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There is one variety of the whist fiend I do not like. It is the man who sets himself up as an authority on that noble and much abused game. All one has to do in order to be a self-made authority on whist is to be able to repeat the formula, "ace, king, queen, jack," the maxim, "Never trump your partner's ace," and to have once seen a copy of Hoyle.

And one possessing these data and a strong pair of lungs can shine as an authority and reformer at the various neighborly whist parties where the neighbors meet informally to have a good time; where whist is merrily discussed and you're supposed to play just to pass away the evening; where the women gather together to enjoy the game and compare household notes; where the men meet to forget their cares, chat with the ladies and enjoy themselves.

In such places the whist authority comes like a wet blanket over the joy of the evening. He has been invited in to keep the game on. Poor, misguided company. Before the evening is over he has nearly broken up the party by merely airing the valuable knowledge he possesses on the subject of whist.

He calls the ladies down on their method of playing, rebukes the men because they do not know as much as he, and before the evening is over gets himself thoroughly disliked.

But he does not care. He holds forth during refreshment time on the duties of playing whist properly, brings up personal reminiscences of the evening, calling the attention of the whole company to the fact that little Mrs. Brown doesn't know a heart from a spade. Mrs. Brown blushes, and Brown gets so mad he threatens to leave. But the hostess prevails on him to stay, and after the refreshments the game goes on.

But the interest flags, and all of the company, except the authority, play in a sulky, half-hearted manner. But the authority doesn't care. He is having a splendid time, and he holds forth on correct playing and calls down every one who throws a card. He is the show of the evening, but he is not popular.

The women hate him for showing up their mistakes, and the men despise him for being a cad. He is shunned. His invitations grow fewer and fewer. People do not dare invite him. He wonders why he is not invited out to play whist any more when he tried so hard to bring about a correct mode of playing.

He wanders about from one club to another, but ends in being dropped by all. Wearily and listlessly he spends his evenings, his wife even refusing to play with him. Poor, misguided man, like many another reformer, you have struck 12. You have thrown a pall over the innocent joys of your neighborhood. You have gotten yourself disliked for so doing.

Now you can either stay at home, nursing your knowledge, or else throw it away, get a new birth and come humbly and repentantly and as the rest of us for a good time only into our whist parties. We will take you back, and you can play with us once more if you'll only drop "what you know about whist."—Pittsfield (Mass.) Sun.

**A Happy Hit.**  
Many stories are told of the happy faculty of saving a word in season possessed by Dr. Hall, an old clergyman of Princeton, N. J., years ago.

At one time a difficulty had arisen in the Presbyterian church at Cranberry. The presbytery was convened to hear and adjust the matter. They met at Cranberry, and the discussion became so very hot that a good deal of unpleasant feeling was discernible in the tones and faces of those who were carrying on the arguments. Just at the most critical point old Dr. Hall rose to pour oil upon the troubled waters, as was his invariable custom.

"Mr. Moderator," said he in his gentle voice, and with no suspicion of a smile on his fine face, "Mr. Moderator, I rise to offer a resolution, which is that a little sugar be put into this cranberry tart."

The effect was instantaneous; the laugh came at just the right moment, and the bitterness that had begun to gain ground was checked then and there.—Youth's Companion.

**Why They Are Called Pyramids.**  
"Why are they called pyramids, pa?" asked Georgia, who was looking at a picture of those wonders of Egypt.

"They are called pyramids, my son," replied his father, without hesitation, "because, you see, they appear amid the general desolation of the desert."—Farm and Garden.

**Too Bad.**  
Mr. De Style—"Don't you think bamboo casels pretty?"

Mrs. De Style—"Yes, they are so light and airy and delicate and so suggestive of nature in its pristine purity. I think they are lovely, but they're disgustingly cheap."—New York Weekly.

**SLEEP.**  
*Is It a Habit and Can It Be Controlled by  
the Individual?*

Granted that it is better to be a good sleeper than a bad one, the question arises how far the individual can control his own fate in this respect. Probably a great deal more than is generally supposed, for although natural capacity, constitution and temperament play a considerable part, they are generally capable of modification with care and attention. Sleep is a habit which can be cultivated or broken at will, within certain limits. A good natural capacity may be either preserved or destroyed, a bad one improved or made worse. But, looking to the facts of childhood, it may be doubted if any one begins life with a serious incapacity for sleep. At any rate, it must be exceedingly rare. Accidental troubles aside, children always sleep well, though liable to be disturbed by terrifying dreams, and who ever saw a really sleepless schoolboy? The fact is that the habit is encouraged in the young; they are made to keep regular hours and to devote sufficient time to rest. Thus the mysterious nervous mechanism which controls the process is kept in good order.

The mischief begins later with the liberty of early adult life, the necessities of earning a living, the perpetual exhortation to "shake off dull sloth." The candle is burned at both ends in a hundred ways. The most opposite motives and most contrasted circumstances—vice and ambition, poverty and wealth, pleasure, sport and honest work—all are responsible for keeping young fellows too late out of bed at night or getting them too early out of it in the morning. In this way the healthy habit is broken, the sound constitution is touched, and the cranky one fairly started on the downward road. Serious breakdowns occur even at this early age from excessive brain work unrelieved by sufficient rest, but as a rule the trouble is slight and apparently passes. The same process, however, goes on with advancing years, fostered by the routine of modern town life. People must be up betimes to attend to their business or professional work; they are busy all day, and at night, instead of going to bed in good time after a comfortable evening at home, as folks do in the country, they must be off to the theater or some social gathering. They get late to rest, and as often as not overtired and overfed or badly fed into the bargain, with the result of a disturbed night as well as a short one. To work again the next day, unrefreshed, and the rest *à capot*, the habit becomes established. It is the vice of great cities, which keep both early and late hours.—St. James Gazette.

**A Queer Syndicate.**  
"Did you ever hear," said the clubman, "of a queer syndicate formed some years ago by a lot of impetuous young nobles on the other side? No? The members of this syndicate chose one of their number to visit this country for the express purpose of capturing an American heiress. They agreed to furnish their representative for a year with money enough to make a creditable appearance in American society, he agreeing, on his part, that, after the capture was made and the cash of the bride obtained, he would turn over to his backers a certain percentage of his net receipts. If he failed, he was to return within the year and give another member of the syndicate a chance to try for a golden maid."

"What an outrageous performance!" said the lady from Boston. "Did any of them succeed?"

The clubman smiled teasingly. He would say neither "Yes" nor "No." So each of his hearers answered the question for herself, and no two answers agreed.—New York Tribune.

**Snake With Fifty-four Rattles.**  
We do not propose to enter into a scientific discussion on the subject of rattles as a guide to a rattlesnake's age, but simply wish to record the fact that it is claimed that a representative of that species has been found in Oregon having 54 rattles "and a button." The largest one that the writer remembers having been killed in the south had but 26 rattles, and he was thought to be an old timer. The story concerning this Oregon snake of many rattles and undoubted age is published in The Eastern Oregonian. The snake was killed by a Mr. Darnell, who proudly exhibits the extraordinary string of rattles as a priceless trophy.—St. Louis Republic.

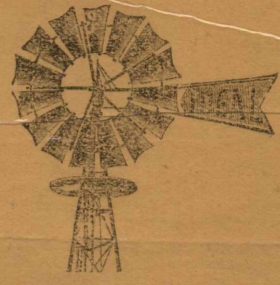
**Disgraced.**  
"That there brother of mine back east," said Rubberneck Bill, "has simply been disgraced in the family. I see by the paper which I get regular from the town he lives in that he has been and got arrested for shooting with intent to kill."

"Dear me, that is too bad," said the new minister.

"I should say it wuz too bad. I never shot with intent to kill in my life. I either killed, or I didn't shoot."—Indianapolis Journal.

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SONORA, TEXAS, - July 27, 1895.

The Rock Springs Rustler comes to us this week with the names of E. W. Owen and J. M. Stokes, owners and J. M. Stokes Editor and Publisher at its mast head. John Stokes is well known in Sonora having been a resident of this place for about five years. He is a brother to our district and county clerk Sam Stokes and has lately been engaged in the insurance business with E. W. Owen of Eagle Pass who has been sojourning the past year at Menardville and Sonora. The Devil's River News wishes Messrs. Owen and Stokes a successful cruise on the journalistic sea.

The Rock Springs Rustler says: The Devil's River News claims Sutton county to be the Stockman's Paradise. Edwards county has all of the attributes of the Sutton Paradise and water in addition.

The Rustler will please notice that the Devil's River News does not confine itself to Sutton county and the Stockman's Paradise embraces portions of Edwards, Val Verde, Kimble, Menard, Schleicher and Crockett counties as well as that of Sutton.

Notice:

Henrietta, Texas, July 17th, 1895. Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Red River and South Western Railway Company will be held at the office of said company in Henrietta, Texas, on Tuesday the 27th day of August, 1895, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the purpose of authorizing the directors and officers of the said company to adopt by-laws and to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue bonds to be secured by mortgage on the property of said company and to authorize the execution of said mortgage or deed of trust and to authorize the execution and sale of said bonds for the purpose of raising money to construct and equip the said line of railway, and for the purpose of legally and equitably apportioning (or cancelling) the stock on said line of road among the stockholders, and to apply to the said commission for its consent and approval thereof, and for the further purpose of ratifying and confirming the former action which the stockholders, directors and officers have taken in reference to applying to Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue bonds on the property of this said railway, and for the further purpose of ratifying and confirming other actions taken, authority given or contracts made by the stockholders, directors or officers of the said company, and for the purpose of attending to such other business as may come before said meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the directors of said Red River and South Western Railway Company will be held at the office of said company in Henrietta, Texas, on Tuesday the 27th day of August, 1895, at 10 a. m.

The above notices are given by order of the Board of Directors this 17th day of July, 1895. E. H. East, President. S. M. Smith, Secretary. 52-4

There seems to difficulty in finding a place for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. No place seems anxious for the honor, and the laws seem painful plain in prohibiting the exhibition. Under these circumstances neutral territory should be at a premium. And, no doubt, arrangements could be made to have the encounter take place on the Rio Grande river between Eagle Pass and C. Porfirio Diaz. The contestants might occupy a boat anchored midstream, while the big iron bridge might be chartered for a grand stand from which a splendid bird-eye view of the battle could be obtained. This is a suggestion.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Stock News.

Wool Market.

Wool sales in Great Falls, Mont., reached a maximum in quantity and in price Monday of last week. When 500,000 pounds were sold and the prices reached 14 cents. Twelve cents was the highest price paid last year. Wool men are jubilant. The total sales of the season will reach 5,000,000 pounds.—American wool Reporter.

Chas. Schreiner sold J. E. Gilbert's wool at \$12 cents.

Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville, has sold N. G. King's six months clip of wool at \$14 cents.

J. B. Russell bought the Wolf water hole ranch from J. P. McConnell this week.

G. W. Farba and H. F. Cooper bought the Willis ranch last week for \$1,200. Messrs. Cooper and Farbs will immediately stock the ranch with cattle.

R. W. and Frank Marchison and W. B. Silliman sold to Pierre Vonholbeke of the North Coneho, 550 head of steers at \$10.50 for 1s, \$13.50 for 2s, and \$16 for 3s.

There will be a greater scarcity of muttons next season than last owing to the fact that nearly all the sheepmen will breed more extensively.

Jas. McLymont the well-known mutton buyer of Standart, Texas, was in Sonora Sunday, on his way home from San Angelo, where he purchased several thousand sheep. He expects to be back in Sonora in a week or two, and intends buying several thousand more.

Jackson & Richardson sold for J. C. Keith of Howard, 400 head of stock cattle, including 90 steers, at \$10.70 round, calves counted. The sale was made to P. B. Wade.—San Angelo Enterprise.

From the San Angelo Standard:

The upward tendency of the mutton market this week in Chicago has strengthened matters in mutton circles in this section and a much more hopeful feeling is present because both wool and mutton is going up. Jim McLymont, the big buyer of Kinney county bought from 8,000 to 10,000 muttons yesterday from March and Cusenbary at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2. The sheep are being driven to Kinney county. Mr. McLymont is on the trade with several other parties and will probably purchase as many more within the next few days.

S. A. Runkles and J. L. Phelan bought from Messrs. Galloway and Hardy, 110 head of one and two-year-old cattle at \$11 per head.

Ninety one head of J. B. Wilson's fed Texas beavers averaging 1,252 pounds sold in Chicago at \$5.25 per 100 pounds.

Runkle & Phelan sold 27 steers to Virge Ryan at \$12.

Chas. Collins bought 10 1-2 and 3-4 grade Hereford bulls from Thomson Bros., of Mud Creek, for W. H. Collins, for \$27.50 a head, 2 and 3-year-olds. They are dandies.

Joe Thiele bought from Zeb Owens 1200 3 and four-year-old 90 pound muttons at \$1.60 per head.

George L. Abbott, for Godair, Harding & Co., sold 500 wethers in Coleman county, last week, at \$2.50 per head.

W. H. Collins, of North Concho sold to H. R. Martin, of Comanche, 750 three-year-old steers, delivered Sept. 1st, at \$20 per head. Mr. Martin will fatten these cattle on corn at Comanche, which he has contracted for at 15 cents per bushel. Mr. Collins still has 750 3's and 4's in another brand which he has for sale.

I. G. Yates sold to Rainey & Russell, of the X Q Z ranch, 140 1 and 2 year old steers at \$10 per head. Mr. Yates shipped a car load of horses, Wednesday, to Pine Bluff, Ark.—San Angelo Standard.

Texas cattle, especially the grassers, are now selling 75c to \$1 per 100 lbs higher than they did a year ago. That is a very substantial gain and one that cattle growers will appreciate. The cause of the decided improvement is largely to be found in the big home demand for feeding cattle, and that in turn was brought about by the big increase in the supply of feed in the Lone Star State.—Drovers Journal.

Clearance Sale!

In order to cut down our immense stock of Dry Goods, Mens and Childrens Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods

and make room for new goods we have decided to sell our entire lines of summer goods at greatly reduced prices.

We herewith give you a few prices:

- Mens all wool suits, old price 8 50 now \$6 50
Mens all wool suits, " 11 50 now 9 50
Mens black and blue Diagonals " 12 50 now 10
Mens black Imported Diagonals " 18 now 14

All other suits marked down in proportion in plain figures.

- Childrens suits old price 1 75 now \$1 25
Mens silk front shirts old price 1 75 and 2 now 1 50
Ladies Duck suitings old price 12 1-2c now 10c
All wool nuns veillings " 18c now 14c
Arnold French Challies " 61-4c now 5c
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GENERAL MERCHANTS Sonora, - - - Texas.

El Paso, Tex., July 20.—The gambling hall has finally closed. It seems permanently. The injunction issued by Judge Gillis has been followed by the conviction of so many dealers that the gamblers have given up the fight. It is now said that some of the professionals are getting up evidence to convict directors and members of the El Paso Club, where it is said a limited game of poker is running.

Mothers

"One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters," said George Herbert. Men are what their mothers make them. But if the mothers are peevish and irritable, through irregularities, "female weakness," and kindred ailments, they find no pleasure, no beauty in the care for their babies. All effort is torture. Let all such, who feel weighed to the earth with "weakness" peculiar to their sex, try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. They will find the little ones a delight instead of a torment.

To those about to become mothers it is a priceless boon. It lessens pains and perils of childbirth, shortens labor and promotes the secretion of an abundance of nourishment for the child.

Otto Vander Stucken of Menardville, was in Sonora this week. He is a brother to Felix Vander Stucken of the firm of Mayer Bros & Co.

Ira L. Wheat, sheriff of Edwards county, was in Sonora Friday.

Serious Matter to Stockmen.

El Paso, Tex., July 19.—The Mexican collector of customs at Palomas, eighty miles west of El Paso, has issued orders that all American cattle in his district must be removed to the American side within fifteen days or be confiscated. This is a very serious matter to some owners in this county who have thousands of cattle grazing in Mexico which cannot under the rules of the United States Treasury Department be brought out of Mexico. If some relief cannot be had thousands of American cattle will be confiscated.

REPORT DISCREDITED

Washington, D. C., July 19.—The reported action of the Mexican customs collector at Palomas in ordering all cattle owned by citizens of the United States to be taken out of that district under penalty of confiscation is given no credence in official circles here.

Agricultural Department officials express the opinion that cattlemen in order to secure admission of their stock into this country through temporary suspension of the quarantine regulations originated the story. They are confident that the order if issued at all, was without sanction of the Mexican government and that no attempt will be made to confiscate the stock, as this would lead to important developments and doubtless would involve a serious controversy between the two governments. No reason for the arbitrary action of the collector is known and officials do not anticipate any trouble.

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If all the available cattle in Texas are fed this year there will be few if any more than were put in the feed lots during the past season. This year will also witness the practical end of the shipment of cattle direct from the ranges, and hereafter Texas cattle will go forward as a finished product. This marketing will not apply to only a few months in the year, but cattle from Texas feed lots will be sent right along regardless of season, as the cattlemen had at last discovered that under present conditions there is no money in the scrub ranger, and is now raising good grade cattle, which, when finished, can compete with the best natives of the middle states.—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

If you want steer or she cattle come to Sonora.

Report on the Condition of The San Angelo National Bank, AT SAN ANGELO.

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, July 11th, 1895.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TOM GREEN, ss. I, M. L. MEYER, President of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 1895. FRANK RIMES, Notary Public, Tom Green County, Texas.

Correct-Attest: M. L. MEYER, Geo. J. Bird, Directors.

Sheep in Texas.

Within the past few weeks many of the sheep offered upon this market have come from Texas, and to their low quality may be attributed a very fair percentage of the decline in sheep values. It seems very strange that the people of this country would thus stand in their light in the conduct of a business that promises so much profit in the near future. There are many good flocks in Texas, but they are not as a rule found in the range country, otherwise it is just a little more than likely that the market reports would read differently. Some one may argue that these same range sheep have produced handsome profits heretofore and may reasonably be expected to do so again, but the fact of the matter is that conditions are continually changing and that the demand of the market of today is for mutton sheep and not for wool sheep. An animal of the true beef type does not produce the best results in the dairy, and vice versa; the sheep that was once used solely for the production of wool will not produce the best mutton, even if they possessed the ability to take on fat rapidly, which they do not. The remedy is a sure one and easy of application—grade up with some one of the mutton types. There are many breeds from which to select, any one of which possesses the power of leaving its imprint upon the flocks of the Southern ranges, much to their improvement and the financial advantage of their owner. The cost of handling, shearing and marketing a scrub is quite as much as it would be if the animal were a half blood or better, and the profit is undoubtedly less. The term "long horn" will no longer apply to the Texas steer, and the improvement in her cattle has only been equalled by the energy and intelligence of cattlemen. Let her sheepmen profit by example of their brethren of the range, and the mutton consumers of the country will soon have little cause for complaint.—Wool Markets and Sheep.

Little Boys At School.

Teacher—Have you finished your composition on what little boys should not do in school? Little Johnny—Yes'm. Teacher—Read it. Little Johnny (reading)—Little boys, when at school, should not make faces at the teacher; and should not study too hard, 'cause it makes them near-sighted; and should not sit too long in one position, 'cause it makes their backs crooked; and should not go long examples in arithmetic, 'cause it uses up their pencils too fast.

THE CHEF SURPRISED HIM.

Discoveries Made by a Diner in the Kitchen of a French Restaurant. A man who prides himself upon his knowledge of cookery complained the other night of a dish that was served to him in his favorite restaurant. The French waiter summoned the French proprietor, and the latter offered to make the dish so that it would satisfy. The gentleman waited half an hour while the second experiment was made, but the result was no more satisfactory than the first. There was a vast amount of apologizing and shoulder shrugging on the part of proprietor and waiter, but neither seemed able to comprehend the cause of the patron's dissatisfaction. Two friends of the kicker smiled at his discomfiture, and made unpleasant allusions to his inability to get what he demanded. They also suggested that the failure was due to him rather than to the restaurant. That made him determined to prove the correctness of his position. "Let me see the chef," he said to the proprietor, "and I will show him how to make this properly." The proprietor apologized for being unable to produce the chef, explaining that he was so busy in the kitchen that he could not leave. "Well, then, I will go to him," said the gentleman, and jumping up from the table he rushed down the stairs leading to the kitchen. The proprietor and waiter both started at this and jabbered at each other furiously. The former was evidently scolding and the latter protesting. Both appeared in danger of dislocating their shoulders. Finally the proprietor walked away, looking very much annoyed. The waiter stood aside with a scared look on his face. Presently the gentleman reappeared and resumed his seat at the table. He looked very solemn, but there was a twinkle in his eyes. The waiter watched him furtively, but nothing was said until one of the other diners, who recognized that the waiter's presence was exerting a restraining influence on his friend, dispatched him in search of some pickles. Then the kicker leaned back in his chair and laughed deeply but silently. "This is the best joke ever perpetrated on a gullible public," he said. "You know how much our genial host and his talkative waiter have said about their fine chef, and you know how often they have insisted that no one but a Frenchman could cook anything decently. Well, you should see their grand chef. I almost fell into the fire when I was introduced by the chief scullion. In the first place the chef wears skirts, and in the second is the possessor of a fine brogue as over went out of County Cork. Think of it, the chef of one of the best known French restaurants of the great American metropolis is an Irish woman! But I'll tell you she grasped my idea about the cooking of this dish immediately, and we'll have it in first class shape in a jiffy." The prediction was verified.—New York Sun.

Didn't Mind the Fire. "The coolest man I ever saw," said a veteran fireman, "I met at a fire in a dwelling house. We found him in an upstairs front room dressing to go out. The fire by this time was bl'zing up through the house at a great rate. "Hello, there!" we hollered to him when we looked in at the door. "The house is afire!" "Would it disturb you if I should remain while you are putting it out?" he said, lifting the comb from his hair and looking around at us. He had on a low waistcoat, and his dress coat lay across a chair. "Seeing us staring at him he dropped his comb into his hair again and went on combing. But as a matter of fact he was about ready. He put down the comb, put on his coat and hat and picked up his overcoat. "Now I'm ready, gentlemen," he said. "We started, but the stairway had now been closed up by fire. We turned to the windows. The boys had got a ladder up on the front of the house. "Now, then," we said to him, when we came to the window. "After you, gentlemen," he said, standing back, and I'm darned if we didn't have to go down the ladder first and let him come last.—Exchange.

Ready to Do.

"Who," asked the pastor, "will undertake to raise the money for the church?" The converted counterfeiter rose in his pew. "I'll raise it if somebody else will pass it," he said. Obviously that was all he could do.—Detroit Tribune.

Byron's Household.

Byron's household, according to Shelley, consisted, besides servants, of 10 horses, 8 enormous dogs, 2 monkeys, 5 cats, an eagle, a crow and a falcon, and all except the horses went to and fro in the house at their pleasure.

It happened at Dexter Park, Union Stock Yards. A spry horseman mounted an animal with a decided aversion to carrying a rider. Who will bet two to one on the throw? he asks. A horse-dealer standing by nodded his head indicatively. "Then—" The frustrated animal threw himself on his side and rolled over his erstwhile rider. "This is horse on me!" he exclaimed, as he regained his feet. An "they let it go at that."



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Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c. 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

Frank Gibbons returned from a trip to Robert Lee this week.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by Morris & Allison 35

James Robinson is in town on business this week.

When calling for Beer be sure and call for Fort Worth. 35

Jim Caruthers was in town this week taking care of Nance and Dock.

The cheapest place.—The Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo. 38 tf

Born on Sunday July 21st, 1895, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Merck, a boy.

Go to SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for the imported Brandies, imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-tf

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robinson arrived in Sonora this week on a visit to friends.

Try Brown's Indian Maid chewing tobacco, it will more than please you. Hagerlund Bros have it. 46.

Messrs. Blackwell, Pitman and Blackburn cowmen from Edwards county, were in Sonora this week for supplies.

G. B. Duke, the blacksmith will shoe horses for \$1 a set, for cash as long as he can buy shoes as cheap as at present. He wants to give his customers the benefit.

Bob Martin the well-known cow man passed through Sonora with his family Wednesday, on a visit to Menardville.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away

is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about No-to-bac, the wonderful, harmless Guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The cost is trifling and the man who wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using "No-to-bac." Sold by all druggists. Book at drug stores or by mail free. Address the Sterling Remedy company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

Keg beer 5 cents a glass, a Morris & Allison's.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan returned from their trip to San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Huffman and family left last week on a three months visit to Gainsville, etc.

A fresh lot of immigrant hogs arrive from the North Llano country this week. More hogs, more fleas.

Lee and Walter Russell of Menardville were in Sonora, Tuesday visiting their sister Mrs. J. P. McConnell.

If you don't see what you want, when you come to Sonora, just ask for it.

A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy that he has used in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at W. H. Cusenbary & Co's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Smoke "Our Favorite." 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

Chas Broom, of Crockett county, was in Sonora Wednesday on important business.

Ask for Brown & Co's tobaccos and take no other.

Mrs. W. C. Luckie and family left on a visit to relatives in San Sabá Thursday.

Your cigar dealer will give you a briar pipe free. See adv't of Duke's Mixture. 18.

J. L. Davis the Schleicher county cattleman was in town Wednesday.

If you want something real good to chew get Paul Brown's natural leaf at Hagerlund Bros.

J. A. Radciil and M. Parker left on a business and pleasure trip to Abilene and several other places, Wednesday.

"Our Favorite" is the best cigar. 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

M. R. Lovelace of Bell county arrived in Sonora this week on a visit to his son C. G. Lovelace.

For a pleasant smile, a good smoke and genial company, make Zenker & Maier's your head quarters while in San Angelo.

Will Collins of Junction City arrived Tuesday with the mail from Junction City.

We have given Morris & Allison the agency for Quaker City Monogram Whiskey, the best on earth. JAKE DAVIS & Co., 31-tf, Galveston, Texas.

John Worden the mutton buyer from Edwards county was in Sonora this week buying mutton.

H. H. Sheard the sheepman from the Schleicher divide, was in town this week. He was soliciting orders for tree, shrub, etc, for Ramsey & Son of Austin.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. H. Cusenbary & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Causey of Star, Mills county, arrived in Sonora Monday and left Tuesday for the ranch of Geo H. McDonald, near Lost Lake, which they will manage.

If you need a pair of pants why not get the best? The BUCKSKIN BREECHES not only wear well, but they fit neatly and look well. Don't you think it will pay to try a pair? They are fully warranted.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27.

Jack Drago and Forest Beaman were in town this week.

The mains for the Newell water works are being laid on Main street this week.

S. L. Alexander is having an addition built to his residence in West Sonora this week.

Thomas Moss and Mr. Gnuzer, Edwards county sheepmen were in Sonora Thursday trading.

E. W. Wall the sheepman was in the trading center Tuesday.

John Panny of Menardville and Ozona was in Sonora Wednesday.

August Hedden the Buffalo Draw sheepman was in Sonora Saturday trading.

Miss Flora McMahon of Ozona has been in Sonora this week the guest of Mrs Mayer.

R. W. Barton the cattleman from 17 miles east of Sonora was in town Wednesday for supplies.

Dock Simmons was in town this week. He is still enjoying the fourth.

Geo G Knight of Wacc representing Tinsley tobacco was in Sonora Wednesday.

Chas. Shields of Dallas, said to be a consecrated buyer was in Sonora this week selling potash.

Clarence Evens representing J. A. Caldwell, the San Angelo grocer was in Sonora Wednesday.

Sam Gorman and John Keeton from Franks Defeat country were in Sonora Wednesday.

G. P. Hill the sheepman from the main draw of Devil's River was in Sonora for supplies Thursday.

Parties knowing themselves indebted to Morris & Allison are requested to call and settle as we are needing money to run our business.

NOTICE. Morris & Allison.

Cash Store.

I have bought the A. A. DeBerry stock of goods at a Big Discount, and for cash will sell you goods cheaper than any house in the West.

Geo. H. McDonald

EDITOR DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS:

Please say to those interested, that owing to a change of the time of helping Brother Gibbins hold his meeting at Knickerbocker, that I will not fill my pulpit at Sonora next Sunday. Hope however that the congregation will assemble and hold prayers and song and prayer service morning and at night. Pray for the success of the meeting at Knickerbocker.

Fraternally, W. G. Cocke.

Notice.

I desire to organize a good music class commencing on or about September first when the Public School opens. Will furnish a good piano at some convenient place in Sonora and desire a good class. My charges will be reasonable I will be in Sonora the later part of August to complete arrangements. Can furnish best of references as to proficiency and satisfaction guaranteed.

Very Respectfully, Miss ARBY MILLER, Lampasas, Texas. For reference apply to S. D. Foote, Sonora, Texas. 53 G

20 prs. Ladies' Hose for \$1 at George H. McDonald's.

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Lost from near Potter's ranch two weeks ago, one brown horse branded 2 on jaw, BW on neck, JHD connected on thigh. Also one bay horse branded IH. Apply to S. H. HULING, 52 Sonora, Texas.

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H. H. SHEARD, Sonora. Agent for A. M. Ramsey & Son, Austin, Texas. 52-S.

There is no doubt but that Sonora is a fine hog ranch, but can we afford to have our visitors suffer from the consequences?

C. F. Adrance of Galveston who has been in Sonora for the benefit of his health for the past year, left for Eureka Springs, Ark, Saturday.

Hood Marchinson, one of the merchants from Wallick, Schleicher Co. was in Sonora Tuesday on his way to his old home in Uvalde on a visit.

Chas. W. Hobbs the well-known wool commission man of San Angelo was in Sonora Monday rushing business for his house. See his ad in this issue.

18, 20 & 25 yds. prints for \$1 at George H. McDonald.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spiker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by W. H. Cusenbary & Co's Drug store.

Mr. D. P. Gay, of Ballinger, was in the city this week returning home from Gen. Treynor's La Babia ranch, where he received some twelve hundred odd head of beeves and started them for this city and eventually for his north Texas ranch in charge of his outfit of cowboys. The drive was delayed on the eve of starting by a severe thunderstorm at night, which stampeded some of the cattle of which about three hundred head got scattered back on their old range. The cattle were driven over the Rio Grande bridge this forenoon and started on the journey to Ballinger. They are a good looking lot of cattle.—Eagle Pass Guide.

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# Chas. W. Hobbs,

## Wool Commission Merchant,

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## LIBERAL ADVANGES MADE.

San Angelo, Tex., July 22.—G. E. Trimble of Robert Lee, a few days ago in attempting to swim the Colorado river during a heavy rise was drowned. His body, at last accounts, had not been recovered.

## WOODFORD (1881) WHISKEY

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A little knot of lawyers at the bar association were discussing the ups and downs of the profession in New York the other evening. The question brought up was, Do the men who know the most law make the greatest financial successes in its practice? One of the men told this parable as illustrating his view of the case:

"A classmate of mine whom I have always regarded as knowing far more law than I," said he, "was for many years in charge of the appeal cases of a powerful and well known legal firm in this city. He wrote the briefs in nearly all their cases that went up to the general term or the court of appeals and argued many of them in person and with success. He was an excellent case lawyer. He knew the law and the precedents and could put his hand on a case point for each principle he laid down.

"In the consolidation of the firm which employed him with another, some one else got his place. I gave him desk room in my office, and he struggled on for awhile. One day he came to me to borrow money, saving frankly that he didn't know when he could repay it, for he was simply on the verge of starvation. Some time afterward I was able to help him get a place in a Wall street law firm's office, where he is now earning the magnificent salary of \$3 a week.

"That's one side of the picture. A day or two after I had seen him installed in this asylum for legal genius the senior member of a successful law firm came into my office and said he had a little personal matter about which he wanted to ask my friendly advice. He didn't want to go to any one in his own office—an office that is earning more money in the general practice than the sum of the professional incomes to all of us here. He was about to mortgage some of his property and didn't care to have it generally known. The point about which he wished to ask me was whether his wife ought to join in the mortgage. And—will you believe me, friends?—this supposedly great and certainly successful lawyer had drawn up the papers without a mention of his wife's name or a provision for her signature. After setting him right I couldn't refrain from giving him a short lecture on the elementary law of real property and rubbing it in by handing him the circular of a city law school which happened to be lying on my desk."—New York Tribune.

**Derivation of Jewsharp.**  
The name of this little musical instrument is, so far as it appears to show connection with the Jewish race, a misnomer. It has no special hold as a musical instrument among the members of this race, and no more deserves to be called a "Jewsharp" than the harp of any other people.

The term is merely a corrupted form of the French "jeu trompe," literally a toy trumpet, but the corruption of "jeu" into "Jews" is clearly of a good age. Timbs, in one of his popular works, has it that the instrument is called a "Jewsharp" by Heknynt. Bacon called it "Jeu trumpe," while "Jeu trumpe" is used by Beaumont and Fletcher (cf. Timbs' "Popular Errors").

In Bailey's Dictionary (1733) will be found "Jewsharp, an instrument of music." The substitution of "trump" for "trump" is apparently a later growth, although of course Heknynt points to an early use. The etymology of "jaws harp," so called because of its being "played between the jaws," is referred to by Timbs. Altogether the French origin of the term seems the most favored, and this leads one to the conclusion that "jaws harp" is but a "matter of fact" name for that instrument, invented by some of the old folks among whom it circulated.—Notes and Queries.

**Printer Preachers.**  
In the Christian Advocate of New York the other day Dr. Buckley called attention to the large number of practical printers among the Methodist Episcopal clergy of this city and vicinity. "It may be remembered," he said, "that some years ago we received a letter from a member of a labor union, not the printers' union, threatening that if we did not sympathize with a certain strike then in progress the printers' union would be called upon to strike sympathetically, and we should not be able to get The Christian Advocate printed. While we had absolute confidence in our printers a little inquiry revealed the fact that by simply calling upon the ministers of our church in this vicinity who understood the printer's art we could get the paper out without difficulty."

**A New Symptom.**  
Invalid—I'm getting tired of this monotonous state of things. Even a new symptom would be a relief.  
Doctor—Well, then, why not pay me something on account?—New York Herald.

NO, HE WAS NOT SEASICK.  
But This Voyager's Excess Was Novel and Annoyed the Passengers.  
Personally most travelers of any experience have a great deal of sympathy for a seasick passenger. Perhaps it is because they realize that scarcely any one, no matter how often he has crossed the water, can be absolutely certain that he is going to escape sea sickness. For instance, men may have gone across with perfect comfort 20 times and been taken ill the twenty-first, and contrariwise upon a homeward bound trip last winter was a gentleman of not widely extended ocean experience who heretofore had made only pleasant summer trips—trips when the ocean was as the proverbial millpond for the greater portion of the time, with a storm such as the winter brings forth unknown.

"Are you a good sailor?" he asked of his nearest table companion at dinner the first day.  
"Reasonably so," replied the other. "Are you?"  
"Yes, indeed. I couldn't get sick."

"Sure of that, are you? For my own part I've made a great many voyages in all parts of the world. I never have been seasick yet, but I don't think I ever stepped aboard a steamer without having the thought that this may be my turn."

The first speaker turned at this and winked at the others at the table, as much as to indicate, "Well, you won't see much of our friend if we have rough weather." The others replied with a smile, as if they endorsed his views.

The first and second days until midnight passed pleasantly. Then the ship began to pitch and roll, and well it might, for it had struck the track of a cyclonic storm, and the next morning it was in the midst of the storm itself. When the traveler who feared that "this might be his time" found his way to his seat, he discovered that his companions were missing.

"It was rather a hard night, steward," he said. "A great many of the passengers sick, I suppose?"  
"That they are, sir," answered the steward. "All of this table sick, sir, but you, sir."

"What! Mr. Blank also?" asked the voyager in mock surprise as he mentioned the name of the person who couldn't get sick. "Well, I'll have to go to see him later."

A few hours later he found his way to the cabin of the superior sailor, who was groaning wretchedly when not exploring some one to knock him on the head and throw him overboard.

"Why, how is this, Blank? You seasick?"  
The victim made an effort to collect himself. Evidently he recalled the foolish remark of the first day.  
"Oh," said he, "I'm not seasick. It's only a slight nausea. You see, it was this way: My toothbrush was a bit old. In cleansing my teeth this morning a loose bristle caught in my throat and nauseated me. To be sure, I'm not quite myself yet in the stomach, but it isn't seasickness, I assure you; and now go away, won't you, old man, for I don't feel like talking."

Four days later Mr. Blank pulled himself together and got on deck, very pale, very weak and dejected.  
"Ah, Blank, I'm glad to see you around again," remarked his acquaintance. "By the way, how's that toothbrush with the loose bristles?"  
"D— the toothbrush," muttered the man. "It upset me completely, and I suppose every one thinks I was seasick. But I was not, I can assure you. It was only those confounded loose bristles."—New York Herald.

**Percy's Great and Equitable Scheme.**  
"I am going into business," said the young man with the flat hair as he sat down on a blue brocade chair.  
"Oh, Percy, no!" cried all the girls in the room, with accents of horror.  
"Yes," said Percy firmly. "I am. Can't let the chance slip. I have the finest idea, and I'm afraid if I'm not quick some other fellow'll get ahead of me."  
"Do tell us," begged the blond girl as she and her chums formed an adoring circle.  
"Well," said Percy, "I'm going to start a restaurant, and instead of having people pay their bills by prices per order I'm going to have scales at the door. Man is weighed when he comes in; weight registered. Weighed again when he goes out and is charged per pound gain. Isn't that great?"  
"Oh, Percy!" they all gasped admiringly. "You're a regular genius."  
—Chicago News.

**A Wonderful Child.**  
Zerah Colburn, when a child, had the most wonderful memory for figures ever known. He performed operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division on sums involving from 11 to 20 places of figures without setting one down on paper. Being once asked to raise 8 to the sixteenth power he almost instantly responded, "The answer is 281,474,976,710,656."

**Foster's Best Song.**  
"Massa's In the Cold, Cold Ground" was considered by Stephen Foster to be the best of all his compositions. He got the idea from a slave of Covington, Ky., whom he heard bewailing the fact that his good old master was dead, and that he and several other slaves who had become old and worn out would now pass into the hands of less kindly owners.

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ALABASTER MINES.

An Industry in Pisa That Flourished Even in Ancient Times.

Thirty-two miles southeast of Pisa, in the province of that name, a very remarkable and very ancient industry is carried on. We refer to the alabaster industry, of which a full description from actual observation is given by Vice Consul Carmichael of Leghorn in a foreign postoffice report. Volterra, where the alabaster is found, enjoys special distinction among places in the world which produce that commodity. The material, which is of five main varieties, is found in nodules imbedded in huge masses of limestone. At the end of each cavern whence it is extracted two or three men are to be seen working with small T shaped picks by the dim light of unprotected oil lamps of Etruscan pattern, which, by a singular tenacity of tradition, are still in use in the district. In one case the block of alabaster will be already well projected from its bed of limestone, and the operator is carefully picking away all around it in order to extricate the complete block. The larger the specimen the more valuable it is in proportion to its weight. In another search is still being made for the alabaster, and the workman is vigorously beating down the wall of limestone until he lights upon the white nose of what looks like a block. He then picks away carefully so as not to injure the prize. When there seems a likelihood of a large quantity of limestone having to be removed, blasting with gunpowder is resorted to.

The alabaster industry dates back to classic times. Great changes have taken place in it, however, within living memory. In former days there were three distinct classes of workmen engaged in the work of fashioning the raw material—the master artist, who owned a workshop and employed numerous workers, selling his products direct to the alabaster shops or galleries; the journeymen and the travelers, men who took huge cases of the goods and sold them as they went along in all the countries of the world, civilized and uncivilized. Of these two—

the master worker and the traveler—are now extinct species. Nowadays three men, usually relatives, work together in informal partnership, one being a turner, another a modeler and the third a decorator, who carves such decorative adjuncts on the finished articles as fruit and flowers. Their gains are very small, and indeed travelers who put in at the port of Leghorn and have alabaster vases, statuary and the like offered at almost absurdly low prices refuse, as a rule, to believe that they can be made by hand.

One kind of alabaster is made by a process of dyeing, which is still a trade secret, into an excellent imitation of coral. For a time this had a very large sale, but the trade is now threatened with extinction. It is suggested that the people of the east, who used to buy it largely, left off doing so, as they were doubtful whether the sham article could properly be used in the religious rites wherein coral plays a part. The alabaster workers have true artistic characteristics, but in their desire to turn out what they think will sell they neglect the fine models that are to be found in such profusion in the churches of Italy and flood the market with eternal reproductions of a limited number of classical figures and with flashy modern dancing girls, coquettish diving girls, faultlessly clad pifferari and, impressively spruce lazzaroni.—London News.

**A Dramatic Future.**  
It may be that it is better for a man to read anything than nothing, as the faintest halo of belief may be something higher than no faith at all. But we are inclined to be of Emerson's mind and shun the reading of any book that is not at the least a year-old. Time will choose for us, and the mummy stream of periodical literature will not be worth our drinking until filtered by his agency. If this be true with books, it will even more assuredly be true with stage plays, which are but a subsidiary mode of education and by no means necessary for a right appreciation of life.

So we may be content to sit apart for a time, watching for what may come forth from the present theatrical chaos, that we may note judiciously the ultimate survivors. For though in a sense we may be merely players upon the stage of the earth, yet our whole concern is not with mummies, and there are other things worthy men's notice besides masks and long speeches.—Macmillan's Magazine.

**Foster's Best Song.**  
"Massa's In the Cold, Cold Ground" was considered by Stephen Foster to be the best of all his compositions. He got the idea from a slave of Covington, Ky., whom he heard bewailing the fact that his good old master was dead, and that he and several other slaves who had become old and worn out would now pass into the hands of less kindly owners.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY'S SONG.  
New Facts as to the Origin of "The Star Spangled Banner."  
The following leaf from the history of the county seat of Prince George's county, Md., has been carefully preserved by an old inhabitant of Marlboro, and now for the first time is given to the public:  
The day the British army passed Marlboro en route from Benedict to Washington Dr. William Beanes, a prominent physician and citizen of Marlboro, was dining a party of his friends at his residence, among them Dr. William Hall and Mr. Philip Weems. Excitement in the neighborhood ran high, and a feeling of intense hostility was awakened against the soldiery, who, during their ascent of the Patuxent and their march across the country, had acted more like a party of marauders than a disciplined army. The main body of the army on the day referred to encamped at the "Wood Yard," about five miles from this place, and a party of stragglers roamed into Marlboro.

Some of the convivial guests of Dr. Beanes, seeing the recruits in town, suggested that the party go out and arrest them, and the suggestion was adopted and put into execution without delay. When they were released, they hastened to rejoin the army and reported the treatment they had received in Marlboro, and a squad was sent back to arrest the ringleaders of the arresting party. Accordingly Drs. Beanes and Hill and Mr. Weems were taken into custody and hurried off to Bristol, some miles from Marlboro, on the same train, at which place Admiral Cochrane's flagship lay at anchor. As a special indignity Dr. Beanes was forced to ride the entire distance on a backhanded horse.

When they were taken on shipboard and the case was reported to Admiral Cochrane, he was disposed at first to use severe measures with the prisoners, but better counsel prevailed, and when the ship reached Benedict Dr. Hill and Mr. Weems were released. Dr. Beanes, however, did not fare so well. He was retained on the ship and carried to Baltimore, which had been marked for destruction.

At that time Francis Scott Key, who was a nephew of Dr. Beanes, was residing in Georgetown, D. C., where he was a prominent member of a glee club, which was composed of what was then the best musical talent of the place. Hearing of the arrest and detention of his uncle, he hastened to the scene of the approaching conflict and went aboard the ship under cover of a flag of truce to secure if possible his release, and there he was detained during the bombardment of Fort M'Henry.

Out of the hopes and fears of his temporary imprisonment were born the sentiments of the song that has made him famous. After the bombardment he was sent ashore, but Dr. Beanes was carried to Halifax, where he remained a prisoner for over a year. After his release he returned to his old home in Marlboro, where he died in 1838, aged 50 years. His grave may be seen at Marlboro today on what is known as Academy Hill.

When Mr. Key returned to Georgetown, so the story runs, at the first meeting of his glee club thereafter he related to his companions the thrilling experiences of his self imposed confinement, and the suggestion was immediately made that he commit the incident to verse. The suggestion was acted upon, and the "Star Spangled Banner" was read and great applause at their next meeting. It was first sung by them to the air of an old Latherian hymn. Thus it will be seen that the circumstances from which came the song stirring words of our national song grow out of a thoughtlessly precipitated incident that occurred in Marlboro.—Washington Post.

**Napoleon's Birthplace.**  
A correspondent sends us the following account of Corsica: "We love the country and the people, but the Africa is as wild as the interior of Africa, with variable climate. Dirt exists to such a degree that you cannot walk a step without stepping into filth. Stench prevails in every corner, even in the street of Ajaccio leading to Napoleon's birthplace. In country inns no sanitary arrangements exist whatever, and you get nothing to eat unless you telegraph the day before. Brigands are rare indeed, but you must have no quarrel with any man or even look at him disapprovingly, or he gets mad with anger and then beware. Yet the country is marvellously beautiful, and a trip in the latter part of March, in April or early in May will repay all incredible inconveniences and horrors."—London News.

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