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Dr. H. Guernsey Jones,

PHYSICIAN, OBSTETRICIAN, SURGEON.

SONORA - TEXAS.

Dr. Chase, in his recent use of foods, makes the statement that if a man addicted to the use of intoxicants will eat an orange half an hour before breakfast every morning for three weeks he will lose all taste for liquor and gain in health and strength.

The real value of milk and butter and cheese as foods is only half appreciated in America. In the old countries, where rats are rarely on the table of the middle and poorer classes milk and cheese are leading articles of food.

A writer who calls fresh goods, wholesome adornments, for which no young woman should fret too much, nevertheless gives the following recipe for a skin to reduce their prominence: Mix two ounces of lavender water with one dram of chloride of ammonia and a pint of water.

The splendid Mexican literary festival at Sanburg recalls to the memory how the great composer died in December, 1840. He finished his days in the top of a flag of a house in one of the poorest streets of the city. He left 6 florins in money, and the sale of his effects realized 20 florins or about 35 shillings. He was laid in a pauper's grave marked by a plain wooden cross and nobody knows now where the grave is.

The wayward young man, broken in health, has gone to the southwest to recuperate. He was in jail in Tombston, Ariz., for stealing a hind quarter of beef. The loneliness of his exile set him down and wrote as follows: "Dear Father, I have picked up some flesh since I came out here, but I am still confined to my room. Please send me \$100."—Chicago Tribune.

To Preserve a Husband. Husbands, are like peaches, will not keep the year unless they are well preserved. First, select him carefully. Be sure he is not too green; neither should he be overripe. He might look very tempting and juicy on the outside, but if he is not ripe within, he will not keep.

Some enterprising citizen could make big money by putting in a public scale in Sonora.

Day by day Sonora becomes more prominent as a thriving go-ahead town and the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise. Now we want a bank.

Ranchmen for miles around, do their trading in Sonora where they can buy supplies as cheap as any place in West Texas.

World's Fair Notes.

Mrs. Willie D. House of Waco is the president of the first "Teachers' World's Fair Club" organized in Texas. The Texas World's Fair building at Chicago cannot be built with wind. What is needed is money and the people should respond liberally to the cause.

J. R. Johnson, of Dallas is being strongly recommended for appointment as Chief of the Agricultural Department for the Texas World's Fair Exhibit Association.

The possibilities of Texas are unknown to the world. We must make them known. The most fertile country in the great Southwest should be well represented at the World's Fair.

The Texas building in Chicago must be completed by October, 1892. Remember that our great state is thrown upon her own resources. Have you done your part towards the construction of her building?

What county in Texas will be the first to raise its full quota for the Texas exhibit at the World's Fair? Fifteen cents per capita is but a small amount, and the amount should be readily raised by each county desiring to be represented. So far Tom Green is the best organized in the state, and gives promise of being the first to send in the full amount of its assessment.

A bank in Sonora could do a world of business.

Always locate in a progressive community and grow up with the country. Come to Sonora and Sutton county, the cream of the West.

Once there was a lawyer who closed up an estate case, but he died many years ago. He was a young man. He had studied law in his father's office, and his father finally retired and gave the business to him. One day, less than a week after the old gentleman had retired, the young man came home and proudly said:

"Father, you know that you have been trying for years and years to settle the Gilpin estate case?" "Yes," answered the father with a suggestion of a smile. "Well, it didn't take me two days to settle it after I got at it." "What?" shouted the old lawyer. "You have settled the Gilpin estate?" "Yes; and it was as easy as rolling a log." "Well, you infernal idiot, you! Why, that estate has paid the living expenses of our family for four generations and might have paid them for four more if I had left the business to a dummy."—Detroit Free Press.

The best inland town in the state wants a bank. Come to Sonora.

How a Woman Should Exercise. A woman who has paid great attention to this important subject says water and air are the best tonic and beautifiers. For bathing purposes she recommends long mittens made from Turkish tobacco. At night the mittens should be put in a washbowl of water in which a little fine salt has been dissolved. On rising in the morning, wring out the mittens, put them on and rub the whole body briskly. Dry on a towel, not very coarse, and dress quickly.

Then go out of doors, if only for five minutes. Walking is the best exercise. If you cannot walk half a mile at first, walk a quarter; keep on stretching the distance until you can walk three or four miles without fatigue. Fresh air will put a good color in the face, and when the health is good and the blood circulates freely the nerves will be all right.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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SONORA, - TEXAS.

A rusty appearing fellow drifted into a broker's office not long since and approaching the manager said: "What do you wish to make an investment, and that he wanted to buy something good."

"How does silver strike you?" queried the broker. "Too good darn high," said the farmer.

"Well," said the broker, "if you want something cheap buy lead." "I don't think lead's any good," replied the farmer. "Have you any good tin?" he continued.

"No tin was busied some months ago. Why don't you try Consolidated gas?" continued the broker.

"Consolidated gas!" exclaimed the stranger. "I've heard tell on rails made of papers (I suppose they use old ones they kin buy cheap) but I'll be dinged if they air now makin' no m of gas."

"What do you want in here, anyhow?" roared the broker. "I came in to buy some milk pans," replied the stranger; "a feller down here says as how this was a lucket shop."—Buffalo Enquirer.

Sonora is the metropolis of the Devil's River country.

If you are looking for a ranch location, do not forget to come to the Stockman's Paradise.

If you want health, wealth and happiness, come to the Stockman's Paradise. Sonora is the Pride of the West.

Join the Texas wool growers association. It only costs \$2.50 to join and \$2.50 a year for dues. If all the wool growers of Texas belonged to this association, wool would be in a different shape.

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Do you want water? If so, call on J. L. Carlisle, of San Angelo, and take your choice of the following popular windmills: Eclipse, Daisy O'K, Challenge, Star and Decorah.

Will Bring Plenty of Water. 8 horse power stationary engine, and 6 horse portable wool or coal engine, also 4 horse oil engine, for sale at a bargain. Apply to F. A. McCarthy, the windmill man, San Angelo, Texas.

Lost Horses. Lost from the Schleicher divide about 15th of April, one black horse fifteen hands high, branded 13 on jaw, one brown pony 14 hands high, one white horse 17 or left shoulder, 99 on left thigh. \$5 a head reward for their return to B. F. McDonald, June.

Sheep branded +, M or C, belong to the Hufferman ranch, Devil's River. If you know where there are any in the above brands communicate with J. T. Hufferman, San Angelo, or at the ranch.

Notice! Notice! Notice! For sale 1800 of the second best flock of sheep in the county, about 400 muttuns ready for market. For further particulars, apply to C. T. COVINGTON, Tex.

\$50.00 Reward. Lost from Sonora on the 24th of May, 300 dry sheep, branded round top A. C. H. S. SOWELL, Sonora.

DENTIST. Dr. H. H. Ramsey, wishes to inform the public that he will return about the 1st of September, and reside permanently.

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WHAT IMPELS THEM?

Deaf Mutes Have a Fascination for Walking on Railroad Tracks.

"This one makes twenty-two deaf mutes that I have a record of who have been killed on railroad tracks since 1874," an old Erie locomotive engineer said after reading the account of Homer J. Higbee, a deaf mute, being run over and killed while walking on the railroad track at Olean. "Deaf people, and especially deaf mutes, seem to have a fascination for walking on railroad tracks, and they invariably walk on the track on which trains are running in the same direction they are walking."

"In 1874 I had been running on an engine and had the misfortune to kill a man. I was working for a New Jersey railroad, and one day I sounded my alarm signal to warn a man off the track, as he was walking leisurely along ahead of me and the train was drawing perilously close to him. He paid no attention to the signal, and I gave it to him again, long, sharp and loud. "He kept right on, and as I was unable to stop the train he was run over and killed. He was a well known resident of Orange country, and a deaf mute. A relative of his told me that he had many times narrowly escaped being killed while walking on railroad tracks, and he seemed to have an irresistible attraction for such dangerous pastime."

"Some time after that I went on the Pennsylvania road, and inside of a year killed two men at different times, while they were walking on the track. Both were deaf and dumb. In 1876, during the Centennial, I killed two other deaf persons who had the fatal fascination for railroad track pedestrianism. Then I went to the Erie road, and kept a record of all deaths of persons on railroad tracks that came to my notice through the newspapers, if it was stated that the victims were deaf or dumb. I have cases from all over the country, and this killing of Deaf Mute Higbee at Olean is the latest case of the kind. They are invariably killed in the same way."

"A deaf mute was never known to look back while walking on a railroad track, and he is generally discovered in places where it is almost an impossibility to stop in time to save him. The air brakes have saved a good many deaf railroad pedestrians since they came into use. It is an odd saying among railroad men that a deaf and dumb person will go two miles out of his way to walk on a railroad track."

"I have some one give some explanation of this strange phase of afflicted human nature. There is no doubt whatever of its existence." - New York Sun.

Doctors' Income.

It is computed that there are about a hundred doctors in New York each of whom has an annual income of \$10,000 and over. Only twenty-five of these are to be reckoned among the "rich over." A score may make from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year. Among them is Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi, who is reported to earn the largest income of any professional woman in America. Nearing the top of the golden pyramid are some three or four who make as much as \$50,000, and at the very apex stand the two famous specialists, Dr. T. Galliard Thomas and Dr. Salisbury, each credited with an annual income of \$100,000—the amount being given with more positive emphasis in the case of the former than of the latter. So it may be assumed that as a money maker Dr. Thomas outranks all his New York brethren. - New York Epoch.

Where He Made His Money.

Years ago a gentleman settled in the south and became very popular in the neighborhood. The county families could never discover how he had made his money, but were satisfied by his solemn assurance that it was not in any way gained. Nothing could exceed the ordinary grandeur of his life. He was indeed, caused him to be placed on the commission of peace, but now and then, without any apparent provocation, he would burst into such a laugh as no one ever heard before, except in one place.

Where they could have heard it puzzled the county families for five and twenty years, but at last he was betrayed unconsciously by his own grand child, who, after a visit to a traveling circus, innocently exclaimed, "Why, grandpa laughs just like the clown!" James Payn.

Chinese Hands and Finger Nails.

Chinese, when meeting, bow, their arms to their sides, then, folding each his own hands, raise them in front of the face and shake them gently at one another. The practice is admirable for foreign residents in the far east, for Chinese hands are all flabby and fish-like, and most of them dirty. Besides, the nails even on the right hand are inordinately long and never very clean. Here are the lengths of the left hand finger nails of a Chinese dandy as measured by a very competent authority: Thumb, 2 inches; first finger, 1 3/4 inches; second, 1 3/16 inches; third, 5 1/4 inches; fourth, 4 1/8 inches. - Temple Bar.

The Growth of the Nails.

The growth of nails on the left hand requires eight to ten days more than twice on the right; the growth is more rapid in children than in adults, and goes on faster in summer than in winter. It requires an average of 132 days for the renewal of the nails in the human hand, but 116 during the summer months in the Republic.

WHY WOMEN FAIL.

In the Telegraph Business They Marry and Upset the Service.

Not long ago a new telegraph service was organized on one of the West India islands under the supervision of an English governmental staff. The island was a long way behind the times in its method of communication and everything else, and the establishment of postal telegraph stations all round the island was looked upon as inaugurating a more hopeful and progressive era. The chief of the department found that women were cheaper than men, so the stations were placed in charge of a bright and promising corps of deft-wristed young ladies, who took kindly to their new task, and for awhile everything went smoothly. Presently, however, an epidemic fell on many of these island towns, and it invariably took the same form. The clerk from a mercantile office or store would be missing in the middle of the day when the fierce tropical sun was beating down on the white glaring streets, and driving every white man within the jalousies of his coolest piazza; or the horse of the young planter, who had ridden into town from the coffee mountains or the adjacent sugar estate, would be latched up for an unconscionable time under the shadow of a mango tree, the fruit of which could be plucked from the windows of the pick and spar station, which contained the whole secret of these unwanted phenomena.

In a single year the service went to pieces, and the chief had to face the fact that nearly every member of his staff had either resigned already or was about to resign, in consequence of approaching matrimony. The officers of the Western Union company seem to be having a similar experience. They complain that the innate propensity of the telegraph girls to get married is a source of constant disarrangement and change in their offices. Just as soon as a woman gets broken in thoroughly and can handle a heavy wire almost as well as a man, she is sure to fall in love with some telegrapher and marries. In most cases the women quit work and go to housekeeping, while the husband has to thump the key twice as hard to stave off bankruptcy.

This, however, makes no difference; not a single one seems to be deterred by the experience of her predecessor. The old story perpetually repeats itself. In point of fact, the business of telegraphy seems to flourish better in those men and women are supposed to meet their fate at so much. The routine of the telegraph offices thereby that the companies declare they would give up women operators altogether in the large offices if it were not for the sake of economy. - Pittsburg Dispatch.

Stories of the Meeting House.

Mr. Spurgeon has been reviewing a book on "Primitive Methodism on the Yorkshire Wolds," and finds in it some stories very much to his mind. He is especially pleased with one criticism of a sermon.

"What a sermon, sir, by ending us out here during the service? The younger of the ladies benighted. "That gentleman, the lessee, told me to do so," Mr. Jones meekly replied. "What?" exclaimed the elderly lady, pointing to the lessee, who was reading a paper pending the election of the supposed intruders. "He told you to put us out? Why, sir, that man is my husband."

"The husband, who is a bit near sighted, hastened to explain, and so did Mr. Jones. The ladies consented to accept the explanations, but just the same Mr. Jones traveled in the adjoining aisle the next Sunday. - Chicago Post.

Lances with Steel Shafts.

A new use has been found for tubes produced by the Mannesmann process. At the funeral of Count von Moltke the troops were equipped for the first time with lances the shafts of which, instead of being of wood, as usual, were formed of very thin steel tubing, made at the Mannesmann works. The new process enables tubes to be rolled to such a degree of thinness that the shafts are actually lighter than wood, while at the same time possessing much greater elasticity and strength.

The only drawback appears to be the less secure grip which the metal surface offers as compared with wood; but this can be overcome, it is said, by winding a thin strip of textile material around the shaft at the point where it is grasped. As soon as the question of price is satisfactorily settled, the substitution of steel for wood will probably be carried out throughout the army. - Ironmonger.

The Horse in Mythology.

That the northern nations were poor horsemen is known to all ethnologists and historians. No warrior could call a Valhalla except on horseback. All the gods had famous chariots, but Odin's horse, Sleipner, was greatest of all. Sleipner is eight feet, and was needed for that perilous journey to Hel which he had to make when Balder the Beautiful was to be rescued. - Chicago Herald.

A Story of Webster.

General Butler tells this story in his book of reminiscences: Daniel Webster was once asked whom he considered the greatest lawyer of the United States. He answered: "I should of course say John Marshall; but if you should take me by the throat and run me back into the corner and demand, 'Now, Webster, upon honor, who is the greatest lawyer?' I should have to say Jeremiah Mason."

Nose Ornaments Among the Jews.

Nose ornaments were known to the Jewess of the exile - Ezekiel xvi, 12. "And I will put a jewel of thy nose," and Isaiah lii, 21. "The rings and nose jewels." - Professor Frederick Starr in Popular Science Monthly.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

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The Sand Class of Sixty Years Ago.

"Sixty years ago I taught the sand class in the schools of this city in the grand jury room of the old court house," said a gentleman to a reporter. "The sand class? What in the name of Soerates is a sand class?" And then the ancient pedagogue proceeded to say: "Sixty years ago the schools of the town occupied the old court house, and I was one of the scholars. In the grand jury room there was a long table about eighteen inches high, with a strip of board fastened on top all around the sides, thus making the center lower than the sides. This center was filled with fine sand an inch deep. "At the end of the table was a wheel on which the letters of the alphabet were printed so that but one letter would appear at a time, around the table the smallest children of the school were gathered and each furnished with a stick. I, as the pedagogue appointed by the head teacher, would take my stand at the end of the table and along side of the wheel, and as I moved it would announce the letter that was brought to view, which the children would proceed to make in the sand with their sticks. "When all had made that letter, I would level the sand with a comb, and the wheel would be moved on to another letter. And these little ones were called the 'sand class.' It was an interesting sight. The system was somewhat like the kindergarten of the present day, and it was certainly an excellent mode of supplying writing material." This was the sand class of sixty years ago. - Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegram.

Had His Own Wife Ejected.

"One of the Henry Joneses, of Chicago, is a leading light in an Ashland avenue church," said a gentleman at the Palmer House. "Last Sunday he acted as usher in place of the regular incumbent, who was away. It is therefore not surprising to hear that after the beginning of service he ushered two ladies to seated but unoccupied pews. Nor when the lessee came half an hour later and spy on his pew occupied, was any surprise occasioned among those in the rear of the church to hear him instruct the usher to oust the intruders. The lessee had frequently done so on former occasions, despite his chronic tardiness. There being nothing to do but obey, the acting usher walked down the aisle and in his politest manner fired the two ladies. Very much bewildered, they followed him to the vestibule, whither the lessee had gone.

Use of Broken Glass.

Use as been found for waste glass by Mess. Loring, Garckey & Geille, of Par. Any fragments of broken glass, of various colors, are mixed together, after having been broken to a suitable size, they are then placed in molds of wood with silica, talc or some other inert material and fired. A colored mass is produced which can be dressed and cut into blocks, which are, of course, irregularly colored. Such blocks are used as artificial marble. The blocks are usually rough on one side, owing perhaps to incomplete fusion; it gives a surface which is admirably adapted for causing them, especially, they are suitable in form, to adhere walls with the addition of a little more. Fine decorative effects can thus be produced. Designs in relief can be obtained by pressure while the block is still plastic. If a suitable mold be prepared with movable joints then pieces of glass can be pressed in such a way that upon firing a very effective "stained glass" will be produced, the necessity of using "leading," as in the ordinary way, being thus obviated. This idea will enable any manufacturer who have heard of "waste" glass lying about useless to turn them with very little expenditure into a profitable account. - Manufacturer.

Use of the Search Light.

There is no doubt that if every large passenger steamer was provided with several search lights many dangers would be avoided and the yearly loss of life at sea would be greatly lessened. This statement applies especially to emigrant steamers, in which so many lives are in jeopardy in times of danger. It has been recommended that the equipment of steamships with search lights should be made compulsory by the government of the countries under whose flags the sail and at whose ports they touch. As an instance of the simplicity of a search light and the advantages of use to which it can be put, it is only necessary to look to the navigation of the St. Lawrence. Vessels unprovided with the electric light can hire a complete outfit for carrying the same either at St. or Port St. - Montreal. An arrangement can be set up in an hour or two, at the steamer can then go through the canal at night. Formerly every steamer had to tie up to the bank at night, and the passage often occupied fifty or sixty hours. Now it is generally made in eighteen or twenty hours, and on some occasions even quicker time has been made. - Electricity.

Counterfeit Goodness.

The epistle to hypocrisy is struck in the remark, "No man is worse by simulating goodness." This may sound like a paradox, but unfortunately it is not. Any word of truth in it. Any one is away worse by simulating goodness, for the means assuming the appearance of it without the reality. Not only is the man who simulates goodness, but his neighbor who is misled by his hypocrisy, which, and infinitely more dangerous to the community. Imitation is the thief of virtue, and the vice is more vicious. - Dr. R. W. Co. in Popular Science Monthly.

Preparation of Coffee.

The adulteration of coffee in France has reached such alarming proportions that it has become a subject for investigation at the chamber. The adulteration is made by a mixture of flour and sulphate of iron, which is pressed into the shape of a coffee bean, the resemblance being difficult for even an expert to detect by sight. A small amount of chlorine is sometimes added, and the exterior is given a touch of oil to make it shiny. - New York Times.

The Average Elevation.

The average elevation of the country, excluding Alaska, is about 2,500 feet. The average elevation at which the inhabitants lived, taking cognizance of their distribution, was 687 feet in 1870, in 1880 it had increased to 749 feet, and in 1890 to 788 feet. - Washington Star.

Two Poisonous Plants.

The poisonous smutach resembles a group of young ash trees. The poison on its ivy resembles the harmless woodbine. Its leaves, however, have but three leaflets, while those of the woodbine have five. - Salem Gazette.

Studying Birds - Pleasant and Delightful.
An extremely pleasant method of studying birds is to seek some spot which possesses peculiarly attractive features for them, and whether they are accustomed to resort in great numbers, and there, properly sheltered, sent yourself in quietude wait for what may come within the range of your vision. I have in mind two localities that have always proved wonderfully rich in bird life. One is a bluff, perhaps forty feet high, rather steep, and with a number of good sized forest trees growing up its slope. Rolling fields extend backward from its brow, and at its foot lies a line of shrubbery, somewhat thicklike in character and forming a sort of natural hedge, which fittingly bound a boggy meadow beyond.

THE BIGGEST FISH.

It Was a Whale Until It Was Caught.

There is no better fishing ground around New York for those who delight in the capture of the weakfish than the neighborhood of the H. L. haddock Navesink, and there are few better sportsmen than the genial Captain Stevin, of the Second precinct. The voracity of fisherman is not above suspicion, but now and then the French proverb that "It is always the unexpected that happens" is justified. At any rate this incident will be vouched for by a dozen.

One day in July, which, I regret to say, was a Sunday, the captain, guided by Hank Smith who is the waterman all the skilled fishermen seek to secure, went to his favorite fishing spot. Hank looked over the tackle and found that one of the hooks was in danger of getting loose from its snout, so he took a couple of half litches around it and made it fast. At the same time the captain was fastening a bit of cord that is attached to the rig to his line. Hank laughed at the knot the captain used, but for all that over it all went and in a second "the biggest fish of the season" had carried the whole business away.

Of course there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and the captain swore that he'd never go fishing on Sunday again. However, a new rig was found, and when the good people of Highlands returned from church full of piety and gossip the captain met them with a broad smile and a long string and for a few minutes kept them all busy listening to his tale of how he lost the best fish that ever swam in the Shrewsbury.

But now see the danger of exaggeration. On Monday two young men of New York, Messrs. Howard and Raymond, came down. They secured Hank and went out to the same place that the captain had anchored at the day before. They caught a goodly basket full of fish, but there was one infant - a flounder - a mere sardine. He was carefully put at the bottom of the pile and the lot delivered over to the scullion, who promptly turned the basket upside down and brought Mr. Tom Thumb to the top. Just at this moment the captain snatched by. He saw a pile of fish and strolled in to look them over. The scullion seized the top one and plunged the knife in to clean him. As he opened the belly with his knife, out came the captain's lost hook and snells, easily identified by the two peculiar knots.

It Was an Instance of Counterfeiting.

That the fish should have been taken by another party on another day taken to the hotel (one of several) where both lost and finder stopped, that the captain should have been passing just as the fish was being cleaned, and that the fish should have shrunk so fearfully in size over night. It is, in all seriousness, solid fact. - New York Herald.

A Very Poor Lawyer.

Here is a San Jose law story from the extensive repository of W. L. Gill. A young lawyer, a friend of his, not noted for intelligence, succeeded in having a client acquitted of murder. Meeting him a few days afterward Gill was quite warm in congratulations.

"Yes," said the young lawyer, mopping his brow, "I got him off, but it was a narrow escape."

"A narrow escape? How?"

"The tightest struggle I ever saw. You know I examined the witnesses and made an argument myself; the plea, self defense, the jury was out two whole days. Finally the judge called them before him and asked what the trouble was."

"Only one thing, your honor," replied the foreman. "Was the prisoner's attorney retained by him or appointed by the court?"

"I could not see what bearing the question had on the evidence," replied the foreman. "The jury, but ten minutes later in called the jury, and what do you think the verdict was?"

"What?" asked the judge. "The ground of acquittal." - Del Monte Wave.

Separating the Teeth.

A great advance in dentistry is in separating the teeth. Formerly the dentist would cut away sound tissue in order to get to a dead spot between the teeth, but now the latter are pulled apart temporarily by a separator and closed up again when the operation is completed by the aid of the engine. Flat fillings had to be used exclusively years ago, whereas nowadays cohesive gold enables us to make them convex and preserve the natural shape of the teeth. It has only been a few years since teeth were extracted by means of a hammer and chisel in the far east, just as horses' teeth are punched out here today. - Interview in Philadelphia Record.

The Average Elevation.

The average elevation of the country, excluding Alaska, is about 2,500 feet. The average elevation at which the inhabitants lived, taking cognizance of their distribution, was 687 feet in 1870, in 1880 it had increased to 749 feet, and in 1890 to 788 feet. - Washington Star.

Two Poisonous Plants.

The poisonous smutach resembles a group of young ash trees. The poison on its ivy resembles the harmless woodbine. Its leaves, however, have but three leaflets, while those of the woodbine have five. - Salem Gazette.

ADVERTISE IN THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE STOCKMAN'S PARADISE.

SEARCY BAKER,
DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF
Rough and Dressed Lumber,
Shingles, Moulding, Brackets,
Scrolls, Banisters, Doors Sash, Blinds.

The following are the reduced prices for Lumber at my yard in San Angelo. Come and see us.

Rough or Sized Lumber, all sizes, from a 1x4 to a 4x4 up to 24 feet.	\$20.00
From a 4x6 to a 10x10 20 feet.	25.50
(extra length, every 2 feet \$2.50 extra)	
Second-class rough and sized lumber	17.50
Cypress siding, dressed on one side	25.00
First-class Flooring, D & M 1x1 to 1x6	27.50
Star Flooring	25.00
Surface, one side clear finish	27.50
Two sides	32.50
Lumber Dressed, four sides	30.00
Siding and Ceiling, 1 inch	22.50
2 inch	25.00
Prime Shingles 5 and 6 inch	4.00
All heart, dimensions from 4 to 6 inches	5.00

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The finest brands of Whiskies, Brandies, Alcohols, Beer, Cigars and Everything usually kept In a First-class Saloon.

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ASSETS, January 1st, 1891. \$116,000,000.
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BUCKS FOR SALE.

300 Spanish Merinos
100 Acclimated
One-half car of French, and
One-half car of Spanish Merino
Rams from the celebrated California
flock of Solomon Jewett

These are the finest lot of Rams brought to Texas.

J. B. CHERBINO, San Angelo.

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

Advertising Medium of the
Stockman's Paradise.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora,
as second-class matter.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. - September 12, 1901.

District Court meets in Sonora
on Monday the 21st inst.

All sheepmen are earnestly
requested to attend the meeting of
the Sutton County Wool Growers'
Association, on Thursday Sept.,
24th. Important business relative
to the scab will be transacted.
Remember that Thursday, Septem-
ber the 24th is the day.

When in Angelo call around at W.
H. Windrow's ice cream parlor for the
fresh candies, fruits and table deli-
cacies.

A. F. Silliman, father of W. B.
and E. ton Silliman, of Sonora,
died at the residence of his daugh-
ter at Jewett, on the 3rd inst. The
DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS extends its
sympathies to the sorrowing re-
latives.

Go to J. J. Rackley, San Angelo, for
your Furniture.

W. C. Jones, of South Concho,
who advertised his valuable land
for sale in the DEVIL'S RIVER
NEWS, sold last week to Mr.
Evans and Henry Evans, 160 acres
at \$30 per acre.

Dr. J. F. Riggs, over the postoffice,
San Angelo, is a fine surgeon dentist of
20 years experience, and guarantees his
work to be first-class. When in need
of a dentist call and see him.

W. C. Jones, of South Concho,
bought from Mrs. Evans and
Henry Evans, 775 acres of land on
the South Concho at \$450 per
acre.

J. J. Rackley handles the best sewing
machines made. All at the lowest
prices.

One-half acre bought from S.
Ogden 200 acres of land on South
Concho at \$7 per acre.

Davidson & Silliman are prepared to
write up your Fire Insurance.

N. N. Staggs has an contract to
drill a well for John Potter on his
lot in West Sonora.

Go to SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose
saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for
the Imported Brandies, Imported
Claret, California Orange wine, fine
liquors and cigars.

On Thursday N. N. Staggs the
well driller was at a depth of 80
feet in the Huett well in West
Sonora.

Headsteads at J. J. Rackley for \$2.50
Mattresses " " " 2.50
Sofas " " " 4.00

For all purpose sheep, for con-
stitution, size, form and fleece it
would do well to see T. T. Thom-
son & Bro's., 2 and 3 year old
acclimated rams. Prices reason-
able.

Born on Tuesday September 8th
to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Saunders a
boy.

J. J. Rackley, San Angelo, has his
three-story building packed full of
goods and can supply you with any
piece of furniture from the cradle to
the grave at the lowest prices.

Last week a negro working for
Mr. Barksdale, at McKevett, was
struck on the head with a pistol
by an unknown. A few days later
his wife was shot in the hip, and
community is watching for a Jack
'o the Shooter.

Send your orders to J. W. Susen, suc-
cessor to F. C. Longkewitz, San Angelo,
for all kinds of sheet iron and tin work.
First class work at reasonable prices.

F. G. Allen the San Angelo
music dealer was in the Stock-
man's Paradise Monday and de-
livered to J. T. Wilson one of his
famous Clough & Warren organs,
a beauty in tone and finish. He
has placed the agency of his line
of pianos and organs in Sonora
with Mrs. G. T. Love our popular
music teacher.

Call on Charlie Zenker, at the Favo-
rite Saloon, when in San Angelo, take
a glass of his cool beer and you will
continue to call every time you chance
that way.

The Nesbitt House, on the north side
of Court house square is one of the
nicest places in San Angelo for yourself
and family to stop at while in that city.
The rooms are clean and comfortably
furnished. The table always supplied
with the best of the market afford and
you will not have the regret of Mrs.
L. A. Nesbitt, can make ends meet
when she charges only \$1 a day.

Stock News.

T. D. Newell has taken his fall
clip to San Angelo.

Lowest prices on Lime and Sulphur
at Chas. W. Hobbs, San Angelo. 47 ft.

D. B. Cusenbary bought from
Jo Glenn, 2 carloads of mutton at
\$1.93 in Angelo.

Tom Palmer of the firm of Pal-
mer & Talbot, left for the Pan-
handle with 48 head of mares,
Sunday.

R. O. Smith, the South Concho
buck raiser, sold to Sam Dameron
6 bucks at \$15.

Buy what Cooper Dip you want from
Chas. W. Hobbs, San Angelo. 47 ft.

Geo. H. McDonald late of Mills
county bought the Steagall ranch
near Lost Lake for \$1500.

T. D. Newell arrived Friday with
100 head of Creswells hornless
Merino bucks and has them on
sale at Sonora.

G. Huber finished shearing
Thursday, and while shearing put
up 5 yearling ewe fleeces together
and the weight averaged 4 3/8
pounds. The growth was four
months and seven days old. He
also weighed one ewe fleece with
same growth wool and the weight
was 6 1/4 pounds. This is a good
showing considering that the
sheep were not picked.

The hornless Merinos for sale
by D. Creswell are attracting the
attention of sheepmen in San
Angelo. Mr. Reed of San Saba
who used Mr. Creswell's bucks
last year was in San Angelo Mon-
day and bought 10 head more.

Hobbs, sells lime and sulphur cheaper
than any one.

J. B. Cherbino, of Vermont, the
buckman who advertises in this
issue, sold the following bucks on
Saturday and Monday: To P. B.
Irvin, 4 Spanish Merino at \$25;
to Kennedy & Roberts, 5 French
Merino at \$20; 5 Spanish Merino
at \$25; John Kirkpatrick 20 Span-
ish Merino at \$20; Mr. Wooten 12
at \$20.

D. Creswell, the buckman from
Missouri, who advertises his hor-
nless Merino bucks in the DEVIL'S
RIVER NEWS, sold the following:
James Weddell, 12; J. W. Miller,
22; Messrs. Reed & Hodges, of
San Saba 23.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5, 1891.

TEXAS sheep this week were con-
fined to one or two bunches. About
2200 head, common in quality,
averaging 76 lbs, sold at \$3 62 1/2.
Fed Texas sheep, 80 to 90 lbs, sold
at \$3.90 to \$4.15. Receipts for the
week foot up 39,000 head, a large
part of which were Western
rangers, selling at \$3.75 to \$4.40.
The market shows but little change
compare with a week ago, and the
demand is as good as could be ex-
pected at this season.

GODAIR, HARDING & Co.

D. S. Coleman, manager of S.
Baker's lumber business is in
Sonora on the closing out business.
Mr. Coleman is accompanied by his
family.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Cassil and
George Abbott left yesterday
morning for a trip overland to
Point Breze, where Rev. Mr.
Cassil will officiate and Mr. Abbott
will act as best man in the wed-
ding of Thomas Bond of Sutton
county, to Miss Edith Jordan of
England—Enterprise.

M. B. Palmer has two houses packed
full of Furniture, Collins and Under-
takers goods, and three more carloads
coming.

Col. J. A. Talbot, of Fort Worth
owner of the "F B" brand of cat-
tle in Schleicher county and ex-
tensively interested in cattle in
the Panhandle, arrived at the
Vermont ranch Wednesday on a
visit to his son Will, and to look
after his cattle interests.

The San Angelo band gave a
concert and ball at the court house
in San Angelo Tuesday night which
was a grand success. There is a
vast difference between the San
Angelo band and similar organi-
zations in towns of the same size.
The concert over the band orches-
tra furnished the best dance music
heard in San Angelo. About 150
couples were present.

PARENTS.

desiring their children instructed
on the ranch can secure the ser-
vices of a first-class school teacher
by applying or writing this office.

\$800 will buy a six room
residence centrally lo-
cated, by applying to the DEVIL'S
RIVER NEWS within two weeks.

\$200 is the price for thirty
days, of one of the best
business lots on Main street, by
applying at the DEVIL'S RIVER
NEWS.

DR. J. N. ANNE,
OCULIST, DENTURIST,
Will be in Sonora to Remain
For Six Days.

The medical and surgical diseases of
the eye, ear, nose and throat, a special
and exclusive practice. Catarhal dis-
eases of the nose and throat treated.
Special attention given the adjustment
of spectacles to the eye. Reference is
respectfully given to the physicians of
San Angelo: Dr. Smith, Dr. Magruder,
Dr. Perrin, Dr. McHenry and Dr.
March.

Office, Traweck Hotel, Sonora, from
September 14 to 20. Positively no
longer.

MUSIC CLASS.

To my patrons:
I wish to state that I will teach a
music class for the term of five months,
beginning Monday, September 7th.
Will give lessons on piano or organ.
Thanking you for past favors I hope to
have a liberal patronage in the future.
Yours Truly,
MRS. G. T. LOVE,
Sonora, Sept. 4th, 1891.

\$10 Reward.

Stolen from Sonora about Aug. 20th,
1 bay horse about 13 hands high, brand-
ed W. C. D on left hip and other brands.
Faced under saddle. I will pay above
reward for recovery or information as
to his whereabouts.

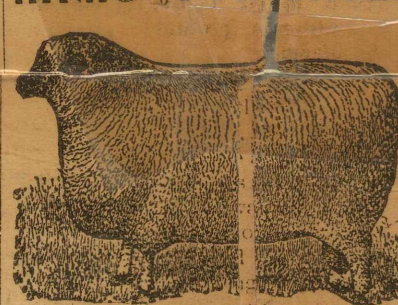
MAX TAYLOR,
Secretary.

CONCHO VALLE FAIR.

The third annual fair of the Concho
Valley Fair Association, commences in
San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 3rd, and con-
tinues until Oct. 10th. Fine racing on
the fastest track in the South. Grand
balloon ascension, and parachute drop,
from one mile in the air. Exciting
roping contest. Brass band concert
each day. Fine stock exhibit. Every
one should attend. For particulars
address,
CHAS. F. FORBES,
Secretary.

OLD
TAYLOR
WHISKEY
Fitzpatrick
and Lyell's,
San Angelo.

RAMS FOR SALE!



I have for sale
at Sonora, 175 good
large, acclimated,
thoroughbred reg-
istered Rams. Lease
call and see these
Rams before pur-
chasing.

This stock im-
ported from Michi-
gan and Ohio and
has been winered
in Texas, and is
thoroughly accli-
mated.

D. B. Cusenbary.

Getting the Better of a Lawyer.

Their train-
ing, do not always make the best of
it in their dealings with witnesses,
but are themselves sometimes
handled rather roughly. Many an
astute counsel has been nonplused
in the most unexpected manner by
the smart repartee or quite sarcasm
of those under examination.

A witness at the Kilkenny as-
sises once told a counsel that he
had been victimized in a certain
transaction, or, as he put it in his
own fashion, "humbugged."
"Humbugged!" repeated the
dandified counsel, with assumed
surprise; "what do you mean by
such an expression as that?"

The witness proceeded to illus-
trate his meaning by putting as a
case, "Suppose I should tell his
lordship here and the gentlemen
of the jury that you were an able
counsel and an excellent lawyer,
and they were to believe it, why
then, every mother's son of them
would be humbugged, that's all."

London Tit-P
Sam Runkles
Hotel San Angelo
Old Forester
17-ft

Schomacker, Gold String.

Philadelphia. Established 1838.

Boardman & Gray.

Albany, N. Y. Established 1837.

Wm. Bourne & Son.

Boston. Established 1837.

and other leading makes of
Pianos.

Clough & Warren,
Chicago Cottage Organs.

Music and musical merchandise.

Manufacturers dealt with direct and
close prices given. Write for them.
Easy terms.

F. C. ALLEN,
San Angelo, Texas.

PROCLAMATION

BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas.

\$150.00 Reward.

To all to Whom these Presents shall
come:

WHEREAS, It has been made known to
me that on or about the 16th day of
June, 1891, in the county of Sutton,
Texas, unknown persons did cut the
wire fence enclosing the pasture lands
of W. J. & D. B. Fields, near Sonora the
county seat of said county, and that said
unknown persons are now at large and
are fugitives from justice.

Now therefore, I, J. S. Hogg, Governor
of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority
vested in me by the Constitution and
laws of this State, hereby offer a reward
of one hundred and fifty dollars each
for the arrest and delivery of the said
unknown persons to the sheriff of Sut-
ton county, inside the jail door of said
county. This reward is payable on con-
dition of arrest and return of said fugi-
tives within six months from this day,
and conviction thereafter.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here-
to signed my name, and caused
the seal of State to be
affixed, at the City of
Austin this 24 day of June,
A. D. 1891.

By the Governor: J. S. HOGG,
Governor of Texas.

Geo. W. SMITH,
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Chas. W. Hobbs, Wool Commission.

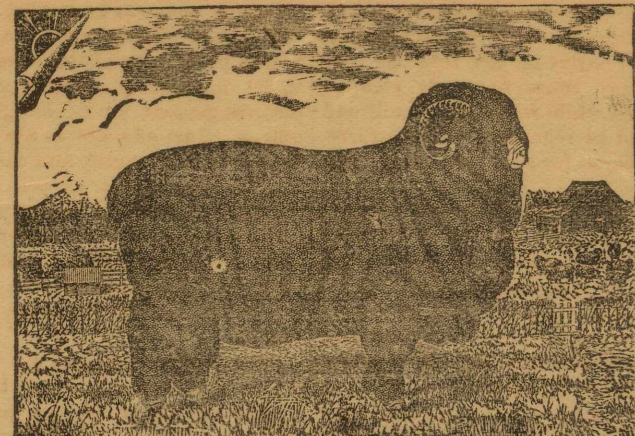
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Spanish Merino Sheep,

Have now at their Ranch, near
Sonora, 100 head of Thoroughbred
Vermont and Ohio acclimated, and
Texas raised Rams for sale, and will
have at Sonora, on or about August
15th 225 more of the same grade, all
acclimated and in prime condition
Satisfaction Guaranteed.

D. CRESWELL,

Sheep Raiser of Braymer, Mo.,

Will arrive in Sonora about September the 10th, with

Two car loads of Hornless Merino Rams

Sheepmen will do well to see these rams before purchasing.

T. D. Newell, Agent.

CHAS. E. DAVIDSON,
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W. B. SILLIMAN,
Surveyor.

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LAND AGENTS,

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Work speaks for itself, prices reasonable.

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SONORA, TEXAS. - September 12, 1891.

JINNY.

She had no nose nor hair
Nor any kind of hair
'Twas that she came to him
That we all took her in
A poor, pecked little critter,
But he took her in his arms
Els says that was of no use,
An' that he was of no use,
That live of us was likely
As you would wish to see
An' one of us was likely
An' that that one was me.

An' Jinny used to play me
For hein big an' lean,
All hands an' feet an' frockles,
The thickest ever seen.
She judged 'twas only sinners
Kept me from lookin' green.

First off I didn't mind it,
Then found ways of harm,
But when she took to quarrelin'
Like a cat with a mouse,
An' did her hair upon top,
Why she began to quarrel.

I know I wasn't nothin'
Set my 'ginst him an' his
An' he, well, he was starchy,
An' he, I looked at him
An' I thought his chance with Jinny
Was big an' mine was sissy.

So I loved to never mention
How much I loved her,
Cuz I judge to pine in secret
It passes easier.
Then to mine with folks knowin'
Just what you're pluin' for.

I tried a friendly manner,
An' talked with her right smart
About her heart, an' reckoned
She had a way of heart,
An' one day when I said so
Her eyes flew wide apart.

In a sudden, cur's fashion,
An' the blue looked wot, an' she
Was pink as any rose bush,
An' 't' well, when I said so
That she was to marry me!

—St. Louis Critic.

The One He Was Looking For.

The story of British blunder comes to us from this side of the Atlantic a blunder which has been made before. A rather dense nobleman, who had left ten to the best houses in Boston, and who was the recipient of much courtesy, left the "Hub" after a few weeks visit for the inevitable expedition to the "Rockies" which every Englishman considers an essential part of an American experience.

On his return he again visited Boston and bethought himself of calling at a house where he had frequently dined on his former visit. In answer to his ring the old butler, who had been in the family for many years, came to the door himself. "Is Mrs. B— in?" said my lord.

"Oh, sir," exclaimed the faithful old soul with the tears running down his cheeks, "my master is dying!" Lord B—, who entered a good deal (which rather increased the effect of his fashionable viciousness) stared at the man an instant as if he did not quite understand him and then rejoined with dignity:

"I didn't ask for Mr. B—, I asked for Mrs. B—." —New York Tribune.

Fire from Air.

The principle of the generation of heat by the sudden compression of air is utilized in an ingenious manner for firing blasts in the Anlin collieries in the province of Aveyron, France. The apparatus consists of a metal cylinder, in which moves a well fitting piston, the rod of which carries a cross piece for a handle. The end of the fuse is passed through a rubber ring into one end of the cylinder. A quick and strong thrust is then given to the piston, and the compression of the air within the cylinder generates sufficient heat to ignite the fuse. —New York Journal.

A Man Over Eight Feet Tall.

Nearly every nation has produced its celebrated giant, and most nations more than one. James Toller, born at St. Neots, Huntingdon, England, at the age of ten years had attained the surprising height of five feet and up wards; at the age of eighteen years he had reached the height of upward of eight feet one and a half inches, and was still in progress of growth. There is no record of his having attained a greater height, however, though he was exhibited for a considerable period in Kirby's museum as "The Greatest English Giant." —Times.

A Use for Electrical Beams.

Through experiments made by English military authorities, it has been found that whenever the atmosphere is laden with smoke or mist the power of an electric light is greatly diminished by crossing the beam of light with that of another at a certain angle. At the point of intersection the illuminated space is practically made a screen. It is proposed to utilize this knowledge, since the electric beam can thus be made to serve as a screen, back of which tactical operations might be conducted in secret. —Industrial World.

Flat Feet as Suckers.

The instep is a feature peculiarly anatomical to man. As a rule, want of development in this particular is characteristic of low physical development. Certain negro races lack it notably. In southern cities colored youths who enjoy the gift of flat feet do frequently, when the pavements have been watered in the evening, walk over them, their soles acting like the leather suckers utilized for purposes of amuse ment by small boys, and delight in the loud reports which follow their steps. —Washington Star.

Money of China.

Money in China has been made of everything almost, from shell to porce lain. The very interesting coins of ancient times of peculiar shape are said to represent the bronze hatchets that were current very long ago. The square hole in Chinese money is said to represent the openings through which the shell money of past ages was strung. —Philadelphia Press.

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The Child Dressmaker.
The scenes in the dressing room of a circus are both novel and picturesque. The huge tent is divided first into two main apartments. One is the green room, as it were, where the ring horses are kept ready for the riders. Here the properties are handed out, and the harness of the wardrobe spreads out the glittering covers for the horses and other paraphernalia that help so largely to make the circus performance a spectacle of such dazzling beauty.

The other portion of this same tent is divided up by strips of canvas stretched from one of the main poles to the side walls, forming a series of V shaped rooms, one of which is devoted to the men, another to the women and a third to the ballet girls. A little post in the center of each, with a looking glass not larger than one's hand, serves as a common dressing table, where the paint and powder and other finishing touches of the "makeup" are applied. The clothes are thrown carelessly upon the tops of the trunks, which stand in long rows against the canvas walls, or are pinned directly to the canvas itself.

The child is dressed for the ring. It comes to the edge of the canvas wall, pokes its little head through, kisses its mother goodly and away it goes into the ring upon a galloping horse or around the hippodrome track at break-neck speed upon one of the panies. If it comes back safely it is kissed again, then patted upon the head and trundled off to the car by some affectionate companion, and put into its little bed with just as much solicitude as the fondest mother in the land might give to her dimpled darling, though it were cradled in velvet. —Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

The Hired Man's Scarecrow.

Once in awhile, you will see a rainy-day scarecrow. This variety the hired man usually builds during some rainy afternoon when the plowed land is muddy and the meadow steam. He carries the habiliments destined for his work of art out into the barn, and there stuffs and stitches and puts into shape to his heart's content. He takes the trousers to which a smoldering pipe, tucked into the pistol pocket, gave the death stroke. He stuffs them with hay until the fabric greans with fatness. Then a peck is rustled in above these round pants and is likewise plumped to phenomenal proportions.

This is to be no diabolical team of a scarecrow, mind you, and so the hired man secures a faded pillow sheath and stuffs it with a kind of brains warranted not to slip, or of cocodrow dynasties. Then he packs fully evolved, with a smart coat, a set of features upon the tempting expanse of pillow case. As a usual thing the hired man follows only his own ideas of art, and the face he makes is a thing to see and remember forever. But it will scare crows equally as well as it will horrify the rest of nature.

Lately the hired man contributed to the cause a straw hat from his own collection and proudly bore the hideous effigy afield. It not only scares crows, but keeps every youngster in the neighborhood under ten years close to the paternal dooryard after nightfall. —Holman F. Day in Lewiston Journal.

Gastric and Nervous Vertigo.

The most common forms of vertigo are the gastric and the nervous. Gastric vertigo is sometimes induced by a very slight disorder of the stomach. The patient may feel a sudden swimming at the head; objects may seem to revolve; he totters and perhaps falls. There may be nausea, faintness, head ache, visual hallucinations and buzzing in the ears; but there is no deafness, nor any danger of a loss of consciousness. Gastric vertigo is cured by treatment directed to the cause.

Nervous vertigo may come from nervous exhaustion resulting from various causes—intellectual strain, or an immoderate use of tobacco, alcohol or tea.

The symptoms are much the same as in gastric vertigo. They are felt strongly in an elevated position—by the preacher in the pulpit or the speaker on the platform. As in gastric vertigo, the treatment must be directed to the cause. But patients need not fear an attack of paralysis or of apoplexy. —Youth's Companion.

The Conductor Was a Catcher.

A gentlemanly conductor on a Maple street car was somewhat "razzled," Tuesday. Stopping on Lyman street opposite the entrance to the Union station, he stepped off the car to assist a lady to alight, as she had some large bundles. Placing one large package on the ground, he extended his arms for another. The buxom young woman, mistaking his intention, jumped from the platform right into his outstretched arms, still clinging to her bundles. The conductor, though nearly upset, managed to hold his weighty annual for a few seconds and safely deposited the damsel on the street with her luggage. Quickly remounting the platform he rang the bell with a rubescent countenance. —Springfield Homestead.

Millions of Tons of Phosphate.

The world's consumption of phosphate, which must be an indispensable article of commerce until that probably distant period when the chemist shall manufacture in the laboratory what the agriculturist now grows in the field, is now rated at 1,500,000 tons, and increases annually at the rate of 25 to 30 per cent. In five years 4,000,000 tons will be required to supply the markets for the season, and in ten years 12,000,000 or 13,000,000 will be required. —New York Telegram.

Women and Their Pockets.

There must be some reason why women have so few pockets, and will persist in carrying their money in a dainty little hand pocket, so tempting to sneak thieves. I suppose it is like the wearing of earrings, some habit of our primitive ancestors, when our fore mothers bore the burden of the house hold efforts in ears and money, while her fesse lord did the fighting. —Philadelphia Press.

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