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BIG GUNS IN A DUEL.

Curious Combat That Was an Incident of the Crimean War.

Even war, with all its grim horror, has now and then a bit of fun, and enemies pitted against each other in deadly struggle can relax into friendly controversy. A general relates a curious incident of the Crimean war. While the British army lay before Sebastopol much speculation went on in regard to the relative merits of certain Russian and certain British guns.

One day during an armistice a Russian officer of artillery came to the British lines and asked to see the commander of the British artillery.

"Your sixty-eight pounder that your people call 'Jenny' is a beautiful gun," said the Russian, "but we have one as good in the embrasure, and we should like a fair duel with her."

Arrangements were made that at 12 the next day all other firing should cease and that the two guns should be put to the test.

At the appointed time a large number of officers were assembled to view the contest. The British detachment took off their caps and saluted the Russians, who returned the compliment. The British gun, as the senior, was allowed to fire first. It struck the side of the Russian embrasure. Then the Russian gun was fired and it struck the British gun.

The third shot was clear through the British gun. The blue smoke of the Russian victory was seen. The parapets were mistaken for the British gun. The Russian gun was the best.

Practically Applied.

A professor of Columbia, far more earnest in theory than in practice, was giving a few words of advice to his students in regard to using their powers of observation. "Always take notice of everything when you are going about, as there may come a time when your knowledge will be invaluable to you," he said.

That evening he had to make a call upon one of the trustees. Finishing his business, he was leaving the house just after dusk when without thinking he stepped from the door stone right into a large puddle of water. As he got out of the puddle he came face to face with one of the students he had lectured that afternoon.

"Professor," said the student blandly, "I observed that puddle when I was going in."—New York Press.

Where It Always Rains.

There is a group of islands to the south of New Zealand called the Sisters, or Seven Sisters, which are reputed to be subjected to a practically constant rainfall. The same may be said of the islands and mainland of Tierra del Fuego, save for the difference that the rain often takes the form of sleet and snow. On a line running round the world from 4 degrees to 8 or 9 degrees there are patches over which rain seldom ceases to fall. This is called the "zone of constant precipitation," but at the same time there are several localities along with it with very little rainfall.

Care of Sharp Knives.

Sharp knives should never be placed with other small utensils, as the delicate edge is easily injured by coming in contact with hard objects, and many unnecessary cuts result from sorting them from among spoons and forks. In a convenient place on the kitchen wall there is a long cleat of soft wood into which the blades of the knives are inserted. The cleat is deep enough to receive the blades, and the handle prevents the knives from falling. The cleat is made of soft wood and is easy of access.

Magazine.

Why We Sold Papers.
A small new boy's loud, gay call halted a woman passing along the street of a western city, and as she had paid a penny for one of the papers she asked:

"What do you pay for your paper?" he asked.
"I don't know," she replied.
"You don't know?" he asked.
"No, I don't know," she replied.
"You don't know?" he asked.
"No, I don't know," she replied.
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A Cold Job.

The highest scientific station in the world stands on the summit of Mount Misti, an extinct volcano in southern Peru. The altitude of this station is 19,300 feet above sea level. No one lives at the station. No one could live there, as the air is too rare and cold. The thermometer on the top of Misti often falls to 25 degrees below zero. Once a month an observer climbs up to the station to take the recordings of the instruments. It occupies two days to climb up and two days to climb down.

Justice Marlan.

Justice Marlan, praising temperance at a lawyers' banquet, once told a story about a young wife who said to her husband:

"Jack, dear, I do wish you'd stop drinking! Every time you go to one of these banquets of yours you get up the next morning pale and tired, you won't eat anything, you just gulp down nine or ten glasses of water. Do stop drinking, won't you, dear? I know it's bad for you."

"But all great men have been drinking men," Jack grumbled. "Look at Webster, look at Poe, look at Charles Lamb, look at..."

"Well," interrupted his wife, "you just promise, dear, that you'll quit drinking till you're great and I'll be satisfied."

Bone and Strength.

The wonderful power of bone structure has been tested scientifically to show how a bone bears strain. A very small bone will hold thirty-three pounds in suspension without breaking, while a piece of the best oak of the same thickness will hold only twenty-two pounds. The bone is therefore half as strong again as the solid oak, thus showing that nature is economical in the weight given to bones, making them hollow and at the same time making them stronger than if they were solid and much heavier. This principle has been recognized in mechanics, engineers using hollow steel tubes instead of solid to meet great strain.

A Mean Insinuation.

Sir Henry Thompson, who was equally famous as an author, an artist and a surgeon, was once staying at a country house with another surgeon of great fame, and somehow the talk turned on the number of letters that each received. When the post arrived only one or two letters came for Sir Henry, while his friend received an imposing batch. The friend proudly called attention to his mail. "Yes," said Sir Henry, with a twinkle in his eye, "but I see yours are all in black edged envelopes."

He Won Her.

A young fellow had popped the question and anxiously awaited the answer that was to decide his fate. "Do you ever gamble at cards?" the fair one asked.

"No," he answered, "but if I did now would be the time."
"Why?" she inquired.
"Because," he answered with a deep sigh, "I hold such a beautiful hand."

HIS LUCKY PENCIL STROKE.

It Brought Him the Red Ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

There are people who spend all their lives trying to get a decoration, a bit of red ribbon to wear in their buttonhole. Others have the Legion of Honor bestowed on them without even asking for it. Here is an authentic story, showing how easy it is for some people to gain admittance to the ranks of the privileged legion. One day last summer an amiable and distinguished Parisian, well known in the theatrical world and on the boulevards, made the acquaintance at Luchon of an influential politician, and during the few days that their village life lasted their relations were of a very agreeable description.

"You know," said the politician when they were separating, "if ever I can be of service to you I shall expect you to make use of me. I shall be delighted if I can do anything for you."

Then they parted, and their paths lay in different directions. Several months passed before the two men who had become fast friends at Luchon were drawn together again. One day, however, the "Parisian sympathique" wanted some information of minor importance which his political friend, now a minister, could, he felt sure, supply him. He said to himself:

"I'll go and see him. He offered me his services so kindly and even added laughingly, 'Are you not ambitious to have the red ribbon, you who have so many splendid connections?' I know he'll receive me well, anyhow."

And he went to the ministry. A garcon de bureau stopped him in the ante-chamber and asked his name. He told it him.

"Write it down," said the usher severely.

The visitor took the sheet of paper offered him and wrote his name. Opposite the words "Object of visit" he wrote "Luchon, 1910," believing that it might be useful to recall the place where they had met; lest the minister should have forgotten an acquaintance formed when he was only a deputy. Then, taking a red pencil which was lying on the table, he underlined the word.

The usher disappeared and returned a moment later. "M. le ministre," he said, was extremely sorry that he could not receive monsieur, as he was sitting on a commission. But he remembered monsieur very well, and he would hear from him very shortly.

When the "promotion" in connection with the various exhibitions appeared the other day the amiable Parisian was surprised and delighted to find his name among those who had been decorated. Without asking for anything he had received the red ribbon, thanks to a happy stroke of the pencil.—Paris Cor. London Globe.

Care of the Teeth.

In the cleaning of teeth great care should be taken. The upper teeth should be brushed downward and the lower teeth upward from the gums. This applies to both inside and outside. Tepid water is the best to use. The toothbrush should be small and curved and not too hard. When a new brush is purchased it should be soaked in water before using. If a brush is dried on a towel after being used and stood on end it will be found more durable. Toothbrushes should never be kept in a closed receptacle. Tooth preparations should be chosen with great discretion, and rough, hard powder should be avoided.

A Good Little Speller.

"I learned to spell mister and missis in school today, mother," said the very youthful daughter of the lady in the flat across the hall last night.

"Oh, those are pretty hard words for a little girl who has just started to school," answered mother. "Are you sure that that was what you learned?"

The youthful daughter thought a minute. "Yes," she said, "quite sure. Mister is spelled m-i-s-t-e-r and missis s-h-e."—Detroit News.

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COURTESY IN JAPAN.

Amazing Politeness of Train Hands in Collecting Tickets.

Courtesy is a characteristic of the Japanese, especially among officials, and A. M. Thompson, in describing his travels through the land of the chrysanthemum, says that even the word "please" is in Japan elaborated into a lingual art. Here is an example:

"The guard in the train going to Tokyo, who affords us much information by the way, is exceedingly interested in us. He stands by my side on the platform and laughingly points out that the top of his head—he is of more than average size for a Japanese—barely reaches my shoulder.

"'Me big,' he says in his quaint English, 'but you more much big.'"

"He is, like all the Japanese we met, amazingly polite.

"When he comes round to examine tickets he begins by standing at the end of the car, takes off his cap to the honorable assembly, bows to the ground, rubs his knees with his hands, draws in his breath audibly and delivers himself of an announcement in Japanese which I imaginatively translate as follows: 'Your most honorable excellencies and most augustly deigning to be pleased ones, I hope you will pardon this creature of mud for having been born into this world to ask you, most gracious and superior ones, to show your augustly blessed tickets, after which I beg you will honorably deign to grind and crush me, who am but as a snail of the soil, beneath your kindly sandals.'"

"The passengers, ceasing for a moment from their rice and chopsticks, bow profoundly in return, rub their knees with their hands, suck in their breath with the peculiar whistling sound which is the special expression of a Japanese greeting, fumble among their loose layers of clothes and ultimately produce their honorable tickets. After this there is more bowing on both sides and the guard, still bowing, vanishes."—London Family Herald.

The Little Gentleman.

He was only a poor little messenger boy.

When the young woman stepped into the elevator on the first floor of the Williamson building it was crowded with big men—and that messenger boy. In an instant the boy snatched his hat from his head. One by one, but with shamed blushes, the men in the elevator followed suit. The young woman was not handsome, but she was neat and trim and self possessed. Quickly she turned to the lad and said:

"You are a little gentleman—one of the old fashioned sort!" and she flashed a wonderfully sweet smile upon him.

The child looked at her in amazement. "He had been fumbling with his cap, but now he found the message he had stuck in its sweatband, took it out, stuck his cap on his head and began to whistle."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Easily Adjusted.

When the family for which Uncle Erastus had worked so long and faithfully presented him with a mule, he was overcome with joy.

"He's a bad kicker, Uncle Erastus," said the son of the family. "I told father I didn't see what you could do with an animal that liked to kick and back better than anything else."

"It's got dat all planned," said Uncle Erastus solemnly. "When I harnesses dat animal into my cart, if he acts contumacious an' starts in to back, I's gwine to take him right out'n de cart, turn it round an' den harness dat mule in hindside befo'. Dat'll humor him an' it'll get my cart up de hill jes' de same."—Youth's Companion.

A Strong Attachment.

"The young man who marries for money has none too easy a time of it," said an actor. "His rich wife is apt to tire of him and throw him out in a few years, or else she is apt to limit his allowance to 25 or 50 cents a day.

"I married money," a man once said to me.
"Wasn't there a woman attached to it?" I asked.
"Yes, you bet there was," he exploded; "so much attached to it that she never parted with a penny."—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

A Judge's Story.

One must learn to sympathize with domestic fruitflies. I was re-buking a man the other day for backing up his wife in what was not only an absurd story but one in which I could see he had no belief.

"You should really be more careful," I said, "and I tell you candidly I don't believe a word of your wife's story."
"You may do as yer like," he said mournfully, "but I've got to."—From Parry's "Judgments in Vacation."

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**National Lines Building to
 Orient Railroad.**

Work will commence in 35 days
 on the extension of the National
 Lines from Allente to Del Rio.
 This has been definitely deter-
 mined on.

Something like 800 hands, will
 go on the work from the Trevino
 ranch and teams and other equip-
 ments are now being put in shape
 from the beginning.

It is announced that altogether
 there will be 4000 men to work on
 this extension and that it will be
 rushed to the Rio Grande as rapidly
 as possible, where the big Inter-
 national bridge is to be erected
 by the Orient and the National
 Lines.—Del Rio Herald.

The Allente-Del Rio extension of
 the National Lines will form a jun-
 ction with the Orient at Del Rio.
 It was announced recently that the
 builders of the extension had re-
 ceived assurance from the Orient
 officials that the line south from
 San Angelo to Del Rio would be
 rushed.—San Angelo Standard.

STOCK NEWS.

Jap Holman and Jim Alford
 bought the Payne Roundtree mare
 for \$100 this week.

O. T. Word of Sonora sold 30
 head of 1 and 2 year-old horses to
 Jessie Cargie at \$50 per head.

J. T. (Bac) Evans of Fort Ter-
 rest, sold to Frank Baker of Jun-
 ction 400 head of two and three
 year old steers at p. To be de-
 livered at Menard, March 1st.

Russell & Martin of Sonora,
 bought from J. T. Shurley 50 head
 of ones and 100 two year old steers
 at \$20 and \$25. They also bought
 100 twos from Dock Simmons at
 \$25, and 60 head of ones from D.
 Wallace at \$20.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals
 slowly if neglected. The family
 that keeps a bottle of BALLARD'S
 SNOW LINIMENT on hand is
 always prepared for such accidents.
 Price 25c 50c \$1.00 per bottle. Sold
 by All druggists.

Will Hutoberson was in from
 the Sam McKnight ranch this
 week having a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Cuthorn were
 in from the ranch several days
 this week enjoying themselves.

How to cure a cold is a question in
 which many are interested just now.
 Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won
 its great reputation and immense sale
 by its remarkable cure of colds. It can
 always be depended upon. For sale by
 All Dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Mayfield were
 in from the ranch Tuesday and
 Wednesday and attended the races
 and dances.

H. E. Sharp merchant and post
 master of Mayer was in Sonora
 this week on a business and plea-
 sure visit.

W. H. Kelley who ranches near
 Owenville, was a business visitor
 in Sonora this week, and squared
 his account with the Devil.

When her child is in danger a woman
 will risk her life to protect it. No
 great act of heroism or risk of life is
 necessary to protect a child from
 croup. Give Chamberlain's Cough Re-
 medy and all danger is avoided. For
 sale by All Druggists.

H. A. McDonald of Rock Springs
 was a business visitor in Sonora
 this week. Mr. McDonald was so
 well pleased with Sonora that he
 will move here soon. Mr. Mc-
 Donald is a painter and paper
 hanger.

Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe
 distress in my left side for two
 years," writes W. Evans, Dan-
 ville, Va., "but I know now it
 was indigestion, as Dr. King's
 New Life Pill completely cured
 me." Best for stomach, liver and
 kidney trouble, constipation, head
 ache or debility. 25c. at Nathans
 Pharmacy.

Tom Guthrie the saddler and
 harness maker of Rock Springs,
 was another business visitor in
 Sonora this week. Mr. Guthrie
 was so well pleased with Sonora
 that he intends moving here soon.

Counting the Chances.

We do not recall any presiden-
 tial year since 1884 in which the
 study of probabilities, based on
 previous elections and on actual
 indications of popular sentiment,
 was more interesting and more
 puzzling than it is on eve of the
 approaching campaign. Leaving
 aside any estimate of the currents
 of opinion or the effect of particu-
 lar nominations by the two parties
 there are certain figures which
 will bring out the complexity of
 the situation.

Mr. Taft was elected by 321 elec-
 toral votes to 162 for Mr. Bryan,
 a majority of 159 in the total of 483.
 His total votes was 7,678,908 and
 his popular majority was 1,269,804
 a little more than 17 per cent. Bit
 decisive as this looks, there were
 five States in which fifty-two elec-
 toral votes were won by pluralities
 of less than 5 per cent of the total
 vote, or, in other words, a change
 of one vote in twenty in those Sta-
 tes would have made a difference
 of 104 in the electoral college. The
 incident shows, as like incidents
 have shown in the past, the ex-
 treme intricacy of our system of
 election for the chief executive
 office, and how it tends to baffling
 calculations when political parties
 are nearly equal in strength and
 feeling is fluctuating.

This year there will be 531 elec-
 toral votes, counting Arizona and New
 Mexico with three votes each, and
 265 votes will be required for an
 election. If the States could be
 relied on to vote as they did in
 1908, much bother and expense
 would be saved and our readers
 would not be interested in this ar-
 ticle. But let us suppose that this
 year in each State the party which
 was the stronger in the latest elec-
 tion for governor should again win
 in the vote for president. The
 electoral votes would then be cast
 as shown in the following summary
 table:

REPUBLICAN	
California	13
Colorado	6
Delaware	3
Idaho	4
Illinois	29
Iowa	13
Kansas	10
Michigan	15
Minnesota	12
Missouri	18
Nebaska	8
New Hampshire	4
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	5
South Dakota	5
Tennessee	12
Utah	4
Vermont	4
Washington	7
West Virginia	8
Wisconsin	13
Total	231
DEMOCRATIC.	
Alabama	12
Arkansas	9
Connecticut	7
Florida	6
Georgia	14
Indiana	15
Kentucky	13
Louisiana	10
Maine	6
Maryland	3
Massachusetts	13
Mississippi	10
Montana	4
Nevada	3
New Jersey	14
New York	45
North Carolina	12
North Dakota	5
Ohio	24
Oregon	5
Oklahoma	10
South Carolina	9
Texas	20
Virginia	13
Wyoming	3
Total	294
Democratic majority	63
Arizona, 3, and New Mexico, 3, omitted	
—New York Times.	

You are probably aware that
 pneumonia always results from
 a cold, but you never heard of a
 cold resulting in pneumonia when
 Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
 was used. Why take the risk when
 this remedy may be had for a trifle.
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The Rev. R. Mercer conducted
 Episcopal services last Sunday
 morning. A good sized congrega-
 tion was present. We have heard
 nothing but praise both regarding
 the very fine music and the apor-
 piate discourse which the pastor
 delivered being described as both
 fitting and timely. We understand
 that Mr. Mercer will conduct the
 next service on Sunday morning
 February 25.

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 lar you are uncomfortable and
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Shocking Sound.

In the earth are sometimes heard
 before a terrible earthquake, that
 warn of the coming peril.
 Nature's warning are kind. That
 dull pain or ache in the back
 warns you the kidneys need atten-
 tion if you would escape those
 dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Dia-
 betes or Bright's disease. Take
 Electric Bitters at once and see
 back-ache fly and all your best
 feelings return. "My son received
 great benefit from their use for
 kidney and bladder trouble,"
 writes Peter Bondy, South Rock
 wood, Mich. It is certainly a
 great kidney medicine. Try it
 50 cents at Nathans Pharmacy.

Horse Feeding Experiment.

The large horse feeding experi-
 ment ever conducted has just been
 completed by the Kansas agricul-
 tural college cooperating with the
 United States government. The
 result of this test in which 937
 horses owned by the government
 were used were made public for
 the first time recently in an ad-
 dress before the Kansas horse-
 breeders association by Dr. C. W.
 McCampbell of the agricultural
 college who superintended the gi-
 gantic project. After Dr. McCamp-
 bell had spent two hours telling
 of the experiment he was called
 back again and again to answer
 questions, the discussion lasted
 another two hours.

To find if possible a grain or
 mixture of grains that would take
 the place of oats as a horse feed
 and give as good results but be
 more economical was one object of
 the test. Another reason of the
 experiment was to find the value
 of various hays for horse feeding
 purposes. Still another was to
 determine the effect of grain on
 the health of the animals used. All
 these questions were answered.
 Fifteen rations were fed to as
 many lots of horses for 140 days.
 Every meal for every one of those
 937 horses was weighed and mixed
 in the proper proportions. Mili-
 tary discipline helped to make
 the experiment a success. Soldi-
 ers at Fort Riley where the feed-
 ing was done were under orders to
 do the work with the utmost care.
 Every horse was weighed before
 and after the test. The average
 weight of the horses used was 1150
 pounds. They were artillery hor-
 ses doing as much work probably
 as horses on the farm.

It was found that other feeds
 may be substituted entirely for
 oats in a ration for work horses
 with as good results and much
 cheaper. Oats, once and for all,
 was proved a better feed for work
 horses than corn, though more ex-
 pensive. Seventy six horses fed
 oats gained sixteen pounds, an
 average gain, while the same
 number of horses eating corn lost
 twenty nine pounds apiece in the
 same time. But corn, when fed
 with the proper amount of alfalfa
 with the right quality gave as
 good results as oats and was 50
 per cent cheaper. Alfalfa hay,
 when properly fed, was found to
 be more valuable roughage than
 either timothy or prairie hay, and
 it cheapens the cost of the daily
 ration from 25 to 40 per cent. The
 ration, six parts of corn, four of
 oats, four of brand and timothy
 hay probably is the best that can
 be fed a work horse, though not the
 cheapest. Horses fed on an oat
 ration did not show any more
 spirit than those that ate corn,
 which disproves an old theory.

A piece of flannel dampened
 with Chamberlain's Liniment and
 bound on to the affected part is
 superior to any plaster. When
 trouble with lame back or pains in
 the side or chest give it a trial and
 you are certain to be more pleased
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 affords. Sold by All dealers.

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 home town to be
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 One dark bay mare, 5 years old, large
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Notice is hereby given that all
 trespassers on my ranch 2 1/2 miles
 south of Sonora for the purpose of
 cutting timber, hauling wood, work-
 ing live stock, hunting hogs or
 injuring fences, without my per-
 mission, will be prosecuted to the
 full extent of the law.
 D. B. CUSHBARY,
 91 Sonora, Texas.

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Percheron Stallions

We will have in San Angelo on Saturday, February 10th a car of Percheron Stallions, coming 2s and 3s. The Pasture Raised kind. The kind that that do Good and Breed Good. Have never been in a Barn or fed grain. Big Boned. Most of them from Imported sires and some from imported mares, not a colt in the bunch but what will make a horse weighing 1700 to 2000 pounds at maturity. Coming 2s weigh now, without any flesh 1200 to 1400, the coming 3s 1300 to 1500 pounds. All Registered, Sound, Dark Colors. Part of the are sold on orders, the balance will come first served.

It was all...
Mr. and Mrs. Miss Ellen Brad in Sonora this home in Middle District Attorney Sonora this week Carson-Baker ing trial of Ba about the 19th.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that I, the undersigned, W. L. Aldwell, have been duly appointed temporary administrator of the estate of E. R. Jackson, deceased, and have duly qualified as such temporary administrator. Any and all parties indebted to the estate of said E. R. Jackson, deceased, are hereby notified that I am the only party authorized to receive payments on such indebtedness and all payments should be made to me. My post office address is Sonora, Sutton County, Texas.

W. L. ALDWELL,
Temporary Administrator, Estate of E. R. Jackson, deceased.

A SAD AFFAIR.

People out side of the new paper workers may not know how hard it is for reporters to report or comment on some things that are particularly local and affecting friends on both sides. But at the same time the story must be told.

Philip Baker and Holly Carson (both Sutton county raised boys) had a personal difficulty Monday evening in front of the Smoke House Pool Hall and the unfortunate meeting resulted in Carson being seriously injured and fatally wounded. Both boys are of about the same age and have hereofore, presumably, been friendly. There does not seem to have been any grounds for a basis for a serious altercation, in so far as the News is able to learn. But the results before us: Baker is under \$2,500 bond and Carson is seriously wounded. Carson's most serious wound is a stab in the abdomen with painful cuts in neck, back and shoulders. Dr. Marberry of San Angelo was sent for and he with Drs. Wardlaw and C. D. Smith of Sonora performed a successful operation and it is hoped that the young man will recover. Holly Carson is about 19 and Philip Baker about 27. Neither are married. Both boys have borne good reputations. Baker was unharmed excepting a black eye. Baker is the next to youngest son of R. T. Baker one of Sutton's east side wealthy ranchmen. Holly Carson is a well known boy in this and the Juno country. He has practically made his own way through life and the News hopes that he will recover from his present injuries and all others have the same wish.

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Sonora, Texas. - February 3, 1912.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS Since our last annual meeting, our Honored President Mr. Edward R. Jackson, who has been president of this bank since its organization, has been removed by death, having died in the City of San Angelo, Texas, on the twenty-third day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eleven;

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by The First National Bank of Sonora, Texas, in annual meeting assembled, that we place upon record ample attestation of the high esteem in which he is held by the directors and stock holders of this institution, and the great loss sustained by his death.

We gladly bear record of his sterling worth as a business man of great ability and energy, his wise counsel, his charitable disposition, and his great sympathy with and for suffering humanity, his generous gifts towards building up the general interests of Sonora and elsewhere, all of which tend to render his loss almost irreparable. Having by hard work, economy and honesty, raised himself to a position of affluence among the business men of this State, yet he ever retained the same modest and unassuming disposition, which caused him to be greatly beloved by all who knew him, and who now in their mourning remember him as a true friend from whose hands, silently, generous gifts have been bestowed.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this bank; that a true copy thereof be sent to Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and family, and that a copy be furnished each of the Sonora papers for publication.

E. F. VANDER STUCKEN,
E. E. SAWYER,
D. J. WYATT,
G. S. ALLISON,
WILL WHITEHEAD,
Board of Directors.

Some of the visitors from the Juno country were Font Mayfield, C. J. Brotherton, T. C. Earwood, Larry Peterson, Floyd Earwood. "Pretty near as good as Juno they thought."

Almost Lost His Life.
S. A. Stud, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, and it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, croup, sore throat or lung troubles, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00 per bottle free. Guaranteed. Withans Pharmacy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The News rates for announcements is:
Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5
County Officers \$10
Precinct officers \$1.50.
All announcements are payable in cash in advance.
The Devil's River News is authorized to announce.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

T. B. Adams as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Will Perry as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Sam Merck as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Geo. J. Frainer, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

James Pharis as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

B. L. Binyon, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

C. S. Holcomb, as a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

J. E. Grimland, as a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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For Treasurer.

The News is authorized to announce J. E. Grimland as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer. Ed Grimland has filled the office in a satisfactory manner and if elected will discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clarkson were in from their Lost Lake ranch for the race.

The A. F. Clarkson sorrel mare won by 10 feet against the W. T. O. Holman horse in the matched 1.4 mile dash Tuesday.

Matched pony races have prevailed throughout the week. The most spectacular was the 200 yard dash between the G. W. Stephenson roan and the Stockton sorrel from McKavett. The Stephenson roan won by 15 feet.

J. B. Blakeney sold the Corner Drug store stock to C. S. Holcomb this week. Mr. Holcomb was in the drug business for five years prior to his coming to Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dridale of the Juno country were visitors in Sonora this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nathan. Mr. Dridale came up on account of the condition of Holly Carson.

Mack Weaver of the Rocksprings country was in Sonora this week as escort and general manager for the biggest bunch of big men that ever found their way across the divide at one time—However they had the law with them. D. B. Sherill the Justice of Peace; Henry Philips, deputy sheriff (and a good judge of horses); Green Locky who takes side hits and is studying for the G. P. C. and Elmo Boyce as stated by H. L. Wade said that the cars did not run over them.

SCHOOL NOTES.

(By J. A. Woodford)

Several of the ladies have visited school recently among whom we note Mesdames Wheat, Tom Holland, Ward, Graham, Beard, Lowrey, and Mr. John Ward also spent half a day with us. We are pleased to have you come and invite you to come again. Every parent, especially ought to visit school, often if you can, occasionally, at least.

A new 8th grade algebra class has been started for those most advanced, with a view of making work better next year.

The 5th monthly examination was held this week. The report cards will be out next week. If your child does not present his card for it. These are for the parent's inspection and every child is entitled to one. You need not sign them, but be sure and inspect them.

As spring approaches there is a disposition on the part of children to get tired. Some will quit, those whose parents are inattentive. Watch out for "hooky" plying. We will ask for excuses to cover the time your child is not here. Be sure you know just what time these cover. Parents must sign these cards themselves. Don't authorize the child to sign your name. The teacher will not accept it.

We have not been annoyed with playing truant so far but little, but if teachers or parents show any slackness it will grow. Recently three boys staid out half a day. These boys had for a leader one of the brightest boys in school, but a boy whose work is not satisfactory because of two much leineney at home. Each boy returned his excuse properly signed as the teacher supposed. By comparison of signatures it was found that one was not genuine, having been signed by another child at the mother's request, neither really knowing what absence it covered. Had it not been for this vigilance on the part of the teacher the parents would not have known the boy played truant. They refused to sign the card, you do likewise, if you wish to uphold the teacher's hands.

The object of classification is to place pupils in right relations to work, and to each other, and to facilitate progress through the grades. In any school differences are sure to exist in the age and maturity of pupils, in their ability and power of application, in regularity of attendance and in the amount of assistance rendered at home; and these differences must be recognized.

We must not overlook the necessity of regular attendance. It means much. Parents who will listen to excuses will find many things to keep children out. Two or three days out of a week at school is little better than none. If your child is sick keep him at home, if necessary, but a boy sick enough to stay away from school but well enough to stay in town is able to come to school. One of our largest boys, any worst behind for his age has spent practically all the past two weeks in town with the excuse of being sick. He soon will be pushed into active life. Its to late to train them. Had you observed they are training the race horses before the race, wonder why they don't wait till after? It's to late then. Yes, and, young man, when the duties of life come upon you, it's too for you to get it.

If the parents of some of the boys who are nightly on the streets would come to school some day they would not feel proud of their son's ability to handle his classwork. Parents, don't you care any more for the future of these boys than such a course would indicate? Don't you know street loafing saps every good impulse in a boy? You can know, if you will observe what it has done for others, and your boy will fare no better. Keep the boys out of town of nights. They tell you they have their lessons, but an examination of their report, a talk with their teacher or a visit to school will prove to you they are deceiving you.

Town lots in Sonora are for sale by the Martin Commission Co. Buy one now and get in on the ground floor. Do it now before prices advance. The new map are being made and the dedication of the streets and alleys will be made as soon as possible. Perfect title. No trouble to show you. See Martin Commission Co.

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COMMITTEES REPORT.

The following is the Committee report for the Christmas celebration:

Amount Received.	
J. B. Blakeney	\$12.00
First National Bank	17.00
Sonora Mercantile Co.	17.00
E. F. Vanderstucken Co.	17.00
City Grocery Co.	12.00
A. H. Nathan	7.00
Luther Thorp	7.00
Grimland & Allison	7.00
Mrs. Joste McDonald	2.50
Willis Keaton	2.50
Brusher & Jacobson	2.50
Ica Adams	2.00
Theo. S. Vell	17.00
Trainer Bros.	17.00
J. G. Barton	17.00
Mrs. Laura Decker	5.00
Sid Gilbert	5.00
Telephone Co.	2.50
Bob Anderson	5.00
Cornell & Wardlaw	5.00
Entrance Fees Tournament	5.00
" " " " " "	17.00
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Total	\$243.50

PAID OUT.	
Mantler for lamps	1.00
Boy for sweeping	0.50
Boy for bridge 1st in tournament	15.00
Marion Stokes, 2nd "	5.00
Len Johnson 1st goat roping	10.00
Wort Stephenson 2nd "	5.00
Tommy Martines use of goats	5.00
W. Holman 1st 1.4-mile race	40.00
J. B. Blakeney 2nd "	10.00
Gen Stephenson 1st 200 yards	20.00
W. Holman 2nd "	5.00
Lee Binyon 1st cigar race	7.50
Harry Sharp entrance fee	2.50
Wiley Holland 1 needle race	1.00
Pink Glascock & H. Bridge 2nd in needle race	5.00
Bin Binyon work on ground	12.50
City Grocery Co.	11.00
Corner Drug Store	8.25
E. F. Vanderstucken Co.	7.65
Sonora Mercantile Co.	6.65
Corner Drug Store	3.50
Joe Beard fixing time watch	1.00
Ira Ogden sweeping	0.50
E. F. Vanderstucken Co.	0.60
H. L. Bridge music	50.00
Total	\$218.15

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's stomach and liver tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by All dealers.

For Assessor.

B. L. Binyon is a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county and the News is authorized to make the announcement. Ben Binyon has been a resident of the county for practically 20 years. He was here before the county was organized but resided in Crockett county for a few years. He is well known to most of the stockmen, has a large acquaintance and if elected will fill the office to the best of his ability.

A child that has intestinal worm is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE (estroys and expels worms); the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Eldorado did the nice thing to Sonora Tuesday. To days results may reverse the favor—but however—we are taking first favors. Sonora was greatly pleased to find so many of our twin sister's people present Tuesday and Tuesday night. Had it not been for the generosity of the commissioners court Sonora could not have entertained the crowd. Unfortunately there is no other place, but Sonora hopes to have one soon.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREFOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Dan Merck who has been farming on the Aug Moos ranch, in Edwards county, was in Sonora his week attending to business. Dan intends leaving in a few days or week, Travis county, where he will live for about a year and then come back to Devil's River.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take BERBERINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and "Sowel" purifier. Price 50c. Sold by All druggists.

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MUSCULAR MONARCHS.

Mighty Muscles Had Augustus the Strong and Peter the Great.
There have been monarchs possessing bodily strength sufficient to qualify them as professional "strong men" had they been disposed to enter the lists with their subjects.

Augustus the Strong of Saxony in his playful moods was wont to seize a couple of his courtiers, one in each hand, and to hold them at arms' length. Augustus would also wrestle stout iron bars and straighten horseshoes with a wrench of his muscular wrist. On one occasion, it is related, when the horse of one of his attendants balked, refusing absolutely to budge, the herculean Saxo put his immense shoulder to the animal's flank and literally pushed it on its way.

George Castriot, Prince of Albania, wielded such a powerful sword that, tradition has it, he could sever a bull's head at a single stroke, while on another occasion for a wager George walked off with a platform on which several of his courtiers were standing. Charlemagne, who is said to have been the strongest man of his time, was able to snap horseshoes with his fingers, and Don Sebastian merely by the pressure of his knees could make his charge groan with pain.

Peter the Great is said to have so developed and hardened his naturally strong muscles by years of work as blacksmith and carpenter that he became the strongest man in his dominions. He had only one formidable rival, in the person of a country blacksmith, whose boast it was that he was the only man in Russia who could lift his anvil from the ground. When this boast came to the ears of Peter, so the story runs, he set out incognito with a single companion and challenged the blacksmith to a trial of strength. Without a word the latter seized his ponderous anvil with both hands and, straining his mighty muscles almost to the bursting point, raised it a foot from the ground. When Peter's turn came he raised the anvil higher and higher, until, to the consternation of his rival, he placed it on his shoulder and walked out of the smithy with it. So startled was the blacksmith by this exhibition of strength that he rushed away to summon the villagers to come and see the evil one who had run away with his anvil.

Peter had a worthy successor in this respect in Alexander III, whose phenomenal strength earned for him the sobriquet of the "Russian Samson." Amazing stories are told of Alexander's muscular powers—how he could burst open the stoutest barred doors by a push of his great shoulders, crumple up coins in his hand as if they were leather, snap iron bars across his knee, tear a pack of cards in two without the least apparent effort and with a few movements of his powerful hands convert a paper fan into a bouquet holder.

The list would not be complete without mention of the amazonian Queen of Poland, Cymburga, who used to crack nuts with her fingers and when training her fruit trees would hammer the nails in the walls with her clenched fist.—New York Press.

Lytton's Good Catch.

Bulwer-Lytton was once entertaining at Knebworth a young Australian when the visitor from Melbourne, sly and clumsy, took from the mantelpiece a piece of china lately given his host by a grateful colonial. It slipped out of his hands. In another moment it would have been shivered upon the hearth. The host, from his sofa, saw what had happened, was up in an instant, stretched out his hand and caught the bowl just ere it descended on the marble. "Fie! fie! by Jove! But I save my crockery, which I would rather not have written 'Money than have lost,'" cried the novelist.

It Wasn't Right.

An old man (if being ninety-three is old) walked along Kearny street somewhat laboriously. Although feeble physically, there was an air of prosperity about him. "That was what attracted the attention of a 'touch' artist." "Say, mister," said the tramp, coming up, "could you help a poor fellow to get a meal?" The old man looked him over and then exclaimed: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, coming to me for help! Evidently you don't know that I am an orphan."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Hard Lines.

He took her about her delicate little waist and lifted her lightly up into his arms. Her eyes closed and a wisp of her golden hair escaped from her forehead. His breath was fanning her warm cheek. Suddenly he set her down almost harshly. "You are a woman!" he said. "It is not so tough on me as you think it is."—Chicago Department.

FIXING A JURY.

The Great Scheme Bill Thought Out and How It Worked.
A real "jury fixer" has been found in Chicago. He doesn't deny it, but neither does he affirm it loudly. The "fixer" lives on the south side and is known as "Bill" to his friends—his other name doesn't count. Originally Bill came from North Carolina, and it was there that he became a jury fixer. The other night, seated in a cigar store, Bill became talkative and revealed his secret.

"You fellows that talk about fixing juries don't know all you think you do," said Bill. "Down in my state I fixed a jury once and I didn't use a dollar or do anything crooked—at least so far as I can see. "I was doing detective work in those days, and one day a lawyer sent for me. 'Bill,' he said, 'I've got to defend a fellow over in one of the hill counties against a charge of murder, and I don't know how I'm going to do it. My client and the man killed got drunk and started for home together. Only one reached there, and the next morning the other was found shot to death. Now what can you do?' "I told him I'd see, and then I went up there. The county had about 3,000 inhabitants, and after I'd heard all I could about the murder I could just see the rope around that fellow's neck. Then I went out and hired twenty picture canvassers. They were all put on salary and in addition they received the commission on every picture they sold. Those men I sent out into every town and into every house in the county. As a sample crayon picture they each had an enlargement of a photograph of the man accused of murder.

"Out in the hills it's not hard for a canvasser to get a hearing, and when these men showed their samples there was the almost invariable exclamation, 'Why, that's Jim—', that shot Joe Speed.' That was the chance for my men, and then they proceeded to get the prospective customer's version of the killing. "After every house in the county had been canvassed—and, by the way, a lot of pictures were sold—my men reported to me the personal opinions of every resident on the shooting. I turned them over to the lawyer. When the case came to trial he did his work and saw that every man picked for that jury had expressed an opinion favorable to his client. And the fellow was acquitted.

"I never felt bad over it, because it was a circumstantial evidence case anyway, but I got out of the detective business after that."—Chicago News.

Made Him Careful.

He had been away on a business trip for quite a long time and had brought his wife a handsome fan on his return.

"It's just perfectly lovely, Harry," she said. "It's the daintiest and most beautiful fan I ever saw."

"I'm glad you like it," he returned, with evident gratification.

"How could I help liking anything so pretty?" she asked, and then she added with a sigh, "I only wish I could carry it some time."

"Why can't you?" he demanded.

"No gown to go with it," she answered promptly. "There ought to be a gown to match, or at least one that wouldn't look shabby beside it, if—"

She got the gown. He kicked himself for two days and ever thereafter bought fans to match what she already had.—London Tit-Bits.

The Daisy In Dixie.

A southern man told us the other day that the daisy was never known in the south till after the war between the states. Now every part of the south visited by the Union army is covered with daisies. "Sherman brought them to us," he says, "and the 'march to the sea' can be followed in the summer time by the daisies. The seed must have been transported in the hay brought along to feed the horses. I've never heard any other explanation."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Leave to Print.

"What is leave to print?" inquired the lady who has the art of seeming interested.

"Leave to print," replied Senator Sorghum, "is something that enables a man to pretend that he has delivered a speech in congress and which also enables his friends to pretend that they have made themselves familiar with its contents."—Washington Star.

Indisputable.

"If you stand with your back to the south what have you on your left hand?" asked the teacher during the geography lesson. The small boy thought, considered his hands and gave the right answer. "Fingers, sir," he replied.—London Chronicle.

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O. T. WORD,
Sonora, Texas

WHITE HAIR OVERNIGHT.

A German Scientist Says Such a Thing Couldn't Possibly Happen.

A cherished popular belief is that of the sudden blanching of the hair from fright, worry or other severe mental strain. It plays its part in the drama and in fiction, while history records its famous instances. Who has not heard that Marie Antoinette's hair turned white during the night before her execution or that the deeds and terrors of St. Bartholomew's night blanched the hair of Henry IV.? Most of us wondered how the change could come about so rapidly as tradition relates, and yet so universal is the belief in this phenomenon that few have the hardihood to doubt it. And yet Stieda, a hard-headed German scientist, boldly says that it isn't so at all. This refractory German first proves that such a thing couldn't possibly happen, and then, not satisfied, declares that it never did happen. With equal disregard of folk lore, history and medical literature, he points the finger of doubt and challenges many long-deceased historians and physicians to arise and prove their stories.

He claims that when the hair turns white under ordinary conditions it does so in one of two ways. Either the pigmented hairs fall out and are replaced by unpigmented hairs, or, less commonly, pigment production stops in a growing hair and the colorless portion gradually replaces the darker outer segment. As the growing of a new crop of hair in a single night is beyond the possibilities, Stieda must needs discredit all tales of such miraculous transformation, says the Journal of the American Medical Association.

This he does at length, taking up the best known instances of such supposed blanching of hair and finding them all lacking in support sufficient to meet critical consideration, much less such control as to establish an acceptable scientific demonstration. For example, he doubts the story of Marie Antoinette's sudden loss of hair pigment, stating that although the queen certainly was gray at the time of her execution, yet this was no novelty, for she was also gray nine months before, at the time the king met his sudden end at the hands of the revolutionists.

As for the rest of the reputed cases, many are nothing better than old wives' tales, while others are examples of credulity substituted for healthy skepticism and careful investigation. The explanation offered for several instances is simply that the keeper of the jail or dungeon in which the unhappy heroine or hero was confined neglected to furnish his guest's dressing table with the hair dye to which the latter had been accustomed at home, and that nature asserted itself before the eyes of observation.

Watch the Thumbs.

A physician in charge of a well-known asylum for the care of the insane said: "There is one infallible test either for the approach or presence of lunacy. If the person whose case is being examined is seen to make no use of his thumb, if he lets it stand out at right angles from the hand and employs it neither in salutation, writing nor any other manual exercise, you may set it down as a fact that that person's mental balance is gone. He or she may converse intelligently, may in every respect be guarding the secret of a mind diseased with the utmost care and cunning, but the telltale thumb will infallibly betray the lurking madness which is concealed behind a plausible demeanor."

Pertinent Questions.

Magato, a Kaffir chief, once put some backward questions to certain European missionaries. "Why do you white men work so hard?" he asked. "To earn money." "Why do you want money?" "That we may have no need to work." "That is a roundabout way of getting to the spot that my young men are already upon." "You say work is a good thing and that all good white men enjoy work," said Magato on another occasion. "Why is it that when you send bad men to prison you make them work as a punishment?"

A Fearful Poison.

Cyanide is the basic principle of prussic acid, and the latter, it is well known, is the most deadly poison, contributes a reader of the Washington Star. I have seen puppies die from a single drop of prussic acid placed on the tongue before the animal had a chance to swallow, so quickly does it work upon the nervous system. A German chemist, after many years of experimenting, thought he had discovered an antidote for prussic acid, but he never had a chance to demonstrate it, for when he made the attempt he died before he could administer his antidote.

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DOUBLE STARS.

They Are Superbly Bright and Are All Said to Be Suns.

Many stars that appear single to the naked eye are found to consist of two stars close to each other when examined through a powerful telescope. They are called double stars and several thousand have been observed by astronomers.

There are two classes of double stars. The first consists of those optically double. These appear double because they are nearly in the same line of vision as seen from the earth, though they have no connection, and one star may be very much nearer to us than the other.

The second class consists of those physically double, or binary stars, where one star revolves about the other or where each revolves around the center of gravity common to the pair, forming a binary system.

Many double stars have been found to perform such a revolution. This is generally very slow, requiring centuries for its completion. A few binary stars, however, revolve so rapidly that a complete revolution has taken place since they were first observed. There are some whose period is less than a century.

Besides the binary stars, groups of three or more stars are found that are physically connected. These are known as triple, quadruple and multiple stars.

The colors of double stars are superbly brilliant and varied. The components often shine in contrasted colors, one being blue and the other yellow, or one being green and the other yellow. Sometimes the companions are purple and white or red and white or both are white.

A few stars are known as naked eye doubles. One is a small star in Lyra near the bright Vega. A sharp-eyed observer may see it double. Bessel did so at the age of thirteen. A low power of the telescope will separate it into two white stars wide apart. A high power will separate each of the two components in the two stars. This tiny star is, therefore, a double double, forming a quadruple system.

A beautiful double star easy to find is Albireo in the beak of the swan. One of the components is of the third and the other of the fifth magnitude. The colors are golden yellow and sapphire blue.

It is said that all these double stars are suns. It is difficult to conceive in the least a complex system in which blue, green and crimson suns circle slowly round each other, perhaps accompanied by retinues of planets. Our sun and his dark family dwindle into insignificance in comparison, though suns great and small, single, double or multiple, are held together by the same law that keeps the pebble in its place on this little earth.—Harper's.

Alexander's Famous Horse.

Bucephalus, the horse of Alexander the Great, was in all probability the most celebrated horse of which we have any knowledge. He was bought for the sum of 16 talents from Philonous one of his breeding pastures of Pharsalia, and it is known that he was skawled, or, in other words, white, clouded with large deep bay spots, this peculiar breed being valued by the Parthians above all others, but being disliked by the Romans because so easily seen in the dark. Bucephalus was ridden by Alexander at the battle of the Hydaspes and there received his death wound. Disobedient for once to the command of his master, he galloped from the heat of the battle, brought Alexander to a place of safety, knelt, as was his custom, for him to alight and, having thus performed his duty, trembled, dropped down and died.

Palimistry.

Palimistry is almost as old as history itself. It is spoken of by Aristotle, Pliny, Paracelsus, Albert Magnus and many other of the ancients. It is supposed to have originated in Egypt, but no one pretends to say when. From about the art, or science, or whatever you prefer to call it, spread to Greece, the land whose people were "always looking for some new thing." Palimistry appears to have existed from time immemorial in India, and it is possible, and probable as well, that it may have been indigenous to that country, just as it may have been to Egypt.—New York American.

An Arboreal Methuselah.

On the island of Cos, in the Aegean sea, there is an immense plane tree which is estimated to be more than 2,000 years old. It measures nearly eighteen yards in circumference. The lower branches have been shored up by pieces of antique columns and have grown over the ends of the columns like caps. A solid marble seat under the tree is said to have been the chair of Hippocrates, the "father of medicine," and it is supposed that he taught the art of healing from that seat.

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TIN CATCHES COLD.

And When It Does the Metal Finally Crumbles to Powder.

Certain metallic elements have their ailments and indispositions, but the tin plague is probably the most remarkable of them all. If tin catches cold it will decay, it will lose its luster and finally crumble to a gray powder. The change is not a chemical one, for the gray powder is still tin, and it can be brought back by careful warming to its original healthy condition.

Apparently, when the tin is very pure it is more susceptible to cold and consequent decay. In fact, it may be made proof against the disease by alloying it with other metals. The disease is a source of considerable annoyance and disappointment to the collectors of coins who possess valuable tin specimens in their cabinets.

This curious falling of tin, says the London Lancet, may possibly have led to the use of the word "tin" as a term of reproach, as in such expressions as a "tin pot institution," or "a tin soldier." Even tin buttons have been known to crumble in this way, and organ pipes made of tin have been found to decay after a severe winter. Tin rot, to keep up the analogy of disease, is even infectious, for decaying tin in contact with healthy lustrous tin soon spoils it and reduces it to its own unhealthy state. If tin is to be protected effectually against the ravages of cold it should be kept above 18 degrees centigrade. The best remedy appears to be, however, to alloy it with another metal, notably lead.

Precaution.

A young father took his six-months-old son to the photographer's last week. A nice picture was obtained, and when he was informed that the prints were ready he went alone to get them. Note this—he was not armed with the proofs—and the child's mother was not along. And yet out of sixty or seventy pictures of babies—for this photographer makes a specialty of kids—he unhesitatingly picked his own. Few mere fathers could have done it.

"How did you?" asked the photographer.

"I know my own child," replied the father, stalking proudly forth.

"How did you?" asked the mother.

"Why—or—dearie, when the picture was taken I pinned my lodge pin on his little dress. See how it shows up in the photograph?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His Inning.

The waitress at the Littlehalt inn smoothed her apron and turned, giggling, to her assistant. "There's a regular old countryman just come in," she whispered. "He's ordered a chowder first, the way they always do; when it comes to dessert I'm going to have some fun. You listen."

The old countryman was taking his last spoonful of blouder from his tilted plate when he became aware that the waitress was hovering near him. He looked up, and she spoke in a clear, carrying tone.

"We've got four kinds of pie," she said. "Which'll you have?"

The shrewd old eyes twinkled up into the pretty, impertinent face.

"I'll have a piece o' the last," said the old countryman gravely.—Youth's Companion.

Wedding Cakes.

The history of the wedding cake goes back a great many years. The bride of ancient Rome had a cake broken over her head as a symbol of plenty. She carried three ears of wheat in her hand, and the early English bride wore wreaths of wheat, which were sometimes golden. The grains were thrown over her as we throw rice and confetti today. Often the wheat was ground, made into small cakes, which were broken over the bride's head and distributed to the guests in pieces. Hence our wedding cake placed in boxes.—London Graphic.

Dangers of Boating.

"When George and I are married I'm to have my own way in everything."

"Dora—Guess you won't. Clara—Indeed I will. That's the bargain. Don't you remember I told you I proposed to me in a rowboat—and said if I'd float through life with him just that way?"

"Yes."

"Well, he was rowing, but I was steering."—New York Weekly.

A Prize He Didn't Get.

Whistler once made an etching of a blacksmith, who some months later came up to town and called at the artist's studio in Chelsea. "Hallo, blacksmith!" exclaimed Whistler. "What brings you here?" "Why," said the blacksmith, "I heard as 'ow there portrait you made—' 'No, I've come for the cash!"

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