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### FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

How Polly Made Mirrors of Spoons and Had Fun at Work.

Every Saturday Polly has to scour the spoons. That is all that mother asks her to do, and it does not take much time, but Polly has always dreaded it so long beforehand and grumbled so while she rubbed them that it seemed like very hard work indeed. Every week it was the same old story, and you would think that the little girl was asked to clean the family plate in some big house.

But last Saturday mother heard her laughing all by herself in the kitchen and asked what she was doing.

"Making mirrors, mother!" shouted Polly gleefully.

So mother came to see. Polly was rubbing away on a spoon, and when it grew quite bright and shiny sure enough there was a little mirror in the bowl of the spoon, and such a funny Polly reflected there, with very fat cheeks and very small eyes and no hair. When she moved her head, her cheeks grew thin and her eyes as large and round as an owl's. How Polly did laugh!

Then she scoured another spoon, and soon there was another tiny looking glass and another queer little Polly as funny as the first.

When she had twelve of these droll little mirrors, her work was done, and she was surprised to find that it was only play after all.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Honest Little Dick.

In all my life I never saw so honest a little cat as our Dick. He not only never stole himself, but he would not allow any other cat to steal if he could help it. The dear little fellow, however, was strongly tempted once and came very near to losing his good name.

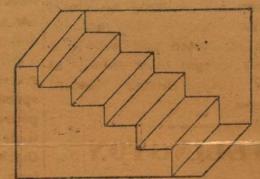
One day the cook carried out a pail of nice little frostfish and set it down in the yard. Dick was there. Dick always was near by when there were good things to eat. The cook went back into the house, and Dick sat down to wait for her return, and two of his special friends were at the window upstairs, looking down to see what "honest little Dick" would do.

The cook was a long time coming back to dress the fish, and all the while Dick kept watch, now on the pail, now on the kitchen door. At last he went somewhat nearer to the pail, then nearer, then nearer. Ah, frostfish smell so good! Dick's little nose almost touched them, and then he sat down and cried at the top of his voice for cook to return quickly and save him from becoming a thief.

Still she did not come. At last Dick put his fore paws on the edge of the pail. Then he looked at the kitchen door and cried again. But the door did not open. So slowly, softly a paw reached down into the pail. But before it had gone as far down as the fish it came back with a jerk empty, and its owner ran around the corner of the house, where he would not see or smell those nice frostfish any more. He did not want to be a thief, and we believe that the little fellow never came so near it again.—Little Folks.

### The Magic Pictures.

Here is a curious little picture that will puzzle some of the chicks. It is what is called an optical illusion. When you first glance at it, you will see an ordinary flight of steps, with nothing strange about them. But if you look at the steps for some time you will find that they suddenly seem to turn upside down, and what was formerly the top surface of each becomes as if by magic the underneath surface. It



### TURN IT AROUND.

may take you some little time to see this change, and should you be unable to see it there is another curious thing about the picture which we would like to mention. If you take the picture and look at it upside down, you will find the steps remain unaltered and appear exactly the same as they did when you held it the right way up.

### A Clever Cat.

A young lady once had a cat that amused itself by drawing all the pins out of the cushion. When the last was removed, it looked up into its mistress' face with an expression that meant, "Please stick them in again." And as often as they were put in just as often were they drawn out. This cat had another favorite amusement. If a vase of flowers stood within reach, it used to pick the flowers out one by one and eat them.

### CONDENSED STORIES.

Driving a Bargain With a Washington Street Car Conductor.

"Every time I see a large assemblage of people in a large city, such as the Grand Army encampment at Washington," said an old Washingtonian the other day, "it recalls to my mind a little incident which took place in front of the Post building some years ago. It was during the Christian Endeavor convention, and the city, of course, was crowded. There was a large contingent of folks from the country, the real plain people, who form the bulwark of the nation.

"All wanted to see the sights, quite naturally, and some of them were trying to get through on a very small margin financially and besides probably had been warned to look out for the man with the golden brick. A party of six, both men and women, came out of the Post building one afternoon, and a tall, rawboned old man with a patriarchal beard rushed out across the plaza and hailed a passing Fourteenth street car.

"Say, mister," he cried, brandishing his weather beaten umbrella at the driver, "what'll you take us up to Mount Pleasant for?"

"How many are there of you?"

"Six," came the answer.

"Well, I'll take you all up for 5 cents apiece," said the driver, smiling benevolently at the bucolic group.

"I'll go you," responded the countryman, and with the triumphant air of a woman who has just made a bargain counter look like three lead dimes he shouted back to his party: "He'll take us up for 5 cents apiece. Come on! And they all scrambled in among the amused passengers.

"It's dollars to doughnuts that those folks who were running up against the wiles of city life never learned that the bargain they struck cost them 5 cents more than six tickets would have fished out of their exchequer."—Washington Post.

### Had Confidence in the Doctor.

At the annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States Major John Van



"THE DOCTOR TOLD US TO TAKE THE COFFIN."

R. Hoff in the course of his speech accepting the presidency of the association told the following story: "A lady was passing through the wards of an overcrowded military hospital when she suddenly encountered two men sawing and hammering on some boards. She looked at them in some surprise and wonderingly asked, 'What are you doing there, my men?' They looked up at her, and one of them said: 'What are we doing? Why, we are making a coffin; that's what we are doing.' 'A coffin?' she asked. 'For whom are you making a coffin?' 'For that fellow over there in that bed. Don't you see him?' The lady looked in the direction indicated and saw a man apparently in good condition and watching the operation with great interest. 'Why, that man is not dead, and, indeed, he does not look as if he were going to die. Can't you postpone this work?' 'No,' the men said, 'we can't postpone it. The doctor told us to make the coffin, and he knows what he gave him.'"

### It Was Poor French.

When the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis was a seminary student, it is said that he prided himself on being more proficient in modern languages than his fellows. When it came his turn to say grace in the "mess-room," he persisted in saying it in French until he was cut short by the gruff remonstrance of a wild western theologian—"O, here, Hillis, cut that."

"I suppose you object to what you don't understand," retorted Hillis. "It ain't that," replied the other, "so much as that I don't believe the Lord himself knows what you are saying."—New York Times.

### MARY MACLANE AND A TIP.

Among the little foibles of the remarkable young lady from Butte is one which is told by a former secretary of Edmund Clarence Steadman, who lunched with Mary MacLane at a downtown restaurant recently. After lunch was over Mary MacLane said to her friend:

"Now, you just let me fix the tip the way I want."

Then Mary signaled the waiter and, producing a quarter, said blantly:

"Waiter, I'll match you for the tip."

With a look of astonishment on his face the waiter produced a quarter and laid it down. Mary won. Then, with the same calm air, she continued:

"Now I'll match you for that quarter."

Mechanically the astounded waiter deposited his quarter. Again the luck favored Mary, and she quietly pocketed the coin.

"You see, my dear," said she to her companion, "we really do things better in Butte."—New York Times.

### Ballooning in a Thunderstorm.

Two German aeronauts, Dr. Miehe and Lieutenant Hildebrandt, recently had a remarkable experience in the heart of a thunderstorm. They ascended from Tegel at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and, passing through a mist, came suddenly into a thundercloud. From a height of 650 feet the balloon was shot a mile upward, and then as suddenly it dropped half a mile. They make the curious statement that although they did not see the lightning they were deafened by the thunder, while pelted with rain, hail and sleet. The balloon leaped and plunged so swiftly that at times the car was on a level with the gas bag and the tow rope was above their heads. After about half an hour of this experience the balloon fell from a height of 7,200 feet, descending upon a thick wood of hedges, branches of which broke the fall and saved the lives of the adventurers.

### Insurance Figures.

For people have any idea of the enormity of the insurance business of the United States. It not only exceeds that of any other country, but is twice as great as that of all the rest of the world combined. At the present time there is in the United States about \$12,000,000,000 of life insurance in force, including assessment business, says Leslie's Weekly. This means over \$100 for every man, woman and child in the country, or \$800 for every family. The annual risks written by the fire insurance companies are estimated at \$20,000,000, which is \$250 per capita, or \$1,250 per family. Thus it will be seen that every family in the country on an average has insurance assets of over \$2,000.

### Maximum Value of Land.

The maximum values of land in the north Atlantic states were reached in 1880, and the falling off during the past decade has been specially marked. In the south Atlantic and south central states farm values reached a high mark in 1880. The heavy drop of ten years later reflects the havoc of civil war. Since that time the trend of values in these states has been upward. In the west the values have rapidly advanced. The only apparent exception is the last decade. But the lower figures for 1900 are due to the large amount of cheap land thrown open to the public.—Mahin's Magazine.

### Menelek's Clocks.

The Emperor Menelek, among his other hobbies, takes great interest in clocks, and several chronometers have recently been imported from Switzerland by M. Ilg, his Swiss adviser, which vary no more than six seconds in two months. Ras Makonnen has also ordered several curious mechanical clocks from Swiss firms for presentation to the negus and the empress. The most remarkable of these is a great chiming clock to imitate that of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

### Plucky Mrs. Seton.

Ernest Seton, whose studies of animal life have delighted so many readers, for twenty years has been noting by word or sketch every small fact he discovered. Among them are innumerable footprints of wild animals, most of which he gives Mrs. Seton credit for obtaining. She has often gone into an animal's cage in the New York zoo and, with the keeper's assistance, coaxed the creature into walking to and fro on light brown paper which would show its tracks.

### Very Like a Bull.

In a Bloomington journal appears the following notice: SECOND EDITION.

A series of accidents has unfortunately necessitated an apology for the non-appearance of the first edition. Which, to say the least of it, is very Irish.—London Express.

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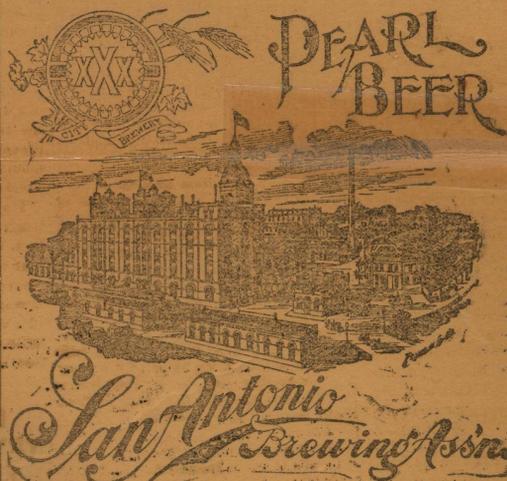
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#### Agency of Pure Breeds.

It is a notable fact that year by year the great agricultural sections of the West are losing their extensive nature and becoming intensive. A comparatively few years ago land that was part of immense ranches has become divided into farms. The settlers pushing in from the East to take up farms have regularly reduced the area and raised the value, until today some of the most valuable land in the country lies in the territory that, barely half a century ago, was a portion of the unclaimed prairies. A few years ago, the long-horned steer was the only product of this country, but that time has passed. The increasing value of the land and the necessity of producing the most for the acre have made the long-horned steer unprofitable in comparison with the grade that is the progeny of the pure-bred bull crossed onto more or less well-bred cows. Each year sees an increase of the pure blood of the leading beef breeds, and as time passes, there will be the same, if not greater, enhancing of the popularity of pure blood. The change has been a logical one. The fact has been an increased capacity to meet the demands of the market. The pure-bred beef steer has demonstrated an unapproachable superiority in the choice cuts from the sections furnishing the porter house, prime of rib, sirloin and other portions that command the best figures in the retail market. Land will increase in value, and the cost of producing a pound of beef will undoubtedly be proportionately enhanced. Time will drive the non-descript further into the background and push the beef-making pure-bred to the front. Breed sentiment will not be recognized. Results at the block are the factors that will be counted.—Drovers' Journal.

#### Starting Out True.

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#### Montana Train Robbery.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 18.—The jury to try Harvey Logan, the alleged Montana train robber, was completed this morning and hearing evidence was begun.

When the Federal Court convened this morning Judge C. D. Clark overruled the plea in abatement presented by the defense Monday afternoon seeking a continuance.

Logan is said to have been asked by his attorneys if he would be willing to take fourteen years in the penitentiary as a compromise verdict. He declined to consent to any compromise.

#### Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death, fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Constipation gives perfect protection against all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by E. S. Briant. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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### A LESSON FROM A CIRCUS.

The general staff of the French army was all present at the scene of the battle of Sedan recently for the purpose of receiving an object lesson in American organization in moving, housing and feeding an army of people. The first of the four big trains of Barnum & Bailey's circus arrived at 5 o'clock, and by 9 a hot and elaborate breakfast for 700 was served at tables. Meanwhile every tent had been erected and every seat mounted. Costumes had been unpacked and hundreds of horses stabled, curried and fed. The staff declared that even the crack artillery regiments could not equal the performance, and the Thirty-sixth field artillery regiment was ordered out from barracks to entrain and detrain. Various faults were pointed out by Mr. Bailey and his superintendent. A stenographer took down the suggestions, which will later be embodied in a report to the minister of war. The staff was served with supper in the circus tent, and then the whole circus melted away toward the next town in three hours.

#### Scheel's Prompt Reply.

Fritz Scheel, director of the Philadelphia orchestra, has a fondness for American slang and colloquialisms that is far in excess of his aptness in acquiring the exact words and sense. When he first came to Philadelphia in the summer of 1899, he was struck by the expression "out of sight" spoken with fine heartiness to indicate pleasure and satisfaction with the general order of things. Scheel determined to make use of it at the first opportunity and to that end repeated it over and over to himself, always keeping in mind the circumstances under which it should be uttered. Mr. Elias met the musician one afternoon when the latter was playing at Woodside park and cheerily called out:

"How are you, Fritz?"  
"You don't see me?" was Scheel's prompt and amazing reply.—Philadelphia Times.

#### New Jersey's Leech Industry.

"Hirudo" day is an anniversary in New Jersey that is never heard of elsewhere. It is the day on which the men who gather leeches for medical use go to town to collect their pay, leaving it till this particular day. Leech buying is not the work for a novice. The question of price is not at all involved in the game, as the leech catchers have the only trust permitted on New Jersey soil, and they fix the price per dozen at which they will sell. Their prices range from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per dozen this year, according to the age of the leech. A leech under the age of eighteen months is not a medicinal leech. His suctorial proboscis is not fully developed until he passes seventeen months, although he acquires a full set of semicircular teeth in his jaws at the age of one year.

#### How Russell Sage is Guarded.

Mr. Sage's office is in the building occupied by the National Bank of Commerce, in Nassau street. In an anteroom sits his faithful guardian and confidential man, Mr. Menzies, through whom the aged financier must be reached. Mr. Menzies is protected by a partition having a latticed wire top with iron spikes reaching to the ceiling. It would be impossible for a man to climb over these spikes or to throw a bomb between them. Mr. Sage is not always accompanied in the street or in traveling between his home and office by a bodyguard or detective. Frequently he goes about entirely alone and seemingly is without fear except when in his office.—New York Press.

#### A Singular Competition.

A singular contest has just taken place near Birmingham. Stones were placed a yard apart for a hundred yards, and a local butcher had undertaken to pick each one up separately and return it to a basket at the end of the line. The time allowed to accomplish this performance was fifty-five minutes, and the butcher succeeded in finishing in forty-eight minutes. The task is not so simple as it first appears, for when in the seventies he was running something like 150 yards for each stone, which was increased to 200 at the finish. In this way he covered a considerable distance—it is estimated between five and six miles.—London Standard.

#### Our Meat Exports.

The total annual export value of United States meat, of which beef forms the principal item, is in round figures \$100,000,000. If we add to this the distributive sales of the various packing establishments in the United States for the domestic market as well, we find that it reaches the enormous total of 1,000,000 carloads, valued at \$2,000,000,000. Added to this is the value of the many by-products of the packing house, which amount to many millions more.—Leslie's Monthly.

#### Posted.

Notice is hereby given that all hunting or shooting within the inclosure controlled by the undersigned, adjoining Sonora on the east, is forbidden and trespassers will be prosecuted.

MIKE MURPHY,  
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#### Pacific Cable to Manila.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Clarance H. Mackay, George G. Ward and William W. Cook, respectively President, Vice-President and General Manager of the Pacific Cable Company, had a long conference today with Attorney-General Knox. Mr. Mackay announced that negotiations have just been concluded for a landing place in China for the cable for Manila, which complete an American through line to Asia, as required by the President. Mr. Mackay stated that the 1,200 miles of cable from Manila to Shanghai can be laid within a year. He explained, however, that unless allowed to make an arrangement with some existing line in China, which is forbidden under existing provisions, the company will be unable to forward messages into the interior. The section which prevents this arrangement will be modified and submitted to the President.

The company would also like to touch at Fanning Island to connect with the British cable. It asks that only important government messages be given the right of way over the cable at all times. It is expected that the Honolulu cable will be in working order by Dec. 25.

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#### Figuring on the Results.

From private information reaching Denver, it is known that the big packers' merger is to be pushed to completion now as rapidly as possible and it is probable that the organization will be complete within a few weeks. Among packing house men and stockmen there is a big difference of opinion as to what will be the ultimate result of the merger. Some are of the opinion that it will not ultimately change present conditions, while others believe that the completion of the big combination will arouse so much opposition from the public that it will not be able to last more than a few weeks. The argument in favor of the merger is well given by a well known Chicago packer, who said:

"The proposed merging of the big packing plants is for the purpose of giving the packers a better control of their business and cannot possibly harm anyone. It is absolutely necessary for the big packing plants to have some sort of an understanding to prevent disastrous competition. Without such an understanding there is constant danger of clashing which would rapidly develop into a war which would smash us all. The action of the Government in securing an injunction against our having and private agreement has forced us to merge our interests. The effect of the merger will be to give us a better control of our own business, but in order to be successful we cannot take advantage of any power that such merging will give us. We are constantly between two fires, which must keep us in a straight path. There is the consuming public on one side, which will not buy meat unless prices are maintained at a reasonable figure. On the other side, there is the producing public, which will not produce the live stock we must have unless they receive fair and profitable prices for their stock. The principal advantage we shall gain will be more economy in handling our output and the elimination of the danger of ruinous competition. As far as

the general conduct of our business is concerned, it will differ very little from the present system."

While the opposition of the merger admits all of the packers' arguments, it is insisted that the combination will have such a great power that it will be impossible to prevent the abuse of it. Such a tremendous control of capital as applied to one of the principal food products cannot fail to arouse a strong public sentiment against it and it is this sentiment that will ultimately dispose of the merger, should the packers be successful in forming it. It is very probable that the opening of the fight against the merger will take place in Kansas City in January, when the National Live Stock Association meets. The merger will probably be in effect by that time and if there is to be opposition from the stockmen of the country, it will develop there, and Kansas City will be the natural battle ground. While the Western stockmen are showing no alarm over the situation, they are intensely interested and will look into the merger very closely at Kansas City.—Denver Record Stockman.

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### Thrilling Race of Battleships.

San Juan, P. R., Nov. 21.—Carrying a great white bone in her teeth and with phosphorescent spray dashing high up on her sharp bows, the cruiser Cincinnati forged abreast of Culebra light at midnight last night, a winner in the greatest ocean race of warships ever run on the North Atlantic seaboard.

Barely two miles astern of the cruiser finished the white searchlight of the great battleship Alabama. She had distanced all her rivals of the heavy weight class and had shown her quality by putting up a hammer and tong struggle all the way from Hampton Roads, Va., with the fleet-footed cruiser.

One by one she had left behind the little gunboat Machias, the Indiana of Santiago fame; the new battleship Kearsarge, her own particular rival, and last of all the plucky Massachusetts, sister ship of the Oregon.

That the comparatively old Massachusetts was a stronger competitor than the Kearsarge is one of the surprises of the race.

That the Alabama came in so close a second to the fast commerce destroyer Cincinnati, even though the cruiser had been handicapped 35 miles at the start, is a superb performance for a first-class battleship heavily armed.

This is the first time in its history that the ships of the North Atlantic squadron have engaged in such a long distance speed contest in the open sea. As a component part of the great fleet of warships now assembled for the winter naval maneuvers under command of Admiral Dewey, the north Atlantic squadron was ordered, after assembling at Hampton Roads, to proceed to the naval rendezvous off Culebra light, the beacon that gleams from the pinnacle of a rocky little island off San Juan, P. R. Here was a superb opportunity to test the actual relative speed of the ships of the fleet in competition and under thoroughly practical conditions.

Five of the ships lined up for the start at noon on Saturday, the Alabama, the Kearsarge, the Massachusetts, the Indiana and the Machias, baby of the fleet. The last named is a gunboat only 190 feet long and of 1000 tons displacement. The other four are battleships.

The Massachusetts and the Indiana are sister vessels, launched in 1893, and with the Oregon, not entered in this contest, they mark the earlier type of first-class battleships of the new navy. The Kearsarge and the Alabama represented later types of sea fighters, thirty-five miles behind the line of battleships as they passed the Virginia capes came the protected cruiser Cincinnati. By reason of her speedier and lighter type, this was regarded as a fair handicap for the greyhound of the fleet which, to do her destined work, should easily out-class them all in cruising qualities.

At the flash of the gun the Leviathans were off to sea, under full head of steam, and in ten minutes all were ploughing through the ocean, headed for Culebra, with widening maelsstroms of white spray boiling from under their pounding screws. Almost from the start Alabama began to forge ahead of her rivals. She gained visibly on the Indiana and the little Machias. The Kearsarge was regarded as her most dangerously adversary of the battleship class. Intense rivalry has always existed between officers and crews of these two ships.

No device was neglected on either of the giants of the fleet to speed them to their limit. Smoke poured from their huge stacks and their decks quivered above the throbbing engines. For hours from the start, just before twilight, the Alabama left the Kearsarge hull down astern with only her fighting tops in sight. With the older Massachusetts it was a harder struggle. But newer lines and greater power were bound to tell. Before night the older ship, despite her most gallant efforts, was left astern and gradually even her gleaming lights faded out of sight.

Barring accidents it was the Alabama's race, so far as the battleships were concerned, but at sundown Monday the lookout at the stern of the leader sighted the Cincinnati coming up like a race horse held in check for the finish. She had made up her handicap, had passed all the others, and was now speeding in the wake of her sole competitor.

It seemed a hopeless task for the battleship to try to hold the cruiser, but she made a brave fight

of it all day Monday and on Tuesday and Wednesday. She cheered her rival as the latter slowly forged ahead and then ahead of her almost within sight of the goal. When Culebra light was picked up the Alabama was under forced draught and going at a terrific clip, but she could not close the gap. Barely two miles astern of the cruiser at midnight she gave up. The Kearsarge, Massachusetts, Indiana and Machias were not in sight at the finish.

### BEST FOR THE BOWELS



**EAT 'EM LIKE CANDY**  
KEEP YOUR BLOOD CLEAN

#### Must Remove Fences.

Fences owned by the cattle men on the public domain must come down, and that at once, announces S. Louis Globe-Democrat in a special wire from Washington. The first enforcement of the law and the orders of President Roosevelt and Mr. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, will be made in Nebraska this week, where hundreds of miles of these unlawful fences have been kept up by the cattle men for years. Incidentally, an inspector of the department has been removed from his office for neglect of duty, and several federal officials who have been winking at the violations of the law have been notified that they must carry out the law and the wishes of their superior officers of lose their official heads.

Colonel John S. Mosby, an inspector for the land department, was assigned to work in Nebraska some months ago. He soon discovered that the spirit and letter of the law protecting the public domain to settlers was being grossly violated. He found that since 1885 the cattle men had ignored the law prohibiting the fencing of public lands and had hundreds of thousands of acres in the North Platte country under barbed wire fences.

He discovered that the cattle men had adopted a plan to defeat the orders of the President and the Interior Department for the removal of the fences from the public lands. This was simply a colonization of bogus settlers who were employed by the cattle companies to file homestead entries on the land under fence, with the ultimate intention of turning the property over to the cattle companies. On one day, at Gordon, fifty women appeared at the land office and swore to entry applications on the ground that they were the widows of soldiers, when, as a matter of fact, the applicants were servant girls and women picked up in Omaha and other Nebraska cities.

William S. Somers, United States attorney for Nebraska, has been instructed to summon B. Richards of Alliance, the cattle king of Nebraska, to tell what he knows about the filing of the applications for homesteads by "army widows."

F. W. Losser, an inspector of the land department, has been removed from office as a result of the exposures made by Colonel Mosby. Losser has been an inspector of the department for a half-dozen years and assigned to duty in Nebraska. In all that time he has not reported a single violation of the law against fencing the public lands. It is charged that he sent weekly reports from his home at Tama City, Iowa, mailing them on the train and dating them from Nebraska towns for a period of four months last summer. The postmaster at Tama City has furnished evidence to show that Losser was in Tama all that time.

The interior department will proceed at once against the cattle men in other states and against the syndicates which, through hired agents, have been securing possession of public lands, by fraudulent methods, in California, Oregon, Oklahoma, New Mexico and all over the west and southwest.

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SONORA, TEXAS. - November 29, 1902.

### Notice.

All parties indebted to us are requested to call at once and settle and avoid cost of suit.  
Mayfield Mercantile Co,  
by J. A. Hagerlund, collector.

### Mayfield's Float-Valve.

J. L. Mayfield, Sonora, Texas. This float-valve is especially designed for troughs in which it is desirable to maintain a constant level of water. The valve will automatically operate to re supply the tank with water when it is withdrawn to a certain lower level and will also operate to cut off the inflow when the water shall have reached a certain predetermined height in the trough, such as will be within easy reach of animals for drinking purposes, or the maintaining of a desired quantity of stored water—Scientific American.

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## Report of the Condition OF THE

First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora,

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, November 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$115,639.23
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	9,545.97
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	300.00
Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	2,927.76
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	8,083.22
Due from State Banks and Bankers	4,277.13
Due from approved reserve agents	13,286.16
Internal revenue stamps	34.99
Checks and other cash items	993.19
Notes of other National Banks	60.93
Fractional paper currency, notes, and cents	20.95
CASH ON HAND	
Specie	2,769.59
Legal tender notes	1,806.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$173,049.56
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,825.49
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	1,711.23
Individual deposits subject to check	79,312.02
Cashier's checks outstanding	200.81
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	20,000.00
Total	\$173,049.56

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, I, W. L. Aldwell, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. L. ALDWELL, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 1902.  
S. G. Taylor, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.  
Correct Attest:  
E. F. Vander Stucken,  
D. A. Cauthorn,  
Geo. S. Allison, } Directors.

### Recapitulation.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$125,187.23
U. S. bonds & premiums	13,000.00
Banking House and fixtures	2,927.76
Due from U. S. Treasurer	625.00
Cash in Banks and Vaults	31,312.17
Total	\$173,049.56
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus & undivided profits	9,325.49
Circulation	12,500.00
Bills payable	20,000.00
Individual deposits	79,312.02
Bank deposits	1,711.23
Total	\$173,049.56

Ballinger, Tex., Nov. 24.—The body of Earl Moore, the young man who was shot and killed at Wingate Saturday by County Commissioner C. J. Horton before the latter killed his wife and himself, was brought to this place and buried yesterday evening. The remains of Horton and wife were buried at Wingate. Sheriff Kirk and County Attorney Stone have returned from the scene of the killing and says that after a thorough investigation no motive could be found.

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Mrs. J. C. McDonald.

Stewart House. A first class place for first class people. Try us.

John Ory and J. D. Stinebaugh were in from the Wyatt & Hamilton ranch Monday trading.

Don't forget that Stites & Co. always keeps good hay at least prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Cart Mayfield were in from the ranch Wednesday shopping and visiting.

Musical instruments, violins, guitars, etc. at J. Lewenthal's. New stock and new prices just received.

Miss Bulah Bruton is in town from th J. W. Mayfield ranch visiting friends.

Our stock of fresh fruits and vegetables and fancy groceries is the best and most complete ever brought to Sonora.

T. L. Benson.

C. S. Green returned from a visit to his family in San Angelo Thursday and went out the Ozona road to meet Tom O'Neal who had taken his cattle to the Green ranch on Live Oak near the Pecos.

Our Jewelry being first class, is selling nicely, better come early and get first choice.  
Bracket Store.

Sol Mayer was in Sonora Thursday from Eldorado, where he was attending District court.

Watches from \$2. up at J. Lewenthal's.

Dr. Lark Taylor, of Sonora, Dr. H. H. Taylor and C. L. Brooks, of Eldorado, returned from a hunting trip to Devil's River this week. They all had a good time riding a Jack.

Those Fresh Candies are coming regularly. See our show case before you buy. Stites & Co.

J. H. Routh and Uncle Johnnie Shaffer, of Ballinger, J. T. Drisdale and Ernest Young, of West Point, and W. P. Nash, of Waco, were in Sonora Monday on their way to Devil's River on a hunting trip.

Hige Smith was in Sonora Saturday from Devil's River where he went with T. J. Coffman with his cattle. Hige says there is lots water down there.

Christmas is coming—but Lewenthal is here. His stock of Christmas presents will be of greater variety, larger assortment and at lower prices than ever before. No need to send away for presents. Lewenthal will supply your wants.

### Breezy Bluff Notes.

The people of this community are rejoicing over the good rains. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Martin made a business trip to Ft. McKavott Friday.

Mr. Willie Vining and sister Nellie Sue came up from Menardville Saturday to attend the bedside of their father who has been dangerously ill. We are glad to report that Mr. Vining is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Spears has just returned from San Angelo where he has been taking in the Carnival. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fleming have returned from Alamogorda, New Mexico, where they have been visiting relatives.

Bob Alexander and family of New Mexico are visiting at the home of Mrs. Alexander parents Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Albert and Joe Williamson have returned from San Angelo where they have been after supplies.

John Rieley went to Ft. McKavott Monday on business. John Robbins and Mr. Ratliff passed through our community Saturday on their way home from Ft. McKavott. MADGE.

By using the Baking Powder named "Perfect" you will show appreciation of pure food. Always use the "Perfect." 74tf  
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bryson came in from Camp San Saba Saturday, and have taken possession of their ranch known as (Billie Forbes').

Those wanting pictures of the cur at Sonora, Address me at Mason, Texas. Price each 50c, O. H. Palmer.

Liss Moss came in from the Wyatt & Moss herd which are in the O 9 ranch Wednesday, on a visit to his family. Liss says the boys and cattle are doing all right.

### A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from Rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the Kidneys, purify the blood and cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them, Only 50 cts. at E. S. Briant's drug store.

The Sonora automobile, on its trial trip Wednesday, managed by the skip of its teeth and the kindness of a freighter who opportunely happened along with a pair of stout mules, to reach Christoval, twenty miles south of this city.—San Angelo Standard.

The stomach is our best friend and the next best is the "Perfect" Baking Powder. It is chemically pure and assists digestion. 74tf  
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"One of the most remarkable feats ever seen was the performance given by Will Pickett, a negro cowboy from Taylor," says the Houston Post in its write-up of the steer throwing contest there last Tuesday. "He lined out after a steer, and when both steer and horse were running at full speed Pickett went through the air like a catapult onto the steer's back, grabbed his horns, bent his body over between them until he was face to face with the animal, when he sank his teeth into the brute's nose and turned loose all holds. The steer, with his head twisted to one side, fell in a heap with the negro still on top, still holding him by the nose, which he continued to do for five minutes."

A machine which will drill square holes has at last been made. An Englishman named Edward Segitz is the inventor, and his apparatus is said to have solved a problem heretofore regarded as being about as unaccomplishable as the mathematical impossibility of "squaring" the circle. Segitz's machine is a three-winged drill, semi-round, which yet cuts four straight edges in its rotary motion. That is, the motion appears to the eye to be rotary, but there is, of course, a maneuver in the triple flange which produces the square cut, triangular, or other angle holes, with automatic regularity and machine speed.

Those new tailor made suits are coming in rapidly now and giving good satisfaction. Better come early and get in your order. Stites & Co.

Owen, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lovelace, was the victim of a very painful accident at the Justus Academy building Thursday morning. He rode to the school house in a delivery wagon, and as the vehicle drove up some boy threw a rope, the loop catching Owen about the head and jerking him to the ground. As he fell, the rear wheel passed over his forehead, cutting the skin and causing a considerable flow of blood, but not inflicting any serious injury. The boy was taken to the house of Joe Chabanc, where his wound was dressed, and he was then carried home.—San Angelo Standard.

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100 coming two-year-old steers 10 per cent cut, all natives \$13.00.  
40 head high grade Durham bulls from 4 to 6 year-olds.  
125 head steers coming 3's 10 per cent cut \$20.00.  
340 head steers coming 4's all natives, (fair condition) 10 per cent cut at \$18.00.  
17 section ranch \$5,000.  
11 section ranch \$5,000.  
8 1/2 section ranch \$4,000.  
6 section ranch \$3,200.  
If you want any steers see Cope & Heflin.

Harris Bros. bought 600 sheep and fall clip of wool from R. D. Palmer for \$2 25 per head.

Call on Stites & Co. at all times for hay.

Chas. Blandon bought from A. F. Clarkson 356 yearling steers at \$14 50 per head. They were daudies. Cope & Heflin made the trade.

If you are in need of a ranch see Cope & Heflin.

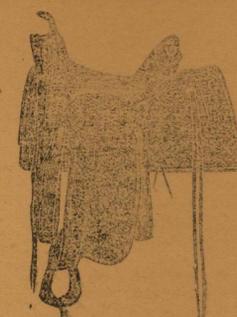
Chas. Schreiner the wool man, of Kerrville, sold the following fall clips. M. V. Sessum, 14 1/2; Burley Adams, 15c; John Rose-now, 14 1/4; J. N. Whitworth, 14 1/2c; Will Adams, 15c; John Galloway, 14 1/4; H. Sharp, 15; John Johnson, 14 1/4; Max Vander Stucken, 15c; G. W. Chesser 14 1/2c; Chas. Blandon, 15c; A. R. Cauthorn, 15c; Jim Cauthorn, 15c; T. D. Newell, 14 1/2; D. S. Laro, 14c; Mat Karnes, 15c; W. L. Watters, 14c.

Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 23.—Lloyd Q. Richardson, for thirty years a prominent lumberman in Michigan, was found dead in his room this morning. Death was caused by a hemorrhage. Mr. Richardson owned a sheep range in Texas which he purchased when pine began to give out in this State.

Mr. Richardson was well known in Sonora. He had cattle in the Cusenbary pasture for several years.

Wanted to trade horses or mules for 1500 good cedar fence post. Thomson Bros.  
El Dorado, Texas.

Lost from the Vermont ranch about Oct. 15, 63 head of goats marked crop the left and overbit the right. A liberal reward will be paid for their return to.  
J. M. Garrett,  
P. O., Eldorado, Texas.



### Death of Mr. Loving.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 24.—J. C. Loving, secretary of the Texas Cattlemen's Association, died this morning at 1:45 after an illness which had lasted since Oct. 30. He was 63 years old last June, and one of the best known men in the State among cattlemen.

Mr. Loving came to Texas from Kentucky in 1844, settling in Jack County, where he became interested in the raising of fine bred cattle.

About twenty-seven years ago he migrated to Fort Worth to take the position he held up to the time of his death. He was one of the organizers of the association.—Dallas News.

Dr. John Abe March, of San Angelo, recently purchased the Reservation ranch on the Pecos, 125 sections, from Ed Good for \$12,000.

Tom O'Neal, the genial manager for Stanley Green, who went through Ozona with 1700 head of cattle bound for Mr. Green's pasture in the Midland county, informs us that he couldn't get across the line, but hoped to be able to do so soon. The cattle are at present on Mr. Green's H Bar ranch on Live Oak.

Dick Williamson, the Red Poll breeder, of the Twin Hill ranch, has been rounding up and branding. A Kicker man saw Mr. Williamson's calves, a cross of Red Pole's and full blood Durham, and they are among the best in Crockett county.

John Moore, the affable association inspector, is back from a trip to the quarantine line where he has been looking through the herds. He informs us that the C. T. Turney herd of 5000 head of cattle, and also the Jim Barkdale herd, crossed over the line.—Ozona Kicker.

Attorney J. T. Stasleton of Mason purchased for a client 750 Angora goats at \$2.50 and four fine billies at \$25 of E. Markendale.—Rock Springs Rustler.

Cashier W. L. Aldwell, of the First National Bank of Sonora, accompanied by Mrs. Aldwell, was in the city Monday. Mrs. Aldwell will remain here a few weeks, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Marberry. Mr. Aldwell remarked to the Standard man that there was no finer opening anywhere in Texas for a large general mercantile store than now exists at Sonora. The bank which Mr. Aldwell so ably conducts has been very prosperous since its inception, about two years ago, and he is much pleased with the results attained.—San Angelo Standard.

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ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

How to Put the Attractive Glaze on Rolls and Loaves. The glaze on Vienna rolls and bread is one of the reasons that this delicious breadstuff is so popular. A glaze on other breads also has frequently been desired. According to the statements of an authority on breadmaking, this glazed surface effect can only be produced by the admission of steam into the oven while baking. It is done this way: Place an open pan of water in the oven and let it heat long enough to give off sufficient steam to saturate the air in the oven. When the loaves are put in, they should be quite cool, and owing to their readiness a momentary condensation of steam is effected over the whole surface of the loaf. The steam coming in contact with the loaf renders soluble the starch on the outside surface, and as the water dries off, a soluble starch, a part of which has been converted into dextrin. This also serves the purpose of keeping the interior of the loaf moist by preventing the rapid evaporation. -Kitchen Magazine.

Practical Book Covers.

I have discovered an easy way to prolong the life of paper bound volumes. With ordinary paste made from flour or starch paste a piece of calico or gingham to the paper covers. The cloth should be in one piece just as the paper covering is dry under a weight to prevent curling. The paper covering is usually well glued to the back of the volume, but in use it soon breaks. The cloth prevents this. If the cloth used is in a plain color, it may be ornamented with a few stitches or strokes of the brush. This little discovery has given me much pleasure, because I need no longer be ashamed of the appearance presented by the cheap edition that I must often buy if I am to read a coveted book at all. And I can pass the book on to a friend without fearing that the first or last pages may be lost. -Good Housekeeping.

For the Amateur Laundress.

The woman who prefers to launder her own handkerchiefs and lace linings rather than to trust to the services of the average laundress or laundryman can now perform the task with surprising ease and efficiency at least so far as the wringing of the daily articles is concerned. A small wringer has just appeared, and at first glance it suggests a toy. A saleswoman when asked if the miniature contrivance were not a useful sort of plaything replied indignantly: "No, indeed, madam. That is a wringer for handkerchiefs and any other little articles you like. How do you adjust it? Why, it will fit a little wash tub, and you can get that easy enough." This latest convenience for the amateur laundress costs a little over half a dollar.

The Top of the Piano.

It seems to be the custom to arrange a miscellaneous collection of photographs and bric-a-brac on top of the piano, making sort of a display shelf of the noble instrument. We wouldn't think of putting fancy articles on top of the stove if it had no fire—not unless it was entirely disguised, for a stove is a stove. To be sure, we don't build fires in a piano, but we mean to put life into it when touching it, and we want to be free to open the top whenever we feel like it. Why not keep it just a musical instrument and not put anything on it? The simple, bare surface will grow restful to the eyes and will suggest sweet music's shrine. -Musician.

Oven Temperature For Cakes.

The correct temperature of the oven for various cake mixtures is often a vexed question for the amateur cook. A cake which is made with butter needs a moderate oven; a cake made without butter wants a quick oven. For small cakes and cookies the oven should be moderately quick. Cakes that have an admixture of molasses burn more easily than others and should be watched closely. They require a moderate oven. If the cake browns quickly after going into the oven, there is too much heat. Remove a lid from the top of the stove or put into the oven a dish containing cold water.

Jellied Bouillon.

If bouillon is not made a first course, it may be served jellied and with almonds as a salad course. It is particularly pretty when served in individual molds. The jelly is easily made from extract of beef, well seasoned, diluted with hot water and made into a delicate jelly with dissolved gelatin. A little is put in the bottom of the molds, and the almonds, blanched and cut into strips, are arranged in a pattern in the jelly before the molds are filled. When ready to serve, turn out on a bed of lettuce hearts and send around with the course a stiff mayonnaise.

The Price of Pleasure.

It is hard for a lovely woman to forego the pleasures of the life which she was created to enjoy and adorn. She may have to be busy all day in office or in store, yet she cannot deny herself the social pleasures which are offered her. But the fatigue is often too great for her, and she suffers from headache and backache as a consequence of over-exertion. Women who are tired and worn out will find a perfect tonic and nervine in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures headache, backache and the other aches and pains to which women are subject. It establishes regularity, drives away constipation, leads inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. At my so pleased with your medicine, I have known what thanks to give you for your kind favor. My wife Mrs. M. R. Ryant, of Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "I suffered so much with great pain in my back and the lower part of my stomach and palpitation of the heart, that I could hardly lie down. Could hardly get up in the morning, but after using three bottles of your Favorite Prescription, and two vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, I am free from all my troubles." Sick women, especially those suffering from diseases of long standing, are favored to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence is held as strictly private and secrecy confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Portable Ironing Cases That Many Will Find Convenient.

Ironing in its best estate could never be said to have about it any of the flavor of the interesting and novel, and yet a woman has invented for her own use a quaint and ingenious method of conducting that homely household rite that sets it upon a pedestal for the time being. She has arranged what she calls a portable ironing case, and it is so simple and useful that it ought to be widely disseminated for the use of those who must sit from room to room in the moving season or who own a hall bedroom and a gas jet. And how many women and girls know perfectly well that unless they can have the use of an iron occasionally their laundry bill will run up into a terrifying amount. With the ironing case all is made easy. The first thing necessary in the care of the person is a neat and orderly arrangement of the stocks and cuffs and handkerchiefs. Rubbing, if they could have a bit of a pressing between flannels, would renew their youth, and stockings and dollies come in for their share of the same need. Next prepared places distinctly say, "No ironing and washing allowed." This is to stem the tide of young women who would rush into the kitchens of busy houses or would monopolize the bathroom. With a set bowl or ordinary basin the tiny wash can be wrung out and dried, but the ironing has always been the problem. To make a case purchase first of all a little sardiron, and you will find it the jolliest sort of company. It is the king pin of the whole box and is just two inches long in the keel, so to speak. It is inexpensive and has a removable handle and is exactly like the green-up iron, only very small. The second requisite is a stick of wax of any of the best known grades. The third requisite is a small board such as any ten cent store keeps for bread cutting, and the last is a square of sandpaper. These with a small traveler's heating lamp, complete the outfit. The whole may be placed in a small wooden starch box and packed in the trunk along with the other necessities for the toilet.

English Tea Cakes.

When visiting in the home of an Englishwoman, I had for tea some of the most delicious tea cakes I have ever tasted, writes a correspondent for the Woman's Home Companion. She called them English currant cakes. The recipe is as follows: Three cups of flour, a pinch of salt, two heaping teaspoons of baking powder, one-half cup of butter, one and a half cups of currants, two tablespoons of finely chopped candied orange peel and milk enough to make a soft dough. Mix all dry ingredients together, soften butter and dripping and rub well into flour; add milk enough to make soft dough and roll out on floured board till about one-half inch thick; cut in rounds the size of a tea plate, put in a greased tin and bake till light brown. When done, cut in two and spread thickly with butter. Serve hot. These cakes will keep good and can be warmed in the oven when wanted.

Crush Handles and Backs.

The backs and handles of ebony brushes should be rubbed over with a very little boiled linseed oil after washing and then rubbed with a soft duster till every vestige of oil is removed. Special care is needed in cleaning initials on these, and only a very little slightly moistened whiting should be used, or it is apt to leave a nasty white mark on the wood, which is extremely difficult to remove. In brushing the whiting off after cleaning be careful not to scratch the ebony, for once scratched it is spoiled.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Fresh Supply of Humor From the Yorker Gateman. She—Hair is very strong. A single hair will bear a weight of 1,150 grains. He—Yes, and I've known one to raise a terrible row in a family. Patience—I like to see a cook know her place. Patrice—Yes; but usually she doesn't stay long enough in it to know it. He (still talking)—Conversation is an art, you know. She (yawning)—Yes, and there are so many people who are in love with their art. Bacon—Did you ever see one of those attachments they put on to a piano to make it go? Egbert—Oh, yes; the sheriff put one on my piano. Church—I see anthracite parties are to be popular this winter. Gotham—What on earth is an anthracite party? "Why, each one contributes a quarter, and the amount goes to buy a piece of coal, and all who contribute sit around and watch it burn." Origin of the Country Life Club.



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"Aw, git on yer own side o' de bed." Counter Confidences. "Liz," confided the girl at the ribbon counter, "you know I told you I got engaged to a German count at the summer hotel?" "Yes." "Well, he isn't a count at all. He is a cashier in a dairy lunchroom down street." "Ain't that nice, though? You'll get to see him this winter again. I was lucky too. The millionaire's son I fell in love with drives a delivery wagon for this store." Judge.

Eating a Czar.

The czar of all the Russias rose from his repose. "We will have coffee," he said. "I regret, sire," returned the gentleman of the bathrobe, "that the coffee is not good this morning." "So?" "In fact, sire, it has already poisoned three gentlemen in waiting." "Then," said the czar, "we must do without. Have the cook discharged from a cannon." -Newark News.

Waiting for a Market.

"So you won't sell that furniture?" said the dealer. "No," answered the householder. "I suppose you are going to hold it in the hope that it will command a fabulous value among antiquarians." "No, I don't intend to wait that long. If the price of coal goes up at the present rate, my furniture will command fabulous prices as fuel." He Won.

Cholly (proudly)—By Jove, I'm quite a professor of swimming, don't you know. I taught Mabel Galey how to swim in two lessons.

Jack—That was a quick throw down. Cholly (indignantly)—What do you mean? Jack—Why, she let me give her ten lessons before she learned. -Brooklyn Life.

When They Surrender.

"At any rate," she said, "if women were in control of affairs they would have more stamina than men. A woman never surrenders." "Oh, I don't know," he replied carelessly. "What do you call it when a woman says 'I do' in the marriage service?" -Chicago Post.

Establishing a Residence.

First Chicago Dame—Where are you going on your wedding trip? Second Chicago Dame—To South Dakota.—Town Topics.

The Past and the Present.

In days gone by When she and I Would drive through leafy lanes, I begged my Date, But all in vain, To let me hold the reins. 'Twas long ago: Now to my love My vigor slowly wanes, For Jane, you see, 'Tis just you and me; Still firmly holds the reins. -Smart Set.

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COST OF OCEAN SPEEDING.

Much has been said of late regarding the speed of the German Atlantic greyhounds. Not enough, perhaps, has been said regarding the cost of this speed. The latest creation of the North German Lloyd, Kaiser Wilhelm II, is designed to do twenty-four knots an hour at an expenditure of 40,000 indicated horsepower. Our White Star liner Cedric, the largest ship in the world, will go seventy knots with 14,000 horsepower. But, says the Shipping World, the Kaiser Wilhelm will burn 750 tons of coal per day, which is 190 per cent more than the Cedric, and she will need 356 more hands to work her. Curiously enough, of her crew of 600 only forty-five will be ordinary sailors, the remainder being mechanics of various orders.—London Telegraph.

Carnegie's London Palace.

Andrew Carnegie is to become one of the nabobs of Park lane, the most fashionable and high priced street in London. He has purchased from the young Duke of Westminster a plot of ground in South street, leading into Park lane, just beyond the handsome house of J. P. Morgan, Jr. It is said the house will be as much like Mr. Carnegie's great mansion in Fifth avenue, in New York, as possible, for a London house to be, and that the cost will be something like \$5,000,000. Mr. Carnegie will have for his immediate neighbors Lord Brassey, the dowager Countess of Rosslyn, Lady Henry Somerset, Alfred Beit, the richest man in England, and Mr. Ekstein and J. B. Robinson, two other South African millionaires.

Utilizing a Turtle.

Tradition says that the queen of Sheba asked Solomon to thread an intricately pierced stone and that he did so by means of a hair tied to a living worm. A long sewer in an Ohio factory recently became clogged, and a son of Solomon came to the rescue. Tying a long ball of twine to the shell of a mud turtle, he put the animal into the entrance of the sewer and turned on a stream of water. The turtle burrowed his way through the refuse, was "watered on" at each manhole and emerged victorious at the outlet. A rope attached to the twine, a swab and strong arms accomplished the rest swiftly and economically.

Ballooning For Consumption.

Ballooning is now receiving attention as a possible remedy for pulmonary affections. The conditions are not the same as those of mountaineering, the change of altitude being more rapid and muscular fatigue being absent. In the trips of the French Society of Physiology, Dr. Henocque proposes to regard the atmosphere as divided into three zones. Up to about three miles the surrounding air supplies all the oxygen needed, but ascents beyond five miles are held to require a closed car, as was first suggested in 1871, or an aerial diving suit.

How to Get into Touch With Nature.

M. Maeterlinck has discovered that the only way to get into touch with nature is to travel at full speed in a motor car, for by this means only do you get into "intimate relations with rivers, fields and trees." One can imagine M. Maeterlinck as the contact with the tree trunk or brook became imminent repeating the old exclamation of the falling steepjack. Only M. Maeterlinck would say, "Now for the intimate relation." It is a prettier phrase than "the blooming lump."—London Globe.

Annexing by Acclimatization.

More than a hundred thousand Americans have emigrated to Canada within a year. At this rate there will soon be no trouble about the inevitable annexation of the Dominion. Americans will be in the majority and will come into the Union as a matter of course, as chickens come home to roost. Canada now buys from us \$119,000,000 worth of goods annually, three times as much as she imports from what is facetiously called "the mother country."—Town Topics.

Strong on Trusts.

"What do you think of these 'ero trusts?" asked Farmer Bootjack. "All wrong—terrible things," replied Farmer Sweetflag. "Government hadn't order allow them to exist. By the way," he added, with a chuckle, "I guess that milk association of our'n has got them pecky milk dealers right where we want 'em now. They'll hev to come down with our price for the milk or else quit sellin'."—Scraps Herald.

Unappreciated Genius.

A young German painter, resident in New York, whose remarkable talent finds no sufficient outlet under German conditions, advertises for the support of an American woman of wealth who will adopt him as a son and find her reward in his gratitude and in the spectacle of his unfolding genius.

Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm. Sprey, of Walton Furrow, Va., got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that wholly cured a horrible Fever Sore on his leg. Nothing else could. Positively cures Bruises, Felons, Ulcers, Eruptions, Boils, Burns, Corns and Piles. Only 25c. Guaranteed by E. S. Briant's druggist.

DARING AMERICAN'S FATE.

The Francis contains the following story of a daring American tourist in the French metropolis: "Victor Evandale, an American about forty years of age, declared at a cafe table that he had lived for ten years in the wildest regions of western United States and had never carried a weapon and was never afraid. Several Frenchmen who were present told him that Paris was more dangerous. They asserted that he could not go from Grenelle to Montroque, for example, after 10 o'clock at night without being killed unless he wore laborer's clothes. Evandale left the cafe after a time without reverting to the conversation about dangerous localities. Next morning his companions of the night before were horrified to read of the discovery of Evandale's body in the glaciis of the fortifications near the Maison Blanche. It is supposed he must have actually attempted to walk from Grenelle to Montroque immediately after leaving his friends. Evidently he was attacked from behind. Tight around his neck was found a thin leather thong which had been used to strangle him. His pockets were rifled and his shoes and coat removed."

Soldiers as Automata.

To convert a man physically into an imitation of a machine is, we know, no difficult task. Long distance athletes clearly prove this. Soldiers, again, afford instances. During the last army maneuvers of our country a batch of foot soldiers was specially trained for long distance marching. After traveling a prodigious number of miles they were commanded to halt and fire, says Cassell's Magazine. Not one man could bring his rifle to his shoulder and take aim. Yet at the word "March!" all of them, tottering and unsteady as they were, started promptly to limp on again. They could not perform a fresh action, but their marching had become automatic.

Dying Sensation.

Dr. Foots of Kansas, who committed suicide recently by taking poison, left the following note describing his struggles: "I feel all right at the present time, but know that the poison is doing its work. I burn, but feel a sort of soothing sensation flow over me and a desire to go to sleep. I am sure that I have not much longer to live. It is now after 3 o'clock, and I feel I am dying. My head is clear, and my brain works perfectly. But now I feel the spasm coming, and then I will be gone. Goodby."

Hard Rules For Printers.

All printing establishments in Turkey, according to a new law just passed, may have only one door, and that opening on to the street. Windows must be covered with close meshed wire netting so that no papers can be hauled through. A statement must be made a year in advance of the amount of ink required, which will be supplied by the state. A specimen of everything printed is to be kept and must be shown at any time to a police inspector on pain of a fine.

Hint to Coal Consumers.

A Swedish professor, Svend Arrhenius, has evolved a new theory of the extinction of the human race. He holds that the combustion of coal by civilized man is gradually warming the atmosphere so that in the course of a few cycles of 10,000 years the earth will be baked in a temperature close to the boiling point. He bases his theory on the accumulation of carbonic acid in the atmosphere, which acts as a glass in concentrating and refracting the heat of the sun.

New Table of Values.

"Now, children," said the teacher to the class in advanced arithmetic, "you may recite in unison the table of values." And the children repeated in chorus: "Ten mills make a trust. "Ten trusts make a combine. "Ten combines make a merger. "Ten mergers make a magnate. "One magnate makes the money." -Baltimore American.

Americans Good Spenders.

Four million dollars is the sum annually left in Paris by visiting Americans, according to a writer in the Petit Parisien. Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes is credited with spending \$20,000 a year on gowns purchased there, and Mrs. Mackay sometimes orders \$10,000 or \$15,000 worth at a time. Among male customers the best are said to be Morgan, Carnegie, Schwab and Vanderbilt.

Has Never Happened.

"Does hanging prevent murder?" asked a friend of Deputy Attorney General Job E. Hedges the other day. "I think it does," replied Mr. Hedges. "I never heard of a man committing murder after he was hanged."—New York Times.

Posted.

Notice is hereby given that all hunting or shooting within the inclosure controlled by the undersigned, adjoining Sonora on the east, is forbidden and trespassers will be prosecuted. MIKE MURPHY, Sonora, Tex., Sept. 11, 1902.

An Absence of Vanity.

"I suppose you have a sincere love for the applause of your fellow men?" "No, sir," answered Senator Scruggs; "I do not allow myself to overestimate the passing plaudits of the fickle throng. If they'll listen to quiet persuasion and vote my way, they're welcome to go ahead and applaud anybody who is willing to give 'em free entertainment."—Washington Star.

Saucy.

Mrs. V. Homent—No; I will give you absolutely nothing. Scrappy Shruggs—Would you mind loanin' me a bit of chalk? Mrs. V. Homent—What do you want of chalk? Scrappy Shruggs—I want ter mark de "no good" sign on your fence, madam.—Leslie's Weekly.

Rule For Success.

"What is your rule of business—your maxim?" we ask of the Wall Street baron. "Very simple," he answers. "I pay for something that I can't get with money that I haven't got and then sell what I never had for more than it ever cost."—Louisville Post.

A Useful Line.

Mrs. Hattie Goff has her home in the extreme southwest corner of Iowa. In a minute she can step into Missouri, and in less than ten minutes she can be in Nebraska. She hangs her washing on the state line between Iowa and Missouri.—Town-Chat.

The Reason Why.

Teacher (noticing Tommy's grimy face)—Have you washed your face this morning, Tommy? Tommy (mountainfully)—No, sir; my muver's gone out washin' and tuk the soap wiv'er.—London King.

It All Depends.

Smith—I hear that Highhead had an accident. Was it serious? Brown—Oh, no; not worth noticing, unless one had an accident policy.—Judge.

Something Worth Cultivating.

"Truth is stranger than fiction." "To most of us, yes; but still it's not so bad when you come to get on speaking terms with it."—Chicago Post.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that parties trespassing on my ranch 16 miles northeast of Sonora (the McIlwaine) or cutting timber, wood hauling, working cattle, hunting hogs, or fishing etc., without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. J. M. G. RAUGH, Sonora, Tex.

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Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch situated on North and South draws of the North Llano, about 20 miles east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, wood hauling, hunting stock, leaving gates open, tearing down fences, turning stock in without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. W. C. PAGE, Sonora, Texas, June 14, 1902.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that parties trespassing on my ranch west of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs, without permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. J. A. PARKER, Sept. 21, 1901.

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