

Canyon City News.

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"AND OLD THINGS SHALL PASS AWAY."

The Hale Center Messenger of last week, in commenting on the changes that are taking place on the Plains, under the above caption, has the following to say about the country and about the changed opinions of the newspapers representing it. There were several papers mentioned, two only being used in this article to illustrate the general trend of the Messenger's experience. It says:

"During our 13 years stopping on the plains there have been many notable changes in the aspect of the country. Its population has been shifted twice and another shift is well under way. We do not mean that none of the original settlers are here, and that every shift has brought about an altogether new people; far from it. But the opinions and base of operations of the old settlers have so nearly changed that, practically, they are new settlers.

Most of the newspapers have also changed their opinions, especially in regard to farming being a success on the plains.

The Hereford Brand, whose name in itself, suggests a stampeded-bunch of longhorned cattle being chased by a crew of half-breed Comanche cowpunchers through the Canadian breaks, has grown to be a regular farmer's guide. It acknowledges that conditions have changed, and of course being fully alive to the interests of its surroundings, it lays away the branding iron and takes hold of a plow and announces that the hope of the plains lies in the "horny-handed sons of toil. We second your motion, Mr. Hereford Brand."

The Canyon City News, has, to a great extent, injected the subject of farming and cotton growing into the space formerly filled by "The College Situation," and its ideal citizen has changed from a College president to the farmer with the sunburned nose and who says 'git' and 'thar,' and calls his wife 'Lizy.'

What the Messenger says is pretty nearly correct. While none of the Plains newspapers have waged warfare against the ranchman, he has nevertheless been made to feel that if the country was really adapted to the needs of the farmer, the unwritten-law that that which will do the greatest number the greatest amount of good should prevail in this instance; hence the retreat of the ranchman has been of his own volition. In other words, the large cattle man feels that the present demand of the farmer is to meet the exigency of the times and when it comes to a showdown the cattle men are just as capable of coping with changed conditions as any class of citizens we have ever known.

That the ranchmen out in this portion of the Panhandle are undergoing something of a new experience with regard to the land question, is an acknowledged fact among the initiated. That is, there are a number of them who believe that the demand for land in West and Northwest Texas is going to be so great for cotton raisers that they are preparing to cut up their ranches and place them on the market in small-sized tracts, and will go out of the "wholesale" cattle business. This is especially true south of here.

The spread of the boll weevil in the cotton growing districts of the State is causing thousands of cotton growers to turn to the West and Northwest as the coming cotton growing sections of the State.

No matter if the seasons are a little uncertain, it has been demonstrated that a pretty fair cotton crop can be grown almost any kind

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To those who have traded with us during our many years of successful business here, no words of introduction are necessary. Perhaps you do not know that we are offering in our line of Farm Implements the products of some of the most reliable manufacturers of Agricultural Implements in the world. Our business as it is today is too extensive to admit of our offering a cheaply made or inferior article in order to make a sale. Hence in dealing with us you will always find that our implements are new, modern, and of the Standard make and exactly as represented. Many of them are the very choicest and best that are manufactured. We invite your especial attention to our

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L. T. Lester, president of the First National bank of Canyon City, was in Tulsa Wednesday, attending the meeting of the directors of the Tulsa National bank.—Tulsa Standard.

Citation By Publication.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon G. H. Price by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1 Randall county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Canyon City, Texas, on the first Monday in March A. D. 1904, the same being the 7th day of March A. D. 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of January 1904, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 144, wherein Canyon Lumber Company, a firm composed of J. M. Rockwell, A. A. Rockwell and C. M. Hardin, is plaintiff, and G. H. Price is defendant, and said petition alleging that the defendant, G. H. Price, is indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$44.92 on open accounts as follows:—Account due Canyon Lumber Company, \$21.45 and \$2.95 due Canyon Mercantile Company, \$6.37 due J. W. Cummings and \$14.15 due Guber, Hume and Kenyon, which accounts have been sold to Canyon Lumber Company. All of which are due and unpaid.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand this 10th day of February 1904.

W. J. REDFEARN,
J. P. Precinct No. 1,
Randall Co., Texas.

W. C. Dinwiddie has sold his stock in the Tulsa National bank to L. T. Lester and W. A. Donaldson, and resigned the position as president of the bank.—Tulsa Standard.

The St. Louis Republic, (semi-weekly) and Canyon City News, both one year for \$1.80.

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Grey Tweed for walking skirts 42-in wide .50	36-in Madras 15c	A nice line of Poplin Rayee and Madras.
The largest line of neckwear ever brought to Canyon City.	Ramsey Tweeds 25c	Complete line of "ARROW" Brand collars.
	Imitation Voile 30c	
	Oxford Suitings 15c	
	Novelty weaves in flaked French suitings 40 and 50c per yd.	

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COUNTY TICKET.

For County and District Clerk, Randall County, subject to action of Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

L. J. SCOTT,
J. A. TATE.

For Tax Assessor, of Randall county, subject to Democratic nominating convention if such be held:

G. H. HITCHCOCK,
P. H. YOUNG,
J. T. JOWELL,
S. H. HEYSER.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held.

G. C. LONG,
E. A. EPFOLD,
(For Re-Election.)

For County Attorney of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

ALBERT S. ROLLINS.

For Treasurer of Randall County, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

E. G. OLDHAM.

For County Judge of Randall county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention, if such be held:

J. M. VANSANT,
JOHN ROGERS.

We are authorized to announce the name of

A. N. HENSON.

as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Judge of Randall County, subject to the action of the voters at the polls on November the 8th, next.

We are authorized to announce the name of

JOHN ROWAN.

as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Randall county, subject to the action of the voters at the polls, November election.

J. S. Cobb, one of the bidders on the proposed new school house, says that if the contract be awarded him that he will make the brick for the walls out of Canyon City clay.

We are overstocked on Paints, Glass and Brushes, and in order to move our surplus we are offering everything at excursion rates. To avoid the rush call early that you may get first choice.

CANYON LBR. CO.

OUR COTTON MEETING.

A continuation of this meeting was had at the Court House Saturday evening with results as follows:

The cotton acreage promised for this season was increased to about 500 acres.

The committee on cotton seed submitted reports on Kings Improved North Carolina; The Rowden, also on plains grown seed. The first named was priced at 65 cents, the second at \$1, and the last at 50 cents per bushel. After some discussion a committee consisting of J. R. Baird, T. F. Reid and the chairman was appointed to correspond with the parties having the plains grown seed for sale also to purchase 125 bushels of them and to see how much more could be had, reporting progress at meeting to be held at the Court House tomorrow, Saturday at 2 p. m. To carry out the purchase part of this plan, \$39.75 was paid in and deposited with the chairman.

With a general understanding that all should go to work in the meantime to secure increased acreage, the meeting adjourned to come together again at the Court House tomorrow at 2 p. m.

For Sale Cheap.

One second hand Bachelor stove, one oil cook stove, one new dresser and one child's bed. All in good condition.

S. B. TADLOCK.

Both Russia and Japan have placed large orders in this country for mess pork, beef and bread stuffs and the markets on these staples are stiffening accordingly.

The Whitewright college burned down on the 16th inst.

To the Voters of Randall Co.

I have decided to become a candidate for the office of County Judge of Randall Co.

I have taught the Rowan School the last three terms and have two first grade State certificates both valid.

If I am elected I promise to fill the office to the best of my ability and especially to encourage our public schools.

I will appreciate your support in the coming election.

Respectfully,
JOHN ROGERS.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Saturday, all day and part of the night, also a good portion of Monday, the school board was engaged in passing on plans and considering specifications and bids for the erection of our new school house, that is to be.

The bidders submitting plans and specifications were John A. White, of Vernon, J. S. Cobb, of Lewisville, O. G. Rockmore, of Amarillo, Scott & Roland, Joe Service and W. D. Kirkland. Some nine different plans were introduced by these gentlemen and the board finally decided upon one offered by Mr. White and this gentleman agreeing thereto, it was decided to invite bids thereon, to be further considered by the board March 4.

In adopting Mr. White's plan the board agrees that should his, White's, bid be rejected and the contract awarded to any of the other bidders, on said plan, that he, White, is to receive as compensation as the architect the sum of 2 per cent on the contract price of the building.

It is estimated that the building proper when completed will cost about eleven thousand dollars. As payment the contractor agrees to accept \$4,000 in school bonds at par and the balance in cash.

Our school board has done faithful work in this matter—it has it well in hand and a modern brick public school building, the equal of any in the Panhandle, is now assured in which to hold the next term of the Canyon City school.

It is not the profit we are after in the Paint, Glass and Brush line—it is the BUSINESS.

CANYON LBR. CO.

ADDITIONAL COTTON MEN.

The following persons who have agreed to plant cotton this year are in addition to those heretofore published in the News:

P. Friemel 25 acres
Whitman Bros 10 "
D. Currie 10 "
Henry Whitworth 12 "
H. McClure 10 "
J. D. Knjicely 10 "
J. C. Lofton 10 "
J. T. Jowell 10 "
C. W. Word 10 "
J. M. Burkhalter 5 "
— Taylor 10 "
Mike Gallagher 10 "
M. O. Slock 10 "
O. P. Slock 10 "
Pete Wiggins 10 "
T. C. Jennings 5 "
Jno. Knight 10 "

Several others whose names are not now recalled have also agreed to plant. The acreage so far promised amounts to about 500.

Big snows have put a fine season in the ground in the San Angelo country and both stockmen and farmers of that section are rejoicing.

The Japanese-Russian war in so far as killing is concerned appears to be on a standstill with all moves so far greatly to the advantage of Japan.

It is reported that the Herford real estate men sold 32,000 acres of land last week to the occupants of the two cars of Northern prospectors that were sidetracked at that point.

Reputations, good and bad, are made by advertising. If you would profit by this great business maker the quality and prices of your offerings must always correspond with your assertions through public prints.

Canyon City stands in a fair way to have a handsome, comfortable school building, and, like a boy with his first pants, every mother's son of us are glad of it. We need it and nobody better realizes the necessity than our efficient school board.

John Turner, the "old reliable" is taking a hitch on another corner of his new residence this week.

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were some of those days that causes a fellow to wish for a well-equipped fishing tackle and tie himself away to some shady, obscure bank of a lazy stream and just to see the cork a bobbing go—warm, hazy, mazy, weather that makes all humanity want to be outdoors. And from the looks of several vehicles laden with sufferers of "spring fever" and good long, keen fishing rods, several of the most fortunate of our townspeople took advantage of this very occasion.

Pneumonia in Chicago.

Over 3000 people died of pneumonia in Chicago last year. In every case the disease resulted from a cold. Had the cold been promptly and properly treated at the outset almost everyone would have recovered. This statement is abundantly proven by the fact that among the tens of thousands throughout this country, who use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to cure their colds, no case of pneumonia has ever been reported, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of pneumonia. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained its wide reputation and enormous sale by the prompt and effectual cures of colds and can always be depended upon. For sale by S. V. Wirt.

Railroad rumors are beginning to take wings again. One of the latest is, that the Santa Fe is making preparations to bring the New Mexico "cut off" to Bovina and then construct a branch from that point via Lubbock to Coleman City. Another, on equally as good a foundation, says that the main line is to be straightened from Panhandle via Washburn to Canyon City, and that the main shops are to be located here.

Business Notice.—We have sold out our business to R. G. Oldham and company and specially desire that all persons owing us on account will settle up at once.

Respectfully,
J. A. WANSLEY & Co.

The special Board of Trade meeting, set for Wednesday night was barren of results—the gentleman at whose instance it was called, Prof. McGehee, failing to put in his appearance.

LOCAL ITEMS

ROUND ABOUT TOWN

If anyone has friends or relatives visiting in town they will confer a favor on us by informing editor.

C. P. Hutchings was a visitor in Hereford Sunday.

Joe Carter was up from Hereford several days this week.

W. J. Walters, the Hereford postmaster, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

Tuesday, R. B. McLarry moved into the R. B. Redfearn house.

Mrs. Hightower, mother of Mrs. L. T. Lester, arrived here yesterday from Portales, N. M.

Yearlings that were sought at ten dollars thirty days ago will now bring twelve.

Mrs. C. M. Thomas has been visiting friends and relatives in Amarillo since Monday.

"Rich" Redfearn and wife were presented with a baby girl last Friday.

W. E. Lair was a passenger to Amarillo Sunday evening, returning Monday morning.

Another candidate added to our announcement column this week—that of John Rogers, of Ceta, for County Judge.

This week J. L. Perdue purchased the John Thomas section near Umbarger, agreeing to pay therefor \$5 per acre bonus.

Dr. J. L. Howell left Wednesday evening for Rockwall county where he has considerable property interests.

It is reported that the depot agent at Amarillo, was held up Tuesday night and relieved of between 150 and \$200.

C. M. Hardin, of Amarillo, general manager of Canyon Lumber Co., was the guest of C. R. Burrow, local manager, for several days last week.

E. W. O'Rear returned Tuesday morning from Chillicothe. He says it is about as dry down the Denver as it is in this neck of the woods.

We are headquarters for Paint, Oil, Lead, Minerals, Glass and Paint Brushes. Our prices are right—the profit has been cut out.
CANYON LBR. CO.

Gabe Williams left for his old home at Layon, Collin county, Wednesday evening. He ordered the News follow him during his visit of a month.

The C. P. Ladies will give an ice cream and cake social at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Dean, on Friday, March 4th. Price 15 cts. or two for 25 cts.

L. T. Lester went up to Amarillo Tuesday evening to attend a series of lectures that will be given there this week under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

The cost of living has increased since the eastern war begun and then horrors! On top of this we are served with notice of a ten per cent advance on the price of diamonds.

J. M. Bassett, manager of the C. B. Livestock Com. Co., with headquarters at Emma, Texas, passed through town yesterday en route home from a visit to Chicago.

A man doesn't have to be much of a gambler to wish that he could buy a "hunk" of wheat futures, now that the stage of action is so nicely arranged for such a venture.

We are the largest Paint dealers on the Plains. Don't fail to see us if you are figuring on giving your house that much-needed spring coat.
CANYON LBR. CO.

R. A. Campbell left Tuesday evening for Quanah where he will conduct a sale of live stock, and from there he will go to Floydada to sell a bunch of Herefords on the 29th inst.

Are you going to get an Oliver typewriter? Don't get left.

There are several cases of lagrippe in town but at present only three cases of serious sickness, those of Stewart, son of Dr. Odell, Robert, son of W. E. Bates, and Miss Pearl, daughter of Dr. Black. These three have pneumonia.

Mrs. Hugh Burch, of Plainview, came in on yesterday's train from St. Louis where she has been buying spring stock. She stopped here with her friend, Mrs. J. N. Donohoo, until this morning.

E. J. Witt was on yesterday morning's train bound for Hereford. He said that it was rumored in Amarillo yesterday morning that the two robbers who had held up the depot agent at that place Monday night had been captured at Clarendon Wednesday night.

Mrs. M. M. Upshaw, formerly a resident of Claude, mother of H. F. Upshaw, the young man who recently married, became a resident property owner last week by purchasing the residence of Lee Shifflett, consideration \$650.

W. W. Merrill, the obliging tinner, has secured the agency for the Rambler bicycle, and will keep all kinds of repairing material in connection with his tin shop. Of course the small boys and some of the larger ones will be permanent fixtures around his shop now that he can fix punctures.

Mrs. J. D. Bratton took the train yesterday morning for Hereford, where she will visit her parents for a time. She expected to meet her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. K. Breeding, of Portales, on the train, en route home from St. Louis, where she has been visiting Miss La Rose, Mrs. Bratton's daughter, for some time.

G. C. Long left Sunday evening for Whitewright, where his son and daughter are attending college. He will spend several days there and will attend the annual meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association which convenes in Fort Worth early in March, before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Hicks desire to express their thanks to their friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown them during the recent sickness in their family, and beg to assure them their attentions so well and timely shown, during their afflictions, are much appreciated and will always be remembered.

Lee Shifflett has launched a permanent market for poultry and its products. Mr. Shifflett has contemplated the venture for some time. We understand that he is paying the highest market price for chickens and eggs and we wish to see him succeed in the new undertaking.

The News has been informed that T. P. Service has sold his homestead of 320 acres, 6 miles west of town, to Geo. Sims. Mr. Service included some ten head of cattle, seven head of horses and his farm implements in the deal. The price paid is said to have been \$1600, exclusive of the amount due the state. Mr. Service intends moving back from whence he came—old Mississippi.

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CANYON LBR. CO.

Several of our subscribers have been complaining the past month about not receiving their paper and we beg leave to say to all such in the future that we will be very glad if they will report such to our office. We are doing our very best to obviate this trouble and if you are a subscriber of the paper and do not receive a copy regularly, please report the matter to us and we will endeavor to remove the difficulty. Newspapers as well as people of any other business make mistakes, but in most instances they are anxious to see their subscribers get that which they have a right to expect.

The entertainment given last Friday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. O'Keefe, under the auspices of the Epworth Leaguers, was well attended, in fact the audience swelled to such numbers that standing room was at a premium. The program consisted chiefly of a reviewing of Colonial days, in costume, speech and manners. A. S. Rollins and Miss Maud Brandon represented the important personages of George and Martha Washington, respectively. The exercises of the evening called to the mind of many that we fast Americans have improved much on the "style" of dress though possibly we have not eclipsed our ancestral father and mothers in the courteous treatment of one another, commonly called manners.

Sickness all around us and some in our midst has prevailed to a considerable extent for two weeks past. Nearly all of our exchanges tell of it and one of them, the Hale Center Messenger, calls its issue of last week a hospital number. Lagrippe is the name applied to most, if not all of these cases, although in some instances other complications coming in, pneumonia has developed. While our town and county has suffered to some degree on account of this seeming epidemic of grip, yet the list would fall far short of making anything like a "hospital edition" and as for fatal terminations we have had none so far, thanks to our genial climate, pure water and the proven skill of our excellent physicians.

Milton Burrow came in this morning from Houston.

Miss Delia Wilkinson, the milliner at the Canyon Mercantile Co., returned from St. Louis this morning where she has been buying new spring goods.

J. G. Cruikshank returned from Amarillo this morning.

L. T. Lester returned from Amarillo this morning.

Mrs. J. I. Campbell is on the sick list.

Homeseekers and Colonists' Rates.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, as usual, heads the Homeseekers movement to points in Texas and New Mexico. Round trip rates from Kansas City to points in Texas on and east of a line drawn through Amarillo, Abilene, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston, \$15.00; to Pecos, Texas, and all intermediate points on the Pecos Valley Lines, \$20.00; to El Paso, Texas, \$26.50. Tickets on sale February 16th, March 1st and 15th, 1904.

They have also published the remarkably low rate for Colonists' one-way tickets from Eastern territory to Amarillo of \$8.00 from Kansas City plus one-half the one-way rate to any station on the Pecos Valley Lines beyond Amarillo. The date of sale for these tickets is the same as for Homeseekers' round trip tickets.

This will give your friends in the east an opportunity to come out and visit you and see the country. Write them to call on their nearest A. T. & S. F. Ry. Agent who will take pleasure in furnishing them more detailed information.
DON A. SWEET,
Traffic Manager.

DESTINY OF HUMAN SOULS.

Theory That the Spirits of Depraved Men Pass Into Beasts.

Are the bodies of animals inhabited by the souls of human villains dead and gone? Don't sneer too hastily at the question, for if it should be answered finally in the negative science is at a loss to account for the utter depravity of the animal. It is apparent to the dullest observer that dumb beasts exercise a malign influence over man. Think of the tempers ruined by cows that have kicked over half-filled pails of milk. Think of the reputations for truth that have been destroyed by trout. Think of the honesty that has been turned into deceit by the horse, so that they who trade in that animal are bywords among their less sorely tempted brethren. Think of the indefinite prolongation of this list that might be made and then consider if animals are or are not animated by the souls of human wretches that have passed away.

Some such theory must be accepted, and it is not open to doubt that reasonable people will accept this: The souls of the wicked are condemned to pass into animals and to stay there until they have discovered prospective tenants worse than themselves.

This theory explains everything. The liars inhabit fish, the tricksters horses and those given to butting in become goats. In the attempt to end their tenancy by finding suitable successors the evil spirits resort to temptations, with, alas, unfeeling success. The half-pound trout dropping off the hook flaps his tail in ecstatic certainty that the angler will proclaim him a five-pounder at least. And the look of human anticipation on the face of a goat about to knock some unsuspecting person into a barbed wire fence can only proceed from the knowledge that the resultant explosion will lower another soul into the mire as a stepping stone for himself. The theory is irrefutable, and its general acceptance would help the world to a higher plane.—Portland Oregonian.

Couldn't Forget His Pet Thomp.

Down in Virginia there was an old darky preacher who had preached about infant baptism morning and night until his congregation couldn't stand it any longer. They told him to preach something else or they'd have to find some one who would. He promised and the next Sunday announced his text, "Adam, where art thou?"

"Dis, bredern, can be divided into four heads," began the dominie. "First, every man is somewhar; secondly, most men am where they ain't got no business to be; thirdly, you'd better look out or you'll be gittin' there yourself; fourthly, infant baptism. Now, bredern, I guess we might's well pass by the first three heads and come immediately to the fourth, infant baptism."—New York Tribune.

Wren Was Small.

Sir Christopher Wren resembled the smallest of British birds not in name only. Staying with Charles II. at that monarch's Newmarket hunting lodge, Sir Christopher heard him complain that the rooms lacked height. "Pardon me, sire," he broke in; "to me they seem high enough." "Aye, and to me, too, now," replied the merry monarch, crouching till he nearly touched the floor, for this king, who "never said a foolish thing and never did a wise one," would have made two Sir Christopher Wrens.

A Few Words of Warning.

Two big men, well known fighters, were quarreling, whereupon one of them said: "I expect we'll fight; I don't see any other way out of it. But I want to tell you one thing—I have false teeth, and if you hit me in the mouth and break them I will get a gun tomorrow and shoot you. You can hit me anywhere and kick me anywhere except in the mouth, but don't you dare break my false teeth."—Atchison Globe.

Undesirable Job.

A washerwoman applied for help to a gentleman, who gave her a note to the manager of a certain club. It read as follows: "Dear Mr. X.—This woman wants washing." Very shortly afterward the answer came back: "Dear Sir—I dare say she does, but I don't fancy the job."—London Tit-Bits.

Followed the Example.

A Hartford youngster goes to church where the concluding "amen" of the parson's prayer is sung by the choir. The other night, after he had said his prayers, he produced a harmonicon from beneath his pillow and astonished his mother by blowing a blast where the "amen" came in, remarking, "That's the way we do in church."—Hartford Post.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Business Arrangement of a Man Who Was Too Heavy.

The big man was annoyed. "The fact is," the tailor had told him, "that you are so much larger than the average man that we'll have to make an extra charge for your suit."

The big man had been up against the same proposition before, and he did not like it.

"Do you make a reduction to small men?" he asked.

"Well, no; that isn't our custom," the tailor admitted.

The fat man felt that the tailor thus secured an advantage that he ought not to have.

"How much cloth does it take to make a suit for a man of good size, but not too large to get in at the regular price?" he asked. "In other words, what's the maximum that you allow?"

The tailor told him.

"Suppose I order double that amount of cloth made up into two suits?"

"That's all right," said the tailor, "but I don't see what good it will do you."

"I'll get them both at the regular price, won't I?"

"Certainly."

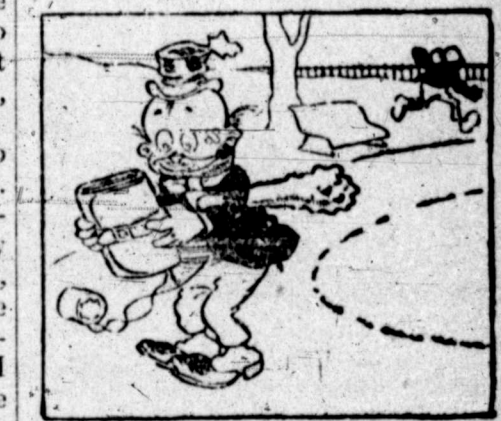
"And it's nothing to you whether there is the same amount of material in each or a lot in one and very little in the other?"

"No-o."

"All right. Just take my order for two suits. I've got it fixed with a little skinny fellow in the next block to go in with me on this, and we'll just about make the average weight. I'd rather divide what I save with him than let a tailor give me the worst of it."—Chicago Post.



"New, then, young feller," said Weary the Crook, "hand over that fat pocketbook, please, at once."



"That's right. Now, I shouldn't be surprised if it contained a cool hundred in bank notes. It's fat enough."



But it didn't. It only contained a lot of advertisements for situations vacant which that young man had meant to apply for.

Unfortunate Phrase.

"Oh, John," cried Mrs. Subbubs the moment he got home, "you told the cook this morning to clean up the silver, didn't you?"

"Yes," he replied. "Why?"

"Well, she cleaned up the silver and a lot of other things, and she's gone with them."—Philadelphia Press.

Cause and Effect.

"She's terribly troubled with corns."

"Why, she told me she hadn't one."

"I know. They're her husband's, and they make him too corny for anything."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Little Willie.

Willie—Mr. Oldboy, why do they say you are in your second childhood?

Mother—Willie! Willie—Oh, I know; it's because you are baldheaded, just like baby Dick.—Boston Transcript.

The Great Condition.

Lover—May I have your answer now?

Father—Can you keep my daughter supplied with expensive automobiles as she has been used to?—Detroit Free Press.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Jolly Game For Boys and Girls Called "What Does My Lady Want?" Word building, word guessing, geographical and other instructive games are all enjoyed by young people, but there comes a time when they wish and need something in the nature of a romp. A good game of this kind is played by seating the boys and girls around the room, with plenty of space in the center, and giving to each player the name of some article used by a lady when she makes her toilet—such, for example, as hairbrush, hairpin, shoes, bonnet, gloves, etc.

The players having been thus named, the leader, previously selected, takes his stand in the middle of the room, holding a wooden plate, a circular tray or any similar object that may be twirled around on the floor. To begin the game he twirls the plate on the floor as hard as he can and speaks some sentence in which he uses the name of one of the toilet articles. The player who bears that name must then leave his seat and try to catch the plate before it stops twirling. If he fails to do so he must pay a forfeit of some kind; if he succeeds he takes the twirler's place.

The twirler generally speaks a sentence like this: "My lady is going out, and she wants her gloves." The player whose name is "Gloves" then rushes to the plate and tries to catch it before it stops twirling.

The twirler has the right at any time to cry out the single word "Toilet!" and when he does all the players have to change seats. The player who does not get one takes the place of the twirler and also pays a forfeit. The twirler himself is sure to get a seat, for he watches his opportunity as he cries out the word.

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The fisherman drew up his hook and went home for the night. Then fish awoke. With rage he shook. His clothes had vanished quite. —Boston Traveler.

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