying ice cream and stuff to him."

Quarters and Halves.

George Ade, at the recent Lambs' Gambol in New York, objected to the extravagance of the modern wife.

"It is true that the married men of today," he ended, "have better halves, but bachelors have better quarters."

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Work for Extinction of Tuberculosis.

Exhibitions showing in graphic form the prevention of consumption have been shown in every state in the United States, except Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming, and also in most of the Canadian provinces and in Mexico, Porto Rico and Cuba, according to a statement made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. There are now 25 states and 16 cities having permanent and traveling exhibits besides the two operated by the National association itself, and the total number of similar displays is over 200, including about 150 small school exhibits. The first tuberculosis exhibit in America was shown by the Maryland Tuberculosis commission in January, 1904. In 1906 there were four such exhibits.

Honors More Than Even.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell is not kindly inclined to criticism of her work. At a rehearsal of a new play, one morning, her manager, Charles Frohman, stopped Mrs. Campbell and said: "Mrs. Campbell, it seems to me that those lines should be delivered thus," repeating the lines in question. Mrs. Campbell drew herself up and said: "Mr. Frohman, I am an artist." "That is all right, Mrs. Campbell," replied the urbane manager. "I assure you I will never reveal your secret."

"Boy Scout" Movement Spreads.

The "boy scouts" movement has reached the Malay peninsula, and Singapore is to have a fine organization under the patronage of the governor and chief justice. It is a good thing in many ways, aside from the military training, and bids fair to become one of the permanent and most popular institutions of the peninsula. All through the British colonies "boy scout" organizations are being formed.

Indefinite.

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MIKE HAD A KICK COMING

And Typically Milesian Was Plan He Had Evolved to Put Things Straight.

For sixteen years Mike Flynn had cleaned out the town hall after shows, lectures, political meetings, Decoration day exercises and other doings, and never a complaint did he make. Recently, however, he fancied he had a kick coming, and he went into the mayor's office to register it. "What is it, Mike?" asked the mayor. "It's about the hall, yer honor. The byes stand up in the rear, they do, an' they chew an' spit durin' the intire performance. An' not a wurrd would Oi say, yer honor, if they would spit out on the fure where Oi could git at it, but—the varmint—they would spit all over the legs of the chairs in the back row, an' on the places where the chairs do be fastened to the fure, an' hard work it is fer a man of me age to stoop down an' scrub it off. There's a favor Oi would be askin' of yer honor this mornin' in respect to it." "What is that, Mike?" "Indade, Oi would ask yer honor fer permission and authority to do away with the back row of seats entirely. Nobody likes to sit in the back row anyway, yer honor, an' sinceless it is to have one in the hall at all."—Kansas City Star.

Small Boat to Sail Far.

The yawl yacht Recluta, 26 tons, has set out on a voyage of 6,000 miles, from Gosport to Buenos Ayres, the headquarters of her new owner. The little vessel carries a crew of four, and is commanded by Capt. Harry Williams, who recently took the 20-ton cutter Moyana to Odessa. All the members of the Recluta's crew are Hampshire men. She will go to Madeira, Cape Verde, Pernambuco and Monevide. The longest sea run will be a distance of about 2,000 miles, between Cape Verde and Pernambuco.—London Standard.

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OCIETY

MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Baraca Entertainment.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season occurred last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Williams when the Methodist Baracas entertained the Baptist Baracas and Methodist and Baptist Philatheas. The house was most artistically decorated, the class colors being in manifestation everywhere.

The opening event was the auction. The girls were given numbers and the auctioneer held a like number. The boys were given sacks of corn each containing 25 grains with which to buy numbers and therefore partners.

The next hour and one half was spent in table games after which the prize was awarded to the one making the highest number of points. This fell to Miss Flay Gunn. Ice cream and cake were served to fifty-seven guests.

In Honor of Miss Harris.

Last Thursday evening the prettiest affair of the season was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel when Miss Annie T. Daniel honored her friend Miss Jaunita Harris of Abilene with a dance and 500 party.

The reception rooms down stair were beautifully decorated in red and green, the pretty greenery running in wild profusion only to be caught in graceful loops with the red flowers.

The large comfy porch with the addition of rugs, extra porch pillows was made so very

present were Misses Mlin, Jessie O'Brian, all, May Miller of Dallas, O'Brian; Messrs. J. E. Faucett, John Ayres of Abilene, Lloyd Wright of Bellvue, R. O. Anderson of Trent, Rose Ferrier, Drs. Geo. Howard, G. L. Miller, S. L. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gaither; Mesdames W. H. Dickson and J. W. Daniel.

The color scheme of red and white was successfully carried out in the decorative ice cream.

Little Miss Maurine Angus honored her aunt, little Miss Pearl Toombs, last Thursday afternoon with a party of neighborhood children. All kinds of games were played. The guests were asked to come from 5 to 7. Those present were Misses Venia Heizer, Velma Ritch, Louise Warren, Hazel Harkrider, Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, May and Gertie Moore, Lucy Tracy, Annie Lou Russell, Fannie May Douglas, the honoree and hostess, also little Georgia T. Moore. Cream and cake were served.

Miss Irene Swann was the charming hostess Monday afternoon to the G. F. F. C. Misses Fannie Burroughs, Clara Keeton, Gene Rister, Clara Saffle and Tennie Brown were added to the club. After the business period cream and cake were served to the club visitors: Misses Maude Martin, Fanny Swann and Louise Warren, the new members and Misses Winnie Warren, Pet Sears, Inice Moon, Pauline Johnson, Mattie Paylor.

Tuesday was delightfully spent in the country hunting wild plums by Misses Fannie Burroughs and Elma Sheppard; Messrs. H. C. Burroughs and Chook Jones. They were royally entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard.

A few girls in the younger set met with Miss Roxie Moon Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed candy making, music and games. Those present were Misses Faye Allen,

Zora West, Mary and Ja... nings, Genevieve Rust and... at-tie Bell.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader, Margie Saffle.
Subject, "Evangelism and Church Building."
Song.
Scripture reading, Rev. 21:9-27.
Prayer.
Song.
Evangelism—What it means — — —
Prayer.
Church building—Carrol Rister.
Vocal solo—Ethel Roberts.
Closing services.

Bass-Stapleton Revival.

Rev. J. M. Bass will arrive Saturday from Abilene and with his singer, Prof. Stapleton, will begin a revival at the tabernacle Sunday 11 a. m. They were engaged by the Methodist church through its pastor, but it is the earnest desire of the pastor, church and evangelist that all the christian people of the town and vicinity will join in the meeting.

The following committees have been appointed:

Music committee—Dr. M. Armstrong, T. A. Johnson, W. C. Ayers, Misses Laura Jennings, Fannie Burroughs, Duncan Browning, Jessie Sutphen.

Finance committee—Dr. J. H. Warnick, H. C. Williams, H. M. Rainbolt, W. D. Woodroof, W. L. Harkrider.

Ushers—Victor Harris, O. W. Williams, Frank Smith, Dennis McDonald, Simpson Christopher, Carl Lowrey, Forest Gaither, Taylor Jennings.

There will be three services Sunday 11 a. m., 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. The week day services will be at 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

A. M. Martin,
Methodist Pastor.

The Presbyterian Meeting.

On Sabbath, the 16th ult., Rev. S. J. Cotton commenced a series of services in the Presbyterian church. The meeting is progressing with considerable interest and the church people are being greatly edified. Some conversions with increased interest.

Brother Cotton's sermons are scriptural, logical and delivered with zeal in a style peculiar to himself, which uplifts the audience and makes them anxious to learn the disposition he will make of his exegesis of the scripture.

The meeting will continue indefinitely and everybody is cordially invited to attend, take part and enjoy the services at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. A. A. Baker.

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These directories were printed by The Merkel Mail Printing Co. and are not only a credit to the mechanical management of our job department but speak well for the telephone company.

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Notice to our Friends and Customers.

Our buyers will be off to market in the next few days. If there is anything special any of our friends would like to have us get for them, we will take pleasure in getting it for them. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

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Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 29, 1911
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Johnston, L. M.

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H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

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If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

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JERUSALEM

By Pastor Russell
Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins."—Isa. 40:1, 2.

Christendom, with united voice, admits that all of the divine revelation came to and through the Hebrew people. Listen to the argument of the Apostle Paul. "What advantage then hath the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way; chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God"—the Divine message respecting the Divine purposes, present and to come. The Apostle again informs us that the entire Gospel message was briefly comprehended in the Creator's promise to Abraham. "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Galatians III, 8).

It was the most natural thing imaginable for the Jewish nation to suppose that the giving to them of the law at Mount Sinai, through the mediatorship of Moses, was the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham. Nevertheless they were mistaken.

Israel's mediator, and the sacrificing priests, and the sacrifices they offered and their Tabernacle, with its holy and most holy, and the temple, and all the features of the law Covenant were types or foreshadows of the "better sacrifices," higher priesthood, better mediator, and glorious blessings of eternal forgiveness and reconciliation yet to be accomplished. Nevertheless the period of Israel's types was not wasted. Not only were the types there given, but at the same time a special class of agents were selected: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets and worthy ones of that age, holy, consecrated to God, and accepted as agents qualified for the kingdom conditions. Of these the scriptures declare, "They fell asleep." They are still asleep in the dust of the earth, awaiting the glorious resurrection morning, and a grand share then with Messiah in the work then to be accomplished. In their lifetime, they were styled the fathers, because Messiah was to be of the posterity of Abraham, and also "David's Son."

But other scriptures without contradicting these statements, show us distinctly that "David's Son" and "Abraham's Seed" is to be lord and father of both David and Abraham. Thus we read, "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth" (Psalm xlv, 16). David's son, Messiah, will be David's father, or life-giver, when he will raise David from the dead. Similarly he will be the father of all of those ancient worthies; and as David's Lord, and "Lord of lords," it will be his pleasure to appoint the Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all of the ancient worthies, and prophets, and faithful ones a glorious share with himself in the great Messianic kingdom, which he is about to set up for the ruling and blessing of Israel and all the nations of the earth.

Glance with me at three different statements by the lord through the prophets of Israel respecting Israel's "double" of experience: The first, an experience of God's favor; the second, an experience of equal length without divine favor.

Turn now to Zechariah's prophecy, and note that prophetically he takes his standpoint at the very time when the second part of the "double" began. His words are, "Even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee (Zechariah ix, 12).

Come next to our text, and note that the prophet Isaiah stands with us, and views the matter from the standpoint that the "double" of experience has been fulfilled: "Speak comfortably unto Jerusalem, cry unto her that her appointed time is accomplished, because she hath received at the lord's hands double (two equal parts) for her sins." It is our understanding that this "double" reached fulfillment in the year 1878 A. D., and since that date we have been declaring to the best of our ability, as the lord granted opportunity, these comforting words to Israel, assuring God's chosen people that their period of disfavor has ended, and that they are gradually returning to prosperity, that divine favor began with them in 1878. Yea, more than this, our sermons which to some extent reflect this feature of the divine program relating to Israel's restoration to divine favor, are being read to a considerable extent by Hebrews as well as by Christians; their eyes are gradually opening, as the scriptures foretell they shall do.

Israel's history as a nation began with the death of Jacob, when he gave his blessing to the 12 tribes. The period from that time to the death of Jesus, according to the scriptures, was 1845 years; and a like period of disfavor, measuring from the day of Jesus' rejection marks the year 1878, as the end of Israel's disfavor—the time when the message of comfort should go forth. However, divine favor was only gradually taken from Israel, and altogether a period of 33 years intervened between the death of Jesus and the utter destruction of Jerusalem. Similarly we should expect that the return of favor would be gradual, a like period of 33 years; and this would bring us to the year 1914, as the time when God's favor for his people will be publicly and openly manifested.

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No. 10052.

Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

I, Thomas P. Kane, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section 5202 of the Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of Office this Seventh day of July, 1911.

T. P. KANE, Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

First National Bank of Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All creditors and other claimants are therefore notified to present their claims for payment to J. E. Faucett, Cashier, 101 Olive St., 7-14m2.

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Just Cause for Anger. Timmore is so angry with her she vows she will never pay says the neighbor. "In the world?" asks the

she got him to put in a bridge and she complained to him did not feel right, but he said all right and would not be when she got used to it; and so it, of course, although it to make it hard for her to talk of made her voice thick, you And yesterday she called up more and asked him to bring some shoes and shirts for their little boys, and Mr. Timmore kept her repeating it over and over to him the longest time, until he thought he knew what she wanted. And what do you suppose he brought home? A bottle of soothing sirup!"—Judge.

Twenty-Five Cents is the Price of Peace.

The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price 25 cents. For sale all dealers.

The Honey Bee

The honey bee is nature's factory, and this family of insects is the only one which completely manufactures and stores a product ready for the market without the aid of man and the ingenuity of the human race has never been able to imitate its products. So completely does it monopolize the manufacture of honey that in all probability it operates in direct violation of our anti-trust laws.

Like the human race, there are many drones in the colony, but as a whole the bee is the highest type of energy, thrift, and enterprise in the animal kingdom and it leads in intelligence, foresight and business persistency.



They are the most orderly and best governed of any class of animals, not excepting the human race. Their methods of government form the basis of the constitution of every civilized nation on the globe, and so perfect is this primitive system of government that no changes in or additions to their laws have been necessary since the beginning of creation and they have fewer and better laws than any other organized form of animal society. The "spirit of the hive" is oftentimes more conducive to peace and industrial activity than public sentiment of civic communities.

The Texas Almanac of 1910 estimates that we have 600,000 swarms valued at \$9.17 each, making a total value of \$5,500,000, and last year the output of honey and wax sold for \$3,500,000. This is a return of 58 per cent on the investment. No banker or broker will undertake to compete with them in dividends and money invested in an apiary is as safe as in a bank vault. No domestic animal or insect has been able to approach the honey bee as a revenue producer and none can compare with it in popularity of product.

The climate of Texas permits the best soil produces blossoms, buds and flowers for these little harvesters to reap the entire year. The natural vegetable growth of Texas is rich in honey products and no country on the globe is better adapted by nature to apiculture than Texas.

Saves Two Lives.

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living to-day, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery" writes A. D. McDonald of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup, whooping cough—all bronchial troubles—its supreme. Trail bottle free. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Old Friend Missed.

Among those who visited the Astor library, before its doors were closed for the last time to the public, was an elderly, neatly clad man, who had been a regular patron of the place for years. He said to a man who saw him lingering in the vestibule: "Going uptown is a good move, no doubt, for the library, and the new quarters are of course much superior to those, but some of us feel bad about it. We were at home here. We were even accustomed to the drafts and knew where to sit to avoid them. We're too old to get used to the new place, and it costs five cents to get there. Too bad!"—New York Press.

Death in Roaring Fire

may not result from the work of firebugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammations. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

The Society Scold.

"Pa," said Freddy, "what is a social scale?" "Generally speaking," replied pa, "it's a place where they weigh money."—Bohemian Magazine.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swelling, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liment contractors the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Austin, July 26—On July 31 the first called session of the 32nd Legislature will be in session and our solons will face the State with clear consciences and clean shirts.

This is a called session of our Legislature and of course only subjects submitted by the Governor can be legislated upon and the friends of chief executive claim that this is one session of a Texas Legislature that will not have an opportunity of fighting a duel with civilization. This is certainly good news, as the state is accustomed to shivering like a lemonade shaker while the legislature is in session, but this blessed assurance effectively muzzles many members who have a genius for knocking off laws as a country boy does a hoe-down.

This is hurricane weather in politics; the prohibition election has rent the state in twain and ill winds that blow no good occasionally whirl through the capital. Candidates are beginning to peep out from behind the clouds like stars that appear and disappear on a stormy night and now and then a sun dog shows up on the political horizon to threaten foul weather, but the wise ones tell us this remarkable phenomenon is merely the clearing of the atmosphere for new ideas.

Some of the biggest fish in the political waters will be swimming around Austin during the present session. The re-districting of the state will bring out the political map-makers and the Appropriation bill will cause those who tread political path for livelihood to rally around the pie counter.

Those high up on the political roost predict a large increase in membership in State Representatives and the Congressional Districts may show an increase in number and in any event, the realignment will cause many a candidate, actual and prospective, to add a few chapters to the profane history of the state, while a few of them will have to take a cold plunge and abandon politics. The Appropriation Bill, to meet the growing demands of the state, will necessarily show new items, as well as an increase in the current expenditures. Texas has never spent any money in the development of its resources, but the present session of the legislature may reach the wisdom strata and at least put up a few sign boards on the road to progress.

The governor is being urged to submit innumerable subjects for legislation but the present Chief Executive has never shown a disposition to add to the swollen and turbulent stream of legislation and reasons as plentiful as blackberries will have to be advanced before the governor will be convinced.

The session will not be without its sensations. It is always customary to put a few new wrinkles in the democratic party during a legislative session and some of the members will want to powder their records with star dust in order to make a showing with their constituents and then there will be many a democratic roadster come trotting down the political pike while the legislature is in session.

Solves A Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Elictric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Elictric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

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The Texas Banks

Money is the blood of commerce and our banks are the heart of our financial system. They are a necessary and powerful factor in the state's development. Our politicians may agitate, our law givers legislate and our promoters enthuse over our industrial problems, but the banker is the man who passes the final judgment and upon his decision rests the progress and destiny of the state.

Gen. Sam Houston's Views.

Gen. Sam Houston was opposed to banks and at the first Constitutional Convention introduced the following resolution: "No banking institution or office of discount and deposit or any other moneyed corporation or banking establishment shall ever exist under the constitution of Texas." General Houston defended the resolution on the floor of the convention, but lost. Since then our banking institutions have been growing rapidly.

Our Bankers.

The patriotism, ability and conservatism of the Texas bankers have protected, built up and directed the state's material growth, placing under our business institutions solid, substantial foundations and the financial fibre of the state is strong, vigorous and sufficiently elastic to care for our big problems in development.

Our Banks.

We have 527 national banks, 625 state banks, 174 private banks and five savings banks. The combined capital of the state and national banks is \$63,483,500, surplus \$26,135,931, undivided profit \$9,382,595 and the deposits on June 1, 1910, \$279,550,541. The figures on private banks are not of record and are, therefore, omitted in the above data. The amount on deposit in our banks is equal to \$70 per capita.

Texas Investments.

No state in the Union can offer such opportunities for investment as Texas. The rapid increase in value of all Texas property and the many business opportunities which are afforded every individual renders investments safe and profitable. Our real estate increases in value approximately one million dollars per day and we have \$700,000 of outside money coming into Texas daily.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble.

After doctoring for about 12 years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly \$500 for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before.—Samuel Boyer, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers. Samples free.

Mental Processes of Genius.

The distinguished French mathematician and physicist, Prof. Henri Poincare, has been made the subject of a curious psychological study by Doctor Toulouse. The most singular thing shown by his observations, Doctor Toulouse thinks, is that Poincare's discoveries have not been reached by concentration of mental effort, but have often come to him spontaneously, when his thoughts have been turned in quite different directions. Nevertheless, the mental concentration occurs, and the great mathematician, while engaged in his work, often becomes unmindful of matters of every-day life. For the faculty of suddenly conceiving new ideas when the thoughts have been turned away from the particular subject to which they refer, Doctor Toulouse proposes the name of "autoconduction." He regards it as especially characteristic of mathematicians.—Youth's Companion.

Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me right. They're simple great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Limitations.

"John," asked Mrs. Dorkins, "what is a 'political con game'?" "Why, it's—a frame-up, you know." "Yes, but what is a frame-up?" "A—er—piece of bunk, of course, can't you?" "What is a piece of bunk?" "Oh, shucks!" exclaimed Mr. Dorkins. "What's the use of trying to tell a woman anything about politics!"

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and lose several days' time, unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take a dose on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

My office is located in the Merkel Mail building next to the postoffice where I will appreciate the visits of my friends and clients. I am going to do my very level best for those who will ask my assistance in the sale or purchase of any of our properties. Your lands should be listed with me and if given to me exclusively I will work that much harder to serve your interests. It is easy to sell any property of real merit—just the job of finding the man with the money who wants the property. If you have a horse and want a mule and I have a client with a mule who wants a horse and you are both fair in your valuations there will be a trade and two good friends made for my business. Some of our farmers have lands and want the money and some men with money are looking for good investments in lands. If you are among the latter read the following and if you are not interested write me what it would take to please you.

Section of Land at Sacrifice.

There is a real stable value in all good agricultural land, easily evident to any practical farmer or business man and in this piece of property you can get the biggest and best bargain in farming land in the Merkel country. It is already fairly well improved, 330 acres in cultivation, three sets of improvements but the value is in the soil outside of any of these. The price is \$10.00 to \$15.00 below the price of the same grade of land in that community and the land is offered for sale for just the amount against it. It will take \$5,000 cash now for the first payment, with terms on the balance.

Section of Good Cheap Land.

One of my clients who owns land in all parts of our country is making some prices which he knows will move the property and realize for him the cash. This proposition is to sell a section of land, with nearly one hundred acres in cultivation, more than one hundred acres of balance good tillable land and the rest good grass land. There is a good little house, good cistern and well with inexhaustible supply of water and this property is within one-half mile of good little town with bank, school, churches, gin and stores. Price, \$8.00 per acre, one-half cash and terms on balance.

Brick Building at a Bargain.

The assurance of an enhancement in value or a fair return of revenue either makes a good investment but in this proposition I can guarantee a good revenue from the investment from the date of the sale and anyone who will make investigation will see the promise of increase in value. This is one of the most desirable business properties in our little city and if you are interested write or ask for further information. It will take \$2500 cash to make the deal and liberal terms on the balance.

For Farming and Stock Raising.

A tract of land in the Clear Fork valley consisting of 1128 acres, 450 in cultivation and the most of the other the richest valley land would make an ideal stock farm and one of the most profitable investments possible. This land is for sale at a bargain figure simply to enable the owners to divide their interests. Price, \$30,000; \$10,000 in cash or good trade worth the money. If you are looking for this kind of an investment do not waste time—ing but come and look at the property and then make a decision.

Real Bargains in Merkel Farms.

No country has a richer soil and our seasons compare favorably with those where lands are worth \$100 to \$150 per acre. We have the country for the man of ambition who wants his property to enhance in value. Our lands will never be cheaper and now is the time to make your purchase of a home. We promise you more than this value in our lands, the greatest blessing of life and that is the best of health which you can not buy in the countries with a lower altitude. This is not idle newspaper talk for I will make good on everything I tell you and you may come to look at any of the following propositions on a guarantee from me or our banks that you will find everything just as I represent it to you with this ink and paper.

A tract of 550 acres of land, 75 in cultivation, 90 per cent tillable but no improvements except tanks and fencing, desirably located and a good investment at \$15.00 per acre.

Half section, 320 acres, 125 in cultivation, 75 more good, making 200 acres of the richest Canyon valley soil, some of which has produced two bales of cotton per acre, balance rough mountain but some good grass land. No better home for a good farmer or investment for anyone. Price \$5,000; \$1500 cash, balance easy.

A good and good-looking improved farm, 135 acres in Sixth country, 107 in cultivation and all level as the floor except three or four acres, good house, barn, cistern, well and other improvements. Price \$32 per acre; \$1500 cash and liberal terms.

A small tract, 80 acres, desirable property, well located and 4 miles of Merkel, will make someone a good little home.—An abundance of good water and 55 acres in cultivation. Price \$27.50 per acre; \$1000 cash and terms.

I have some of the best little farms in our country, right up close to town and will be glad to show you or submit you propositions if you will let me know what you want.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

A wealthy and successful business man who is retiring from active business owns one of the best gin plants, 4-stand Munger modern plant, all in good shape and with \$500 or \$600 worth of wood on the ground, is worth his price, \$6,000. It is in good community and will gin 1,000 to 2,000 bales any average year. He will give liberal terms or let me exchange it for good farming land in Taylor or Jones county, worth the money.

The owner of 130 acres of our best land, improved, owing \$1200, wishes to exchange the same for a small tract of 20 to 60 acres of good black land near some good town.

I have some handsome homes in Merkel to exchange for farm land and one client who wants to trade small improved farm for good comfortable home in the edge of Merkel.

If you do not see what you want, write and ask about it. If you are wanting to trade tell me about what you have got and what you want. All such information is treated as confidential and any business entrusted to me will be handled to the best of my ability.

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A Study in Statesmen

by Edward B. Clark



ORCE, picturesqueness and ability in congress knows no sections. Northerners, southerners, easterners and westerners have their strengths and their weaknesses, their physical mannerisms and their mental idiosyncrasies just like all other human beings.

There have been men in congress who year in and year out on every occasion have kept hewing to the line of one special legislative endeavor. John T. Morgan, for years senator from the state of Alabama, worked for months untold to secure the adoption by the United States government of the Nicaraguan route for the great interoceanic canal. He lost out, but it is probable that the facts which he obtained in his researches were of more value to the diggers of the canal than those gathered by any other man.

Senator Morgan was one of the noted exceptions to the psalmist's rule for the limit of the years of man. Some of the flippant, and possibly tired, senators declared that Mr. Morgan's speeches were as long as his life. If the voice of the Alabama man had been younger there would have been few sleepy ones in the senate when he talked—that is when he talked on any other subject than the interoceanic canal. Then it was to fly before the face of his oratory.

There was substance to Senator Morgan's speeches, and this much cannot be said for the vocal efforts of some of the flippant and younger ones. The aged one's words went into the Congressional Record and illuminated its pages. When he rose to speak many of the colleagues of Mr. Morgan retreated to the restaurant or the cloak room. Only rarely did he take apparent notice of the seeming discourtesy. Once, wisely or unwisely, he said with something of pathos in his voice that he wished he could talk in the lunch room, for there he would be sure of an audience.

Mr. Morgan was no imperialist. He had a fear in his heart of the outcome of the policy of expansion, and the note of warning that came from his lips was frequent and forceful. One day, after outlining the position which he believed his country should take, his voice came back to him. Senators starting to leave their seats sunk back and listened. The words fairly rang through the chamber. This was what he said:

"In this lofty attitude we can prove the virtue of the republic before the eyes of all mankind, or we can set its light as a beacon to warn coming generations that, even in the highest reach of power and advantage, this republic—this republic of all eyes—is affected to the core by the covetousness, and is aflame with the lust of power that is attended by the tyrannies and oppressions of the oligarchies and despots that have disgraced the history of other nations."

The senate of the United States stands for dignity. Sometimes the dignity is overdone, but, on one occasion the Senate was undignified to the point of striking several older senators with horror.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina was making nothing less than an impassioned speech. He was reaching toward the skies of oratory, when Senator Warren left his seat, unseen by Tillman, and took station behind the South Carolinian. The speaker had both hands high over his head directing the soaring of his thoughts and words. Warren took a step forward. His hand stole to Tillman's side, slipped into his pocket, and came out again holding in its clutch a big black bottle.

All unconscious Tillman went on with his words of fire. Warren held his flint aloft in full view of the presiding officer, of his colleagues and the crowded galleries. There was a gasp, then a smothered and simultaneous gurgle of horror from a hundred throats, and then roaring laughter unchecked.

Tillman turned and knowledge of the awfulness of his situation came to him. For once, possibly for the first time in his life, he was staggered to speechlessness. He strove for words, but they came not at his bidding. His face was first black with something like anger. Then the cloud cleared and a smile broke through. Speech returned, and two words came: "Boric acid."

It was boric acid, but unfortunately for Mr. Tillman, it had been put into a black and suspicious bottle. A sore throat was the reason for its carrying, and while the South Carolinian is a man of known truth, he would not let the matter pass until he had passed the bottle and had forced him comrades to smell the stuff and make clear his temperance record.

Neither senate nor house makes light of pension pleas in the presence of the galleries, but some of the would-be pensioners play comic roles in the committee rooms and corridors. Claimants who can prove things are treated as old soldiers and old soldiers' widows ought to be treated—decently and reverently.

Congress in its weakness has voted pensions on many an occasion, though doubtless knowing that the pensions were unearned and undeserved, but the day of that sort of thing is passing. If it has not altogether gone. One member was asked to use his influence to secure an in-



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crease of pension for the widow of a soldier. There were papers forwarded to him which bore on the case, and these he turned over to the committee on pensions after his bill had been introduced.

The widow did not get her money, and it was not long before the whole house knew why. The member who had espoused the widow's cause had been in congress for years, and the joke at his expense was too good to keep, and one after another of his colleagues walked up to his desk and congratulated him on the wisdom shown in the plea which was in written form, he had turned in to the committee to win the widow's case.

It is perhaps needless to say that the member had never read the plea. It set forth the fact that while the amount of pension increase the widow of the soldier hero asked for was large, it must be understood "that she came of good family, moved in the best social circles, and was in need of a large sum of money to keep up appearances."

Upon occasion senators and representatives permit their constituents to do their talking for them in congress. Petitions come in floods at times, with the object of securing legislation by external pressure. In the Smoot case, and in the pure food and army canteen matters the pleas of the people came in by the tens of thousands. The members of both houses present these letters, call attention to their import and then allow the petition to do the rest if they are potent enough.

Senator Lattimer of South Carolina once introduced a good roads bill calling for the expenditure of government millions for the improvement of the highways. The automobilists all over the country began sending letters of approval. They pressed their friends into the writing service, but that they did not always pass upon the persuasive merits of the friends' productions is shown fairly well by one letter on the good roads' subject received by Senator Cullom. It read like this:

"Dear Mr. Cullom: Please vote for this d—d bill, and you will oblige a fool friend of mine who runs an automobile. Yours more or less sincerely,

It was a Chicago man who wrote this appeal. There were others like unto it. The good roads bill still sleeps.

In the older days the school readers contained the story of "I'll Try Sir Miller." Probably everybody knows who "I'll Try Sir Miller," was. Certainly everybody ought to know. Gen. James Miller then a captain, was the hero of Lundy's Lane. He said he would try to do the thing necessary for the thrashing of the enemy, and he did it, and "I'll Try Sir," took the place of his Christian name James.

For years several representatives in congress tried to secure an appropriation to be used for the building of a monument to General Miller at Petersboro, N. H., near which town "I'll Try Sir" lived on a farm before the war of 1812, and for years after its close. The representatives who had the matter of pushing the bill in hand used the words of Captain Miller at Lundy's Lane to express their own determination to secure a victory. They certainly did try, and the speeches that were made before the library committee of congress held patriotic appeals in every sentence. Apparently, however, it was easier for Miller to capture a battery against odds than it was for members of congress to capture the dollars necessary to build a monument of enduring stones to his memory.

It was a case of try and try again. While the cause of Miller, whose heroism was worth a dozen monuments, was being pleaded, congress voted money for memorials to other men less deserving. Finally, however, a New Hampshire member who had been digging into history found out something about "I'll Try Sir's" career which was not generally known. Congress had been told time and again that Captain Miller not only had shown conspicuous gallantry at Lundy's Lane, but that prior to that fight he had thrashed a superior force of British and Indians at Managua. Congress had also been told that Miller had commanded the center column of General Brown's army, which routed what was apparently an overwhelmingly greater force of the British at Fore Erie.

These things didn't make an impression. Congress seemed to think that inasmuch as Miller was a soldier that it was his business to defeat superior forces of the enemy every day in the week without imposing any monument-raising duty on posterity. The New Hampshire member, however, found out that after the war of 1812 Miller went back to his farm near Petersboro, plowed fields, chopped wood and milked the cows instead of going to Washington to ask the government to do something for him on account of his record.

Miller's popularity was such after the treaty of peace that the government probably would have been glad to give him anything that it had to give. When "I'll Try Sir" was asked why he was playing Cincinnati instead of taking a job in Washington, he replied: "When men begin leaving the farms for the cities the nation will begin to decay."

Congress was told of this saying of Miller's, and either admiration for his choice of a farmer's life or else belief that he was a prophet who before long might have the truth of his prophecy proved, brought a favorable report from the committee on library in the matter of the monument at Petersboro.

Equality of Man

By Rev. S. M. Dick
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TEXT—There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.—Gal. 3:28.

Twenty-two years ago the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church was organized. We celebrate its twenty-first anniversary. Its growth has been marvelous. Its work significant. It is not my purpose to review its history, but to call your attention to its opportunity for service. Service is the keynote in the symphony of this century's activities. Four distinct phases of ethical development mark the four quarters of the last century. These four ethical principles are a foundation for the superstructure of the service to be rendered to humanity in the name of Jesus Christ during this century.

In the first quarter of the last century the fundamental principles were laid for the breaking down of race prejudices. Nearly all Europe was in war. One hundred and seventy million people were involved, 4,000,000 men were drawn from the activities of economic production and were expending their energies in wasting each other's states, burning their cities, robbing their fields, destroying their homes and taking their lives. No excuse other than an other nationality and plunder was necessary to go to war.

But in the midst of this mighty conflict of destruction other forces were at work. Great ideas were taking form in the minds of men who loved peace rather than war. The idea of the steamboat, the railroad, the telegraph was budding and blossoming to bring forth a little later its harvest of better feeling between nations, larger conceptions of fraternity and a keener sense of brotherhood and justice. It was the initiation of that great movement which is now resulting in that world-wide feeling, "there is neither Jew nor Greek," but a man's man for a' that.

The second quarter of a century was marked by abolition of slavery. The agitation in the British parliament succeeded in emancipating all British slaves in 1834. Hungary had 9,000,000 slaves. Nearly all the peasants of Austria and Prussia were slaves. It was in this quarter of the century that the principles that were to bring freedom to the multitudes were agitated and the people began to see a great light. The same was true of the United States. While the emancipation of the slave did not come until the next quarter of the century, the leaven of emancipation was working with the sure result which followed in the sixties. Henceforth there was to be neither bond nor free.

The third quarter of the century revealed that, ethically speaking, there was neither male nor female. After the beginning of the century women were excluded from schools by law. No woman was allowed to teach in public schools; and for a woman to think of being a clerk in a store or serving the public in any industrial way outside of the home was an almost unheard-of thing. But from 1850 to 1875 was the period of their emancipation. Public schools were opened to them not only to attend but they became dominant factors in the teaching force. Colleges for co-education were established in large numbers and women showed themselves the equals of their brothers in educational attainments. Before the close of the century 80 per cent. of the teachers in the public schools of the country were women. Practically all avenues of business were open to them and all professions welcomed them. Verily there was neither male nor female.

The last quarter of a century we began to realize, "Ye are all one in Christ Jesus." It was the quarter of brotherhood. Trade, travel, education and religion began to bring men to see things from the same angle. We began to know each other. We learned we were brethren. We had one common interest. We served to one common end. Christianity makes no distinction between races. Its aim and purpose is to lift humanity up to better things.

These great movements have bequeathed to the young life of this century a rich heritage. In all departments of life we are asking the question: "Is the product worth while?" We ask of the public school, is the product worth while? Does it pay the cost of its production? Of the college and university we are asking the same question. The same is being asked of the saloon and of the great industrial organizations; the same of the church of Jesus Christ. The same of the Sunday school and of the Epworth League and of every other society of young people organized for Christian work.

This is the opportunity of the ages. Are we meeting it? Manhood, womanhood, integrity in business, honesty in trade, sincerity in service, sacrifice in relation to others, these are things the age is calling for. Will we measure up to our part in the use of our inheritance which the last century has handed down to us and which this century demands we use to the glory of God and to the edification of man.

The voice of all nature cries to us that there is a God.—Voltaire.

A TRAIN LOAD OF TOBACCO.

Twenty-four Carloads Purchased for Lewis' Single Binder Cigar Factory.

What is probably the biggest lot of all fancy grade tobacco held by any factory in the United States has just been purchased by Frank P. Lewis, of Peoria, for the manufacture of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars. The lot will make twenty-four carloads, and is selected from what is considered by experts to be the finest crop raised in many years. The purchase of tobacco is sufficient to last the factory more than two years. An extra price was paid for the selection. Smokers of Lewis' Single Binder Cigars will appreciate this tobacco.

—Peoria Star, January 16, 1909.

DECIDED NOT TO OPEN IT.



Caller—I was thinking about opening a drug store in this neighborhood. Do you think one is needed around here?

Resident—Great idea. There's place within ten blocks where you can buy stamps or see the city attorney.

Seventy-One Years in a Shoe Shop.

Charles H. Wilson of Troy, N. Y., occupies the unique position of having been in business in one building for 71 years; at least he will have completed 71 years in the shoe business at 242-244 River street August 12 next. This record, it is believed, can be equaled by few if any shoe retailers in this country. Mr. Wilson has also been in business for himself for more than 60 years. Mr. Wilson is today just as much in active business as he was almost three-quarters of a century ago, when as a thirteen-year-old lad he entered the employ of John Leonard Williams of Troy. To be exact, that was August 12, 1840. Mr. Williams kept a shoe store at 242-244 River street in a building which had been erected in 1803, and so the building now occupied by Mr. Williams for his retail shoe business is one of the oldest buildings in Troy.

Making Legal.

"We don't know what Plute Pete," said the citizen. "He was a real one, but he would be careless as an 'n' up the populace." "Did you straighten out ter?" "To some extent! We sheriff, thereby makin' it more legal."

Supply.

New Minister—Now just more before I accept this job, you got a "supply"?

Deacon—Well, yes, though said anything to the last about it. I'll show you what and get you a key, but I tell you have to be just as careful as it as the rest of us!—Pack.

Disappointed.

Knicker—Was Subbubs dis in his house?

Docker—Yes; what he to the henhouse turned out to bungalow.

FALSE HUNGER

A Symptom of Stomach Trouble rected by Good Food

There is, with some forms of stomach trouble, an abnormal craving for food which is frequently mistaken for a "good appetite." A lady writes from Carthage, Mo., plain how with good food she was with this sort of hurtful hunger. "I have taught school for years, and up to nine years ago, good, average health. Nine years ago, my health began to decline and continued to grow worse in spite of doctor's prescriptions everything I could do. During time my appetite continued to grow the more I ate the more I was fat—I was always hungry."

"The first symptoms of my trouble were a distressing nervousness and a loss of flesh. The nervousness was so bad that finally it amounted to actual prostration. Then came such troubles, which were very distressing, which brought dyspepsia and severe nervous aches."

"The doctors seemed powerless to help me, said I was overworked at last urged me to give up my job, if I wished to save my life."

"But this I could not do. I did it as well as I could, each day more wretched, my weight alone keeping me up, till at last good angel suggested that I try Grape-Nuts food, and from that day to this I have found it delicious always appetizing and satisfying."

"I owe my restoration to health to Grape-Nuts. My weight has returned and for more than two years I have been free from the nervousness, constipation, piles, headaches, and all ailments that used to punish me so and have been able to work freely and easily." Name given by Postum Co. Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. Try it, you are growing, true, and feel better by interest.

The Shepherd of the Black Sheep

Professor Sir Charles Bell in the Strand Calls It a Convulsive Action of the Diaphragm.

"Laughter," says Professor Sir Charles Bell in the London Strand, "is a convulsive action of the diaphragm. In this state the person draws a full breath and throws it out in interrupted, short and audible expirations. This convulsion of the diaphragm is the principal part of the physical manifestation of laughter; but there are several accessories, especially the sharp vocal utterance arising from the violent tension of the larynx and the expression of the features, this being

a more intense form of the smile. In extreme cases the eyes are moistened by the effusion from the lachrymal glands."

There you have a scientific definition. But it is clear that mankind would hardly take the trouble to go through that experience if that is all that laughter consisted of. They would not regard a Dickens or a Mark Twain as a benefactor merely because a perusal of their writings produced that. No; even the philosophers know that laughter is something better than that—something internal—that there is such a thing as silent laughter. Hobbes calls laughter "a

sudden glory arising from a sudden conception of some eminency in ourselves by comparison with the inferiority of others, or with our own former."

If a laugh is a benefaction and the provoker of a laugh a benefactor, why are there more statues to dull people than to witty ones? Who was the greatest laugh promoter in history? It was said of Sidney Smith that he was the father of 10,000,000 laughs. "Laughter," said Lord Rosebery recently, "is a physical necessity. We live under a sunless sky, surrounded by a melancholy ocean, and it is a physical necessity for the English nation—even for the Scotch nation and the Welsh nation—to laugh. It exhilarates all social relations. Was not," his lordship added, "the laugh

of Sir Frank Lockwood something that would make a stuffed bird rejoice? And those who listened to the splendor of merriment which he could impart by that laugh realize the intense value of that emotional exercise."

Alibi.

Father (having caught his son in a lie)—Haven't I always told you to tell the truth?

Son—Yes, father; but you also told me never to become the slave of a habit.

Do you ever think of the irrevocable nature of speech? You may find, years after your light word was spoken, spoken, that it made a whole life unhappy, or ruined the peace of a household.—Stimpford Brooks.