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## CASE OF DR. HUGER.



ANY years ago I was detailed on a case which, after many strange and unexpected developments, resulted, as I have always believed, in cutting short the career of a man who had combined murder and mystery into a fine art. Fortunately he had practiced this art only a short time, but evidence was discovered which showed that whenever he had set about accomplishing a purpose no human life was allowed to stand in his way.

Arthur Hodgson was a retired merchant, well along in years, with a good-sized fortune and a young and charming wife, whom he suspected of trying to get rid of him. He was in poor health. His attending physician was Dr. Louis Huger. The latter had been in the city less than a year, but was reputed a very learned man in his profession and had already established a large practice. Hodgson had met him first while traveling in Europe. The doctor had known Mrs. Hodgson before her marriage, and she had unbounded faith in his skill.

Hodgson would not make a direct charge against his wife or the doctor, in fact, he did not want anyone arrested and above all desired to avoid any publicity. He asked that his wife and the doctor be shadowed for a time by a discreet detective. The chief promised that he would have them watched, and the old man went away looking much relieved.

No revelations came to the surface and finally the case was dropped.

One night a servant brought to the central office a note for the chief. It was not delivered until next morning, and then the chief turned it over to me. It was from Arthur Hodgson and con-

not discover the artificial cause. Here were three persons dead, and, while medical science could tell that they had not died natural deaths, it could not discover the means used by the person responsible.

"I finally decided to pay a visit to Dr. Huger. The doctor was out when I called, but I told his servant that I would wait, and was shown into the library. That the doctor was a man well read in his profession was evident from the great number and variety of medical works with which his library was stocked. While waiting for his return, I began to glance at the titles of the books. One of the first that attracted my attention was a work in French, entitled, 'How to Reach the Brain.' It was by Paulon, an eminent authority on brain surgery. I picked up the volume and glancing through it, found many passages marked. I could read a little French, and one of the marked passages I found to be a description of experiments made in Paris by which animals were killed by forcing air into the brain. This was done by closing the mouth and forcing the air into the eyes or the nostrils by means of a small pump or syringe, made for the purpose.

"I learned that there are small passages leading to the brain from the eye sockets, and from the nostrils, and that air forced into the brain cavity through these passages would drive out the blood and cause death. The work also stated that an autopsy would in most cases fail to reveal the cause of death.

"I had just begun a hasty examination of another French work, Perriol's 'Treatise on Slow and Secret poisons,' when I was interrupted by the return of the doctor. I closed the books, placed them where I had found them, and was looking out of a window when the doctor entered.

"I told him that I was investigating the death of an old miser, in which there was a suspicion that he had been poisoned by one of his relatives, although the autopsy had failed to reveal any trace of drugs. I wanted him to tell me if there were not several ways

"Not quite," I answered, as quietly as I could.

"While he had been talking I had noticed lying on the table a peculiar looking instrument on which was the stamp of a French maker. I did not know what it was, but suspected that it was one of the pumps for forcing air into the brain.

"What else do you wish me to tell you?" the doctor asked, in a tone of impatience.

"Taking the little air pump in my hand, I asked:

"Doctor, suppose a man had a wife and children who stood in the way of his winning a fortune, and he wanted to get rid of them in a way to escape detection, would this instrument serve his purpose?"

"What the devil do you mean?" he cried, springing to his feet and glaring at me like a tiger at bay.

"Perhaps you know what I mean," I answered.

"The face of the doctor was as white as a sheet by this time, but his big, black eyes were dancing with fury. A number of vials partly filled with strange-looking liquids stood on a table three feet away. With a half-uttered oath on his lips, Dr. Huger reached out and grasped one of the vials.

"Drop it," I commanded, drawing my pistol and leveling it at his head.

"I have no wish to die with you," he answered, with a sneer. "If I dropped the vial it might break, and the fumes of the liquid it contains would kill us both before we could escape from the room."

"The doctor put the vial down on the table, but I saw with his eyes he was searching for some other means of getting me out of his way for good.

"Realizing that I had a desperate and dangerous man to deal with, I decided to take no chances, and, catching the doctor off his guard, I sprang upon him and slipped the handcuffs on his wrists. When he found that he was helpless he went along quietly to the station house. There I charged him with murder. He smiled as I named the charge, but refused to say a word.

"The doctor was locked in a cell while I went to headquarters, to make a report of what I had done. Before I had finished my report to the chief a message was telegraphed to headquarters that Dr. Huger was dead in his cell. The clothing of the dead man was carefully searched, but nothing was found that furnished any clue to the cause of his death. There was a careful autopsy, but it revealed nothing. The doctor's terrible secret had died with him. That he had killed himself there could be no doubt, but how he had done it was a question that the men of his own profession could not answer.

## TELEPHONING ON THE CONGO.

Drums with Which the Natives Are Able to Communicate.

Capt. Five, a Belgian explorer, says that the people of the Congo have a curious and interesting method of telephoning. For a long time he refused to believe that the natives really had the power to communicate with others at a distance, though articles had been sent to him in answer to such communications. At length, one day, journeying on the river by pirogue, and being about fifty miles from Basoko, he determined, instead of stopping, to press on to the village. Then one of his people offered to telephone to the village that the party would reach the place toward evening and would like to have supper prepared on arrival.

A native with a drum then began to beat it after a peculiar fashion, and presently announced that he had heard a reply. He then rolled the drum for some time and tranquilly returned to his paddle. Capt. Five waited with much interest to see whether his approach would be expected, and was astonished as he neared Basoko toward evening to recognize on the bank one of his fellow-explorers, Lieut. Verellen. A fire was burning ashore and supper was being made ready. Capt. Five, after greeting the lieutenant, inquired eagerly how he had learned of the approach of the expedition. The lieutenant replied that the news had been brought some hours before by a negro, who said that a white man was approaching by the way of the river and would need supper.

The drum used by the natives for this purpose is a small but noisy affair of wood. It is constantly employed in communicating short distances, in order to save time and trouble. In this instance there had evidently been relays of drummers along the whole fifty miles from the point where the original signal was given to near Basoko. The natives are able, with their drums, to signal messages of considerable length. This particular instance is recorded in La Flandre, a Belgian publication.

## ALL OVER THE STATE.

Interesting Cullings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

Receipts at the secretary of state's office for the eight months ending August 31, 1895, amounted to \$48,054.32. Of this amount \$13,465.38 is for domestic charters, \$2075 for foreign permits, \$1241 for supreme court reports, \$858.65 for courts of criminal appeals reports, \$771 for courts of civil appeals reports, \$194.88 for laws, \$360 for Sayles' Texas Civil Statutes, \$240 for certified copies, \$4863.61 for commissions, \$21,740.40 for franchise tax and penalty, \$1545 for restoration of domestic charters, \$685 for restoration of foreign permits and \$9 for trademarks. The total receipts at this office for the twenty-four months previous to January 1, 1895, amounted to a little over \$97,000.

Messrs. Kleburg and Tallis of the Texas live stock commission held a meeting at Austin recently to consider a letter from Hon. J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture at Washington. Mr. Morton wrote to the commission that unless the cattle quarantine rules of his department were adopted by the commission he would quarantine against the entire state. His rules go into effect February 15 of each year and are in force until December 1. The commission decided to adopt his rules, but will request that the time be changed from December 1 to November 1 instead. This change will be of great benefit to Texas cattlemen and will work no injury to the cattlemen of other states whatever.

At Dallas, the other day, Dr. W. H. Sutton died from the effects of three grains of strychnine, which he had administered hypodermically in mistake for a like quantity of codine. Having discovered his mistake, he called to Dr. Martin, who was in an adjoining room: "Come quickly, doctor." Dr. Martin did so and Dr. Sutton told him he thought he had taken codine until he felt the effects of the drug, when he looked at the bottle and found it contained strychnine. Dr. Martin gave the dying man a little chloroform and then rushed down stairs to a drug store to order medicine and get some other doctors. When he returned Dr. Sutton was dead.

According to the summary of the comptroller there are 4,873,898 cattle in the state, valued at \$35,713,761; average value per head, \$7.33, as against \$6.37 for 1894. The number of horses and mules is 1,500,923, valued at \$33,993,665, average value \$22.65 per head, as against \$27.08 for 1894. The total number of sheep in the state is 2,386,822, valued at \$2,442,162; average value per head, \$1.02. In 1894 the number of sheep was 2,859,263, valued at \$2,761,727. The decrease in the value of sheep from last year is \$319,565.

Professor F. P. Crow, principal of the high school, at Gatesville, was fatally injured the other morning by his buggy horse kicking him. He had gone out to hitch the horse up and was afterward found leaning against the barn in an unconscious condition with his head split open, from which the blood was streaming profusely. He was taken to the house and medical aid summoned but he has never regained consciousness.

The East Texas Telegraph company has opened up its line for business and Carthage is now in electric touch with the rest of the world. The line of the East Texas Telegraph company runs from Carthage to Timpson, on the Houston East and West Texas railroad, and has just been completed. The main office of the company is located at Carthage, with W. E. Ross as manager. The stock is owned by local capitalists.

The killing at Lytle, Atascosa county, of Pasqual Sausada by Deputy Sheriffs Tate and Urutia, is reported. Sausada had had a fight with another Mexican, and when called on to surrender assaulted the officers with a knife. An inquest was held and Deputy Sheriffs Tate and Urutia were bound over to the grand jury under a bond of \$1000 each, which was given.

Deputy United States Marshal E. J. Samuels passed through Fort Worth recently en route for Montana, having in custody John P. Esquive, arrested in Mexico, who is wanted in the northwest to answer an indictment in the United States court charging him with the embezzling of some \$400 of government funds while serving as postmaster of a small town there some fifteen years ago.

The governor has appointed August Thorsell and J. Baker branch pilots for the port of Brazos de Santiago.

While riding on a coal car at Galveston the other evening, Willie Lanford, 13 years old, fell in the International and Great Northern yards and about half of a train passed over his body, mangled him and scattering his remains along the track about 100 yards. He was the main support of a widowed mother. His father was killed here last summer in an altercation.

E. Henderson, colored, has filed suit against the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway at San Antonio, for damages in the sum of \$5000, alleging that the road company did not provide him accommodations equal to those enjoyed by white people when he was riding on a first-class ticket while en route from San Antonio to Hondo Oct. 14.

The Madison county lynching turned out to be a shooting instead of a hanging. The details are that a negro boy ran his horse over a white girl, whereupon a mob went after him. The boy's father interfered and was shot, the boy meanwhile making his escape. The affair occurred in the northwest corner of the county.

Congressman S. B. Cooper, recently went to Sabine Pass to make a formal inspection of the work done there. A committee from the Orange board of trade met him there with a tug and took him up through the lake to Orange, giving him an opportunity to secure data in regard to a necessary channel through Sabine lake.

J. A. Simons, treasurer of the board of trustees of the Taylor public schools, has just issued his report of the schools' financial condition. Receipts for the year ending Aug. 31, 1895, \$11,844.88, with expenditures of \$11,736.98 during the same period, leaving a cash balance on hand Sep. 1, 1895, of \$108.90.

Several months ago at Sherman Nora Boyce, a victim of remittent epilepsy, was sent to the aims house hospital. A few days since she was attacked with a series of fits, and since that time Superintendent Wilkins says she had at least 100 attacks and has been speechless since the first one. She died.

John M. Taylor, the man found guilty of decoying Charles J. Langholz of San Antonio to Keer county to buy a ranch and of murdering him for his money while he slept, has been sent up for life by a jury at Kerville.

At Terrell, the other morning while Bert Pipkin was examining a pistol, one chamber was accidentally discharged, the ball passing through the right foot of a negro boy named Drew Ellis, who was standing near by.

A number of the retail clerks of Dallas have resolved to organize a beneficial, social and protective association under the constitution and by-laws of the Retail Clerks' National Protective association.

During the recent blow at Galveston the tugboat Clara May sank at pier 39 in about twenty feet of water. It was thought she was in need of caulking and sprung a leak that soon put her out of sight.

Branch Bates, a negro farmer, living near Montgomery, was arrested for theft and bound over. He told his wife he preferred death to imprisonment and went to an outhouse and hung himself.

Robert Wright, son of R. W. Wright, living at Martin Valley, fell forty feet from a tree the other night in Clear creek bottom, Denton county. It is feared he is fatally hurt.

At Timpson, recently, a young daughter of Simpson Hooper was passing the fireplace when she slipped and fell in the flame, being so badly burned she died in a short time.

Up to November 21 between 80,000 and 100,000 head of Mexican cattle had been crossed into Texas between Eagle Pass and Presidio del Norte including both of those ports.

At Terrell recently Mary and Oma, the 3 and 5-year-old daughters of D. H. Myers, died but a few hours apart of sporadic diphtheria. They were buried in the same coffin.

Frederick G. Gaek of Dallas, has been appointed a railway mail clerk.

Terrell was recently shocked by a general shooting in and near a saloon in which Seaborn Huckaby and J. W. Ogles were killed and another man badly wounded.

J. O. Hightower, running a lumber yard at Sardis, Ellis county, has fled a chattle mortgage, naming Dr. R. W. Poplin as trustee, to secure creditors for \$393.

Chrysanthemum shows are numerous and popular in Texas just now.

The sound money or administration Democrats continue to organize.



"DROP IT," I COMMANDED.

tained only these words, roughly scrawled with pencil:

"Send a man at once; danger!" "I went to the house and found Hodgson dead and his widow prostrate with grief. An inquest by prominent physicians revealed nothing.

"Mrs. Hodgson got most of the fortune left by her husband and took a long trip abroad. Dr. Louis Huger remained in New York and attended closely to his largely increasing practice, but the affair was not altogether forgotten. The widow came home in a year and the old friendship with the doctor was renewed. It was soon reported that they were to be married.

"About the time that I first heard the report that they were to be married I was sent to investigate what was at first supposed to be a case of suicide or accidental death. A woman and two children living in a flat on the west side were found dead in their rooms one morning with the gas turned on. There was no gas in their lungs. They were dead before it was turned on. But the autopsy helped us no further. It did not disclose the cause of death. Many physicians came and examined the bodies. All agreed that no natural cause of death was apparent, and they could

of taking human life that would leave no trace of the cause of death.

"Dr. Huger cast a quick, sharp glance at me as if he would read the secrets of my soul. For a full minute he searched my face with his wonderful black eyes, and then apparently reassured he answered my question. He told me that there were several ways of taking life, recently discovered, that would baffle the best skill of the student of anatomy to detect the means used.

"Whatever the man might be at heart, for the time being he was simply the doctor and scholar. His eyes shone with unusual brightness, and his face glowed as he talked of the wonderful discoveries of eminent French and German surgeons, and quoted many of the passages I had read in his books only a few minutes before.

"In spite of my efforts to control my feelings, my face must have expressed some of the interest I felt in the doctor's revelations. As he paused in his talk, he glanced at me, and the same searching, suspicious look came into his eyes again and he stopped.

"Have I told you all you wish to know?" he asked curtly.

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Sam J. Hunter, of Tarrant county, has been appointed associate justice of the court of civil appeals for the second district vice H. C. Head resigned.

An Arkansas paper says that in one of the earliest trials before a colored jury in that state, the twelve men were told by the judge to "retire and find the verdict." They went into the jury-room, whence the opening and shutting of doors and other sounds of unusual commotion were presently heard. At last the jury came back into the court when the foreman announced: "We hab looked eberywhere, judge, fer dat verdict—in de drawers and behin de doahs, but it ain't nowhar in dat blessed room."

**The Presidents Salary.**

The prevailing idea that our president gets \$50,000 a year and that is all a mistake. He in addition gets \$36,064 to pay subordinate clerk hire. Private Secretary, \$3,250; his assistant private Secretary, \$2,250; stenographer, \$1,800; five messengers each, \$1,200; a steward, \$1,800; two door keepers each, \$1,200; and others at good salaries; \$8,000 is allowed him for incidental expenses, such as stationary, carpets, and the care of the stables. Under an other head there is given \$40,000 more: \$12,500 for repairing and refurnishing the White House; \$2,500 is for fuel, \$400 is for the Green House, and \$15,000 is for gas, watches, stable, etc. The White House in connection with the President costs the country about \$125,000 a year.—American Tribune.

Last week two cattle men, of Rannels county, who had boasted that they "never took a newspaper," went to St. Louis with stock to sell, blew out the gas in the hotel room and were found dead the next morning.—S. A. Standard.

At Boston last week, 50,000 lbs. of Texas wool, six months clip, sold on a secured basis at 32 cents per pound, while 50,000 pounds of Texas 12 months wool sold at 35 and 36 cents.

**Alvin House Suicides.**

Alvin House, a school boy, 15 years of age, committed suicide by hanging himself, with a bridle rein, to a mesquite tree, in Sterling county, last Thursday. He attended the Mulberry school. The school-master threatened to chastise him and rather than submit he rode off on his horse and took his own life.—San Angelo Standard

Cotton again on the rise. Spot cotton sold at 8 1-8 at Galveston this week.



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 Strict granulated Sugar our price 2c a pound  
 Y. C sugar our price 4 1-4c a lb  
 3lb standard tomatoes our price 85c per dozen  
 2lb standard tomatoes our price 75c a dozen  
 2lb standard string beans our price 75c a dozen  
 2lb standard derby corn our price 75 c a dozen  
 2lb marrow fat peas our price 85c  
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 135 suits all wool worth 12 50 sale price 8 50  
 200 suits all wool worth \$15 00 sale price 9 50  
 335 suits all Taylor made worth 18 sale price 10 50  
 165 suits all wool Tailor made worth \$20; sale price 11 50  
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## MASSACRE AT MARASH

### ONE THOUSAND CHRISTIANS ARE SLAUGHTERED.

The Sultan is Quietly Making Preparations for War, and Still Refuses Permission for Gunboats to Pass Dardanelles—Insurrection Increasing.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 29.—In spite of the assurances which the Turkish minister for foreign affairs, Towfik Pasha, gave to the ambassadors of Great Britain, Russia, Austria and Italy on Wednesday that the firmans allowing the passage through the Dardanelles of four extra guard ships for the use of their embassies would be immediately issued by the porte, the necessary documents have not been forthcoming. Frequent conferences between the ambassadors have taken place during the past twenty-four hours and many consultations held between Turkish ministers and the sultan at the palace regarding the matter. The ambassadors have also been in communication with the palace as well as with their respective governments. It seems highly probable that the ambassadors have determined not to wait beyond a certain time for the firmans and therefore may soon be announced that the gunboats are coming under convoy of battleships.

A portion of the British fleet which has been at anchor in Salonica bay for some time is understood to have left those waters for Smyrna and should now be quite near the entrance to the Dardanelles.

That the porte anticipates trouble is evident from the fact that all the forts about the straits are now fully manned and supplied with ammunition and have been placed in the highest state of efficiency compatible with the circumstances. Search lights are kept in good order and worked nightly over the waters. For over a month past the work of strengthening the fortifications in this vicinity, and particularly about the Dardanelles, has been in progress and it is understood that the system of submarine mines and torpedoes has been practically completed so far as the resources of the government will allow it. In this connection it is recalled that the St. Petersburg Geographical society last year succeeded by strategy in obtaining satisfactory data respecting the depth of water and currents about the Bosphorus and Dardanelles and the British admiralty is said to have obtained complete soundings from an English merchant steamer which have recently passed the Dardanelles. As to the system of mines and torpedoes about the Dardanelles they do not cause much apprehension among the foreign officers here. They believe that a few torpedo catchers could cut the short connecting lines in short order and that a little countermining would do the rest.

Trustworthy information from Marash confirms the worst reports concerning the massacre which is said to have occurred there recently. It appears that the outbreak occurred on Monday, Nov. 18. The Mussulmans, apparently at a given signal and acting in a deliberate manner, began the work of massacring the Armenians, who, anticipating trouble, had done everything possible to defend themselves. The number of killed is estimated at 1000, men, women and children. Three buildings belonging to the American mission there—the theological seminary, academy and a boarding house—were burned by the rioters, who looted the theological seminary previous to setting fire to it. The Mussulmans killed two students belonging to the seminary. It is understood that all the American missionaries, five or six in number, are safe, but Minister Terrell has not yet been able to obtain any news from Marash.

Most startling reports are current regarding the preparations for trouble being made by Russia in her Black sea ports and along the frontier of Asiatic Turkey.

The anxiety caused by the absence of direct news from Syria increases. It is reported, however, that large numbers of Turkish troops have been drafted there and a religious war seems imminent. The soldiers are said to be bearing a green flag of Mohammedanism instead of the regular Turkish flag, denoting, it is claimed, that although the authorities assert that this mustering of fighting men is for the purpose of putting down the insurrection of the Druses, a wholesale onslaught upon the Christians of Syria may be anticipated. Jerusalem is said to be crowded with Turkish troops, and Palestine is reported to be overrun with the soldiers of the sultan. This is considered to be one of the most dangerous features of the present situation.

Tired of Living.

ALGONA, Ia., Nov. 28.—M. J. Wilson, one of the most prominent business men and politicians of northwest Iowa, shot himself dead yesterday. Mr. Wilson was several times mayor of his city, ran for congress, served in the legislature and his name was before the Democratic convention for governor. Poor health is supposed to be the cause of the act.

Didn't Catch Brewer.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 28.—The details of an attempt to swindle Elias Brewer, an elevator builder of this city, has been made public. It appears from the story that the would-be swindlers, writing from Farragona, Spain, alleged certain peculiar details in the Panama affairs by which one man is convicted and \$2,000,000 secured and hidden in a trunk. They wanted Mr. Brewer to take charge of a daughter of one of the swindlers and asked him to send for the young woman or send the wherewithal to take her to America in consideration of which the \$2,000,000 would be placed in his charge and of it \$500,000 was to be his payment. After correspondence with one Antonio Roderique at Farragona Mr. Brewer was asked to forward money to get the trunk out of the power of the authorities and to aid in smuggling the girl out of the country. Mr. Brewer was contented with simply writing letters. Finally when Mr. Brewer received a letter saying his Farragona correspondent was dead he wrote to the police authorities for particulars and the story was branded as a fabrication.

Suffrage in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 29.—South Carolina's constitutional convention will adjourn sine die next Tuesday. All the work of the convention has been completed except that of the final revision of changes made in the constitution, which is in the hands of a committee. The new constitution will be different in many respects from the one it will supersede. The most important change will be in the suffrage article. That article of the new constitution provides for an alternative educational or property qualification for voters. One who can read or write, or who has paid taxes on \$300 worth of property, has the right to vote. Had the convention stopped there the illiterate whites would have been disfranchised.

They are, however, provided for in a clause which says that any one who cannot vote under either a property or educational qualification, shall be given the right to vote for life, if he can understand a section of the constitution when read to him by the registration officer. This understanding clause is only to be operative for two years. All males attaining their majority after 1898 must comply with the educational or property qualification in order to be allowed to vote.

State of Affairs in Syria.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—A dispatch from Beyrout, dated Nov. 27, confirms the reports of the grave state of affairs existing in Syria and Palestine and the reported danger in which the American mission has been placed by the riotous demonstrations of the Mussulmans. The dispatch adds that the whole of Syria and Palestine are flooded with Turkish soldiers and states that in the country between Jaffa and Jerusalem there are 60,000 troops, all raised within the last twenty days. The troops arriving here bear the significant green flag of the prophet instead of the Turkish flag. Jerusalem is crowded with soldiers and troops are being stationed in the tower of David, Pilate's palace, and in the wilderness outside the Damascus gate. The ostensible purpose of the troops is to subdue the Druses.

Big Insurance Combine.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Managers of twenty-four fire Lloyds insurance companies that together underwrite \$150,000,000 of risks and have assets of many millions, have just held a meeting preliminary to a close union. The plan of the promoters looks to ultimate association such as the London Lloyds. If the design be worked out successfully it means uniform Lloyd rates by all members of the league and the extinction outside of Lloyds of the fifty or fifty-five companies that, with the exception of half a dozen vigorous ones, not regarded as in the same rank as those in combination.

Republican Senators.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A caucus of Republican senators will be held after the adjournment of the senate Monday. A sufficient number of names have been signed to the call for a caucus, which will consider the party policy of the coming session. The northwestern senators have decided to present the name of Major A. J. Shaw of Spokane for sergeant-at-arms.

Killed His Daughter.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 29.—A Nichols, a farmer living seven miles northwest of Lincoln, accidentally killed his 8-year-old daughter Wednesday evening. He was trying to catch a horse, and becoming angered he threw a heavy club at the animal, but it flew wide of the mark and struck the little girl on the head. When picked up she was unconscious and died in half an hour.

Dr. Erastus Dillon, a prominent druggist of Ottwell, Pike county, Ind., on the night of the 27th inst. shot and killed Alex Hourry, a saloon-keeper of that place, and a companion whose name is not known, Dillon was not arrested.

## BRITAIN BACKS DOWN.

### THE SULTAN OF TURKEY IS IN DOUBT.

No One Seems to Know What Will Happen Next—The Turkish Authorities do not seem to Fear Johnny Bull. Congress to Meet.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 2.—It has not yet been definitely determined what will be the outcome of allowing ships into the Dardanelles for the protection of foreigners in the domains of the sultan. The ordering back to Salonica bay of the gunboat Dryad, which had been ordered up the Dardanelles at the request of the British ambassador, Sir Philip Currie, in anticipation of the promised granting of the firmans by the sultan for war ships to pass through is officially explained on the ground that the proposed action would do more harm than good by inflaming the fanaticism of the Turks against foreigners on account of the supposed affront to the sultan of what would in effect have amounted to a naval demonstration against Constantinople. The effect of the abandonment of its purpose by Great Britain on the situation in Turkey is awaited with anxiety and great interest. The question of guardships seems at a standstill for the present, though the threat of Sir Philip Currie to renew his purpose unless foreigners should be exempt from outrage is still open. Undoubtedly one effect of the ordering back of the Dryad to Salonica is that the belief in the often alleged concert of the powers in their attitude toward Turkey is wanting.

The sultan is known to have been skeptical as to this concert for some time past and it is said has based his long-continued opposition to Great Britain's demands upon a belief that no such concert existed and that it could not endure for any length of time. The belief can not but have been in part confirmed by Great Britain's withdrawal of her demand after it had been so strenuously pushed to the verge of a crisis. Whether Great Britain is influenced by the alleged danger to foreigners from fanatical Turks which would ensue upon the proposed demonstration or whether she has learned to doubt the approval of her action which might be accorded by other powers is therefore a question which is discussed on both sides.

United States Minister Terrell has received from Aintab, on the southern slope of Mount Taurus, a dispatch which says that American missionaries there are safe and unharmed in recent massacres.

Reports of a fanatical outbreak in Zazara have created anxiety for the safety of American missionaries there and Minister Terrell has wired an inquiry, to which an answer is awaited.

Taimage in Turkey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Dr. T. De Witt Taimage, the noted Presbyterian divine, who has just begun his ministerial labors in Washington, last night confirmed the statement published in New York that he had refused to go to Armenia to distribute relief funds on account of the condition of affairs there and the refusal of the Turkish government to furnish protection. He reviewed the affair in an interview, in the course of which he bitterly denounced the porte, and said it had fomented the massacres and retarded the work of relief.

"The Turkish government," he said, "is a miserable mass of corruption. Its workings are rotten to the core, and the whole government ought to be blotted off the face of the earth. The condition of affairs in Armenia is horrible, and the government is responsible for the fearful atrocities. Wholesale massacres are perpetrated, women outraged, and remaining Armenians, who escaped finally, return on a promise that they will be safe only to be victims of fresh onslaughts, instigated at least by those who represent the views of the porte."

Five People Drowned.

UNIONTOWN Pa., Dec. 2.—Five persons were drowned in Monongahela river below Brownsville Saturday afternoon. Joseph Pickup, Mrs. Missouri McIntosh, Mrs. Ethel Stephens, Jacob Eskin and Joseph McIntosh were returning from Brownsville to their home at Wodrun in a skiff. They got too close to the steamer James G. Blaine, which was coming up stream, and the waves upset the skiff, throwing them all into deep water. Nothing could be done to help them in the darkness. The men's bodies have been recovered, but the women are still under water.

Expedition Against Haiti.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says: A formidable expedition against Haiti is being formed by Bouiss Caut, it is reported on trustworthy authority. Caut is being assisted, it is asserted, by a well-known Philadelphia firm. The expedition is to sail early in December. The plan is to scatter munitions of war at various points in the black republic leading to Port-au-Prince, the capital, during the coming elections.

Congress to Meet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The first week of the fifty-fourth congress, which convenes at noon to-day, promises nothing at either end of the capitol in the way of actual legislation. The time before the Christmas holidays is usually devoted to preliminary matters and the work of the session does not begin until after the recess. The new congress will probably not be an exception to this rule. The senate proceedings may be enlivened by an attempt at organizing, but in the house nothing can be done until committees are appointed. Speaker-to-be-elect Reed says that committees will not be announced this week with perhaps a single exception, the committee on rules. This committee formulates the rules which are to govern the house during the session and it is customary for the speaker to name it the first week in order that it can immediately begin its labors. While it is believed that the rules of the fifty-first congress, over which Mr. Reed presided, will be repeated for the guidance of the present house, it is understood that a few changes will be made as a result of experience which are designed to still further improve the house machinery and the facilitation of business.

Butchered His Wife.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 2.—A special from Cynthia, Ky., says: A murderer, Orville Eals, while resisting arrest by a posse yesterday, was shot to death, after he had butchered his wife, killed an officer and badly wounded two other men. Eals was a farmer, living near Brownsville, and his wife deserted him for John Fields, a tenant on the place. Eals induced his wife to return, and on Tuesday killed Fields. Eals, who defied arrest, was well armed and took refuge in a hut. A large posse came upon the hut Saturday night and yesterday at dawn the attack was made. When the rush was made from the heavy timber Eals began firing. A man named McCoombs fell, mortally wounded, and two men named Wells and Herbert, were seriously shot. The storming party effected an entrance to the hut and a horrible sight met their gaze. On the floor lay the mutilated body of Mrs. Eals almost nude and covered with ugly wounds, while near by lay a bloody hatchet, with which she had been killed. The posse had fired a fusillade of shots, which entered the house and Eals was shot to pieces.

Not Afraid to Die.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Hobart Babcock, president of the Cherokee Manufacturing company of Dalton, Ga., was found lying dead in his office in that city yesterday afternoon. The affair is very mysterious, and the coroner's jury adjourned until to-day in order to fully investigate the matter. It seems that Mr. Babcock went to his office yesterday afternoon, wrote some business letters and was in the best of spirits. A few minutes before the shot was heard, which it is supposed terminated his life, he was talking to a gentleman relative to new machinery he was about to order for the concern of which he is president. He left no message to indicate that he had committed suicide, yet the fatal bullet was fired from a pistol which belonged to the company's watchman, and which was left at the request of the deceased always in the office, because he said, he always felt better when he knew it was around.

What Corbett Says.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Dan Stuart of Dallas is again in town. His object is to bring about a match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, to take place at El Paso, Texas, some time about the holidays, for a purse of \$20,000. Corbett also arrived last night. When told of Stuart's arrival he had this to say:

"I am much surprised at Stuart making another journey to this city. I formerly considered him a smart fellow, but from past experience as regards his relations with me, he is simply on a fool's errand if what I hear is to be the object of his visit. He can't begin to hold a conversation with me about fighting unless I see the money placed in the hands of responsible parties, and even then the chances are slim of my rescinding my former assertion of retiring. Again, this fellow Stuart has cost me any amount of time and money, besides plenty of worry and bother."

The agent of the Rock Island at Comanche, I. T., was held up and forced to open the safe by a lone masked robber on the night of the 28th ult. He got no booty.

Meeting of Silver Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A call has been issued for a meeting of silver senators to be held in the marble room at 11 o'clock to-day for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of organizing the senate on a silver basis. It is signed by four populist senators and has been sent to all the Republican and silver senators who have professed allegiance to the silver cause.

The under-water section of the Blackwall tunnel under the Thames has just been finished, the occasion being celebrated by a lunch in the tunnel itself, to which 2000 persons sat down. The tunnel connects Greenwich on the south side of the river with Poplar on the north, and is just over a mile in length. Three thousand nine hundred and sixty-four feet had to be driven by compressed air. Of this 1200 feet on the north bank remains to be done, so that the tunnel will not be open for traffic till the spring of 1897. It was begun in March, 1892. While driving the shield under the river bed, at one time only five feet two inches of gravel intervened between the top of the tunnel and the water, and loads of clay were dumped into the river to prevent the water from bursting through. The diameter of the tunnel is 27 feet, 6 feet more than that of the St. Clair tunnel, hitherto the largest ever built.

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**Talmage in Washington.**

**Still Interested in New York Affairs—Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars for Charities—What He Thinks of Certain Books.**

Everybody knows that the illustrious divine, who made the Brooklyn Tabernacle famous throughout the world, has recently been called to a pastorate in Washington. His church is the First Presbyterian church of that city, and while in former years a very prominent institution, it latterly had been favored with but small audiences, composed principally of men and women who remained loyal to the old church even though now surrounded largely by business houses. A marvelous change, however, has suddenly come over this time-honored landmark, and to-day the First Presbyterian church of Washington, owing to the wondrous eloquence of its newly installed pastor, is every Sunday besieged by multitudes, many of whom stand there frequently hours in advance of the opening of the service in hopes of being able to wedge their way in somehow or other, and to listen to the matchless eloquence of America's foremost pulpit orator.

People all over the country are wondering whether Dr. Talmage, in moving to the National Capital, and in exchanging his Brooklyn residence for a house in Washington, has actually divorced himself from all connection with the east. Dr. Talmage was recently interviewed on this subject by a reporter of this paper, and the reverend gentleman said that as long as his editorial chair had two legs in New York and two legs in Washington he could never be considered as having severed all his connections with the metropolis. "The Christian Herald," he said, "with its wide circulation, is a tremendous power for good," and as long as the Lord gave him health and strength he would write for that paper—in fact, he would be in his editorial chair at the Bible House more frequently now than ever. Continuing, the genial preacher said: "There is no paper in America that yields a more potential influence for good than The Christian Herald, with a circulation of nearly two hundred thousand copies weekly. Nothing but death shall separate me from it. Dr. Klopsch, its proprietor, is a man of extraordinary enterprise. This year besides printing The Christian Herald every week in beautiful colors, a veritable enchantment for the eye, he offers as a premium a complete library, consisting of ten splendid volumes, full of interest and full of entertainment, with an elegant bookcase, delivered free of all expense, together with the paper itself, fifty-two times, for the moderate sum of \$3. Hereafter let no home in America be without a library.

I asked Dr. Talmage whether he could recommend the library to people who contemplated securing it, and he said unhesitatingly, "I know every book. They were carefully and thoughtfully prepared, either specially written or compiled by most eminent literary men, and there is not a weakling among them."

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Just then Miss Talmage came in to call her distinguished father to dinner, and the interview ended.

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**American Sailors.**

American sailors in New York claim that the American line discriminates against them in favor of foreigners. The superintendent of the line says that it employs more American sailors than the law requires.

**Sharp Girl.**

Miss Dora M. Whitehouse, of Vassalboro, Me., has brought suit for breach of promise against the estate of a man who died two months ago. The estate failed to go to her as promised, hence her claim for damages.

**An Old Student.**

Martin Van Buren Stevens is a student at the University of Kansas. He is 70 years old, and expects to graduate next spring, and take up the practice of law.

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**Chicago Correspondence.**

**L**UBDOM among women has assumed such enormous proportions of late that not to belong to one or more organizations with a view to benefiting yourself or mankind in general is to tacitly acknowledge oneself dead to the world. The meeting of the Illinois Federation of Clubs at Peoria last month did much toward defining the position of these bodies in regard to various subjects which are of vital importance just now. Women have now had a chance to put themselves on record, with the result that their clubs have taken on a dignity entirely unknown to the worthy Dorcas societies which were their predecessors. And



**MRS. GEORGE SHERWOOD.** The beauty of these institutions is that a woman in her time may belong to any number of them simultaneously, which goes to prove that they bear one another no ill will and their relationship is quite harmonious. Only at election times is there any display of party feeling, and then it is not of a personal nature. The choosing of their officers, especially the president, is a matter of much moment, and she must be a worthy leader in every respect, for as the president, so is the society, in a great measure.

When Mrs. John C. Coonley was elected to that chair by the Woman's club last spring it was by a flattering majority. The office sought the woman in this case and the choice in every way was a strong one. Mrs. Coonley is admirably equipped to be the head of Chicago's leading club, and combines wide culture with her many natural gifts.

"I inherit a taste for clubs," she exclaimed. "My mother founded the first woman's club in Louisville, and she is president of it at the present time."

Mrs. Coonley was born in Virginia, but moved to Louisville when a child. Her father was a staunch union man. Her recollections of war times include many exciting scenes which as a child she but dimly understood. Mrs. Coonley is a busy woman, and her time is much taken up with different charitable and philanthropic projects in which she is deeply interested. She is a member of the Fortnightly club, the Contributors, Twentieth Century, Amateur Musical club and the University club, and yet she declares she is "not a club-woman by any means." Her particular talent finds expression in very graceful verse, which from time to time has appeared in different periodicals over her name. A collection of her poems, "Under the Pines and Other Poems," will be brought out in this city at an early date. Her prose contributions have found their way into the eastern maga-



**MRS. MIRIAM A. WHITE.** zines. Mrs. Coonley confesses to but one hobby, and that is an intense love of the country. She considers it a very moderate sort of hobby, but one that she indulges in as much as her multifarious duties will allow.

The West End Woman's club is quite a youngster compared with its older sisters, having known the bliss of only three birthdays. Mrs. George Sherwood is the third president, and feels that there is no apology needed for her club, except concerning its age, a point on which the members are as yet a little sensitive. Mrs. Sherwood is a patriotic west sider, having lived in that part of the city for over thirty years. All

her closest interests are centered there, and all her charitable work is confined within that district. Mrs. Sherwood believes in concentrating one's time and attention.

"I don't think it a wise idea to try to do too many things at once," she says. "You can't spread yourself over a very large territory and be equally thick in all places, and you can't make time enough to enable you to belong to half a dozen clubs at once."

An exceedingly conservative club is the Daughters of the American Revolution. Individually the members may believe that "kind hearts are more than coronets," but collectively, as a body, it takes blue blood and a long line of ancestry in order to become a member. Mrs. S. H. Kerfoot is the regent of Illinois, and is now serving her third term. Mrs. Kerfoot's ancestors were all good fighters in the revolution, and to encourage a love of our country and a becoming sense of gratitude toward those who fought so bravely for this land is a thought very near her heart. The Daughters of the American Revolution organization was not founded for philanthropic purposes, further than that its aim is to encourage patriotism among those who adopt America as their home. A favorite plan of Mrs. Kerfoot's is the establishment of a branch chapter for the children of the descendants of revolutionary heroes, where appropriate readings, flag drills and such exercises as would tend to nurture a proper pride in their native land will be given.

Sometimes a club achieves notoriety and occasionally it is thrust upon it. The Olio, which is a small assemblage of women, comparatively, with a membership roll of about 100 names, sent a representative down to Peoria, who, by her emphatic remarks on the subject of partisanship, drew all eyes toward this club. Mrs. Miriam A. White is the president, and is also vice-president of the Chicago Newspaper Women's club. Mrs. White is actively engaged in journalistic work and is associate editor of the North Shore Suburban. Her writings are principally confined to questions of the day, particularly those pertaining to matters sanitary, hygienic, educational and social. She is not a rabid suffragist, but believes in women voting on all matters pertaining to the public schools, and then in a purely nonpartisan spirit. "We have already an overpowering element of the illiterate, the uneducated and, worse still, the criminal classes, as voters," she declares, "and matters will not be improved by bringing in the sisters and cousins and aunts of these people."

The Kilo club has said its seven times one and one over, and each year finds it stronger and better able to extend its field of usefulness. The noonday rest



**MRS. IDA WOOLLEY MORGAN.**

is an idea of this organization which has found practical expression and its popularity amply testifies to the want which it fills. Mrs. Ida Woolley Morgan is the president and one of the charter members. Mrs. Morgan is comparatively a new-comer in Chicago, having lived in New York until eight years ago.

"In visiting my old home in East Twenty-third street," Mrs. Morgan relates, "I found that after passing out of my father's hands it has been rented for a club, not unlike our noonday rest, by Grace Dodge."

Mrs. Morgan is much engrossed in the subject of girls' clubs and devotes a great portion of her time to their interests.

Of all the clubs in the city the most wonderful, in many respects, is the Alpha, which, with its sister club, the Beta, numbers close on to a thousand members. They differ from all other clubs, inasmuch as there is no board of directors, no executive committees, nor red tape of any description. It is really like a dream club. Mrs. John C. Thomas is the president and founder, and the whole plan is to furnish, for a price so small as to be only nominal, meals for workingwomen, lodgings for strangers passing through the city, or belated suburbanites, and to afford instruction in an endless number of subjects, from cooking to music and French, all to be within the reach of the very slimmest purse.

"I have had such a club as the Alpha in mind for ten years," Mrs. Thomas explained, "but not until my children married and went away from home did I feel myself free to establish it. Then I had to convert my husband to the plan. He was inclined at first to think it visionary, but now he is as enthusiastic as I am about it. We have given up our home on Ashland boulevard and live right here, so I can give my personal attention to the work."

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by careful investments in grain through a responsible firm of large experience and great success. Will send you particulars free showing how a small amount of money can be easily multiplied by successful investments. Highest Bank references. Opportunities excellent. Patterson & Co., Bankers and Brokers, Room W, Omaha Building, Chicago.

No woman cares to know why she loves a man.

We think Piso's Cure for Consumption is the only medicine for Coughs.—JENNIE PINCKARD, Springfield, Ill., Oct. 1, 1894.

After all, money is not everything, nor glory the whole of life.

"Hanson's Magic Corn Salve." Warranted to cure or money refunded. Ask your druggist for it. Price 15 cents.

Romance has been elegantly defined as the offspring of fiction and love eyes.

If Troubled With Sore Eyes Jackson's Indian Eye Salve will positively cure them. 25c at all drug stores.

The man who keeps his heart to himself is a selfish creature.

**FITS.**—All fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after the first day's use. Marvellous cures. Treatise and \$2 trial bottle free to all cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 301 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Every man hates his rival, but some of them successfully conceal it.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" relieve Throat Irritations caused by Cold or use of the voice. The genuine sold only in boxes.

Adam it is said never complained of dressmakers' bills.

Experience leads many mothers to say "Use Parker's Ginger Tonic," because it is especially good for colds, pain and almost every weakness.

Putting nickles in the slot is like pouring water into a rat hole.

Those distressing Corns! Bad as they are, Hindercorns will remove them, and then you can walk and run and jump as you like.

People are not shocked as often as they pretend to be.

**"No Foolin."**  
ST. JACOBS OIL DOES NOT "FOOL 'ROUND"; IT GOES STRAIGHT TO WORK ON PAIN AND DRIVES IT OUT AND "SHUTS IT OFF" FROM RETURNING. THAT'S BUSINESS.

**Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away!**

**NOTO-BAC**

It makes the nerves strong, and brings back the feelings of youth to the prematurely old man. It restores lost vigor. You may gain ten pounds in ten days.

**GUARANTEED TOBACCO HABIT CURE.**

Go buy and try a box to-day. It costs only \$1. Your own druggist will guarantee a cure or money refunded. Booklet, written guarantee of cure and sample free. Address nearest office.

**THE STERLING REMEDY CO.,**  
CHICAGO, MONTREAL, CAN., NEW YORK.

**CASCARETS** candy cathartic cure constipation. Purely vegetable, smooth and easy sold by druggists everywhere, guaranteed to cure. Only 10c.

**RUB A DUB DUB, THREE MAIDS AT THE DOOR.**

**ALL USING CLAIRETTE SOAP**

**MILLIONS DO THE SAME.**

Sold everywhere. Made only by

**THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY,**  
ST. LOUIS.

**Bugles and Hacks.**

**ORIGINAL COST.**

We still have a few of those Hacks and Bugles which we bought so low from the stock of J. L. Carlisle.

1 special Mountain Hack, 1-4 as 1-2, top, pole and brake. Former price of same, \$11.00.

1 Two wheel (Jump Seat) Ranch or Farm Bugle, rubber top and pole. Former price of same, \$9.00.

Just the thing for a family, as it can be converted from a one-seater into a two-seater family bugle. Former price of same \$12.50.

1 Ranch Road Bugle, full rubber top side curtains, apron, pole, brake etc., a splendid ranchman's bugle only \$12.50.

Former price of same \$15.00.

1 Ranch Road Bugle, full rubber top, side curtains, apron, pole, brake etc., same style as above but lighter, only \$9.50.

Former price of same, 12.50.

We also have a carload, just received, of Midway single and double Hacks, Hacks, Milk and High Spring Road Wagons at very reasonable prices. We give a full guarantee on these lines of goods.

One 100-piece Royal Porcelain Dinner set, handsomely decorated and gold stenciled, regular retail price \$16.00, now by set \$12.75.

One 50-piece dinner set, same as above regular price \$7.25, by set 6.00.

One 40-piece dinner set, same as above, regular price \$5.75, by set 5.00.

One 93-piece combination dinner and Tea set, Carlsbad China, daintily decorated and gold stenciled, very handsome only 28.00.

One 53-piece dinner set, pure Carlsbad China, of a very handsome and fastidious decoration and catches pattern nothing better in the store \$12.75.

One 38-piece delicate plain China dinner set, regular \$6.75 only 6.00.

We still have only about 40 or 50 of these 4 piece sets left, at 40 cents per set.

Pure white Ironstone cups and saucers, handled and full size, warranted, at only 40c per set.

Plates of same grade same price.

Full size pitchers and bowls of same grade for only 75 cents.

Handled Water Glasses, 20 dozen at 35 cents per dozen. Will close them out.

**GIRTS AND GED.**  
**HAGELSTEIN.**  
San Angelo, Texas.

**LOCAL CHIPS.**

W. C. Lock, of near Edith was seen on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. I. C. Williams and daughters, Misses Maggie and Belle, went to San Angelo Monday.

County Clerk, Ed Mcbley and sister Miss Lucy, went to Angelo Monday.

Patrons of the Rustler have our thanks for their assistance to us in getting advertisements.

F. K. Nance will soon open up a large stock of Boots shoes and hats at San Angelo.

Arkansaw Smith has a cut sale every day.

Can get more Groceries for less money than any place in San Angelo at Arkansaw Smith.

**Come Now**

To Robert Lee, a fine picture of your baby or whole family Guaranteed.

T. K. Wilson of the Divide was in town Thursday.

Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths San Angelo.

Mr. S. G. Louis of the Indian creek neighborhood was a pleasant caller at The Rustler Office Thursday.

When you see an X on the margin of your paper you may know that you are behind on your subscription and come forward and pay up at once.

**Photographs! Photographs!**

You can get first class pictures in Robert Lee, for the next thirty days. T. Irby, Artist, on his way to Ballinger will positively be at Robert Lee 30 days.

Mr. Dave Hix, formerly of this county, but now of Midland was in town several days this week shaking hands with friends. He is in the Life Insurance business. If it takes talk Dave is the man.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

Dr. Clark of Bronte, was in town yesterday on business. While some twenty miles from town, one of the shafts on his buggy became loose and the horse started to run and, but for the doctor's ability to drive the frightened animal into a wire fence and kept him there, a bad accident might have happened.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Editors Cooper, of the Sterling City News, Claud Hudspeth of the Ozona Courier, Shurman of the Conche Herald, and Merchant of the Coke County Rustler, were in town yesterday. No west Texas press association meeting, but simply the first of the month.—S. A. Enterprise.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friend to come to see me.

F. E. PERRY.

Mr. E. C. Good and W. C. Barron paid San Angelo a business trip last Sunday and returned Wednesday.

**WHY NOT**

Have the Picture of your Ranch and all, while the Photo man is here.

Mr. J. W. Barnett, our Deputy Sheriff, who has been in the country collecting Taxes for several weeks returned Tuesday evening and has but one more appointment and will then remain in Robert Lee during the Tax collecting season.

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F. B. PERRY.

Mr. J. G. McCulloch was in the city wednesday from L. J. Good's Ranch and says stock are doing well now. Shug says he is holding down a good job now.

Last Tuesday being the first Tuesday in December, was Sheriff's sale and quite a number of tracts of valuable land were sold by the Sheriff for comparatively nothing.

2 o'clock p. m.—Methods in Reading—cultivating taste for Literature, by J. W. Sayner and Miss Emma Merchant.

3 o'clock p. m.—Methods in number work for beginners, by R. L. Allen and Miss Janie Stewart.

**NIGHT SESSION.**

Music Vocal.  
Address of welcome—R. M. Cambie.

Response—Judge Averitt.  
Music Instrumental—Messrs Tunnell and Gardner.

Recitation—Miss Janie Stewart.  
Discussion—Common Fractions by J. A. Stuart and G. C. Berryman.

Music—Instrumental, by Miss Duvergne Trimble.

Recitation—Miss Portia Christian.

Music, Instrumental—Messrs Gardner and Tunnell.

Arithmetic, by Primary pupils of Bronte school.

Music—Vocal.

**SATURDAY.**

10 o'clock a. m.—Methods of punishment in public schools, general discussion.

11 o'clock a. m.—Methods in

**The Best People In Coke County**

are requested to call at

**The Pioneer Drug Store**

next door to Post Office

San Angelo, Texas,

and see the big display

**Christmas Goods.**

**we don't want you to buy, unless you feel like it.**

**COME IN WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE YOU**

Notice for the X on the margin of your paper and if behind, please come in and settle up before Jan 1st, and save us trouble. If you haven't the money, bring us produce.

**Teachers Institute.**

Program of the Coke county Institute to be held at Bronte on Friday and Saturday, January 3rd and 4th 1896.

**FRIDAY.**

10 o'clock a m Methods in. History, by H. T. Carter and A. P. Stone.

11 o'clock a. m.—Methods in Geography, advanced, by B. U. Smith and Miss Lala Douglas.

1 o'clock p. m.—Methods in conducting recitations, by F. K. Popplewell and Miss Gertrude Davis.

Arithmetic—Decimal Fractions, by F. E. Thomas and L. S. Bird.

1 o'clock p. m.—Culture of memory and Imagination, by J. A. Stuart and Miss Edna Reed.

2 o'clock p. m. Methods in Physiology, effects of stimulants and Noreotics on the Human system, by G. C. Berryman and Miss Duvergne Trimble.

3 o'clock p. m.—Methods in Spelling, by J. L. Ross and Miss Portia Christian.

**Post Office Jeweler.**

ASA CORDILL, Ballinger, Tex.  
If your Watch, Clock or Jewellery needs repairing, send or bring it to me. My work is first class and is guaranteed in every respect. Give me a trial order.

**Gantt & McNeese,**

**FURNITURE**

Wall Paper, Paints, Glass, Picture Moulding.

The Best Goods, The Lowest Prices The Largest Stock.

If You Like Bargains, Don't Fail To see us.

617 619 Beauregard Avenue, San Angelo, Texas.

**Cheap Sales evry Day!**

AT

**TOM HENNING'S.**

The variety Being too Numerous to Mention Prices. We use no Leaders, No Baits, No Street Drummers, And do a Strictly Honest Business. Come see our Stock.

San Angelo, Texas.

**MARCH BROS.,**

PAY MORE FOR

**Cotton ; Hides ; Pecans**

AND SELL ALL KIND OF

**GROCERIES & DRY-GOODS**

Chaper than any house in San Angelo.

Free Wagon Yard.

600 to 603 Beauregard Ave., Opposite Court House, San Angelo, Texas.

**The Second-Hand Furniture Store**

Keeps on hand at all times a full stock New and Second-Hand Furniture, a full line of Cooking and Heating Stoves, Bed Springs, Mattresses, Bed Room Suits, Marble and Wood tops.

**Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,**

Opposite L. Schwartz & Co's., San Angelo, Texas.

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AGENT FOR

MATHUSHEK, HALLET & DAVIS, McCOMMON, and other leading

**High-Grade Pianos,**

CHICAGO COTTAGE ORGANS, GENUINE SINGER SEWING MACHINES, BICYCLES, GUITARS, MANDOLINS, ETC.

Will sell you anything in the above lines at as low prices and on as easy terms as can be had in Texas.

ABILINE TEXAS.

**Lowest Prices in the West**

ON NEW BEST

*Dry Goods. Mens Furnishing, Goods, Boots, Shoes and Hats.*

Will be given you by JOHN HUTCHINSON at

**T. E. Ross Bargain STORE.**

Ballinger, Texas.

**Wagon And Feed Yard.**

Alvin Campbell, San Angelo, Texas.

All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good Brick Camp House. The Best Attention to Customers. The best Accommodat'ons For The Least Money. We Appreciate Your Trade.

East of Nimitz Hotel.

## Polk Livery Stable.

I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every Buggy, Hack and Harness is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard. Coke county patronage is most respectfully solicited.

**J. R. SIMPSON.**

SWEETWATER TEXAS.

## J. T. Hamilton

[Successor to Hamilton, & Patteson]

**DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS,**

Robert Lee, Texas,

## R. A. FLANAGAN.

Successor To  
**E. Blanchard & CO.**

Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Toys, Novelties.

*Cigars And Tobacco.*

WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY.

REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.

San Angelo, Texas

## Bennick, Stewart & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries And Grain.

Special Enducements offered to CASH trade  
Will take Note or Mortgages.

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

### COKE COUNTY RUSTLER

#### PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

#### SWEETWATER HOUSE.

Mrs. S. M. BULAH, Proprietress.

BOARD BY DAY, \$1. MEAL 25c

Every attention paid to guests to make them comfortable. Clean beds, plenty to eat and well cooked. When in the city come and see me.

#### G. W. Perryman,

ATTORNEY AT LAW

(NOTARY PUBLIC.)

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ROBERT LEE COKE CO., TEX.

Prompt attention given to all Business Intrusted to his Care

#### J. B. Latham, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon,

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Office at Hamiltons' Drugstore.

#### Dr. J. O. TOLIVER

Physician and Surgeon,

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Office: At My Store.

#### BLACKSMITHS

and

#### WHEELRIGHT.

First class horse shoeing a specialty. We are here to do your work and we guarantee to do it to your satisfaction. We understand our business and we ask the patrons of the RUSTLER to bring us a trial order.

Most Respectfully,

MAJORS & GREGORY.

Ballinger, Texas

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

#### Fronts Notes.

Bronte, Texas, Dec., 5th 1895.

ED. RUSTLER:—

As it is not often we see anything from the rich valley Bronte through your paper I thought I would send you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along.

The people are about through gathering their feed. There is some cotton in the field yet. Some little wheat sowed and some making a start for another crop.

There is more fat hog in this community than I have ever seen here before, all of which shows we have mostly enterprising people living around Bronte.

I want to say, the good crops and the prices we've been able to get for them, has made many a heart glad and has enabled the people generally to pay out of debt and the broke down merchants to take up courage and fill their little store houses with more goods and now they are awake to business. As for my part, I feel very thankful to the people surrounding Bronte, for their patronage to me as a Physician, that is, all those that have tried me on that line and I am certainly a well wisher to those few that have not tried me. I felt that those I have done work for appreciate my service by the way the most of them come in and call for their accounts and I feel like those that haven't come in will follow suit soon, at least I am feeling easy over the most of it, from the simple fact their looks show that they appreciate what I have done for them.

I want to say to all you kind men, (to me) you have enabled me to stock up again, I have a large line of books, slates, and all kinds of staple and fancy articles belonging to the drug department, holiday goods ordered, enough for all, in fact my stock will be complete by the 15th of this month. Now I heartily so-

licit the patronage of the people for it will only enable me to keep on hand what they need in way of drugs and to serve them better as a Physician for I will be better able to carry my own drugs.

Respectfully,  
W. F. KEY.

#### Wagon Yard Changed Hands.

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formally owned by W. E. Eskridge on Hutching Ave and will take the utmost pains to see that all customers are given every accommodation. Good camp houses and other conveniences; also feed kept for sale. The Coke county people are cordially invited to give us a trial, and you are our customers.

CURRIE BROS.  
Ballinger, Texas.

#### CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

#### The City Hotel

Is the place to stop. Everything is home like; nice, clean and comfortable. Good grub, pleasant rooms, and beds that you can sleep in. Only Hotel in Sweetwater. Fare \$1.00 per day.

A. J. ROY, Proprietor.

The teachers institute held in Robert Lee last Friday and Saturday was quite interesting and all who attended expressed themselves as being highly entertained.

Messrs Patteson & Brightman have moved into their new law office in the North West corner of the court house.

W. H. Edington of Bronte, was in Robert Lee Monday and rented from Judge Perryman the Will Hulse farm for the year 1896.

Asball Dancer is located in the Runkles building and invites the Coke county boys to have him do their shugling and shaving when in San Angelo.

## To The Farmers of Coke Co.

We are now in a position to buy your Cotton and Pecans, and pay you the highest market price.

We Have the Best Stock of  
**DRY GOODS**

Ever seen in this section, and we offer every article on our counters and shelves at the very lowest notch.

We have no grocery department, and will not raise the price of dry goods to make up for what baits are offered in groceries.

We Will Treat You Right

And want your trade in

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots  
Shoes, Etc.

Respectfully,

**L. Schwartz & Co.,**

M. T. ALEXANDER, Managing Partner.  
San Angelo, Texas.

## Headquarters

For groceries.

A full stock of Flour, Meal, Bacon, Molasses, Sugar Coffee and a full line of STAPLE AND FANCY GROCEIES always in stock, to sell at closest figures.

Handle Country Produce. All goods guaranteed full weight and first class. Will treat you right. Come see me

**B. F. MONTGOMERY.**

## RENDERBROOK HOTEL.

COLORADO - - TEXAS.

I have assumed management of and have refurbished the house and solicit the patronage of the PEOPLE OF COKE COUNTY.

Best for \$1.00 a day.

RESPECTFULLY,

G. W. Wadell.

## Burns & Bell,

DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING,  
GROCERIES AND MERCHANT TAYLORING.

When in COLORADO give us a trial.

COLORADO - - - - TEXAS.

## When In Sweetwater

CALL ON

**D. S. ARNOLD & CO.**

Groceries & Hardware.

## R. B. HIGGINS.

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, and Notions

ROBERT LEE TEXAS.

## FIGHT OR CRAWFISH.

### CHAMPION CORBETT MUST DO ONE OR THE OTHER.

Dan Stuart is After Blustering Jimmie and he Must Sign to Meet Robert Fitzsimmons or be Branded a Coward. Affairs in Mexico.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 30.—Dan Stuart, of Dallas, is in the city night on his way to New York, where he hopes to secure the signature of Corbett to a document calling for a fight with Fitzsimmons. Stuart said:

"I intend to camp on the trail of Corbett and Brady until Corbett signs or shows that he does not want to fight. Fitzsimmons is anxious to fight, and I have his signature with me. I took him out on a tug in the Gulf of Mexico and signed him there, so that the state of Texas would have no hold on him. I intend to bring off the fight about two miles from El Paso, and it will not be on Texas soil, either. The articles of agreement that Fitzsimmons has signed calls for a finish fight, with five-ounce gloves and \$2500 forfeit money. I will put up a purse of \$20,000, and if I fail to pull off the fight without interference Corbett and Fitzsimmons can divide the money between them. I will put up \$10,000 when the papers are signed and \$10,000 when the date of the fight is agreed upon. I hope the fight will come off about Jan. 10. I am in a position to guarantee the men absolute protection from interference, and if Corbett is willing to fight the thing will come off without a hitch of any kind."

Stuart said further that he wanted the men to select their own referee, but that he preferred a Chicago man, naming Sam Dahl or George Siler as his preference.

"I will only name the referee," he said, "in case the men are not able to agree upon him."

#### Affairs in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 30.—The generous treatment accorded the Mexican exhibitors at the Atlanta exposition has given great satisfaction here. An endeavor will be made to secure some of the best features of the Atlanta show for Mexico's exposition next autumn. Public interest in the coming fair is increasing although merchants object to exhibitors being given the privilege of bringing in goods to be sold at the close of the fair.

Three of the assassins of Julio Chabot, the Frenchman at Cordoba, have been caught and summarily shot.

Bull fighting in the state of Puebla has been suspended owing to the recent riotous disturbances and the legislature will be asked to determine if, according to existing laws, the sport is permissible. The superior court of the federal district has decided in sustaining an appeal from the decision of the lower court in the case of the two American negroes who were refused drinks in the lurid hotel billiard room, where there is a bar. The lower court had decided that there was no offense committed as the saloon-keepers as well as merchants may rightfully refuse to sell if they choose and the upper court affirms the principle and the negroes no longer have any status at bars if the saloon-keepers do not want them on the premises. The newspapers made a great outcry over the case asserting that all men are equal before the law, but the court does not touch this matter, merely confining itself to the rights of merchants to refuse to sell to customers displeasing to them.

#### Atrocious Assault.

HENNESSEY, O. T., Nov. 29.—The story of an atrocious assault near Bond postoffice reached here yesterday. An old man named Moore, his wife and daughter, 29 years old, were traveling overland from Texas to some point in Nebraska. They camped on a stream near Bond. The daughter left camp during the evening in search of horses that had strayed, and was set upon and assaulted by two men. Her cries were stifled by a gag. Her parents missed her, and not until after a search of over three hours was she found, then in a deplorable condition. The men are unknown, and the girl can give no description, except both were tall men, one wearing a fur cap. The citizens in that sparsely settled neighborhood are greatly excited, and should the perpetrators be found no doubt a lynching will follow.

Many fervent prayers were offered in Cleveland, O., on Thanksgiving day for the conversion of Col. Robert G. Fingersoll.

#### A Close Call.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29.—The Northern Pacific steamship Tacoma, which has just arrived from Yokohama, had a severe experience in a typhoon off the coast of Japan. Four days after leaving Yokohama the ship encountered a hurricane in which her deckhouse, stores, hospital and lifeboats were swept away by heavy seas. Immense quantities of oil were poured on the water, which saved the vessel from further damage.

#### A Fatal Land Slide.

CARMEI, N. Y., Nov. 30.—An accident resulting in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives occurred at the Tilly Foster mine a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Foreman Patrick Murtha was descending into the pit to take the time of two gangs of laborers, numbering about thirty-five men, who were working at the bottom, when a vast weight of earth and rock slid with the force of an avalanche from the mouth of the pit to the bottom, a distance of about 300 feet. The earth crashed over the men with tremendous force. Out of one gang of eleven only five came out alive, and three of the men employed in another gang were taken out dead. Among those known to be dead are: Michael Gannon, foreman; Patrick H. Murtha, foreman; John Fagan, boarding-house keeper; Thos. Dennis, James Smith, An Australian, name unknown. An unknown man received a fracture of the skull and will probably die. The names of the others killed are at present unknown. Several of the men were seriously injured. Superintendent Thompson took charge of a searching party and up to 5 o'clock five dead bodies had been brought to the surface. Murtha was taken out alive, but he died in five minutes after he was taken home.

#### A Romantic Marriage.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 30.—Quite a romantic marriage took place at the Delaware hotel Thursday morning for the first time and were married at about 9 o'clock in the evening. The groom, Mr. L. S. Kain, is county clerk of Ward county, Texas, and the bride, Mrs. Willgas, is of New Britain, Conn. It seems that they had frequently heard of each other through mutual friends and drifted into a correspondence, the result of which was the meeting and marriage. The pair passed the day Thursday in the Delaware parlors discussing their future, and about 9 o'clock the lady gave her consent to the marriage. Mr. Kain had brought the license with him, and a minister was soon procured, who performed the ceremony. The couple will remain in this city for a few days going to their home in Ward county.

#### Trouble in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Minister Andrade of Venezuela has received an unofficial letter from a friend in that country giving details of the recent small uprising which was quickly suppressed. The disturbance occurred in the province of Miranda, not far from Caracas. The party was small in number and had come from Curosa, where it is believed they were inspired by Rojas Paul. At the first sign of disturbance the Venezuelan soldiers dispersed the crowd without a single casualty. The letter describes the affair as an "opera bouffe rebellion." President Crespo has returned to Caracas after an absence of several months. No word has been received of the British ultimatum.

#### Captains and Mates Held.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 30.—Capt. Wiberg of the steamer Horsa, the suspected Cuban filibuster, and his first and second mates were held in \$1000 bail yesterday by United States Commissioner Bell. Half a dozen commissioners, all of whom had been on the vessel during the voyage, swore positively that neither arms nor ammunition had been taken aboard after she left the port on Nov. 9. Trust Fireman K. Arnston swore that thirty-eight men and several cases of ammunition were taken on board and landed later in Cuba. He asserted that all the crew had been offered \$25 apiece to keep still tongues. John D. Hart, the agent of the steamer, he said, was to get \$12,000 for furnishing the vessel for the expedition.

#### A Double Tragedy.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 30.—Late Thursday night Deputy Constable Ben Ayers shot Frank Howard, a colored boy, and almost immediately afterward the boy's mother was shot and killed by Ike Buttrey, her husband. Ayers had arrested the boy for some trivial offense. At the door of the house the boy made a break for liberty when Ayers shot him in the back. This aroused his mother, who ran out to his assistance. Buttrey, the boy's stepfather, was aroused, and mistaking his wife for a burglar who was making the disturbance, seized his gun and shot her in the breast, killing her instantly.

It has been decided that the world's skating championship contest will be held at Pittsburgh this winter with the understanding Montreal is to have them next winter.

#### The New Comet.

GENEVA, N. Y., Nov. 29.—The new comet discovered by Prof. Brooks last week was observed by him yesterday morning. Position, right ascension, nine hours twenty minutes and thirty seconds; declination, south forty-seven minutes. The comet is moving rapidly northward and in three days will be on the fore paw of Leo. Perrin's comet was observed. It is moving toward the sun and grows brighter.

## THE BOARDING HOUSE.

It Is No Place in Which to Bring Up Your Children.

A dainty little mother, with a daughter not much smaller than herself, the other evening was bewailing the fact that just at present she was compelled to live in a boarding-house. Some surprise was expressed at such a statement coming from one whose quarters were located in one of the most aristocratic boarding-houses in Chicago, where the food, both as to quantity and quality, was unexceptionable. "Oh, yes," she said, "the food's all right, and I could not honestly find fault with the neighborhood, but the life itself will be the ruination of Dorothy," meaning the little daughter before mentioned. "Oh, it is something dreadful," she pathetically continued, "she is getting so horribly precocious and there is no way to prevent it. You see, every morning after breakfast there is a gathering of the clans in some one woman's room and there, over embroidery or the feeble work of mending that they dignify as work, they all talk scandal and gossip on topics that no child should be allowed to hear, and all the time there sits that baby of mine on the floor not half as interested in the doll which she is supposed to be playing with as she is with the conversation going on between those idle adults. As a result, she comes out with the strangest remarks, which are applauded by the women as cute and smart; she isn't like a baby, she is like an old woman, and I sometimes lie awake at night wondering what her future will be with no childhood memories of her own home, her own kitchen and the thousand and one little pleasures that a child can only enjoy under the roof-tree of its parents. Think of it—she will never know the joy of making little cakes from the leftover bits of bread dough; she will never know what it means to have a real, old-fashioned candy-pull. All that she will have as a recollection of her childhood will be the remembrance of those idle women talking about other people's concerns or their own bodily ailments."

## PRINCESS VICTORIA.

The Heroine of a Romance Who Lately Passed Away.

The heroine of a romance in real life has just died. This was Princess Victoria of Capua, daughter of the brother of the king of Naples. A very handsome woman of the Amazonian type, she lived alone for many years in her chateau near Lucca, her one hobby and object in life being the breaking in of wild horses. The peasants of the neighborhood used to call her Diana. She would drive a four-in-hand of half-broken animals through the most rugged mountain passes with a resolution which astonished all who met her. Equally strange is the story of her birth. Her mother was a beautiful Irish girl who, having attracted the love of the heir presumptive of the throne of Naples, accepted his hand, but refused to live at court because his family denied her the privileges of her new rank. So the pair retired into obscurity and lived on the revenues of the prince's estate. She had only two children—the princess whose death is just announced and a son who became insane owing to hatred of women. So fixed was his delusion and so fierce did he become if a woman came near him or was visible from the castle windows that the walls had to be built up to an extraordinary height, thereby shutting out all view of the outside world.

#### Treatment of Blackheads.

To prevent blackheads one must have a good digestion, be scrupulously clean and take plenty of exercise. To cure them once they have appeared is a matter requiring time and patience. The face must be cleansed and softened with cold cream and the pores must be opened by a face steaming. When this cannot be taken at a beautifying establishment it may be taken at home over a basin of boiling water, with a Turkish towel encircling the head and the basin. After the steaming the face should be gently pressed to force the blackhead out, but if it does not come out easily the trial must be abandoned for that day. More cold cream must be applied. After two or three such treatments a blackhead of ordinary obstinacy may be pressed out. Tincture of benzoin is admirable for its softening and tightening qualities. Its constant use will reduce enlarged pores to a normal size, and will keep wrinkles from getting much headway.

#### O Yes, We're Queer Sometimes.

Strange things occasionally happen where they are not looked for. A stray horse was arrested in Chicago Monday booked as a vagrant, given a jury trial and a fine of \$15 was imposed. The horse, not having \$15 in his inside pocket, was sent to the city pound.

#### Here's a New Man Now.

Franklin M. Harrison, of Des Moines, Iowa, is suing his wife for divorce and \$5,000 alimony. He says she took all his money to pay off incumbrances on her own property and now refuses to support him.

The German emperor is multiplying his musical compositions, and before long an album of songs written by him is to be published.

## The Apple of Love.

There is an old story that has a laugh and a tear in it of two little street gamins, one of whom had an apple, and his companion asked: "Say, Bill, won't you give me a bite of the core?" To which the other replied: "They ain't goin' to be no core!" Somebody has been telling that story down in the Pecos valley, in New Mexico, where apples grow as big and tender as the hearts of the people, and a carload of red beauties have been shipped to Chicago for free distribution among the little waifs, who know only about the cores of other people's good things. The first lot were given out recently and another lot will be sent for Christmas. That is the kind of tracts that go to the right place. Hungry children are more interested in their stomachs than they are in their souls, and even a very distinguished person in the scriptures, who had got enough of empty protestations, said: "Stay me with apples, for I am sick of love."

#### A Bad Dog.

A dog that chews tobacco, and likes it, is owned by a Philadelphia butcher. It has been chewing for about three years, since it was a puppy, and is now so addicted to the habit that it can't get along without a daily dose of the weed. Its owner started it in the habit by giving it chunks of tobacco when it was a puppy, and the animal at once took to it. It will chew only plug tobacco, and will not touch fine cut. It holds the tobacco between its forepaws and sucks all the juice out of it. The animal is really more of a good example than a lamentable instance of depravity, for it does not spit on the floor or anywhere else. The dog cannot be blamed for having the chewing habit; the bad example was set by men, and the puppy wanted to be smart and do things that men do.

#### Sidewalk Spitters.

"What is the offense?" "Spitting on the sidewalk, your honor." "45 and costs. Next!" That's the way the police court records of Cincinnati are going to read when Mrs. Gleason and the women of the Women's Civic League get matters in their hands. The league proposes to take an active part in reforming the wicked pork city, and by way of inaugurating good government the president called upon the mayor recently and protested against the way men were allowed to spit on the street. She said if the horrid creatures couldn't be stopped from chewing tobacco they might at least be made to use cuspidors, which should be placed along the sidewalk. The mayor meekly asked how many to the block, and she said the ladies thought five would be enough.

#### He Was Agent.

A Kansas man was sent to jail for contempt of court for refusing to take a drink of beer in court. He was an expert and his opinion was wanted to decide whether the liquid in a given bottle was beer or not. He had no conscientious scruples in the matter, but he was agent for the brewery.

#### Deafness Can Not Be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Good intentions never die—which may be one reason why they are so seldom carried out.

## A Style Is Wanted.

Forty girls in forty styles of cycling costumes went on exhibition to women only, in Philadelphia, the other day, at a session of the women's congress. Every sort of costume was represented—bloomers of all lengths and sizes, ample and scant; divided skirts, bifurcated in various styles, and an abundance of different sorts of plain skirt costumes. The dresses wore the work of big firms in the city, and a committee of the congress investigated the merits of the various styles, with a view to a report of some kind. A bicycle was fastened firmly on the stage, and on this many of the girls illustrated the appearance and advantages of their particular costume in actual wheeling practice. No decision was made.

#### Proper Kind.

One of the most interesting "new women" of the hour is the Armenian Princess Beglarion, who, with wealth and social position to tempt her into idleness, has begun to achieve fame in the east as a doctor. She studied medicine in Borne, went into the cholera hospitals of Russia and did such excellent work that the government praised her, and when she carried her doctor's diploma home the sick came from far and near to her father's house to consult her. On Sundays she has as many as seventy patients. She is now in Vienna buying the furnishings for a hospital she intends to erect on her father's estate. The princess is only 26 years old, pretty, black-eyed and graceful.

Li Hung Chang is not afraid of assassination, as a fortune teller told him many years ago that he would have one narrow escape from violent death, and live to be over 90 years old. He thinks the prediction was fulfilled by the assault made on him in Japan.



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## Bubbles or Medals.

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