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How to Make a Shoe Case That Will
Keep Out Dust and Moths.

The old fashioned shoe bag was our first convenience and a blessing, but it had disadvantages. If of wool, the moths ate holes in the pockets and if of cleanly linen dust got into every gather and fold and into the pockets themselves. If it was tacked to the wall or door, instead of being hung by loops on small hooks, these pockets were rarely shaken out, and then if of wool what a riotous time the moths did have!

In place of rows of pockets use strong straps of suspender webbing or leather, as one pleases. Mark off spaces of five inches width across a closet door on the inside. If more are needed, do the same ten inches below.

Tack the strap across, with eight inches of strap to each five inch space. Double carpet tacks are firm and neat, brass headed tacks ornamental. Use either. Into each loop slip one shoe. This sort of shoe case is "made in a jiffy" and enlarged by another row of loops as fast as required.

For children's shoes or for father's one has only to tack straps with the less or greater length of loop the size of shoe requires. An eight inch loop holds a No. 5 ladies' shoe just right.—Keziah Shelton in Ladies' World.

Salmi of Ducklings.

Cleanse well two ducklings, sprinkle with salt and pepper and put in a roasting pan, pouring two tablespoonfuls of melted butter over them. Baste often, using more melted butter as required until the ducklings are cooked. Take from the oven, cut off the legs, wings and breasts in good pieces. Scrape the rest of the meat from the carcasses, chop with a teaspoonful of chopped onion already fried a bit in butter and heat all in a little melted butter, a cupful of stock and a gill of Madeira. Add salt and pepper to taste, thicken with a little browned flour and pour over the roasted duckling pieces. Set in the oven to heat a bit and serve.—Epicure.

Came With Ham.

One of the new ideas in serving game and poultry as introduced by Philadelphia chefs will appeal to the many who think that a touch of the flavor of ham improves meats. I mean the new way in which portions of chicken, squabs, reed birds and various kinds of game are dished upon a broad slice of honey cured ham. The ham is cold boiled and sliced thin. Under it is a slice of delicately browned toast covered with a tender lettuce leaf. It makes a pretty dish and an appetizing one.—Good Housekeeping.

Fried Cheese Sandwiches.

Fried cheese sandwiches may be made by cutting stale bread into thin slices and spreading lightly with French mustard. Cover with a thick layer of grated cheese. Sprinkle with salt and paprika. Press the slices of bread together and trim off the crusts. Heat a tablespoonful of butter and lard together in a spider. Fry the sandwiches on both sides till light brown. Serve very hot. If you have a morsel of cold ham on hand, chop it fine and sprinkle over the cheese with a few bits of shredded parsley.

Velvet Shortcake.

Add one teaspoonful of salt to one quart of flour; dissolve one teaspoonful of soda in one tablespoonful of boiling water; add this to two and a quarter cups of sour cream, then add this to the flour; toss on a floured board; roll lightly to one-half inch thick and the size of a breakfast plate; put on a hot griddle. When brown on the underside, turn and brown the other; split, butter and serve hot.

To Clean Hairbrushes.

Hairbrushes should be washed in a lukewarm water solution of soda or borax. The solution may be made in a little boiling water and then cold water added, but it must never be used hot, or the bristles will turn a bad color and lose their stiffness. After washing rinse the brushes in clean, cold water and dry in an airy but shady place.

Cleaning Windows.

The cleaning of windows may be greatly facilitated by first dusting them with whiting. Sew up some whiting in a small linen bag and rub the whole window and ledges. Rub this off with a rough cloth and polish with chamois. Another plan is to rub the glass with a chamois, dampened with whiting and polish with soft cloths.

For Cleaning Wood Tables.

To clean wood tables and shelves use this mixture: Half a pound each of soft soap and sand and a quarter of a pound of lime. Mix and apply with a scrubbing brush. Rinse with plenty of clean water, and when dry the wood will be spotlessly white.

A HARD WORKER.

"Private" John Allen, who represented a Mississippi district in congress for several years, but who was left at home two years ago by constituents who thought he was not serious enough to be a successful legislator, was in Washington recently on business connected with the St. Louis exposition. While in congress John Allen was known as "the wit of the house." During his last visit to Washington he was dining with some friends at a downtown hotel. The hour was late, and the conversation dragged. "Private" Allen began yawning. Finally he stretched out both arms and with a long drawn yawn said, "Well, gentlemen, I must go to my hotel and go to bed. I'll have some hard work to do in it."

Knowing Mr. Allen's aversion to work of any kind, one of the party said:

"Why, John, what work have you to do in the morning?"

"Oh," drawled the Mississippian, "I have to get up."

Prize Money Going A-begging.

There is about \$15,000 in the United States treasury as prize and bounty money for sailors who took part in the Manila and Santiago battles. Every penny of prize and bounty money that the courts decided was due to officers of the fleets of Dewey and Sampson has been distributed. In speaking of this matter Auditor Brown of the navy said it is undoubtedly due to the fact that the sailors do not know that the money is ready for them. Many of the tars in the two naval engagements were of foreign birth and knew nothing of the system of dividing prize money and bounties. They have since been transferred to other ships. Some have died and others have gone out of the service and into other trades.

Tariff Freaks.

A German gentleman returning from southwest Africa brought with him a tiny monkey, weighing about two pounds. From Tanga to Genoa the animal was conveyed gratis. Thence to the Swiss frontier it was charged on it as "a bird." The St. Gothard railway officials, however, viewed it as "a dog" and charged 7 shillings, while on the Eastern Swiss railway it became a monkey, liable to high license. Through Baden and Wurttemberg the animal was passed free, but at Stuttgart it again became "a dog" and cost another 18.50.

A Remarkable Blind Man.

Dennis A. Reardon is Boston's most remarkable blind man. He has been sightless for thirty years, but he is a successful architect and buys all the goods for the Perkins institute. Mr. Reardon is the architect of fifteen completed buildings designed for the Perkins institute. By passing his fingers over the tracing paper he is able to feel the lines, so sensitive is his touch, and he can tell whether the idea has been carried out as he intended. Mr. Reardon carries a watch without a crystal and is never at a loss to know the time.

Cosmopolitan Patti.

In order to give her a legal status Mme. Patti, we are told, has taken out letters of naturalization as a British subject. This helps to augment the great diva's cosmopolitanism. She was born in Madrid, her father was a native of Sicily and her mother a native of Rome. She was brought up by an "American" stepfather in the United States, married a Frenchman and also an Italian husband before she settled down in Wales, is the wife of a Swedish nobleman, Baron Cedersstrom, and is now a daughter of John Bull.

Too Much For the Locusts.

Gerville, in south Algeria, was infested with locusts. Gardens and plantations were covered with a fluttering gray brown pall of the destructive insects. The major in command of the garrison was seized with a heroic idea. He called out the band and directed them to play up fortissimo and march against the foe! The locusts capitulated at once. The music was too much for them, and with one accord they cleared away to a less musical neighborhood.

How to Do It.

A man named Humphries in Cleveland began business with a pushcart loaded with popcorn, and now he is rich. His recipe is, "If you want to get ahead, get acquainted with your job." Volumes could say no more and can, therefore, be omitted.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Mistake.

Stella—I came near missing a proposal last night.
Bella—You did?
Stella—Yes. He got down on his knees, and I thought he was merely looking for a pingpong ball.—Harper's Bazar.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Northland Story of How the Robin Got a Red Breast.

A long, long time ago there was only one fire in the northland, for at that time there were no matches.

In the northland there lived a polar bear, and he thought when the man that took care of the fire and his son died he could have the northland all to himself, because when the fire was out the people would all freeze.

At last the man got very ill, and his son had to take care of him and also tend to the fire. But at last the son got so tired that he could not tend to the fire. This was what the polar bear was waiting for, so he went up to the fire and gave it a knock with his velvet paw, and he kept stamping it until he thought that the fire was out.

A gray robin was flying that way, and, hunting about among the ashes, she found a little spark of fire that the bear had not put out. Then she blew down and fanned it till the red fire was ablaze again.

It took her quite a long time to get the fire blazing again, and while she was getting the fire to go her breast was scorched red by the heat of the fire, and that is the story of how the robin got her red breast.

Easy Fishing.

There is a fish that frequents in large numbers the shallow seas off the shores on northwest America from San Francisco to Sitka that loses its life through leaping too readily. Whenever it is alarmed it bounds out of the water. Now, there are few better students of nature than the Indians of the Pacific coast, who take advantage of this foolish habit to get food without working hard for it. When they see the great shoals of fishes swimming near the surface of the water, they get out their canoes and beat the water with the paddles, uttering hideous yells the while. Terrified out of their small wits, the fishes jump up into the air and fall into the canoes by the hundred. The Indians also capture them by the net and spear.

How a Boy Got Back His Call.

Some boys playing baseball in the street knocked the ball against the window of a house and smashed a pane of glass. The ball fell into the yard, and one of the urethras started to recover it when a woman appeared and screamed:

"You boys can't have that ball! You've broken one of my windows!"

"The boy at the gate pulled off his hat and made a bow expressive of the most profound respect.

"We've didn't do it, lady," he said. "It was do ball. See?"

"They got their ball on the strength of this argument.—New York News.

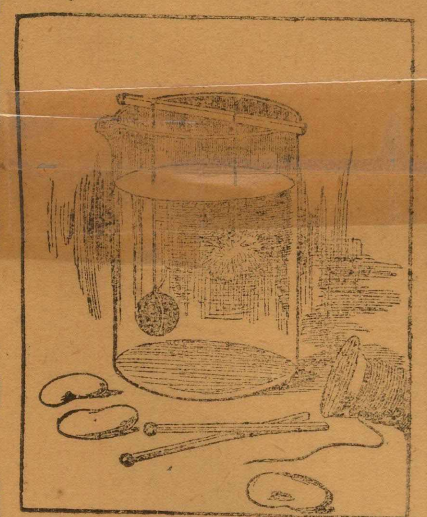
Wanted More Meals.

"What can I do for my little boy," asked mamma, "so that he won't want to eat between meals?"

"Have the meals ficker together," replied the young hopeful.

Experiment With Crystallization.

Make a saturated solution of common soda in water. When the crystals stop dissolving, although the water is stirred repeatedly, the fluid is ready for use. Pour the clear fluid in another glass in which you are going to try the experiment. Fasten a lima bean to a piece of cord and the other end of it to a match or small piece of wood. Tie a nonporous object—for instance, a glass ball—to the same stick and immerse both bean and glass ball in the solution. Let the solution stand, and in a little while a peculiar crystallization will form. Needle-



IN THE SOLUTION.

like sticks of soda appear on the bean and cover it completely, giving it the appearance of a porcupine. The bean has completely disappeared, while the other object, the glass ball, has not changed at all. The cause of the crystallization is in the porosity of the bean—that is, it absorbs the water, and the soda, contained in the solution, not being able to soak into the bean, settles on the outside of it, forming the crystal needles described above, while the glass ball, not being porous, does not take up any water and therefore causes no crystallization.—New York Tribune.

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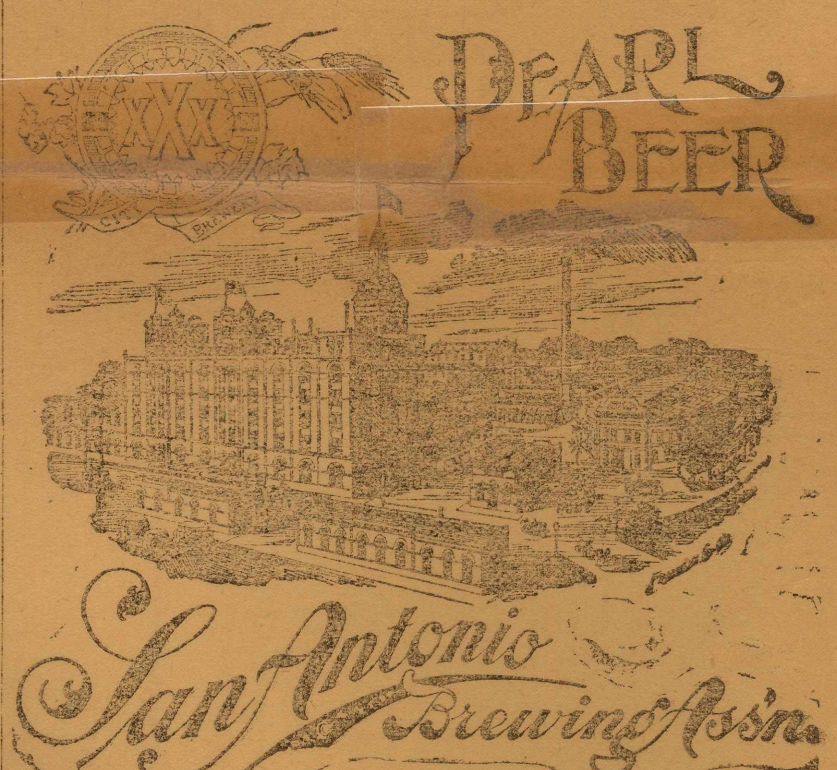
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Is There a Man in It?

The Old Maids' will hold a convention at the Court House in Sonora on Friday night Dec. 19th. for the benefit of the Methodist Church. Admission 25 cents to all over seven years. Children being a novelty are admitted free.

Old maids are not always maids through choice; sometimes its an accident. They are not always woman's rights advocates yet some of them think if they had their rights they would not be old maids. Many of them are experts on ontology but most are theorists on how to raise children and what mothers should do; what man should wear and how he should be fed.

A Million Voices.

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes—"it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at E. S. Briant's drug store.

The Promised Land.

Weed, New Mex., Dec. 1, '02. Editor News: Well I want to let the people know at my old home know where we have gotten to. We are in the foot hills of the Sacramento Mountains. Papa has bought two ranches here. Have springs running through the fields. This is a fine stock country. The prettiest and the fattest cattle I ever saw in my life are here in the foot hills. There are lots of game here—deer and turkey mostly. The largest head of cabbage I ever saw was raised by one of our neighbors—it would weigh 25 pounds. We have turkey, cabbage and turnips every day for dinner. There is all kinds of timber here. I am setting by a pine knot fire and it is certainly comfortable. There is 8 inches of snow on the ground—the first we had was on November 2nd. As for farming there is not much done here but I never saw so much feed grown in my life before. There is fine grass but water is scarce. The pine trees are so high I have to look three times to see the top of them and I can shoot a squirrel out of their tops with my target. In Weed there are two stores, a school one saloon and a sawmill. Alamogordo is the county seat and a railroad town 45 miles from where we are. Roswell is the town where we get our supplies and is 80 miles northeast. Roswell is the most flourishing city I have seen since I have been in New Mexico. The finest orchards hay farms, alfalfa, cane and kafar corn; thoroughbred cattle raised on these farms are worth \$50 to \$75 per head. IDA GENTRY.

School Notes.

Partial report of the current standing and progress of Sonora Public School at close of third month. Number of pupils enrolled first month, not including the Mexican school. Boys, 102; Girls, 111; Total, 213. Average attendance first month. Boys, 83; Girls, 94; Total, 177. Number of pupils enrolled second month, including the Mexican pupils. Boys, 113; Girls, 124; Total, 237. Average attendance for second month. Boys, 94; Girls, 115; Total, 209. Number of pupils enrolled third month. Boys, 115; Girls, 127; Total, 242. Average attendance for third month. Boys, 91; Girls, 114; Total, 205. The above figures show an average for the three months of about 96 per cent, based on enrollment for the time. 38 pupils have moved away from the district, or have been deprived from attending by sickness or other unavoidable hindrance. The above condensed report is very gratifying indeed when it is remembered that our school house facilities are so very poor. In fact it is the best attendance since our work began here, and the interest on the part of the pupils is as good as we could reasonably wish for. Again we cordially invite the parents to visit our class room oftener, and personally inspect the quality and quantity of work we are doing. Respectfully Submitted J. S. Morgan, Prin.

Saved at Crave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst form of Indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at E. S. Briant's drug store.

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Robt Stratton and Frank Adams of Godley, Johnson county are in the Sonora country prospecting for land and health.

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The trade reported in the News a few weeks ago between Ellis & Co., of Menardville, and W. A. Glascock, of Sutton county was erroneous. The trade did not materialize.

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Louis Cowen, formerly manager of the electric light plant at San Luis Potosi, Mex., is in the city and in conversation with an Express representative said that while in a small village in the State of San Luis Potosi recently a Mexican told him that about two years ago an American appeared in the town and obtained his permission to bury a caskage on his premises. The permission being obtained, the stranger took up a caskage in the corner, and after depositing his package replaced the stones and left, saying that he would return in a few years and get it. The curiosity of the Mexican led him to make an investigation and he was almost bereft of his senses to find that the package contained a large roll of United States money. Asked why he did not take the money, the Mexican replied that, under the Mexican law, it should be found in possession of so large a sum of money he would be arrested and placed in jail, so he left it undisturbed. The time of the strange American's appearance in the little village, Mr. Cowen says, about tallies with the date of Beeler's experience in Mexico and he thinks that it is not unlikely the hidden money is a part of the sum Beeler is supposed to have had in his possession while in the neighboring Republic.—San Antonio Express.

The News regrets to learn of the misfortune to Messrs. Frank Wyatt and George Hamilton in the loss of their ranch houses by fire Sunday afternoon. The fire caught in the grass roof of the kitchen of Geo. Hamiltons house and soon spread to the Wyatt house. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton lost nearly every thing. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt saved all but the contents of the kitchen.

A blue book has been issued containing a detailed report of the officers appointed by the commander-in-chief of the British army to inquire into the remount department. The report speaks generally favorably of the arrangements of the department and of the class of animals bought. The report says regarding American mules: "In our opinion, nothing approaches them except the gun mules of the mountain batteries of India. We do not see a fault to find with them as a class."

Of the horses, the officers say: "Judging them as a class, we think them the very type for mounted infantry horses. With time and training the American horse would turn out to be the ideal horse for mounted infantry or to carry light cavalry, without equipment."—St. Louis Reporter.

Preliminary Survey.

Last Saturday a corps of Frisco surveyors arrived in Brady and are now engaged in running a preliminary survey from Brady to Menardville, an on to the Devil's River country. This is the most practical route for the Frisco and we believe when it does extend it will go in this direction, but we are inclined to think this preliminary survey nothing but a bluff at eviling the hand of the Colorado and Santa Fe, who prospect in this section with a view to building a branch line from Lampasas to McKavott.

It is thought that Brady will be the terminus of the Frisco until competition forces another extension. That the road will build on now is not seriously thought of. Terminus or no terminus Brady is soon to become one of the best little cities in the west, and when the growth is once started our natural resources will lend such assistance as is necessary to build up a good town in the face of any opposition. The surveyors are camped on the Davis ranch.—McCulloch County Enterprise.

Foils A Deadly Attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at E. S. Briant's drug store.

Down on Outlines.

In his annual report to the President, Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, is enthusiastic over the irrigation work and very bitter against the stockmen who use the public ranges. His report exhibits but a superficial and at times erroneous knowledge of the actual situation as far as the grazing lands are concerned. He takes the position that the stockmen are mostly thieves and are trying to steal the grazing lands of the Government. The following is a sample of his argument:

"The avowed policy of the Government to preserve the public domain for home for actual settlers has no more implacable and relentless foe than the class that seeks to occupy the public lands for grazing purposes, by maintaining unlawful fences thereon.

"The fight between this class and the Government has been going on for years and resulted, seventeen years ago, in the passage of the act of February 25, 1885 (23 Stat. L. 321), which provides for the institution of civil proceedings for the removal of such fences and criminal prosecution of the trespassers, and authorizes the President, if necessary, to call out the civil and military authorities to remove the said unlawful inclosures; but notwithstanding the passage of said act and the efforts of this department to enforce it, the abuse has continued and the beneficiaries thereof have grown so bold and arrogant that they practically defy the efforts of the department and the Government to execute the law.

"There is now pending before Congress a bill entitled, A bill to provide for the leasing, for grazing purposes, of the vacant public domain, and reserving all rights of homestead and mineral entry, the rentals to be a special fund for irrigation."

"Should this bill become a law, the public domain in the sixteen States and Territories mentioned therein, aggregating an area of 525,000,000 acres, practically all of the vacant public domain west of the Mississippi would be subject to lease at 2 cents per acre for ten years more. During the last fiscal year there were made within that area 51,934 original homestead entries and 27,604 final homestead entries, embracing over 123,000,000 acres and affecting 85,528 persons; and during the present fiscal year indications are that more entries will be made, affecting more people and embracing a greater acreage. It is needless to say that such a bill, if enacted into law, would place the last acre of desirable public land out of the reach of the homeseeker and defeat the purpose of the Government to preserve the public domain for homes for actual settlers.

"It would defeat the operations of the reclamation act approved June 17 last, and make possible the formation of a land monopoly never contemplated by the public land system, but which, on the contrary, it is one of the purposes of that system to prevent."—Denver Stockman.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

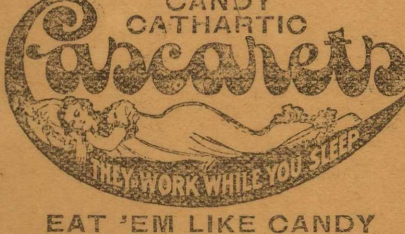
First Cannibal—Our chief has the hay fever.

Second Cannibal—What brought it on?

First Cannibal—He ate a grass widow.—New York Sun.

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San Angelo will celebrate the Christmas holidays in the good old Western way this year. Several gentlemen, with Fred Schmidt at the head, have been working for some time on a proposition to arrange a matched contest between Fred Baker and Johnnie Hewitt on one side, and Clay McGonagill and Joe Gardner on the other. Their efforts have finally been crowned with success, and these four noted champions will meet at the fair grounds here on Saturday, Dec. 27, each man to rope and tie five steers, the match being for a purse of \$1000. It will indeed be a battle royal, and the man who fails to see it will have missed one of the great events of its character. On Friday, December 26, the opening day, will occur a general roping contest, free to all who may wish to enter, the entrance fee having been fixed at \$10. The first prize in this contest will be \$250, second \$100, third \$50. There will be some crack ropers entered on this day, and fine sport is certain to result. You can't spend your holidays more enjoyable than by visiting San Angelo and seeing these two great days of this typical western sport.—San Angelo Standard.

WELINGTON CLUB WHISKEY

is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the

Corner Saloon San Angelo

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SONORA, TEXAS.

CAPITAL PAID IN FULL - \$50,000.00.
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Give us your business and we will make you feel at home. We sell drafts that will be accepted as cash in payment for School lands at Austin. Also drafts that will be cashed without discount in all cities and banking towns in the State and all the principal cities in the United States. Also drafts on all the leading cities of Europe. At the lowest rates.

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Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.
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Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora as second-class matter.
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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.

Died.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1902, Cecil Ray, son of Mr and Mrs John W. Martin aged 5 months. The funeral to the Sonora Cemetery Wednesday afternoon was attended by a number of friends and acquaintances. The News sympathizes with the parents in their affliction.

The "Perfect" Baking Powder is made of pure materials tested by competent chemists and will not cause indigestion. Try the brand named "Perfect." 74f
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Corns, Sore Feet and Stiff Joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at E. S. Briant's drug store.

The News received 2500 pounds of newspaper from Chicago this week so our readers may expect a continuance of the weekly visits of the News for a few months to come. Those of our readers who are not subscribers will please enter their names at once. Note the quality of the paper as paper and as to contents.

Call on R. C. Dawson if you want any thing in his line. He carries a new and first-class stock of buggies, hacks, wagons, sewing machines, stoves. Also a fine line of saddles, harness, whips, rugs and every thing that a first-class saddle shop handles. 31-1f

C. Stanley Green the Edwards county cattleman, was in Sonora Monday. Mr. Green is a most interesting gentleman. His family is at present domiciled at San Angelo but anxious to return to the ranch. Mr. Green has a ranch in Crockett county and pasturage above the line in the Pecos City country.

We guarantee good bread from any flour if you use the Baking Powder named "Perfect" it is pure and any ranch ought to use it bought from the factory and we are agents. 74f
E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

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.

Sound Advice.

"Always call a spade a spade, my friend," said the plain, blunt man dogmatically.
"Yes," assented the forty-niner; "I once knew a man to lose his life by calling a spade a club and opening a jackpot on the strength of it."

E. S. BRIANT,
PROPRIETOR OF THE
SONORA DRUG STORE,
SOLICITS YOUR TRADE
NEW STOCK OF DRUGS AND DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES.
STORE IN KOENIG BUILDING.
PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY GUY YANKEE.
I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.

See those Parlor Lamps at Benson & Cahill's before you buy.

J. Lewenthal the druggist has his store nicely fixed up for Christmas.

Hawkes famous eye glasses and spectacles at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Bert Bellows left for J. A. Wards ranch Wednesday to build a house.

Drink X X X Pearl Rye or Edgewood whiskey sold over the bar at A. J. Swearingen's.

Louis Champett the livery man and grain dealer of Burksdale, was in Sonora several days this week.

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

Mrs. W. A. Pullen and daughter Mary left for Catulla Monday on a visit to friends and relatives. We wish them a pleasant time.

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

J. C. and W. F. Hargis stockmen from Paint Rock, were in Sonora Wednesday prospecting for a ranch.

The highest prices paid for Butter, Eggs and fresh Vegetables, at Benson & Cahill's.

Reduction sale, at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Drs. L. F. and H. H. Taylor, of Eldorado were visiting in Sonora Tuesday.

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

T. J. Stuart formerly of Marlin, was in Sonora last Saturday from his ranch in the Pecos Defeat country trading.

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

Mr and Mrs. T. D. Word and some of the children were in from the ranch this week visiting friends and shopping.

E. E. Sawyer the Fort Terrett sheep and cattle man, was in Sonora this week. Ed is always a welcome visitor to Sonora.

John T. Brown the respected owner of one of the best bands of Angora goats in the Stockman's Paradise was in Sonora Tuesday.

Full assortment of Hawkes renowned spectacles at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Blair, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

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

John J. Ford and Alex McConner are in town this week from the ranch on a visit.

Buy your wife a carpet, Linoleum or oil cloth carpet, for Xmas. at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Mrs. James Cornell returned last Friday from a visit to her parents and friends at Brackettville.

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

Mr. Jesse Ake father of Mrs. R. S. Caruthers returned from a health seeking visit to Marlin Monday.

Mrs. A. W. Akerely, of Paris date mother of Mrs. R. C. Dawson arrived in Sonora Saturday and will make her home permanently in Sonora.

W. C. Strackbein the new owner of the old San Cox ranch is a frequent visitor to Sonora. Mr. Strackbein is a pleasant gentleman and is making himself at home.

Erve Edits and Noah Corder prominent cattlemen, of Menard county were in Sonora this week. May expect to hear of a big steer deal as a result of their visit.

R. C. DAWSON,

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And you will always be satisfied. It may cost you a little more to get it, but you will find it far the cheapest before you have it six months, because once properly erected and kept oiled, you will have no further trouble with it and your cattle will have water all the time.

The SAMSON is made to run in all winds from the lightest Zephyr to the keenest Norther and will last until the wood wheel and cheap iron mills put up at the same time are blown away and forgotten.

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Wagons, Hardware and Well Supplies.

Stock News.

500 cows from 4's up at \$13.00,
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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 & Hillin.

When you have any laird or live stock to sell, list it with us. We keep in touch with eastern buyers. Advertise property in several eastern papers, besides nine in this state. Your business and influence solicited.

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HOLIDAY GOODS

JEWELRY

Ladies and Gents

WATCHES

Plain and Set

Rings, Brooches

Chains, Etc.

SILVER WARE

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TABLE WARE

Sterling

Manicure Sets

Cut Glass.

LEWENTHAL'S.

BOOKS:--Bibles and Testaments. The
POETS in Holiday Bindings. The latest
NOVELS in fancy and cheap bindings.
DOLLS and Doll Heads, Toys, etc., etc.
DRESSING Cases for ladies and gents.
JAPANESE decorated ware, Mirrors,
MEDALLIONS, Albums, Shopping bags,
PURSES, Perfumery, Toilet necessities

HEADQUARTERS.

Men, women and children under wear at cost.

at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

S. A. Hunter who has with J. F. Harris 900 head of cattle on one of the old Turney ranches, was in Sonora Wednesday. Mr. Hunter is highly pleased with the condition and improvements made in the cattle since moving them from Edwards county to this range. He says they are doing better now than they did during the summer on the old range.

The stomach is our best friend and the next best is the "Perfect" Baking Powder. It is chemically pure and assists digestion. 74f
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Watches from \$2. up at J. Lewenthal's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamby, of the Beaver Lake country were in Sonora this week shopping. Mrs. Hamby recently returned from a visit to relatives at Austin. Mr. Hamby is anxious to have a mail route from Sonora to Juno established.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bond and children were in Sonora a few days this week guests of the Decker Hotel.

Knit goods at cost, at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation—St. Louis Globe—Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Domestic sewing machines, at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.



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CONDENSED STORIES.

Kelly Surprised to Learn That England Might Whip Us "Again" W. W. ("Hustler") Kelly was, if not the first, the most strenuous of American theatrical men to invade London in the eighties, when his brazen, pagan methods of "booming" his entertainment created something of a sensation.

Sam Got the Tip. Secretary Shaw tells this on himself. "Sam, the darky who brushes my clothes in a barber shop down in Washington, is particularly clever

There is an unprecedented demand for new money. In reaching out for the evidence of wealth as a sign of success, the choice of the tokens of prosperity. New, clean, crisp notes are in demand, and persons do not hesitate to ask for them.

Mr. Kreezus—What is that tropical landscape worth? Art Dealer—Two hundred and fifty dollars.

As He Thought. "You are in my pew," said Mr. Upjohn stiffly. "Then I am sitting in the seat of the scornful!" replied the stranger, getting out of it with alacrity and taking a seat further back in the church.—Cassell's Journal.

General or Nothing. Stories of the adventures of the Boer generals in England are multiplying. One of them is vouched for by a correspondent of the London Daily News and would lend a new point to the old phrase and Diabolus, out nullus. It is to the effect that when Mr. Chamberlain and General De Wet were introduced the colonial secretary addressed the Boer general as "Mr. De Wet."

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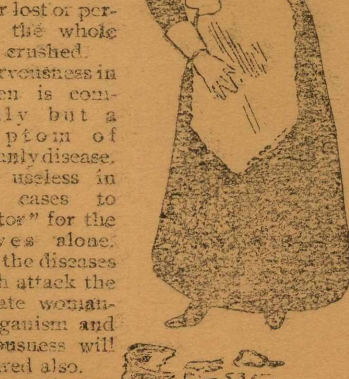
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STARTLED

By some sudden sound she drops the vase upon the floor. She is nervous and may be told that nervousness is a luxury which only a rich woman can afford to indulge in.



Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the mucky complexion. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the mucky complexion.

NEW MONEY FOR OLD.

Every bank will verify this fact. Old and objectionable bills go into them, but they do not go to the redemption division of the national treasury, where they are exchanged for new money and then destroyed.

There's a pin on the sidewalk," said the statistician, "but don't bother to pick it up, for 8,000,000,000 new ones will be made this year, and what's one pin among so many?"

Mr. Kreezus—I'll take it. I want to hang it in the parlor. It will be cheaper than having a fire in the grate.—Chicago Tribune.

A Child and Its Name. "Vast Vilain Paul Trood Prosper Come Napoleon" are the names which have been given to a child born in a French village near the Belgian frontier. The names form a sentence in French of which the translation is, "Go, vile poltroon; prosper like Napoleon."

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Magazine Editor's Idea Regarding Business Claims. "Here are one or two bills for reference books and supplies," remarked the secretary.

A Pleased Character. Not overjoyed, but not overbad; Not laughing always, but not very sad; Thankful for machine an' thankful for rain.

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IN WARTIME

Like Bassala (the Abyssinian, we lived the busy days "only to know the soft possibilities of pleasure and repose." We wandered "in gardens of fragrance and slept in fortresses of security," but like all pleasure seekers we were now weary of the monotonous round of uneventful days, and forlorn delights grew stale.

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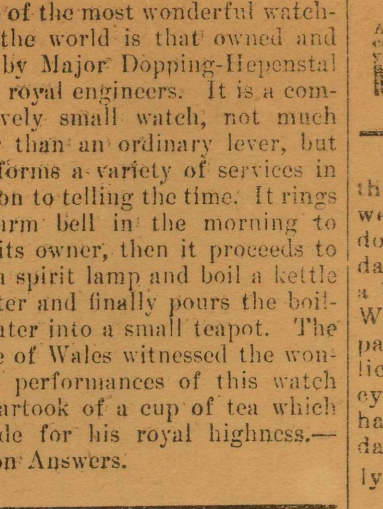
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