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ALPINE C. OF C.

We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the Annual report of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce for the year of 1925. The report shows that there are 144 members, with receipts amounting to 4,791.55, and of this amt., 4,856.72 was paid out. The report also showed that each member had paid his assessment. It is interesting to note that a number of the members paid assessments of \$180.00.

Among some of the accomplishments during the year, either accomplished or aided or at least were instrumental in encouraging and aiding were:

1. Probably the most important achievements for Alpine this year was the street paving, amounting to 21,100 yards of paved streets in the City of Alpine, and paved highways throughout the county, amounting to 65 miles. One hundred and eighty seven miles of Brewster roads have been hardsurfaced and graded this year.

2. Another forward move was the securing of a County Agent, in which the Chamber of Commerce took the initial step. Mr. R. S. Miller, who was appointed as the agent, will serve Presidio, Brewster and Jeff Davis counties, hence the activities of this commercial organization are far-reaching in their scope, extending much farther than the vicinity of Alpine.

3. Another accomplishment of no small importance, in which the Chamber of Commerce aided, was the establishment of Alpine as headquarters of two State offices of the Sixth Division—Sixth Division Highway headquarters, and Big Bend Game Commission headquarters.

4. The Alpine Chamber of Commerce has aided the Alpine Civic League financially and otherwise in their undertaking to make of the free Tourist Park one of the best in any of the smaller cities of Texas, which has meant much in attracting summer and winter tourists to this section.

5. The Alpine Public Library, sponsored entirely by the Chamber of Commerce has grown until it numbers between 600 and 700 volumes, and five nice bookcases, valued at around \$4,500. This library will form a nucleus of a real worthwhile library for Alpine at no far distant date.

6. One accomplishment very unusual for a city of the size of Alpine is the publicity campaign, going on practically all of the time. Alpine, Brewster County, and the Davis Mountain section, has received (very conservatively estimated) between \$8,000 and \$10,000, worth of advertising, absolutely free. This effective publicity could not have been purchased at any price, but has been secured by the local newspaper correspondents and feature writers of this city, who send news and feature stories to the daily newspapers, Associated Press and other syndicates, the trade journals and commercial magazines, every day in the year—probably averaging three news or feature stories daily. This estimate does not include the publicity given by Mr. Moody, editor of The Alpine Avalanche, who gives an average of two or more columns a week for Chamber of Commerce News and stories of the resources of the county.

7. This Chamber of Commerce has sent out literature and exhibits to 54 Texas Schools, which are making a study of Brewster county and the Davis Mountain section. An exhibit of Brewster county minerals and a few agricultural specimens was sent to New York City, in the Southern States Exposition, sent by the Southern Pacific Railway, which paid all the transportation and other expenses, except the packing and collecting of the exhibit. This exhibit alone brought many inquires to the Chamber of Commerce.

8. More than 3,000 pieces of literature, including 1200 Southern Pacific magazines featuring Alpine, a number of Avalanches featuring the resources and scenery, 50 each of the Texas Commercial News and West Texas Today, besides our Alpine booklets and Sul Ross literature, has been mailed out during the year.

We have been too busy to keep an accurate account of the letters, but we believe an average of at least 75 a month would be a very conservative estimate.

9. The Chamber of Commerce has assisted in keeping Alpine the cleanest town in Texas and has encouraged the Civic League in a tree planting campaign.

10. The Chamber of Commerce has aided the Alpine Study Club, Parent Teachers Association and Davis Mountain Federation in bringing two district women's conventions to Alpine during the year. Also, this organization aided in entertaining the Trans-Pecos-Teachers Institute, and the Interscholastic League meet of this large district.

11. This office has assisted the College in placing a large number of students and summer tourists in comfortable homes during their stay here. Our list of available houses and rooms is kept as near up-to-date as possible, and is always at the service of those wanting to locate in the town.

12. Last, but far from least, this Chamber of Commerce has a 100 per cent membership among the business interest of Alpine, and had this year a 100 per cent collection record. New members are being enrolled continually. Three have enrolled this week for membership in our 1926 rolls. Many other things, of minor importance, have been accomplished which are too numerous to be included in this report.

AND IT SNOWED

Wednesday morning it commenced snowing at Presidio and Shafter and by Thursday morning it was reported that a 5 inch snow was on the ground at Shafter. At Marfa for several hours Wednesday a few flakes would come down fitfully, but it was too cold—Wednesday evening about 2 o'clock it commenced to snow in earnest and soon Marfa was clothed in a beautiful white mantle of feathery flakes.

UNHEARD OF BARGAINS on all our Beautiful Holiday lines. AT BAILEY'S

Mexican Border Highway

A. Madison, Del Rio, traveling by automobile, has logged Mexican Border highway, Texas highway No. 3, to El Paso and has furnished the Automobile Club with the log.

Neat stakes every few miles, with red, white and green, Mexican colors designate the route as Mexican Border highway.

Judge J. C. Hunter of Culberson county, Van Horn, and E. B. McClintock, El Paso are the only two county Judges he failed to see in support of the highway.

Roads Described.

Judge McClintock is in Washington, D. C. Mr. Madison will see Judge Hunter en route returning to Del Rio. The log of the road follows:

Leaving Del Rio through Val Verde and Terrell counties to the Pecos county line: Gravel roads, hard surface, in good condition and not affected by rains and wet weather. Should reduce speed to 25 miles an hour on account of short dips, four or five sharp dips, between mile post 15 to 25 miles out of Del Rio, balance of road in A-1 condition to Schumley.

From Schumley to Langtry reduce speed to 25 miles an hour around sharp curves and natural dips.

Leaving Langtry 15 miles of good graveled road, hard surfaced, with the exception of about five miles not yet surfaced, good for average of 30 miles an hour.

Pecos County Good.

At Val Verde and Terrell county line, road detour down through Lozier canyon, good in all weather reduce speed to 25 miles an hour around curve in Lozier Canyon; after crossing Lozier canyon on in to Dryden road good for speed of 35 miles an hour.

From Dryden to Sanderson, through Terrell county to Pecos county line: road in A-1 condition, good for any speed.

Through Pecos county distance of nine miles, road not yet completed but good natural road good for speed of 30 miles an hour.

Through Brewster county, Alpine

Marfa, and Valentine A-1 road, good for any speed, 277 miles west of Del Rio. Valentine to Lobo mostly graveled dirt road, five or six miles of this stretch may give trouble in wet weather.

Lobo to Van Horn also dirt road and will give trouble in wet weather. Can detour from Van Horn through hill to Valentine and avoid Lobo flats.

Road Recommended.

From Valentine to Van Horn 39 Miles. From Van Horn to Sierra Blanca 33.5 miles. From Sierra Blanca to El Paso 87.8 miles to Hotel Sheldon.

Milage from Del Rio to El Paso 437.8 miles. Total milage from San Antonio to El Paso 538.8 miles.

"The Mexican Border highway is certainly doing a great fork for the traveling public in logging state highway No. 3, and in advertising it, as it now skirts the border from Laredo to Camarillo," said Judge K. C. Miller of Presidio county, Marfa.

"As soon as the public knows of the beautiful scenery and wonderful climate all along this highway, it will always travel this route, commencing where the best citrus fruit grows and passing the Big Bend in getting out of Texas."

"I heartily endorse the plans of Mexican Border highway, and think it will be a great benefit to each community through which it passes, said, Judge E. K. Henshaw, Terrell county Sanderson. "The advantages obtained will be many to the traveling public as well as to the section."

Natural Beauty.

"When this highway is properly logged and marked," said Judge James A. Burke, Brewster county, Alpine. "The traveling public will have in its possession knowledge which will be of great use, not the east of which will be the natural beauties along the way."

"I believe Mexican Border highway is a most excellent and significant designation," said Judge W. F. Littleton, Val Verde county, Del Rio. "It will suggest to tourists attractions that will make them want to come this way."

"It is a better route, shorter, and

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS

Sunday morning the Alpine Christian church Sunday School and the Marfa Christian church Sunday school met in joint session. Alpine coming as guests of the Marfa Bible school, since Alpine covered herself with glory in a contest between the two schools, Marfa being the loser invited them up for the Sunday services and a Barbecue dinner. Some one hundred and sixty-three were present at school and dinner was served to two-hundred and sixteen, the dinner consisting of Barbecue calf, pickles, salad, frijoles, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee. At the eleven o'clock services Dr. Scoville gave a most inspirational and rousing address in behalf of the University church at Holmes have FRad nBoB gd cm cm T. C. U., at Fort Worth, which they hope to build soon and for this purpose Dr. Scoville and brother Holmes have been canvassing the State. After dinner, each minister gave a short message to the members. The two schools feel that they have been helped and all agreed that it was the outstanding social event of the season, and would be happy to have another alike it. The day closed with Dr. Scoville bringing to the church, at the night services, one of his splendid sermons.

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Floy Wang will present her music class in recital Tuesday evening, December 22, at eight o'clock, in the Baptist church.

Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Biggest Bargains Ever offered before Christmas.

AT BAILEY'S

The scenery is far more beautiful. The 80 miles in Val Verde county, with the exception of 14, has been worked with a high type road improvement. That 14 miles has been relocated and made easily passible at 30 miles an hour. —El Paso Herald.

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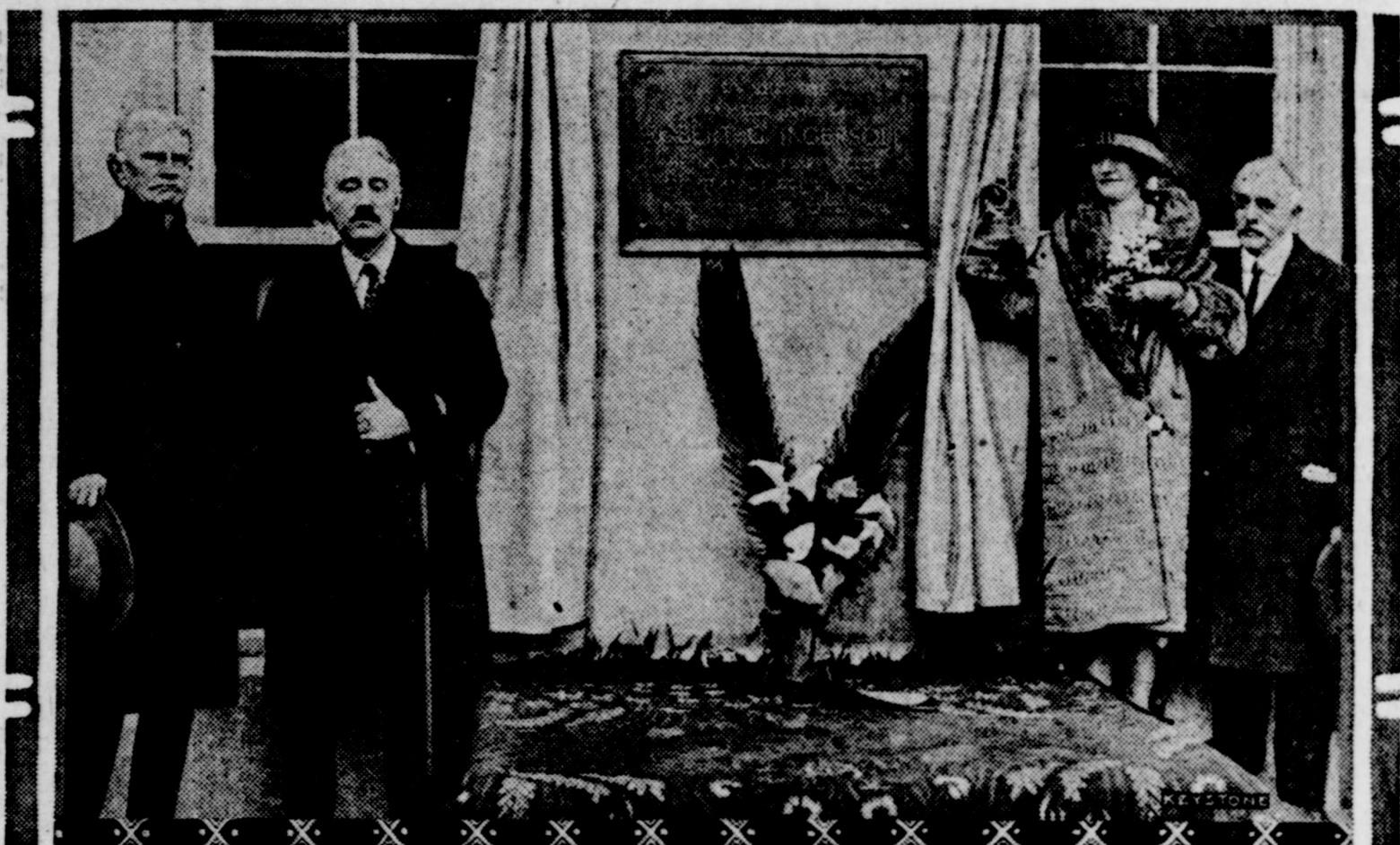
"THINK IT OVER"

Telephoto Picture of Fatal Train Collision



Picture transmitted by telegraph, showing the wreck which occurred when a fast Pennsylvania express crushed two rear sleepers of a Washington-New York train two miles from Monmouth Junction, N. J., during a dense fog. At least nine persons were killed and more than thirty injured.

Tablet on Ingersoll's New York Home Unveiled



Unveiling a tablet to the memory of Robert G. Ingersoll at his former home in Gramercy square, New York city. Left to right: Former Senator Charles S. Thomas, Bainbridge Colby, Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Swasey, granddaughter of Ingersoll, and Dr. John Lovejoy Elliott.

Old Indian Graves in Garden of Gods



Discovery of ancient Indian graves in the Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs, Colo., has aroused a great deal of interest, and in order to keep amateur excavators away the old burial place is now guarded. One skeleton found is declared that of an Indian woman buried in a doubled-up position. It has been sent to Denver university for study.

What the French Did to Damascus



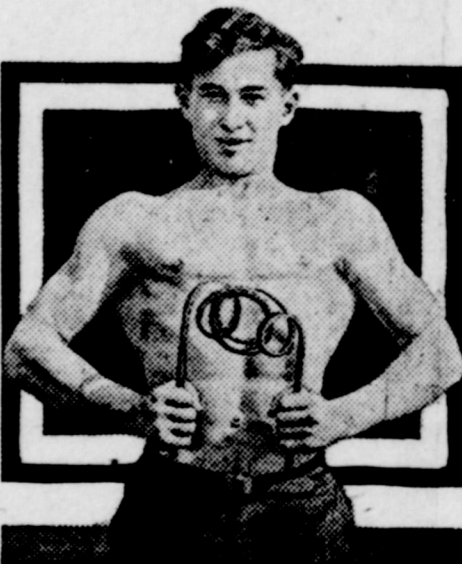
The shelling of the beautiful city of Damascus by the French troops under command of General Sarrail shocked the entire world and resulted in the recall of the general. Two thousand persons are said to have been killed. This photograph shows the totally ruined appearance of the city after the shelling.

HEROINE OF A FIRE



Miss June Bennett, telephone operator at the Standish Arms hotel in Brooklyn, who is being acclaimed as the heroine of the fire which swept the building recently. Miss Bennett averted a panic by sticking to her post and notifying each of the residents of the fire, assuring them there was no great danger. The 300 guests were taken out of the hotel in safety.

HARRY A SAMSON



Harry Luft, sixteen years old, is known as the Samson of the East side, in New York city. He is a consistent vegetarian. Harry is shown bending an iron bar into pretzel shape.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK

Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

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PICTURE AHEAD

OPTIMISM is a good thing; the man who is always sure that trouble is ahead makes a pretty gloomy companion, but the one who neglects the blessings of today in a mad rush for the pleasures of tomorrow isn't getting the most out of life.

All along the roadside as we were driving from Terre Haute to St. Louis an enthusiastic camera company looking for business has placed signs at various intervals—"Picture ahead"—with a suggestion that you get out the camera. The intention is, of course, to put the observer upon the alert, to have him ready for what is coming. It is good business, I have no doubt, and possibly good psychology.

There was no effort made to call the attention of the motorist to the beauties immediately before him, no emphasis upon the present, but always upon the future. It was the picture ahead for which we were to look, and this admonition drew our attention away from our immediate surroundings. It is far better to enjoy today than to be restlessly eager for tomorrow. The picture before us is often more alluring than the picture ahead if we would only give our attention to it.

Porter had a very good situation when he got out of college, with an opportunity to become an active partner in a business which promised satisfactory returns. He was not quite satisfied, however; he went at his work rather indifferently, sure that there were other opportunities better than the one which presented itself to him. It was the picture ahead which drew his attention away from beauty with which he was surrounded.

He left this business within a few years to take up real estate, in which he was sure there was a great opportunity. He gave up the real estate business just about the time he was getting well established to take control of an oil project which promised immediate and unlimited wealth. He is into something else just now, but no better off than he was thirty years ago when he was selling dry goods. He has never been able to appreciate the chances about him; during all the years he has been looking for the picture ahead and, metaphorically, he has a roll of films in his camera that has never been shot.

Every man should look ahead, should try to see where he is going, and what chances of advancement, of development, of opportunity there are. The pictures ahead are not to be neglected, but it is to those immediately about us to which we should give most attention.

THE BOX ELDER

FATHER found the little box elders growing thick as hair in the moist ground along the banks of the Vermillion when he made the trip from our house to the strip banks along the river to bring back our winter supply of coal. It took two days to make the trip, but money was scarce then, and the surface coal was cheaper than we could buy in the village and served our purpose very well.

He brought back the little trees wrapped in wet paper to keep their roots moist and we placed them out about the house with the hope that some day we should have shade. We had moved to the prairie from a timber country. There was not a tree within six miles, and we missed the oaks and the elms and the hickory trees with which we had been surrounded in our old home.

There were other little trees with the box elders—maples, and sycamores and elms, and a tiny oak tree, and these we planted, too, but the box elder flourished best and made the most unbragging promises. Its growing was like the gushing friendship of a new-found acquaintance that wanes and grows stale as time goes on. It grew up quickly, its leaves shooting out at the first indication of spring, only to turn black when an unexpected frost nipped them.

The oak and the elm were conservative. They developed slowly, there was nothing impulsive about their leaving out but when their leaves came we knew that all summer and late into the fall we should have pleasure and comfort in their shade. But the leaves of the box elder were scarcely out when they began to turn yellow and to drop off and to litter the yard in an unsightly way. There was no stability in the box elder. It promised well, but it was a great disappointment.

The oak tree was sturdy and held its ground against conflict and opposition. It was like a man with principle who is not moved by wind or new doctrine. The elm tree was suave and courteous; it swayed with the wind, but it never lost its poise. The box elder resisted storm and conflict for a little while and then broke. It was soft, characterless, as some men are, controlled in its growth by its environment and yielding to the influences which swayed it.

The tree was like a man acting upon impulse, broken by every wind of temptation, without definite principles of growth or action, grown garded and old and diseased before his time, worn out when it should be at its best.

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Natural History
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At 53 never has a headache—never troubled with constipation.

"After a serious illness I became very constipated. The doctor's medicine relieved me only for a short time. I also suffered from awful headaches three or four times a month. One day I noticed your ads and sent for a box. Beecham's relieved me at once. I found that if I took them on going to bed I would feel fine in the morning. I never have a headache now."

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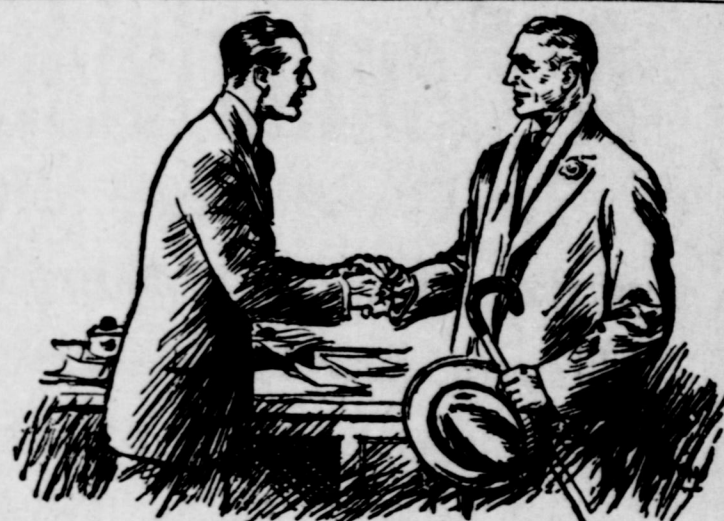
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"Why, Uncle Jim! You look ten years younger!"

"When I saw you a couple of months ago, I made up my mind you were getting old. At least you looked it."

"Yes, Billie, and I felt old. No appetite, couldn't sleep nights—one day just like another, and none of them any good. I knew constipation was at the bottom of it, but it seemed the more laxatives I took the worse I got. Then one day I saw Nell giving Nujol to my little grandson. The doctor had prescribed it for the baby, but I found out it's just the thing for old fellows like me, too."

"I tell you, Billie, it keeps me feeling fine all the time. My appetite's back and I sleep like a child."

When I look any younger, Nujol gets the credit.

Nujol helps Nature in Nature's own way

Middle age brings on a decrease in the natural lubricating secretions in the intestine. Then you need Nujol. It supplies the deficiency of the natural lubricant. Medical authorities approve Nujol because it is gentle, safe and natural in its action. Constipation is dangerous for anybody. Nujol is safe for everybody. Nujol simply softens the waste matter and thus permits thorough and regular elimination without overtaxing the intestinal muscles. It is not a medicine. You can take Nujol for any length of time without ill effects. It should be taken regularly in accordance with the directions on each bottle. Unlike laxatives, it does not form a habit and can be discontinued at any time. Ask your druggist for Nujol today and begin to enjoy that perfect health that is possible only when elimination is normal and regular.

Nujol
THE INTERNAL LUBRICANT
For Constipation

NEIGHBORS

By Robert Stead

Author of "The Cow Puncher," "The Homesteaders"
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HOME AGAIN

SYNOPSIS.—Lured by his four-year-old playmate, Jean Lane, Frank Hall, aged six, ventures on the forbidden wall of a dam, in a small Ontario town. He falls into the water and is saved from possible death by clinging to Jean's outstretched arms. Next day Jean informs him that because of their adventure of the day before he is in duty bound to marry her. He agrees when they are "grownups." With Jean's brother, John, also aged six, Frank begins school. Two years later they are joined by Jean and Frank's sister Marjorie. A little later Jean confides to Frank, in verse, her hope of some day becoming "Mrs. Hall." He accepts the "proposal." Frank is fourteen when his mother dies. The boys are eighteen when John's father is killed in an accident. Two years later Frank's father and John's mother are married. Dissatisfied with conditions, and ambitious, the two boys make plans to go to Manitoba and "homestead," the girls agreeing to go with them. They set out. At Regina they meet "Jake," who agrees to find them satisfactory homesteads. He does so, and the two friends file claims on Sections Fourteen and Twenty-two. Jake sagely advises the adventurers in the purchase of supplies, and in a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen, and with a cow, the four arrive at their future homes. Construction of "shacks" and the making of a garden are their first occupations. A young Englishman of the name of "Spoo" is a neighbor. They call on Spoo, who is living in a tent. Spoo, on his return visit, discloses himself as a man of varied social attainments. Frank's jealousy is aroused. Marjorie discovers that they have a new neighbor. "He" turns out to be a Mrs. Alton, a widowed Englishwoman, who, with her three-year-old son Gerald has taken up a claim. Frank and John leave the homesteads for a time to do harvest work for wages on a longer-established farm.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued

"Fish? Shoals of 'em. Say, in about four days I begun to get as much mail as a new millionaire. An' photographs! I wish I had some to show you, but she—Bella—burned 'em all up. They were what I call pictures o' real life. I got so much mail the postman says to me, 'What ya doin', Jake; startin' a lottery?' an' I says 'Yep.' Guess I wasn't far out, at that.

"Well, just as I was thinkin' o' goin' to a business college an' hirin' a few dozen stenographers, along comes this telegram." He produced a yellow sheet.

"Meet me at Regina station Thursday five p. m. you'll know me. I am the only one in the world. Bella Donna."

"Well, I reckons right off that Bella Donna is an alibi, or whatever you call a false name, an' that some o' the boys is pulling a gag on me, but like a fool down I goes to the station, an' there I saw her comin' right out of the platform like a sandhill crane out of a marsh. I knew her, jus' like she said, so when she comes up I calls her hand.

"Madam," says I, "are you the lady o' the porous plaster?"

"I'll plaster you," says she, "if you give me any o' yer lip. But do you happen to know a Mr. Jake?" says she, gettin' out a paper; "here's his address."

"Know him?" says I. "I should say so. An' in case you're thinkin' o' marryin' him let me tell you somethin', jus' between friends. Jake buries a wife once a year, reg'lar."

"He does, eh?" says she. "Well, I'm promisin' I'll be a relic' before he's a widower," says she. "Relic' is what she said, but it didn't sound right to me."

"That's bettin' on a cinch," says I, "meanin' that she would get the red ribbon for relics at Regina fair already, but my wit goes over her head, as it o'fen does, an' she comes back at me with 'Whad' you know 'bout anybody marryin' Mr. Jake?'"

"Everythin'," says I, humplin' my wishbone with importance. "Jake tells me everythin'. I'm his spiritual adviser, so to speak, which includes matrimony. The women that wants to marry Jake—lots of 'em rich, too, madam," I says. "I'm steerin' him clear o' them every day. I says, 'partly out o' sympathy for them, on account o' his—his severe habits,' I says.

"Who are you, anyway?" says she, an' with that I flashes my telegram on her. "I'm the party of the first part," says I, as they say in the law offices.

"So you're Jake," she says, pullin' herself up till all her angles stood out like the haunches of a starved mustang. "Well, you got a h—l of a nerve," she says.

weak lungs an' the broken knees an' the spavined joints, an' if a man pays me enough I put him wise, an' if he don't I let him get wise at his own expense," says I. "I'm a specialist, an' I charge like a specialist," I says.

"Humph!" says she, jus' like that. "Between your fine words I figger that you pick up a dollar now an' again by totin' these tenderfoot sod-busters out over the bald-headed. I dunno where she got it, but she had all the language necessary, an' more. 'Let me see your bank book,' she says.

"So I dug it up, an' it showed a balance in my favor of forty-three dollars an' twenty cents. Fortunate there was nothin' in it about the hundred dollars I owed at the livery stable fer the board o' the flyin' ants, but I let sleepin' dogs lie, as the sayin' is.

"How old are you, Jake, dear?" she says, all of a sudden as smooth as oil.

"Forty-three," I says, perhaps because that was the figger in my mind at the moment, an' I was shavin' it a little, at that.

"Then you've made a dollar a year—so far," says she, droppin' back to her nat'ral voice that kind o' sounds like two millwheels an' you between 'em. "You'll die before you're sixty," she says; "I can see it in your eyes," although I wasn't lookin' at her, findin' that rather painful, "an' leave an estate o' less than sixty dollars. Jake, that wouldn't buy me an outfit fer the funeral, fer believe me I'm goin' to do you justice when the time comes. We're goin' to take a home-stead."

"Not me," I says. "The seat o' my democrat is as near as I want to get to a homestead. They're all right fer sod-busters, but fer a woman o' culture—"

"I thought that would get her, but she was as imperious to compliments as an ox to an oration, so to speak.

"Very well," says she. "If you won't take a homestead, I will."

"You can't," says I, with sudden boldness. "You ain't a widow."

"With that she gives me another o' those through-the-gizzard-and-nailed-to-the-wall looks o' hers. "I will be, in about twenty seconds," she says, "if there's any more discussion," she says. So here we are."

"Have you located?" I asked Jake, when he was silent for a minute, and seemed to have dropped off into meditation.

"Yep. It was easy fer me, knowin' as I do ev'ry willow between the Souris an' the Saskatchewan."

We expressed the hope that Bella Donna would prove a stickler.

"She will," Jake prophesied. "Of course, that ain't her real name; I jus' gave you that fer—fer instance, an' her first name's Bella, so it's half true, which is a pretty good average in this country. Wait 'til you see us, a-chariotin' behind the flyin' ants over to Fourteen an' Twenty-two. I'm figgerin' on organizin' a school district right away."

We gave Jake our blessing and watched him ride off in his wobbly democrat with its spring seat up-titled to larboard and his fat figure settling down like a sack with a hat on it.

Sitting on the grassy knoll, digesting our lunch by the aid of the straws which each of us was unconsciously chewing, we watched Jake until he was a speck in the distance.

"What do you make of it?" said I at last.

"I'm not saying," was Jack's cautious rejoinder. "Either he's married, or he isn't."

self to say, partly because I felt my silence was beginning to shout, and partly because of a real anxiety about them.

"I believe so. I didn't see them, myself; came in by the south and landed first with your neighbor, Spoo. Capital chap; I stayed overnight with him, and smoked up nearly all of his English tobacco. At breakfast I finished his last jar of marmalade, so if Spoo is flying a flag of distress when you reach home you will know the cause of it. Imagine an Englishman without marmalade—breakfast without marmalade! My dear fellow, I'm English myself, and I—I assure you it isn't done."

"But the girls?" I persisted.

"Oh, yes. Spoo has been keeping a neighborly eye on them. I meant to call on you, of course, but when Spoo told me you were away I stayed with him. He assured me that everyone is fit at Fourteen and Twenty-two."

This was good news and a weight off our minds. Besides, it was evidence that in the twinges of my jealousy toward Brook I felt somewhat short of doing him justice. Brook was a decent fellow, and was playing the game.

"Just a suggestion," said the policeman, after a moment. "This is your first autumn on the prairies, and you can't be too careful about fire. These warm days and frosty nights are the most dangerous time of the year. I found Spoo had no fire guards, so I showed him how to make them, and I took the liberty of hinting that he go over to Fourteen and Twenty-two and see that the buildings are properly protected."

We thanked Brook, and he saluted and rode away, his red tunic slowly fading out of view in the cloud of dust which his horse kicked up from the bone-dry trail.

"Very decent chap, Brook," said Jack, after a while, and I said, "Yes."

It was with a strange pounding of the heart that we at last discerned the outlines of the shacks of our little settlement. Mrs. Alton's came first into view, then Spoo's, then, together, the buildings on Fourteen and Twenty-two. A gust of homesickness swept up and took sudden possession of me, and I realized for the first time how much I had become attached to the little square on the thousand-mile fabric of the prairies which I had already learned to think of as home. Gaunt and bare they may be, but the prairies have a way of winding themselves about the heart with bands that are stronger than steel.

If we had been anxious, we were eager, too; eager with the news of our successful season's work; with anticipation of the bright faces which would greet the roll of crisp new bank bills that Jack carried in an inside vest pocket; eager to display the load of provisions and supplies which had been bought with part of our earnings.

We must have been fully a mile from the houses when we discerned the first evidences of life. A little figure darted out of the shack on Twenty-two to the edge of the gully; then for a few minutes sank from sight; then reappeared on our side of the stream and rushed into the shack on Fourteen. Almost instantly two figures appeared at the door; paused for a moment, then swooped like wild things down the trail toward us. And we stood up on the top of the wagon and waved our hats and yelled like mad, until even Spoo, down on section Two, must have heard us. And old Buck and Bright, their phlegmatic souls at last awakened by that strange power that lies at the root of all creation and which is friendship and love and all the shadings of affection which lie between—or perhaps it was by the smell of the haystack at their own stables—joined in the spirit of the occasion and broke forth in a most surprising gallop, their hoofs click-clacking and their trace-chains lashing the whiffletrees as they ran.

Soon we came up, and there were the girls, wonderful, lithe, sunburned, radiant, hatless, golden hair streaming in the golden light at the end of day, arms extended, white teeth gleam-

ing, measureless, ineffable, in the beauty and wonder of their young womanhood! We sprang from the wagon and—I don't know how it happened—Jean ran straight into my arms. Not Marjorie—I didn't see what became of her—I didn't stop to look;—Jean ran straight into my arms! I held her there, held her with the strength of ten weeks' harvesting in my muscles and of all my young hot boyhood in my veins; held her and kissed her and would not let her go. . . . For the first time since we had been little children together, playing by the dam where the water-wheel across the river tossed its dancing diamonds in the air, I held her and kissed her and would not let her go.

Across the fields of crisp and brittle grass we trudged together, disregarding the trail and the measureless swoon of that sunset world as we swept homeward on the flood-tide of our happiness. Her firm little arm pressed tight against mine and our limbs swung together in the rhythm of our stride. And when I looked down in her face I saw a light that was not altogether the glint of the setting sun.

But in that most poetic moment of her life Jean forgot to be poetic. Once more she slipped her arm about me.

"Gee, it's good to have you home again," she said.

And in what should have been my supreme hour I found myself wondering whether Jean's passion was love or just plain loneliness.

CHAPTER IX

That was a busy night on Fourteen. The girls confessed that they had been on the lookout for us since the first of the month. They had even borrowed Spoo's field glass so that they could sweep the horizon to the eastward far beyond Mrs. Alton's.

"He's the strangest sort of chap, is Spoo," said Jean. "Will you believe me, he hasn't been inside this house since you left? Used to walk over from time to time, and see that the pigs and the cows were living in harmony, and that the fuel had not given out, but was always in a rush home again. Never saw such a man for work; quite different from what he used to be."

Jack looked his sister over with an eye that did not reserve all its approval for Marjorie. "We thought you would have been an accomplished banjoist by now," he said.

"Not a lesson—not a single lesson in all this time," Jean grumbled. "And now I suppose he'll be over tomorrow to indulge us with the pent-up leisure of two months!"

Jean's naivete was little greater than mine. We had been brought up with a sound training in the rudiments of behavior, but with little knowledge of its social complexities. My feeling in the matter was a mixed sense of surprise that our neighbor, usually so friendly, had held aloof at a time when he was particularly needed, and of annoyance that Jean should be so obviously put out about it.

The girls had a strange treat in reserve for us. It was Jean who told us of it, although, as it seemed to me, her manner suggested a certain lack of frankness very unlike Jean. It seemed that a few days before our return a jack rabbit had loped up within easy distance of the shanty door, where he perked himself on his hind legs, taking observations. Marjorie took the gun down from the wall, aimed it with great deliberation, and fired.

Jean declared that the rabbit was not hit, but that he died of fright. Be that as it may, he furnished the filling for a very deep and tempting rabbit pie.

"And only to think," said Jean, her bright eyes dancing. "It would scarcely have kept any longer. We were managing to freeze it a little at nights, but it would thaw out during the day."

"I don't know but it is a little over-kept as it is," Marjorie admitted, "but we're going to eat it tonight." And so we sat about our little table, with the great rabbit pie in the middle, and great helpings of white potatoes and onions on our plates, and flaky white bread and yellow homemade butter within reach, and the light beating down from an oil lamp on the wall, and would not have changed places with anyone on earth.

The next day revealed changes in the neighborhood which we had not had time to notice or discuss in the evening. A number of settlers had come in. The girls had not seen any of them, but could give almost as accurate descriptions as though they had. It seems Spoo had come over to Fourteen every Sunday afternoon during our absence, and for all the shyness against which Jean had protested, he had managed to regale the girls with the gossip of the community, for our two little shacks were really becoming the center of a neighborhood. From Spoo they learned that the Browns had landed from England with three children and hardly anything else, and had built a shack on the southwest quarter of Four. Mr. Brown had been a gamekeeper in England. His wife was a wistful little body who seemed likely to have plenty to wist over before her children were raised on the living that a gamekeeper would wring from the soil. On the northwest of Eighteen, just four miles west of us, a Scottish shipbuilder named Smith had located. He appeared to be unmarried. Three miles north of us, on Thirty-four, a Swede named Hansen had built a shanty twelve feet square, in which he was housed with his wife and six children, and on Thirty-six a Russian had dug himself a sort of cave in the

bank of the gully. He, too, had a wife and numerous offspring, but the exact number had not yet been ascertained.

"Ay tank thar bane plenty," Ole Hansen had said, when discussing the subject with Spoo. And as Ole regarded his own six hopefuls as "just a nice commence," the imagination was rather stirred by the possibilities of what the cave on Thirty-six might disclose to the census taker.

"How do you say his name?" Spoo had inquired.

"Yah don't say it. Yah sneeze it," Ole explained.

"Sneezit—that'll do," said Spoo. And so, quite without his knowledge or consent, our Russian neighbor was supplied with an English name; a name which may some day—who knows?—be borne with pride by one of our best families.

Then there was Burke, an American from Iowa, a man with a lust for labor and for doing things on a big scale. He and his wife had landed on section Twenty about the middle of August, and, ignoring the tradition that it is useless to break prairie sod in the fall, had already turned over a broad strip from end to end of their quarter section. Burke it was who introduced mules into the settlement. From what the girls were able to gather from Spoo mules called for an even more extended vocabulary than did oxen.

"And you want us to believe that Spoo told you all these things without ever coming into the house?" I challenged.

"Never a foot over the doorstep," said Jean. "That is, hardly ever. It's a big country; why be so particular for a foot or two?"

"Oh, I'm not; not at all. I'm merely checking up what you said last night."

"In my intoxication over your return! How could you, Frank?" And with that I had to be satisfied.

"But the best is yet!" Marjorie exclaimed. "Guess who's married?"

"Jake!" we answered together.

"Oh, somebody told. Yes, Jake. He and his wife are settled on Sixteen. They're a little shack up, and Jake is farming the community, as he calls it. 'Acquaintances,' he says, 'are about all I'll be able to cultivate this year.' He spends most of his time at Spoo's, but I don't notice that Spoo's work goes along any quicker on that account. They called on us a couple of times—Jake and his wife, I mean; they have the advantage over the other settlers of having a light wagon and a team of ponies, which make it easy for them to get about. Mrs. Jake impresses one as being angular and competent, with perhaps more heart in her than her appearance would suggest. They say it was an agency match."

At that point we took up the story with Jake's account of his courtship and wedding, censored, of course, to suit the audience.

"That's mostly lies," said Marjorie, in her matter-of-fact way. "He advertised for her all right, but he went to Minneapolis to meet her, and it was only when he promised to go on a homestead that she consented to come. She told me that much; said she'd had enough of the town, and wanted to get away from everything and everybody. She has a touch of humor, too; said, 'I guess that's what I did, all right, when I came out on the bald-headed with Jake.'"

"But the telegram? He had her telegram?"

"He must have faked that. He knew he would meet you boys before he went back, and he had a story made up to show himself in the best light possible."

"How about Mrs. Alton?" I asked.

"She doesn't come out. We've gone over a couple of times, and she receives us with great friendliness, but when we ask her to return our visit she always makes out that she can't leave the boy. Of course she could bring him with her, so that is only an excuse. For some reason she wants to stick close to her home-stead."

Frank doesn't seem to be getting along very fast in his wooing. Is he going to win or lose?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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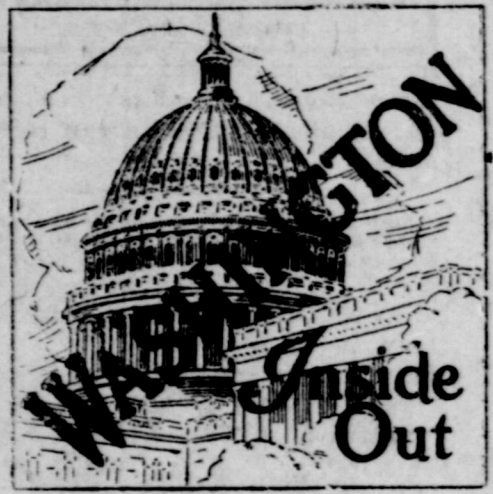
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THE ADMINISTRATION is quietly planning a death blow to Senator Hiram Johnson of California. Two birds are to be killed with one stone according to present indications, in the forthcoming fight in the Senate over the World Court. Johnson is disliked by President Coolidge because he has consistently opposed the Administration. There are already enough votes in support of American adherence to the World Court on any conditions. Johnson's patronage has already been stripped from him by the President and it is expected that the World Court issue will be a final blow at the national prominence of the man who refused to accept the vice-presidency later tendered Coolidge.

CONSIDERABLE CHUCKLING is being done by returning Congressmen over the apparent failure of Vice President Dawes to secure popular support for his campaign to change the rules of the Senate. When the upper house of Congress presented a united front against his startling proposal early this year, he announced he would carry the fight to the people and during the past several months has done so, but with poor results. Washington is now wondering whether Dawes will actually try to bring out a vote in the Senate on the subject. If he does, he is sure to lose and if he drops the fight he will have suffered a bad loss of prestige.

WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER men are quietly preparing for hostilities over the application of a Negro for admission to the Congressional press galleries. Under present rules admission is limited to writers representing either press associations or news papers which carry press association reports. The present applicant claims to be qualified and as a result there is a scrambling to find a way out. A precedent occurred before the presidential elections last year when a Negro correspondent attended press conferences with the Pres. After the election the man was ruled out.

REPORTS THAT the Noble Peace Prize is to be awarded to Vice-President Dawes have again brought out the gossip that it was Owen D. Young and not Dawes who was really responsible for drawing up the famous "Dawes Plan". The newspapers were largely responsible for calling it the Dawes plan at the start because of the prominence the "fighting General" had at that time over his familiar "Hell'n Maria" cussing before Congressional committees.

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TWENTY EIGHT Republican Senators obliged to seek re-election next year against seven Democrats marks the reason for the quiet movement now under way to conciliate the Insurgents who were read out of the party last year. Agitation in the Corn belt for relief from unsatisfactory prices is feared in Administration circles as the forerunner of an agricultural revolt which might sweep many Democrats and Insurgents into the Senate. The precarious majority now held by Republicans and the big split in the party over the "World Court" have inclined leaders to relent in their hostility to Independent Republicans

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\$6.50 & \$7.50 value on sale \$5.45

McDonald grey all wool Semi dress shirts \$3.50 value on sale \$2.95

McDonald grey work shirts with two pockets regular \$1.75 on sale \$1.10

For the young men we have a real Surprise in Balloon Style

\$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.50 values all go at \$6.95 and \$4.95

A Pair of Packards, broad toe Oxfords will be found in this Sale in black and Russian calf colors **\$6.95** the price in this sale.

One lot of Kangaros Kidshoes Packards regular price ^{\$10.50 and 11.50} on SALE **\$8.75**

Bess made all wool plaid Shirt Reg. \$5.00 on SALE **\$3.75.**

Silk Shirts regular \$8.50 now 5.95 white, blue, yellow and gray.

With Christmas just around the corner this is your opportunity to buy many things suitable for practical gifts, the prices are so low, you will want to supply all your needs during this sale.

We urge you to attend this Sale of bargains that are so great, we doubt it ever again you will have the chance to make such remarkable bargains.

All Wool Blankets reg. price \$12.50 now **9.75**

All wool Blankets price \$15.00 now **12.45**

A part wool blanket value \$6.50 now for **\$4.55**

Danoline Quilts reg. 7.50 now on this sale for **5.95.**

Another good good comfort with a sateen center \$5.00 value on sale now for only **\$3.45**

We have just a couple dozen comforts we sold them at 3.50 now on sale for only **\$2.75**

HURRY! HURRY!

We got in a quantity of genuine Gillett Razors on sale 39cts.

EXTRA!

SCHOOL Tablets

2 For 5c.

Our sales are not a weekly or monthly occasions and it is always a knock out no bigger values can't be offered.

J. B. Stetson, Hats

Value \$11.75 on sale 9.75

Gingham on Sale 15cts.

36 inch Outing five yards for 1.00

27 " " 6 " " 1.00

32 Inch Kilburn Gingham 19c.

Kant-fade Suiting, yd. at 43c

Filet hand made laces 20 per cent off the regular price get while it lasts. Come early.

Our entire stock of Madeira at a great reductions.

Toys! Toys!



They are taking up a lot of room and we are crowded to capacity. You can't get any bigger bargains than those on our sale.

Boys' 4 piece Suits, from 4 to 9 \$8.95

Boys' 3 piece long pants suit \$14 value on sale only \$9.95

High School boys suits 2 pair pants and vests Regular \$25.00 ON SALE \$21.50

2 lots of Ladies shoes for less money than to mend a pair \$1.39 & \$1.95

Ladies and mens house shoes 69c. a pair

they wont last long. Come early and get yourself a pair

Genuine Gillett Razors 39c. only

We have a 100 more Bargains but space is limited COME AND YOU WILL BUY! Anything You Dont

See ASK FOR IT!!

POPULAR Dry Goods Store.

Locals and Personals

Miss Lillian Spencer has returned to Marfa after an extended visit to various parts of Arizona.

All our Beautiful Pictures and Mirrors sacrificed 20% off.
AT BAILEY'S

H W Schutze left again Wednesday for California with several cars of calves.

Don't Forget the Gift Shop at Hurley's.

Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Gillett returned last week from a delightful visit with their daughters and families in New Mexico.

All SILVERWARE at 20% off.
AT BAILEY'S

Elder M. A. Buhler filled his regular appointment at Presidio last week.

Just arrived, nice assortment of Wool dresses, for the Miss and small women. \$6.75 and \$8.75.
Milady's Shoppe

Dr. Charles Reign Scoville, J. B. Holmes and son Dewitt, of Fort Worth, are enjoying this week a deer hunt on the Britte ranch.

BIG BARGAINS at Bailey's 20% off regular prices for Cash from now until Christmas on Toys and Gift Goods.
AT BAILEY'S

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby notified that our pastures are **POSTED**, and therefore, no one will be permitted to hunt thereon.

Mrs. T A Childress
W P Fischer
W H Cleveland
J. R. Love

W. B. Mitchell returned this week from the Cornbelt country, going in his travel as far as the state of Massachusetts. Mr. Mitchell found great demand for the Highland Cattle raised in this country, and stated that these cattle were spoken of everywhere in the most favorable terms by feeders the press and the public generally. He disposed of 7,500 head.

Bye Low Baby Dolls at 20% discount.
AT BAILEY'S

Mrs. Lillian Spencer spent Wednesday of this week in our city with her family, returning to Del Rio, Thursday, where she is nursing in the various hospitals of that city, that being her old home—she says she is enjoying the work there.

POSTED.

Hunters are hereby notified that our Pasture is **POSTED** and all persons are requested not to hunt thereon.

C. T. Mitchell, Company

Mrs. Jim Casner and Mrs. Anja Wilson attended a board meeting of the Davis Mountain Federation at Marfa last Friday. The President Mrs. W P Fischer, entertained the board with a luncheon at her home. Fourteen ladies from Valentine, Ft. Stockton, Ft. Davis, Alpine and Marfa were present.
—Alpine Avalanche.

AGENT WANTED—In Marfa territory, Sworn proof of \$75.00 a week, \$1.50 an hour for spare time. Introducing New Guaranteed Hosiery. All Kinds, 126 styles and colors. Low prices. Wonderful opportunity for industrious man or woman. Auto furnished. No capital or experience necessary.
Wilknot Hosiery Co. Dept. A-23
Greenfield, Ohio.

Cecil Booth of Alamore, Texas was a visitor to the city, Wednesday.

J. M. Pouncey of Alpine was a visitor to Marfa Wednesday.

The last few days before Xmas will be **BANNER BUSINESS** days at our store because all our **Holiday Goods** go at a 20% cash discount.
AT BAILEY'S

The Alpine Christian Sunday school and the Marfa Christian Sunday school have had a contest on for sometime. The Alpine school won so they were entertained last Sunday in the new Marfa Christian Church. The two Sunday schools united in the morning worship, then at noon a wonderful barbecue dinner was served. The worship was continued in the afternoon and at night. Bro. Charles Scoville of Chicago, Ill., Bro. Holmes of Fort Worth and Bro. Bandy of Valentine were the visiting ministers present. Bro. Scoville conducted the morning service.
—Alpine Avalanche.

We usually have our big Sacrifice Sale after Christmas, but this year we are having it before Christmas. COME and see for yourself.
AT BAILEY'S

Mr. and Mrs. L C Britte returned Saturday from their Northern and Eastern trip.

New shipment of Spring dresses in Flat crepe, Georgette and crepe Elizabeth, Sirely rose shades, chartruse, blues and grey.
Milady's Shoppe

Automobile spring leaver, any car at less than half price
—See Schutze.

MRS. WILLIE RIDEN
CHIROPRACTOR
PALMER GRADUATE
Office upstairs in
MARFA NATIONAL BANK Bldg
Office hours 9-12 a. m. 2-5 p. m.

APPLES FOR SALE

When in need of Apples Write me at Fort Davis
Prices as Follow:
88 per box \$3.00
100 per box \$3.00
123 per box \$3.00
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168 per box \$2.50
190 and 216 per box \$2.25
M. F Higgins

FOR SALE

Dodge touring car in fine condition, engine never been taken down or tampered with worth \$500.00 quick sale for \$285.00
Box 237, Alpine, Texas.

TO LAND OWNERS

I represent the San Antonio Joint Stock Land Bank, loaning money on land 33 years at 6 per cent interest, with 5 years privilege to pay. Shall be glad to see and talk the matter of loans over with you.

BOB EVANS,
Marfa, Texas.

Mrs. A S Carver left Monday for Marlin, Texas, to visit her daughter Mrs. Carver expects to be absent about three months.

Friday morning the report came in that the snow spread over the entire country. In the Alhmita country the snow was on a level in places from 6 to 15 inches, having almost continuously fallen for three days. At Marfa it was only 2 inches.

NOTICE

Absolutely no Hunting allowed in my Pastures formally known as the "Shannon Bros Place" Please do not ask.
J. H. Lock

NOTICE.

My Pastures in Presidio County are **POSTED**, no hunting, camping or trespassing in any manner is allowed.
L. C. Britte.

Coats! Coats! Coats!
Just arrived! new shipment of ladies and childrens coats—all sizes, prices and styles.—Milady's Shoppe.

OPERA HOUSE Movies

MONDAY— Storm Breaker House Peters
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY— Madame San Gene loria Swanson
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FRIDAY— Breed of the Border Lefty Flynn
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Show opens at 7:00 p. m. sharp.

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If in need of New Furniture come and we will take your old IN EXCHANGE.

FULLLINE OF NEW GOODS ON HAND.

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We handle eggs and butter—none nicer. Brookfield Sausage, Swift's Sliced Bacon, Fresh Kettle Rendered Lard, All Kinds Packing House Products, Veal, Beef, Pork and Mutton.

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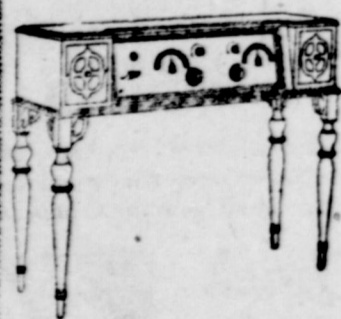
When you buy a radio you want the absolute best in radio enjoyment.

You want a receiving set that delights the eye—that fits harmoniously into living room or library.

You want a set that enables you to select the station you prefer and bring it in—clearly and in ample volume.

You want a set that delivers—under all conditions—sure, dependable results. Zenith gives you all of this—and more. We selected it out of all the sets on the market because it's the best that money can buy.

Call this evening. Let us prove it to you by demonstration.



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Electric Shop**

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Costs More—but Does More

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These are the three best on the market today. Priced so that anyone can buy.

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Obligation on your
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—LONG DISTANCE—
Selectivity

ZENITH gets the station you want—when you want it—without interference!

Our challenge: More stations in a given length of time, clearly and with volume, than can be got with any other receiving set on the market.

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Zenith—the exclusive choice of MacMillan for his North Polar Expeditions

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Marfa Texas

Costs More—but Does More!

Pimples



What can I do?

"Oh, why can't I have a skin like other girls? Why do I have to have these ugly pimples, blotches and blackheads?"

"If I could only find something that would clear up my skin and give me back my soft, rosy complexion, I know I would be the happiest girl in the world! What can I do?"

Is that you talking? If it is, you don't have to worry a minute! Just build up the rich, red blood in your body. Then your skin will be as clear and soft as anybody's.

That's what S. S. S. has been doing for generations—helping Nature build rich, red blood! You can build red-blood-cells so fast that the impurities that cause breaking out on the skin hardly get into the system before the pure blood annihilates them—kills them right out—stops them from breaking out through the skin.

And then this rich, red, pure blood feeds and nourishes the tissues of the skin and keeps it looking healthy.

That's all there is to it. Healthy, vigorous, red blood such as S. S. S. helps Nature build, makes you healthy all over. It beautifies your skin—drives away pimples, blackheads, blotches, rash, boils and eczema—gives you back your appetite—builds firm, plump flesh and fills you full of new life and energy. All drug stores sell S. S. S. Get the larger bottle. It's more economical.



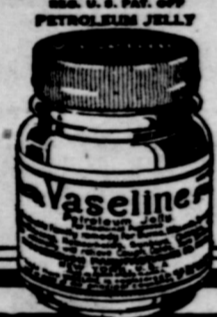
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First Chicago Gunman—How's business?
Second Chicago Gunman—Rotten! I ain't made enough today to pay my allentist.—Macon Daily Telegraph.

Speaks to Women

Dallas, Texas.—"I was run-down in health after the 'flu' and suffered from ailments peculiar to women. I took a small amount of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it gave me health and strength. Without going into details about my suffering, I will just say I can earnestly recommend the Favorite Prescription." It is a reliable tonic for women.—Mrs. Hallie Moore, 4024 Main St.



Women, get well and strong now by obtaining this "Prescription" of Dr. Pierce's of your druggist, in tablets or liquid; send 10c to Dr. Pierce, President Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for a trial package of the tablets.

For torpid liver
DR. THACHER'S
Liver and Blood Syrup
A boon to sluggish constitutions. A quick natural cleansing and strengthening of priceless value. Treatment of priceless value. FREE Liberal sample bottle of your druggist, or write Dr. Thacher, Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Boschee's Syrup
HAS BEEN
Relieving Coughs
for 59 Years
Carry a bottle in your car and always keep it in the house. 30c and 90c at all druggists.

Use Cuticura Soap
And Ointment
To Heal Sore Hands

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

NEW YEAR SONGS

"Well, well, well," said the Old Year, "so here you are, looking just as young as can be."

"Well do I remember, Young Year, how I felt when I was just your age."

"I felt so pleased with myself and as though I were almost going to make the whole world over."

"I felt that every one was going to keep to their good resolutions and that I would keep to mine, too. But, in spite of all, it's a pretty good old world, and the fact that we want to make it better and jog ourselves up a bit from time to time is a very good sign."

"But tell me, little New Year, have you any baby songs to sing? Maybe you have some New Year lullabies. I'd so much like to hear them."

"And little new things should have lullabies. Maybe you have some. Have you, little New Year?"

"I believe I do remember some that old Grandmother Old, Old, Old, Old Year used to sing me while old Grandfather Old, Old, Old, Old Year used to smoke his pipe down in the Snowy Castle where all the Old Years spend their winters," said little New Year.

"The warm fire glowing with memories keeps the castle so warm and the children—and the little years yet to be—play around and have such a jolly time."

"You'll be there in no time at all. Old Year, and you will add your wonderful memories which glow with warmth of lovely times that are



"Tell Me, Little New Year."

passed to all of the others so that it will be ever comfortable and cozy.

"But now I shall sing you one of those lullabies:

"Go to sleep, my little New Year,
Go to sleep, my little young dear,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep."

"Go to sleep, my little New Year,
Go to sleep, for you're to give cheer,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep."

"Go to sleep, and get your rest,
A new Year must always be at its best,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep."

"Go to sleep so you won't look old,
A New Year must appear young and bold,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep."

"Go to sleep, my little New Year,
Always be brave, and never show fear
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep."

"Go to sleep, for soon you must go,
And oh, such a lot you will have to know,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep,
Go to sleep."

"That was the lullaby she sang to me and wonderful stories she told me and lessons she taught me of how to try to make the world a kinder place with more and more affection and understanding in it."

"Good," said the Old Year. "Good. But now I must go. I'll sing as I leave:

"The Old Year must go,
He cannot be slow,
For the New Year is here,
With his Happy New Cheer,
Good-by! Happy New Year!"

Merle Was Homesick

Merle and her mother had been making a rather protracted visit, and the youngster was showing signs of homesickness. One day her mother found her crying quietly to herself.

When the mother inquired what was the matter, the child replied she wanted to go home.

"Why do you want to go home, Merle; you're having a nice time, aren't you?"

"Yes, mudder," she replied, then hesitated a moment and sobbed forth. "I jes' wanta go home and see our carpet."

Riddles

What runs upstairs without a sound?
A carpet.

Where was King Alfred the Great crowned? On his head.

Why are ears like jazz hands? Because they both have drums.

What is the difference between a dishonest milkman and a swallow? One skims the milk, and the other skims the water.

NEGLIGES SHOW NOVELTIES; FRENCH GENIUS IS SUPREME

JUST when other garments are taking up with elaboration and intricacy in their making, negligees appear to be traveling in the direction of simplicity and concerning themselves with the business of being practical as well as pretty. Of course, for the benefit of women of leisure, and as contribution to trousseau, there are airy affairs with lace, like the negligee pictured, but even these, in the new displays, are much more simply designed than usual. Along with them

The genius of the French for beauty reaches its climax in romantic clothes for evening—whether they undertake to make them gorgeous or only gay and dainty. When the matter under consideration is evening dress the fancy of the French designer spreads its butterfly wings and flies wherever it will in the wide, wide world of beautiful things, gathering ideas to bring them back to Paris workrooms. In the salons flowerlike frocks, "robes de style" or "picture



NEGLIGEE IN NEW PATTERN

certain old (and artistic) favorites hold their own, the humble corduroy and the gorgeous mandarin coat among them.

Interest centers in beautiful, but inexpensive, fabrics and novel garnitures, in the new negligees for winter. Manufacturers of cotton fabrics have made such progress in the use of rayon mixtures and mercerizing that they are turning out broadcades and stripes and other patterns with the sheen and suppleness of silk velvet, and these are supplemented by the heavier goods in many patterns, like those "turkish towel" weaves that have long been favored for lounging and bathrobes. But the new patterns,

and regal evening wraps come into bloom for the allurement of a waiting feminine world.

In the two evening dresses from Paris, shown in the sketch, the outstanding style points of the season are most successfully embodied. Uneven hemlines, flaring skirts, long molded bodies, "V" shaped neck openings and metallic embroideries are all among the important means for developing the season's graceful evening modes.

The dress at the left is very simple by comparison with more gorgeous affairs, but just as effective as any of them. It consists of a straightline underdress of rose satin partly covered with tracery in gold and black



FILMY EVENING GOWNS

In bold modernist figures and vigorous colors, or in softer shades and floral patterns, have inspired designers of negligees to new efforts. Borders and collars like the wool fur used on sweaters and coats add to the coziness of negligees that are as useful as the popular corduroy. In practical garments, silky cottons that look like very fine corduroy are made up with linings of sheerest Jap silk and brocaded patterns are used in the same way. Chiffon, by way of adornment, is used with these in two shades of the color chosen for the negligee and appears in jabots, revers, borders and hand-made flowers. In effect these garments are as rich as silk velvet, but they are considerably less expensive.

thread. A border design is worked out on the scalloped hemline and at the neck and armholes. The vestee is plain. A mere hint of a black chiffon overdress is posed over the rose satin slip, but it serves to provide the flare in the skirt, and ends in points at the front.

Pearl-white satin and white georgette give a good account of themselves in the clever dress at the right. The straight underdress is of satin embroidered in pale gold and the overdress is plain except for a little tracery about the hemline, also in gold. A long scarf of the georgette, with gold embroidery at the end, is attached to the right shoulder.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

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The KITCHEN CABINET

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Cheerfulness is the daughter of employment. Gloom and sadness are poisons to us, the origin of hysteria, which is a disease of the imagination caused by vexation and supported by fear.—Sevigne.

HOMEMADE CANDIES

This is the season of the year when we enjoy making candy, having candy pulled, and giving the children of the family a good time.

Molasses Candy.—To one and one-half pounds of sugar add one cupful of molasses, one cupful of water and one-fourth cupful of vinegar. Boil until a hard ball is formed when dropped into cold water. Add one-half teaspoonful of cream of tartar as soon as the boiling commences. When almost done add one-half cupful of butter and one-fourth teaspoonful of soda. Pour out to cool, then pull.

Ice Cream Candy.—Mix three cupfuls of granulated sugar with one-half cupful of vinegar and one and one-half cupfuls of cold water with a tablespoonful of butter. Boil to a hard ball, then pull when cold.

Sultana Caramels.—Melt one-fourth of a cupful of butter, add two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of milk, one-fourth cupful of molasses when boiling—boil seven minutes. Add two squares of unsweetened chocolate and stir until melted; boil seven minutes longer, add one cupful of chopped nuts and two tablespoonfuls of chopped raisins. Beat until creamy. Pour out and mark into squares.

Ice Cream Candy.—Boil three cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of boiling water, one-half tablespoonful of vinegar and one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar. When the mixture becomes brittle turn onto a buttered plate and cool. Pull, flavor while pulling with orange extract, oil of sassafras, or vanilla. Cut into pieces with shears, wrap in waxed paper or put into a jar and seal. If left for several days it will be honeycombed and soft.

Peanut Candy.—Take a pound of peanuts, shell and roll with a rolling pin until like coarse crumbs. Into a saucapan place two pounds of light brown sugar and twelve tablespoonfuls of butter. Stir until melted and count the time from the first bubble—cook and stir constantly for seven minutes. Remove from the heat, add the nuts and pour into a well-buttered pan to cool.

Coconut Candy.—Add softened butter, using a tablespoonful to a cupful of powdered sugar, cream until well blended, add coffee—a few drops at a time, mixing well until the mixture is creamy and smooth; add a cupful of coconut and drop from a spoon on buttered paper.

Seasonable Foods. As quinces are now in the market one may enjoy a dish that is a trifle unusual.

Stuffed Quinces.—Wash and core six quinces, place them in a baking dish with one cupful each of water and sugar. Fill the cavities with chopped raisins and nuts, cover and bake until tender. Set away to cool and serve with cream.

Beef and Corn Pudding.—Take a can of corn and one pound of lean beef; put through the meat grinder. In a saucapan brown one tablespoonful of fat with a teaspoonful of minced onion; cook for two minutes, then add one tablespoonful of browned flour. Add one cupful of stock, salt and pepper to taste, and cook until smooth. Into a buttered baking dish put layers of the corn and beef; sprinkle lightly with seasonings and the thickened sauce. Season and bake in a moderate oven. Uncover and sprinkle with grated cheese.

Armenian Goulash.—For this dish use two lamb or mutton hearts. Silt the hearts, wash and remove the arteries. Cut into inch cubes and parboil, then drain. Mince eight large onions very fine, also three green peppers; place in a deep saucapan and add the prepared hearts, one teaspoonful each of thyme and sage and a quart of boiling water. Cook until the meat is tender, then add one dozen dumplings, prepared as follows: One cupful of mashed potatoes, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of paprika, three-fourths of a cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Mix and form into twelve dumplings and drop into the goulash. Cover tightly and cook for fifteen minutes. Lift the dumplings to a hot platter. Thicken the gravy and pour out the goulash in the center of the platter. Garnish with parsley.

Broiled Venison Cutlets.—Cut chops from the loin of venison. Brush with salted butter or olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper, roll in bread crumbs. Broil over coals or under a gas flame until cooked to the right turn.

Chestnut Salad.—Shell and blanch fresh chestnuts. Boil fifteen minutes, then drain and cut into slices or quarters, add an equal amount of finely cut celery, mix with French dressing and serve on crisp head lettuce.

AILMENTS OF YOUNG GIRLS

Relieved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound School Teacher's Experience

Evanston, Wyoming.—"A few years ago I had troubles every month such as girls often have, and would suffer awfully every time. I was teaching school and it made it hard for me as I had to go to bed for two or three days. One day my mother suggested that I take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and it did wonders for me.



In the course of a year I married and after my first baby was born I got up too soon and it caused a displacement. This troubled me so that I could hardly walk or do my housework. I knew what the Vegetable Compound did for me before so I took it again. It strengthened me and now I have five little kiddies. The eldest is six, the baby is five months old and I have twin boys three years old and a boy of five years. I do all my own housework, washing and ironing, and I never felt better in my life. I owe my health to your wonderful medicine and I recommend it to all my friends."—Mrs. VERBENA CARPENTER, 127 2nd Avenue, Evanston, Wyoming.

Maybe So

A skull cap, believed to have belonged to some prehistoric man and lost for forty thousand years, has been found high up in the rocky walls of a valley near the Sea of Galilee. One theory of the scientists is that the prehistoric man, that day, didn't happen to have a dime with him to check it.—James J. Montague in Kansas City Times.

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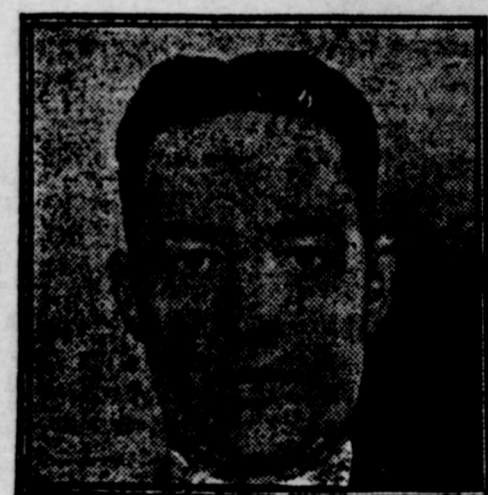
Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions, and prescribed by physicians for 25 years. Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Imitations may prove dangerous.—Ad.

Willie Strikes

Willie—I ain't going to school any more.

Willie's Father—Why? "Cause I'll never learn to spell; the teacher keeps changing the words every day."—Good Hardware.

Printer's Sick Stomach and Headaches Almost Cost Job



Mr. E. M. Collins of Woodhaven, N. Y., says, "Instead of plodding through my work wearily on account of sick headaches and sour stomach, I now enjoy good health and ambition, can do more and better work and life is worth living. I have never before given my name to advertise a medicine, but you cannot imagine how different I feel since I discovered Carter's Little Liver Pills."

Carter's Little Liver Pills tonic the whole system through the liver and bowels. They act as a mild and effective laxative, in a gentle manner without any bad after effects. Recommended and for sale by all drug stores.

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In one minute—or less—the pain ends. Dr. Scholl's Zino-pad is the safe, sure, healing treatment for corns. At drug and shoe stores.
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Nellie Maxwell

It's Cruel to "Physic" a Child



DR. CALDWELL AT AGES 85

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated infants and children had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

While he knew that constipation was the cause of nearly all children's little ills, he did not believe that a sickening "purge" or "physic" every little while was necessary.

In Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which regulates the bowels. A single dose will establish natural, healthy bowel movement for weeks at a time, even if the child was chronically constipated. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin not only causes a gentle, easy bowel movement but, best of all, it is often months before another dose is necessary. Besides, it is absolutely harmless, and so pleasant that even a cross, feverish, bilious, sick child gladly takes it.

Buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine and just see for yourself.

Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN

22,900,231 Flies

The citizens of Tokyo recently had a fly extermination day, when the city official offered prizes for the biggest bags.

For some days afterward municipal office staffs were counting dead flies and it is now officially announced that the total was 22,900,231.

If Worms or Tapeworm persist in your system, use the real vermifuge, Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot." Only 50 cents at your druggist or 312 Pearl St., N. Y. Adv.

Anybody who starts out to look for trouble usually ends up by having it thrust upon him.

When a man gets too lazy to work he may become a lofty idealist.

MOTHER!

Child's Harmless Laxative is "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! A teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love its pleasant taste.

Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

Grow Hair on Your BALD HEAD BARE-TO-HAIR A Blessing to Mankind



Paul Bonor, Pittcairn Ave., Jeanette, Pa., had Alopecia, which left him without hair on any part of his head. Used four bottles of Bare-to-Hair. Now has a full growth of hair as shown on the photo. Bare-to-Hair will grow hair on bald heads, Stop Falling Hair, Dandruff, Itching, and many forms of Eczema.

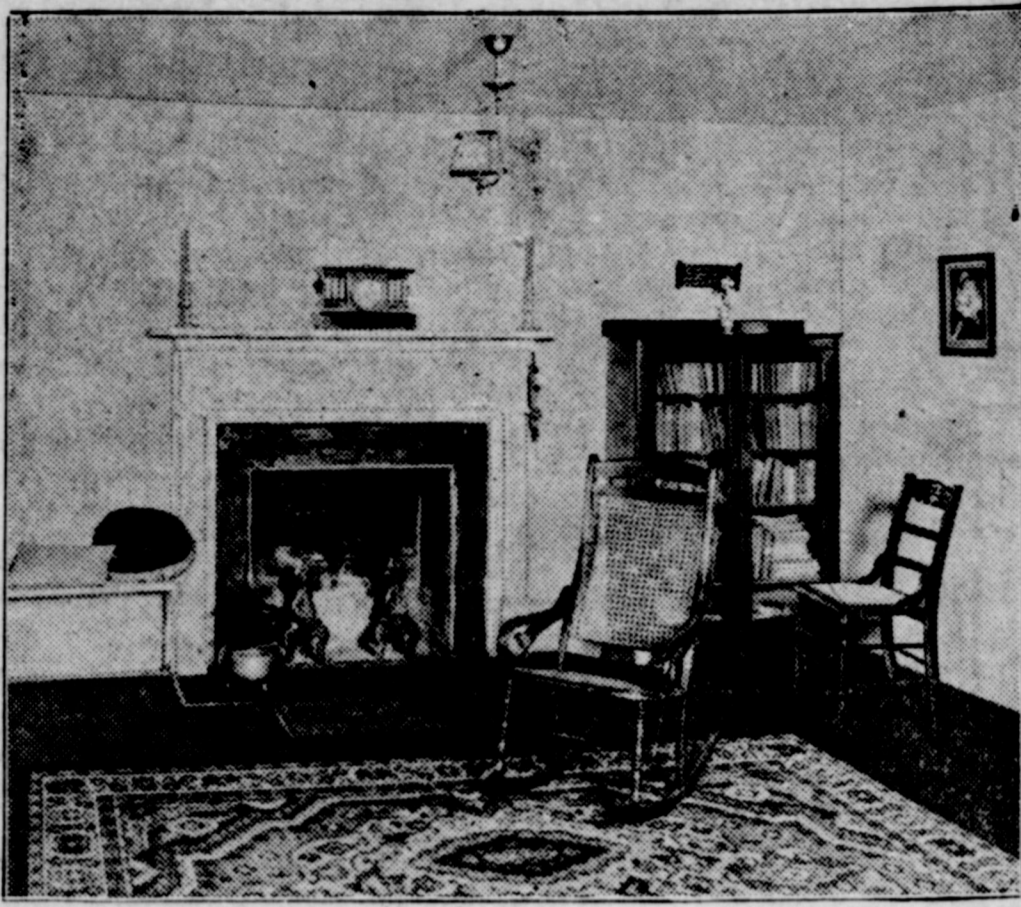
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IMPROVING LIVING ROOM IN FARM HOME



Living Room in Albemarle County (Virginia) Farmhouse.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Here is an example of what can be done at reasonable cost to improve a living room in a farmhouse. Mrs. Harry Miller of Free Union, Va., entered the Albemarle county living-room contest conducted under the direction of the extension division of the Virginia Polytechnic institute and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The room she decided to improve was originally a bedroom, small and rather dark, since both windows opened on porches. The partition between the room and the hall was taken out. This work was done by the woman herself. The walls and ceiling were painted a light cream, the woodwork and doors old ivory. The floor was cleaned and oiled. A seat was built in the corner by the fire-

place. The mantelpiece was relieved of all ornament except the clock and a pair of candlesticks, containing blue candles. The open fireplace was painted black, also the andirons. The house is lighted by acetylene gas. The valances and side drapes at the windows are old rose with brown and tan figures. The cushions are blue and old rose. The seats of the two chairs were recovered with blue art denim. All of these improvements were accomplished at a total cost of \$25.33.

By taking out superfluous ornaments or furnishings one frequently achieves the impression of space and airiness. Such an impression is evident in this room. It is worth while for any housekeeper to go over the various rooms of her home to see what could be eliminated to advantage, both in the care of the room and in its appearance.

LITTLE CAKES ARE DELICIOUS GIFTS

Keep Cookie Box Full During Christmas Vacation for Visitors.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Holiday cakes and cookies are always welcomed by the family during the Christmas school recess. As a last-minute gift a basket of little cakes, prettily iced, can be prepared by any housekeeper from ordinary materials, and yet carry with it the personal touch which means more than the expenditure of money.

The United States Department of Agriculture has tested the cake recipe and frostings given below. This cake, if baked in a shallow pan about 9 inches square, is well adapted to cut-



Almond Straws and Frosted Cakes Appeal to Every Taste.

ting up into small fancy shapes. At least 20 diamond-shaped cakes 1½ inches wide can be cut with little waste from the amount given. Other fancy shapes may, of course, be used. These little cakes may then be entirely covered with white or tinted icing and decorated with bits of candied cherries or cranberries, angelica, colored jellied grapefruit peel, or tinted watermelon rind preserve, citron, or nuts.

Plain Cake.
3 tablespoonfuls fat ½ teaspoonful of
¼ cupful granulated sugar 1 teaspoonful of
1 egg 1 lemon juice
2-3 cupful milk 1 teaspoonful vanilla
1½ cupful flour 1 cupful salt
2½ teaspoonfuls of ¼ teaspoonful of
baking powder

Cream the fat, which may be butter, lard, vegetable fat, or oil, with the sugar. Add the egg well-beaten, the milk and flour alternately. Sift the baking powder and salt with one-fourth cupful of the flour, and fold in last, just after adding the flavoring. Bake in a 9-inch square pan, starting in a cool oven (about 320 degrees F.) for 20 minutes, gradually increasing the heat for 10 or 15 minutes till the cake is brown.

Cooked Frosting.
White of 1 egg 1 cupful of sugar
4 tablespoonfuls of ¼ teaspoonful of
cold water salt

Place all in double boiler and beat with an egg beater until it holds its shape. Add salt and beat until thick enough to spread. Add one-half teaspoonful vanilla or other desired flavoring.

Chocolate frosting can be made in the same way by adding ¼ square of chocolate, melted, to the sugar mix-

ture when it starts to hold its shape. The frosting is beaten until thick and then spread. Vanilla may be used or omitted with the chocolate.

For caramel icing, half a cupful of sugar should be caramelized or browned in a pan, and an equal amount of boiling water added. Substitute 2 tablespoonfuls of this sirup in place of 2 tablespoonfuls of water and continue as in the foundation icing.

Uncooked Orange Icing.
2 egg whites, beat 1 tablespoonful
en stiff orange juice
2 tablespoonfuls of ¼ teaspoonful of
cold water salt
3½ cupfuls confec- ¼ tablespoonful
tioner's (XXXX) lemon juice
sugar Grated rind of ¼
large orange

Add the water to the egg white and beat with an egg beater until stiff. Add 3 cupfuls of sugar very gradually with a spoon. Add the grated rind and juice of the orange, the lemon juice and remainder of the sugar. Beat until smooth enough to spread. This amount should cover 5 sides of over 25 little cakes cut as above described.

A tin of Christmas cookies should be kept replenished for holiday visitors and especially for children. Any cookie recipe may be "dressed up" with red and green edible decorations and pieces of peanuts, almonds, walnuts, or pecans. Plain pastry paste or pie trimming makes excellent cookies when cut in fancy shapes and decorated. A thick coating of ground almonds pressed into the paste before cooking makes a particularly good "almond straw." Pie trimming in tiny rounds cut with a small-sized baking powder can be converted into delicious little tea cakes if brushed with egg yolk and sprinkled with granulated sugar, nuts, and small bits of candied fruit before baking. Cinnamon may also be used on the tops. Goodies like these may be easily prepared without encroaching too far on the busy mother's time.

Inaccurate Measurement Will Cause Poor Baking

"Why is my cake good one week and unsatisfactory next time, although I follow the same recipe?" is a question asked very often of home economics specialists. No answer can be given offhand, because many different factors are involved—the kind of materials used, the method of mixing, the temperature of the oven, and other considerations. But the chances are that among these factors the matter of accurate measurement is included; "following the recipe" may mean that the closely packed cupful of flour one day is a loosely filled cupful the next—that the baking powder spilled in the mixing bowl is "guessed" to be a teaspoonful, when it is really much more—or that some other inaccuracy in measurement accounts for a large part of the difference in results.

In modern cook books and in all farmers' bulletins issued by the United States Department of Agriculture all quantities are given in level measurements unless otherwise specified. Three teaspoonfuls equal a tablespoonful. Sixteen tablespoonfuls fill a standard cup—the kind marked off on the sides to show half and quarter cupfuls, and sometimes thirds. Four cupfuls make a quart.

Flour, except graham or whole wheat, should always be sifted once before measuring and then dipped lightly into the measure and leveled. If it is packed into the measure, too much will be used. A table knife or other straight edge should be used to level sugar, salt, flour and other dry ingredients.

Community Building

Home Town Friends Big Business Asset

While many of the community's ambitious young men and even middle-aged men are leaving good positions and certain incomes to pursue the goddess of chance and fortune in real estate schemes in southern states, others, who are looking ahead into the future, are going quietly about, preparing to take advantage of the opportunities to be found in their own city.

When the whole situation is carefully weighed, the man who is striving to get ahead in his own community has every advantage. He knows the people of the town, he is familiar with most of the leading business men and knows the obstacles to be met and overcome if he is to succeed. Again, he is surrounded by his friends and in nearly every case the home town citizens are always ready to lend a helping hand to a man who is trying to gain the top rung of the ladder of success by his own efforts.

On the other hand, the man who leaves his home town and his friends is at once placed at a disadvantage and must be constantly on his guard for would-be sharpers and crooks. He must rely entirely upon his own strength, and if he becomes entangled in a maze of financial difficulties or other troubles, he has positively no recourse, as he is among strangers and far from home.—Franklin Star.

Buildings Can Have Beauty and Utility

Architecture may be "frozen music," so beware of embodying "The Dead March in Saul" in some unpretty structure, is the advice given by a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Almost any building can be beautiful if the architect is permitted to spend enough money upon it. If the owner wants a work of art he can get it.

So, also, can he attain to fame, for if his structure inspires public admiration his name will be coupled with it. To provoke admiration is worth living for. If to put a commercially useless, but perfectly lovely roof on one's building costs more money, there is still the deep satisfaction of knowing that the town likes what one has done.

Variety, not only homogeneity, makes a city picturesque; though there is peril of the grotesque in pursuing variety. Willfulness, without advice from taste, has worked some appalling sights; and stirred the entrails of compassion if not indignation in architects.

One house can bless a whole street whose facades are plainer, and one ill-shapen misplaced structure can likewise put gloom on that street.

About City Parks

Almost every town has parks of some kind. Many of them are well kept and have gay beds of flowers and perhaps shrubby plantations and so forth, but are dull and commonplace. You would hardly feel like recommending your friends to go to see them. Yet every city, town and village has its open spaces and most of them could well afford to have more.

Every one of these open spaces could be made into a work of art of vital interest and value to the community. Each has its own individuality, which needs only to be discerned and developed. Not all in an equal degree (for some sites lend themselves to treatment much better than others), but each according to its own character and conditions.—Harold A. Caparn in Parks and Recreation.

Pergola Popular

Pergolas are becoming more and more evident in the better homes of both town and country. Whether simple or ornate, they provide a secluded nook on the lawn that may be fitted up with chairs, benches and tables to provide a very suitable substitute for the parlor in warm weather. The pergola may be built with one or more doors, lattice work and pillars. Flowers and vines are, of course, a necessary part. There are several varieties of the nonflowering vines, particularly the ivy, which are acceptable, and the more popular varieties of flowering vines are the clematis, the trailing roses and geraniums.—Chicago Post.

Flower Boxes for City

Flower boxes are being placed on the electric light poles at Camden, Maine. The boxes are the gift of Edward Bok and they are to be kept watered by citizens whose places of business are nearest the boxes. They are filled with earth, moss, ferns, geraniums, other bright flowers, and trailing vines.

Proper Growth of Trees

In the care of one's yard caution should be taken against irregular growth of trees and means adopted to rectify any fault in the tree's growth at the start. Many trees are inclined to lean in a certain direction through being forced into that position by prevailing winds from the opposite point, and, unless braced while young, it will be impossible for them to grow upright as they should. It is well that a sufficient space be spaded up around the tree, and the ground fertilized.

The Old Standby in a New Dress



The New Package

Send 4 Cents for booklet on catarrh to the Pe-Ru-Na Company, Columbus, Ohio

Pests Hang On

Bedbugs can live a long time without a meal; one experimenter kept several alive in a bottle for a year without food.

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"I think you're out on purpose when ever I call."
"No, it's just bull luck, that's all."—American Legion Weekly.

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NOTICE and MONITION

IN the UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT, IN and for the WEST-
ERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS,
EL PASO DIVISION.

THE UNITED STATES
vs
No. 1174 Law
15 cases of canned Beans.

Whereas upon reading the informa-
tion filed in the above styled and
numbered cause by John D. Hart-
man, United States Attorney for the
Western District of Texas, on be-
half of the United States of America
against, 15 cases of canned Beans,
Said information praying for the
seizure and condemnation set forth
in said information, it has been or-
dered by the court that this cause be
set for hearing at the United States
Court Room at El Paso, Texas on
the first Monday in April A. D. 1926,
if that be a day of jurisdiction,
and if not, then on the first day of
jurisdiction thereafter, and further
ordered that the Marshal of the Dis-
trict give fourteen days notice of
this seizure of said property sought
to be condemned; and

Whereas an Attachment and
Monition was duly issued out of the
District Court of the United States
for the Western District of Texas,
El Paso Division, November 18, 1925,
in the above numbered and entitled
cause directed to the Marshal for
the Western District of Texas, to
attach the above goods and mer-
chandise, and in obedience to said
attachment and Monition the afore-
said goods, wares and merchandise
were attached by said Marshal in
the hands of the Watson-Anderson
Grocery Company at Marfa, Texas
on the 23rd day of November 1925;

Now therefore notice is hereby
given to all persons claiming the
property of the seizure thereof, and
that the cause has been set for hear-
ing on the date and at the place set
forth above; and all persons claim-
ing said property or having any-
thing to say why the court should
not condemn, forfeit, proceed and
pronounce against the same, are
hereby cited to be and appear before
the said court at the United States
Court Room at El Paso, Texas on
the date set forth above, then and
there to interpose their claims to
same and make their allegations in
that behalf.

Scott C. White,
United States Marshal, Western Dis-
trict of Texas.
By A. H. Woelber, Deputy.

C. E. NOTES

Christian Endeavor met Sunday ev-
ening at the Christian Church at
regular hour in absence of leader
Mrs. Seerest led the meeting. "The
Principle of Giving." Everyone tak-
ing part in a "Round Table" discus-
sion on the topic.

ENDEAVOR PLANS REWARD FOR CHRIST

New York, Dec. 16.—As a tribute
to his thirty-eight years service
as active head of Christian Endeavor
movement a recognition fund of
\$100,000 will be raised for Dr.
Francis C. Clark recently retired
President of the C. E., it was an-
nounced Tuesday. The income from
the fund will be used as a retire-
ment fund for Dr. Clark and his
wife.

After Dr. Clark's death the income
from the fund will be used for
home and foreign missionary work
of Christian Endeavor as a lasting
memorial to his service.

Four Feet of Snow Cover Chihuahua

Snow ranging from a few inches
to four feet in depth has fallen over
a large part of the state of Chihua-
hua, Mexico, according to travelers
arriving here yesterday from Chi-
huahua City and intermediate points.
The heaviest fall was reported at
Montezuma, about 125 miles south
of El Paso, where the snow was re-
ported to have covered the ground
to an average depth of four feet.
Chihuahua City is reported to be
under a two-foot blanket of white.

This is the heaviest snow ever ex-
perienced in this section, according
to old timers.

The snow began falling Tuesday
night and continued steadily through-
out Wednesday and was still fall-
ing yesterday.

Travelers arriving in Juarez re-
ported seeing cattle almost buried
in the snow.

Reports from Marfa, about 200
miles east of here on the Southern
Pacific, reported a fall of from six
to 14 inches over Presidio county.
—El Paso Times.

23,113 Aliens take up residence in Texas.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A total of
23,113 of immigrant aliens admitted
to the United States during the
past year took up their residence in
Texas, Commissioner of Immigra-
tion Hull said in his annual report
made public Sunday. Of these 22,091
were Mexicans.

Germany supplied the next largest
number, 500. There were 123 English
and 106 Irish.

THE VITAL VITAMIN

It is now known that there five
distinct kinds of vitamins. Our know-
ledge of them is increasing and
they have been listed as "Vitamins
A, B, C, D and E." How much farther
down the alphabet we shall go in
our discovery nobody knows. It is
easier to keep who wants to feed her
family confusing to the lay mind—the
household—to learn what foods come
under which classification and what
ailments each cures, or which par-
ticular vitamins will get her loved
ones if their diet lacks what.

These are the vitamin contain-
ing foods:

Butter, Cream, cheese, whole milk
egg yolk, the liver, heart and kidneys
of animals, spinach lettuce cabbage
tomatoes, carrots, sweet peas par-
snips, green peas, green plant tis-
sues, the germ of grains, yeast, or-
anges and lemons, cod liver oil and
other foods.

Cod liver oil is often given to those
with respiratory diseases, to build
up their resistance. Oranges and
tomato juice are given to babies to
cure exzema or scurvy. Rickets is a
common disease due to shortage of
vitamins and of sunshine.

A recent discovery in vitaminic
knowledge is that unless males or
females may become sterile through
lack of Vitamin E. Increase of this
vitamin will not fertility. Natural
foods—and denatured—are necessary
and keep people natural.

—The Southern Farmer.

ANTI-FREEZING

Prepare the car now against the
coming cold weather and be protect-
ed against any sudden drop in tem-
perature, is the text of the warn-
ing broadcast by the Ford Motor Co.
to Ford Car drivers in cold climates.
To eliminate as far as possible the
annoyance of winter driving, the
service department of the company
has outlined a sort of simple pre-
cautions against freezing.

They are in brief:

Add Anti-freeze solution to radiator.
Be discreet in use of choke.
Conserve battery current.

Drivers are cautioned against pat-
ent solution for radiators of un-
known formulas. The safest to use
is denatured or wood alcohol. The
amount of alcohol necessary to pre-
vent freezing is also given in a table
which includes all winter tempera-
tures:

Alcohol	Water	F. P.	S. G.
20%	80%	13° A	.974
30	70	3° A	.964
40	60	20° B	.953
50	50	34° B	.936

Evaporation of the alcohol after
the engine is warmed up may be
considerably retorted by the addi-
tion of a small amount of glycerine,
equal to about 10% of the total cap-
acity of the radiator.

Present day gasoline does not
vaporize readily in cold weather,
starting necessitates use of the
choke. Discretion should be used
however, because of the fact that
the raw fuel sucked into the com-
bustion chamber condenses and pas-
ses the piston rings into the crank-
case, making for oil dilution. Protect
radiator with blanket or cover to
minimize the delay in the "warm-
ing up".

Care must be exercised to see that
the battery is not discharged by
long periods of cranking the engine.
If the battery is allowed to stand idle
in a discharged condition it will
freeze. A table showing the freezing
points follows:

Spec. Gravity	Freezing Point
1300	Fully Charged 94° B
1270	82° B
1250	62° B
1230	40° B
1200	17° B
1150	5° B

Inasmuch as winter driving ex-
erts greater drain upon the battery
than summer driving, it is frequent-
ly the part of wisdom to have the
charging rate of the generator set up
to meet the added demand, especial-
ly if frequent stops and starts are
made.

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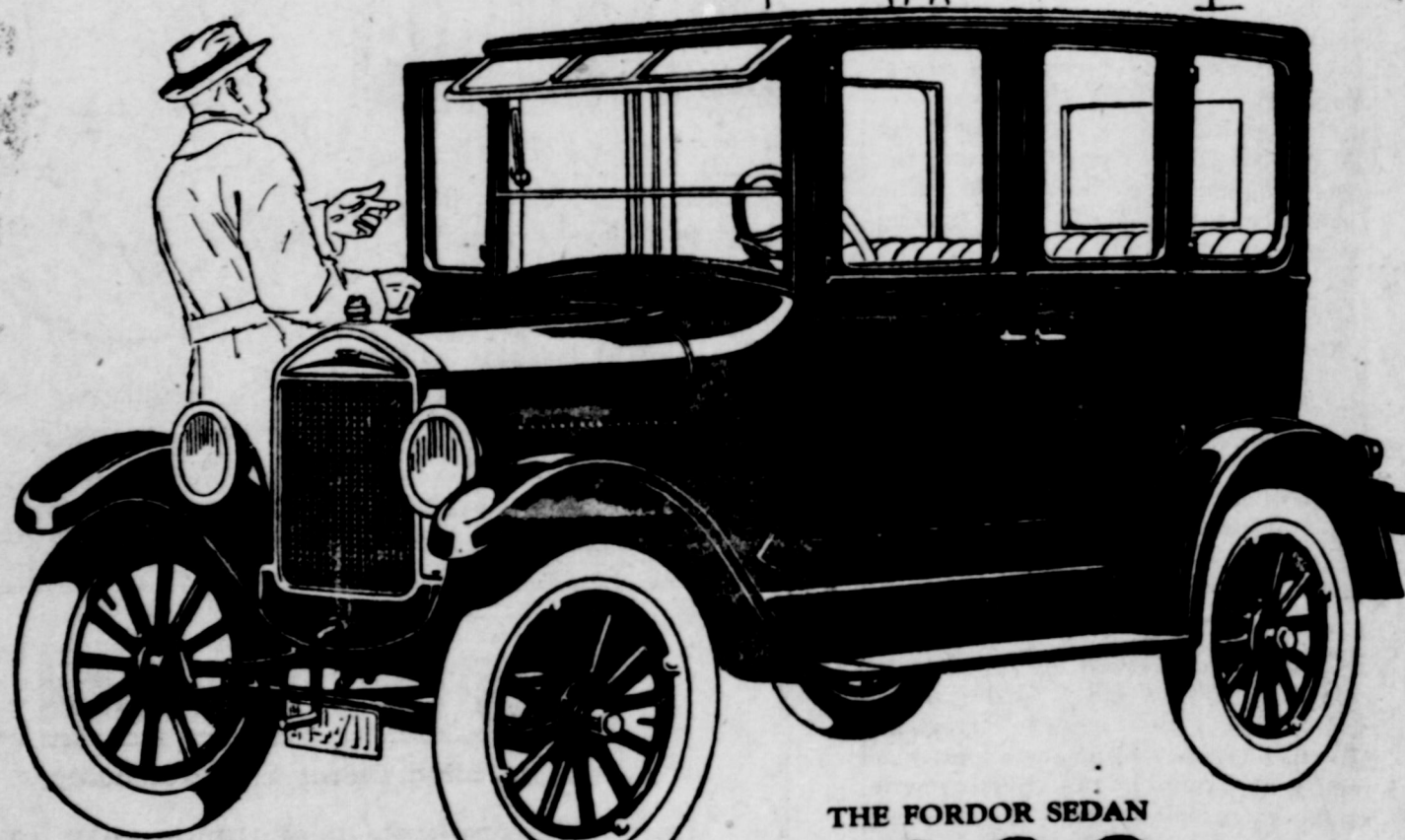
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