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## New Spring Shoes

We are glad to announce that our new spring shoes have arrived

Besides a complete line of staple styles, we are showing many new and advance styles, all of which are marked at very attractive prices.

Come in and let us fit you while the stock is complete. We shall be glad to show you.

## The Sonora Mercantile Co.

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**TYPHOON FORMATION.**  
Light Winds Encircle the Calm Center of These Fierce Gales.  
Contrary to the general impression, a typhoon—that is, what is known to the scientist as a "well formed" one—does not consist merely of a terrific gale of wind with a calm spot in the immediate center.

On the contrary, next to the center, which may have a diameter anywhere from two miles to fifty where the calm belt reigns, there is a sort of ring, generally less than a mile in diameter, in which light winds prevail. After this is passed comes the real main body of the destroyer, which may have a total diameter of anywhere from 200 to 3,000 miles, or even more.

The force of the typhoon depends on the depth of the depression of the currents of air, or, to put it in scientific terms, the "barometer gradient." A roughly formed typhoon may be a great deal smaller and shorter in duration than one of regular formation. All typhoons come from the east, so that while the China coast ports are benefited by the knowledge derived from the Philippine station in being forewarned, the reverse cannot occur.

Typhoons increase their strength as they go north, and consequently there may be quite a difference between the power of one in the southern end of these islands as compared with one in the north. It is this feature which makes the hurricanes of the West Indies more to be dreaded than the Pacific typhoons of this latitude.

The velocity of the typhoons of this country is probably with the velocity of the typhoons of the Philippines. The typhoon of Cantabria on Sept. 2 covered 200 miles in six hours. The typhoon of the Philippines on Sept. 2 covered 200 miles in six hours.

DR. KING'S NEW...  
Will Surely Stop

### RAILWAYS IN JAPAN.

They Sell Station Tickets to Those Who Want to Meet Friends.

Railway station platforms in Japan, as in England and Europe, are level with the car steps. The station master is quite a dignified official, has a uniform and carries a sword on special occasions. The uniform consists of the ordinary regulation blue, with gilt buttons and gold braid and a bright scarlet band around his cap. He is rather a showy individual when he gets it on, and as he walks along the platform things move. When there is a celebrated dignitary passing through, such as the emperor or a member of parliament, he buckles on his sword.

About 120 pounds of free baggage is allowed on each first class ticket, and baggage will be delivered by station porters within a radius of four miles at 2½ cents a piece. Trains are in charge of a guard. Tickets are punched when passengers pass through the wicket on the platform and given up when passing out at destination. All tickets are good for stopovers at most stations within the limits of expiration date, all that is necessary being to show your ticket to the collector at the wicket and pass out.

Special platform tickets are issued at 1 cent each to accommodate those coming with or to meet friends. In that way they take advantage, in a financial sense at least, of the feelings of the people, which in Japan lead them to appear in large numbers when their friends leave or when they wish to welcome some one coming. It is my own recollection that when I left Kure, the naval station, homeward bound, upward of a hundred appeared and lined up on the platform to say goodbye in their best English. It is considered a mark of very great respect in Japan not to go to the station to see your friends off.—*Railway Age-Gazette.*

To the Manner Born.  
Max Muller, the famous Sanskrit scholar, was fond of recalling that he had once seen Queen Victoria and the Empress Eugenie enter a motor car together. The audience of itself, but what Professor Muller was the conductor of the two.

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DR. KING'S NEW...  
Will Surely Stop

### ROADS OF FRANCE.

They Are Straight and Splendid, but Painfully Monotonous.

I find something disheartening in the straight and splendid roads of France, ruled like white lines across the country, with their rows of trees, thousands and thousands in a row, placed with the regularity of railway sleepers. Such roads were made for armies, not for natural men and women. On such a road when you come to a hilltop you see before you perhaps for five miles a straight white ribbon lying across the plain. Before you have gone half a mile you have traversed it all backward and forward with your eyes, have traveled in your imagination to its farthest limit, have seen all there is to be seen, so that there remains nothing but the mere physical business of moving your body along the remaining four and a half miles. The engineering is magnificent, but there is something unfriendly in it.

I remember once starting to walk with a friend from Dieppe to Paris and taking too long a stage on the first day. The distance, I think, was twenty-five miles. We did everything we should not have done. We loitered in the early part of the day; we wandered into forests by the roadside; we ate hungrily and too well at a country inn; we talked continuously, with the result that toward nightfall two miserable, dust covered figures began the descent into the Normandy town of Neufchatel-en-Bray.

The approach to this town, which lies at the foot of a hill, is a triumph of engineering. The national road winds down in a gentle spiral by a hardly perceptible gradient round the vast circumference of the hill. Below us a stone's throw away twinkled the welcoming lights of the town. A jump would almost have landed us upon its roofs. But the broad road, in obedience to the laws of mathematics, curved grandly away from it, fetched a great compass and entered it from the other side. And yard by yard and perch by perch did we limp down this vast avenue, examining its surface before each footstep lest there should be a stone or inequality which would further mortify our bruised members.

I thought on that occasion and think still that it would have been kinder if the French engineers in making such grand military avenues had also cut a little path, straight and steep, whereby the ordinary mortal might reach his shelter for the night. Perhaps if we had looked we should have found some such natural path, but we dared not leave the certainty of the main road on a more chance, with the risk of perhaps adding to our foot steps and finding no other way. The short cut, if there was one, would probably have been steep and rough, as most cuts are, but I think we should have put up with greater pain to the feet for the sake of greater ease to the mind.—*London Saturday Review.*

Diplomatic Side Stepping.  
"Last winter during a social function in Washington," says Mr. Kennard, consul of the British embassy, "I overheard a remark on the part of a young clubman there to the effect that the youth in question should immediately adopt diplomacy as his life's work."

"He had been asked by a widow to guess her age. He hesitated. You must have some idea about it," she said with what was intended for an arch glance.

"I have several ideas," the young man admitted with a smile. "The only trouble is that I hesitate whether to make you ten years younger on account of your looks or ten years older on account of your brains."—*Lippincott's.*

An Encouraging Fact.  
Katherine, twenty-five, charming and popular, remarked in the presence of a number of friends that wisest she became betrothed the engagement ring would be a matter of very small interest to her.

"Indeed, I shouldn't really care whether I had a solitary diamond or not," she said. "I'm not at all fond of diamonds, and I don't like to wear rings."  
"You'd better let that be known, Kathie," said her fifteen-year-old brother. "It might help some."—*Youth's Companion.*

Carefully Selected.  
"We have over 2,000 beautiful volumes in our library now," said Mrs. Letto Munn.

"Of course you cannot have read all of them," replied Mrs. Oldeastle.  
"Oh, no, but I expect to get through most of them some time. I feel that I owe this to myself. We have been very careful in making our selections. Nearly all of them have gilt tops."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Dr. King's New Life Pills  
The Best in the World.

### CURIOUS OLD SHOPS.

Quaint Advertisements of Some Early Boston Specimens.

Early American shops were often very quaint. The little general stores, forerunners of our present day department stores, were common, says the House Beautiful, and their little six and eight line advertisements interesting in the light of our present day newspaper displays.

One of these shops makes up the following list of merchandise: Best India bandannoes, broadcloths in patterns, twilled and plain corduroy, purple and white shawls, hair ribbons, colored threads, No 4 pins, Irish linens, yellow serge, black lasting, whitebone, large and small Bibles, chip hats, watch chains, bottled mustard, playing cards, green chairs, a few pounds of nutmegs and men's worsted stockings.

In 1769 at Boston there was a lemon shop, known as "The Basket of Lemmons," kept by John Crosby, who modestly advertised his stock "as large in general as lemons commonly are, at 24 per hundred or 10 shillings per dozen."

Harbottle Dorr also notified the public of Boston, through the columns of the Gazette, of a fine assortment of hosiery, ironmongery and cutlery at his shop opposite the cornfields in Union street.

Old files of the Gazette, Postboy and Chronicle of Boston also contain advertisements of an animal shop, a wigmaker and hairdresser (who, as his advertisement read, "could raise the heads of ladies to any pitch they desired"), a mathematical instrument shop, umbrellas and can shop, waxwork shop and the shop of a surgeon dentist who gave cash for live teeth and attended the poor gratis.

A stationer's shop advertised quill pens, the new steel pens and black sand for the use of writers. At a wheelwright's the new draughtsman—fore-runner of the bicycle—had been constructed and was being shown.

In Salem a shoe dealer called attention to a lot of shoes on which 20 per cent had been struck off at one clip because most of them have been worn."

In 1805 the Salem Register called attention to the silhouette shop as follows: "Moses Chapman informs the ladies and gentlemen of Salem that he has taken a shop next to Mr. Morgan's in North street, where he will take profiles in the newest and most elegant style. Two of one person for 25 cents, or if desired he will paint and shade them for 75 cents."

Come Nature's Hint.

There was a tender light on the girl's face as she stood looking at the sunset. The young man who was supposed to be enjoying the view with her, but who was in reality lost in rapturous contemplation of her, almost feared to breathe lest he should disturb the ecstasy of the moment for her. By and by she sighed a deep sigh of utter contentment and turned to him.

"Thank you so much for bringing me to this lovely place," she said. "I know now exactly what shade of blue goes with crimson and I have the plan of a stunning afternoon gown in my mind."

Half Better Than None.

At a dinner party the other night a handsome young physician had been particularly brilliant and entertaining. As the ladies were leaving the table cigars were passed around and accepted by all the male guests with the exception of the doctor. His host looked at him in amazement.

"What—don't you smoke, doctor?" he asked. "Why, my dear man, you lose half your dinner by refusing."

"I know that," replied the asthmatic scientist, "but if I did smoke I'd lose all of it. Please excuse me."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

Dear Tea.

The earliest mention of tea by an English speaking writer is probably that contained in a letter from Wickham, an agent of the East India company, written from Firado, Japan, on June 27, 1615, to Eaton, another agent of the company resident at Macao, asking for a pot of the "best sort of chaw." It was not till 1650 or thereabouts that the English began to use tea to any considerable extent—and with reason, the price of tea in England ranging from \$30 to \$50 per pound.

Just the Place.

Irate Landlord (to couple who are taking a lovers' walk on his property).—Now, then, can't you read? Amorous Youth—Oh, yes, we can read.

Irate Landlord—Then go to the end of this road and read the sign there.

Amorous Youth—We have read it! It says, "Private," and that is just why we came down here.

## WOOL AND MOHAIR

CHAS. SCHREINER, BANKER.

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Individual responsibility Three Million Dollars.

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Your Patronage Solicited.  
Will buy hides.

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BOOT AND SHOE MAKER,  
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CHARGES REASONABLE.  
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Give your orders to me for baling your hay. Prompt attention and satisfaction guaranteed.  
ED. FLESTER  
Sonora, Texas.

## Martin Commission Co.,

THE LAND AND LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MEN,  
SONORA, TEXAS.

Is offering for sale a number of ranches, and has on his list Cows, Stock Cattle, Steers of all ages, Sheep and Goats.  
In fact if you want to buy or sell anything in the "Paradise" give me a call or write me.

## BUILD NOW.

Lumber at San Angelo at San Angelo prices or at Sonora with freight added from the wagons. From the yard in small quantities the cost of handling is added. Let me figure on your bill.

**B. F. BELLOWES,**  
Lumber, Sonora, Texas.

**Beck's**  
BEER  
WHO CAN BEAT IT?  
SAN ANTONIO BREWING ASSN.

**PRACTICALLY READY FAT STOCK SHOW**

Preparations For the Sixteenth Annual Exhibit

ARE VIRTUALLY FINISHED

Premium List, Which Totals Some Thifty Thousand Dollars, Bound to Attract a Mighty Array of the Leading Exhibitors.

J. A. Stafford, secretary-manager of the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, announces that practically all preparations have been completed for the sixteenth annual exhibit, which will be held at the stockyards, North Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912, and it will from every standpoint far surpass all previous livestock shows held in the southwest.

The premium list, which this year totals about \$30,000 covering more than 1500 prizes, will attract more exhibitors from a larger area than ever before gathered together in this section of the country. This means that where there were six thousand exhibits last year, there will be fully eight thousand in 1912, and these exhibits will represent the cream of the pure-bred herds of the United States. A strong inducement is also being offered to prospective exhibitors in the form of greatly increased facilities, many improvements having been added to all departments.

The preliminary catalogue, which has already been issued, covers all standard breeds of horses, mules, breeding and show cattle, sheep and hogs, is the most creditable classification booklet ever published by this institution. The various livestock breeders' associations are again offering liberal premiums for winners in their respective classes and many other special prizes are being offered by the packing houses and other firms and individuals.

Aside from being the largest educational exposition of its kind in the southwest, the Fat Stock Show has come to be known by the stockmen throughout the entire west as the greatest sale show in America. For years the farmers and cattlemen of Texas and surrounding territory have looked upon "Fat Stock Show Week" as their annual vacation-time; the one week of the year that they can drop their work, forget their affairs at home, and take their families to Fort Worth for a grand celebration. They know that this is their one opportunity of the year to see the largest and finest collection of pure-bred stock exhibited in this section; their one opportunity to purchase or sell their standard bred stock, and their one opportunity of the year to meet and mingle with many of their old friends and acquaintances. Fort Worth stands with open arms to receive the big-hearted and jovial friends from the ranch and farm, and each year citizens endeavor to surpass all previous efforts to make their visitors stay the most pleasurable and memorable occasion of their lives.

It is believed that all records for attendance will be broken at the 1912 show, and the people of Fort Worth, accordingly, are preparing to elaborately entertain the increased crowds, and this show will mark the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the livestock development of the great southwest.

There is a constantly growing demand for the increased crowds, and this show will mark the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the livestock development of the great southwest. The annual exhibition of pure-bred stock at the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show has acted as a spur to those among the stockmen and farmers who at first failed to realize the tangible value and economic significance of better livestock. This show affords opportunities for contrasts and comparisons and the bettering of conditions through competition.

**BOVINIANS REORGANIZE.**

The Mystic Knights of Bovinia reorganized recently, electing Jim Callan, (former president of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association) Ranch Boss, and preparations are now under way to receive and entertain the Cattle Raisers when they hold their next annual convention at Fort Worth, 19-21, inclusive. The National Feeders' and Breeders' Show will also be held in Fort Worth at that time, opening on March 18, and closing March 23, and it is expected that fully 100,000 visitors will attend during the week. For years past it has been the custom of the bovinians of Fort Worth to raise large sums of money to entertain their friends, the cattle men of the Southwest, every year their convention was held in that city. This year more money was raised than ever before, the thousands of Cattlemen and week of March 18th can rest assured that they will be entertained most royally. In addition to all the elaborate "blow-outs" to be given in honor of the cattle men, there will be any number of special amusement "stunts" pulled off each day, and everything possible will be done to show the visitors the time of their lives.

**Nineteen Miles a Second**

without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do those who take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No griping, no distress, just through work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25c at Nathans Pharmacy.

Clean up. Have civic pride.

**NIGHT HORSE SHOW IS LEADING EVENT**

By Far Outclasses Like Affairs In This Section.

ANIMALS ARE PURE BRED

Practically All of the Blue-Ribbon Equines in the United States Are to Be Found Competing For the Tempting Prizes.

The Night Horse Show, which is held regularly in connection with the annual Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth, is by far the leading amusement feature of the entire event. The grand display of pure-bred animals far outclasses all other horse shows of this section of the country, and it is properly placed in a class with the three other horse exhibitions of National reputation: The Madison Square Garden at New York City, The International at Chicago and the Royal at Kansas City. The three and the Fort Worth Horse Show are looked upon as the four largest and best events of their kind in America. The National Feeders' and Breeders' Association, Fort Worth and Texas in general are proud of this fact, and they always exert their best efforts to make each succeeding show outshine all previous ones. Their success will be proven by the coming Horse Show, which will be held each night during the next National Feeders' and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912. At this show practically all of the blue-ribbon horses of the United States will be entered for competition and the contents for the big prizes in all classes will be exciting and interesting. Premiums will be offered in virtually all of the classes heretofore provided and many new classes will be added to include some novel and unique exhibits.

The gait, carriage and manners of the horses will be taken more strictly into account this year and it will be interesting to note the contrasting characteristics of these aristocratic and beautiful animals.

All of the largest and most noted stables of America will be represented and there will be many exhibitors who have never before shown their horses at Fort Worth.

Like the day show, the Horse Show is a great educational exhibition, and with the official program as a guide, patrons can learn many interesting things about the horse family. This, at first, may seem unimportant to the average individual, but if you attend this horse show, you will want to learn all you can about the many breeds and individual characteristics of the horse. From time immemorial the horse has been more admired and more in demand than all other domestic animals combined, and as far as usefulness and beauty are concerned, no other member of the animal kingdom can compare with him.

A collection of the purest bred prize-winners, such as will be shown at the 1912 horse show, will be a rare and pleasing sight and whether one is directly interested in horses or not, one will be repaid a hundred times for attending. Not only horsemen and stockmen, but thousands of other citizens, representing all walks of life, turn out each night to see this grand display of thorough-bred animals, and to hear the musical selections which are rendered at each performance. Just as the day show has long been recognized as the greatest sale show in America, so the night horse show is known throughout the country as the one real horse show of the south and southwest, and the leading society and beauty are concerned, the largest enclosure of its kind south of Kansas City, seating seven thousand five hundred people, is always packed each night.

**SWINE DEPARTMENT.**

Meat or Market Hogs Will Be Elaborately Featured.

By the classifications in the preliminary catalogue it can be seen that meat or market hogs will be featured in the Swine Department of the coming National Feeders' and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912. Big premiums are offered for hogs in car lots, hogs in pens or five and single barrels, including the following breeds: Tamworth, Berkshire, Poland, China, Essex, Duroc-Jersey, Hampshire and Yorkshire. Special prizes are also offered by the American Berkshire Association, American Poland China Record, National Duroc Association, Armour and Swift and others. Such inducements as these will undoubtedly attract the largest and most comprehensive collection of swine ever exhibited in this section of the country.

The Fat Stock Show management is offering special inducements to junior hog raisers and they have been urgently invited to enter their pigs for competition in the 1912 show. Several clubs in Texas and Louisiana have already signified their intentions of participating in the contest in the regular men's classes, and they will also compete for the special premiums offered to them exclusively. This being the first year the future farmers have shown stock at the Fat Stock Show, their exhibits will be a big drawing card for the show. The Swine Department, as a whole, will be much larger and better than last year and should attract a far greater number of visitors.

**HORSE DEPARTMENT.**

Of all the attractions at the coming National Feeders' and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912, none will prove more interesting and entertaining than the Horse Department. To this department is due more largely than probably to any other the credit for the enormous attendance each year, and as the Horse Exhibits of the 1912 Show will be far more numerous than at any previous exhibition at Fort Worth, they will accordingly attract a much larger crowd of visitors.

**Town Lots.**

For town lots, closest in, largest size, highest up, or lower down See T. D. Newell, owner, 54 1/2 Sonora, Texas.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you

**COME IN NOW.**

**TO REDUCE THE STOCK**  
We are offering  
**SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS**  
In Many Lines of Dry Goods  
Clothing, Boots, Shoes,  
Hats, Underware, Etc.  
**COME IN AND ASK**

**E. F. Vander Stucken Co.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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.

**TAX ASSESSOR.**  
Geo. J. Trainer, 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.

**COUNTY TREASURER.**  
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 re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you

**Devoe Takes Least Gallons Always.**

Paint Devoe; it's the cheapest paint in the world; never mind the price; it may or may not be more. Less gallons will paint the house; and the paint will outwear anything.

Skip wear; you've got to wait, to find that out. It covers more; you haven't got to wait to find that out.

It's the cheapest of all; no matter about the price.

N. B. Watkins, Lott, Texas, used 13 gallons on his house before; bought 13 gallons Devoe for the same house and had 6 left.

C. B. Edwards, of Edwards & Broughton, printers, Raleigh, N. C. used 30 gallons Devoe on his house; bought 30 gallons Devoe for the same and had 16 left.

That's how.

Sold by E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

**Must Make Quarterly Reports.**

Washington, March 1.—The comptroller of the currency has issued an order requiring national banks which have loans in excess of the limit prescribed by law to undergo quarterly examinations instead of semi-annual ones until such banks are re-established on their regular footing. The comptroller has for the past year been gradually tightening the regulation of national banks with the result that fewer failures are reported every year.

Do you know that all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need to fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to. Most of these are known as germ diseases. Pneumonia and consumption are among them. Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can? For sale by all Dealers.

**Oklahoma For Roosevelt.**

Oklahoma City, March 9.—With only nine counties with small delegations to hear from out of the sixty-eight counties in Oklahoma, which held either county conventions or precinct caucuses on Saturday, there is every indication that Roosevelt will win with ease in the State convention to be held in Guthrie March 14. Thirty-two counties have instructed for Roosevelt with a total of 237 delegates, while only nineteen have instructed for Taft, with 137 delegates. Nine have not reported and eight counties will hold caucuses this week.

When you have rheumatism in your foot or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all Dealers.

**Notice to The Public.**

Having been delegated and empowered by Mrs. Winnie R. Aldwell and Marv Luna Jackson to represent them and their interests in the estate of E. R. Jackson, witherwith give notice to all parties interested in said estate or having claims against said estate, to file said claims with us at Sonora, Texas in the next fifteen days, and we now give notice to all parties interested in said estate by note or otherwise that we are the sole and only persons authorized to collect said notes or money due said estate and any persons so indebted paying same to any person other than those of the undersigned are hereby notified that they make such payment at their risk. Mr. G. W. Shield, a member of the undersigned Board of Commissioners, has been placed in charge of the ranches belonging to the estate of E. R. Jackson deceased, and also the live stock, and any person having cattle, sheep, mules, horses, hogs, goats or any other live stock the same being the property of said estate, are hereby notified that Mr. G. W. Shield is the only person authorized to handle or receive such live stock in any way whatsoever or make disposition of same.

(Signed)

C. B. HUDSPETH,  
G. W. SHIELD,  
W. L. ALDWELL,  
JAMES CORNELL.

Commissioners for the Estate of E. R. Jackson, deceased.

February, 27th, 1912.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south of Sonora, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

J. T. Evans, Sr.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

D. B. CUSENBARY,  
Sonora, Texas.

**Children**

to live at... should... bottle of... CREAM VERMIN... approved remedy... worms have been driven... child grows strong, robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by All Druggists.

**CATTLE DEPARTMENT.**

Hundreds Will Be Seen at Fort Worth's Great Event.

The purest-bred, most aristocratic ladies, gentlemen and children of the bovine family will desert themselves, done up in their best rib and tucker at the great exhibition of the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912. This will be the greatest show ever held in the south or southwest, and the entry lists show that more cattle and better cattle of the standard beef breeds will be on view and compete for the grand prizes, than ever before. The honor of winning a blue ribbon, at the Fort Worth Show is so well recognized that all of the great breeders in the country enter up to the keenest competition for them. But the big breeders do not always win them. The small breeder, if he produces or shows a better individual than his big competitor, is sure of the honor.

This competition makes for a grand exhibit, which this year will be more complete, instructive, and full of interest not alone to the experienced breeders, but to all those who are interested in the great question of food supplies.

It is a revelation to those who have never attended the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth to see the intelligent effort of these breeders of standard cattle to make two pounds of beef grow where only one grew before. The individuals are groomed to a nicety and their assembly in the show-ring, and their exhibition in their stalls, as they are shown to visitors by courteous attendants, make of the show an exhibition every man, woman and child will want to see. While there will be a big increase in the number of entries from the northern states, Texas and Oklahoma will send more cattle than were ever before exhibited at Fort Worth.

**PATHOLOGICAL DISPLAY.**

There Will Be Nothing Better From Educational Standpoint.

From an educational standpoint, no exhibit at the coming National Feeders' and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912, will be more interesting to an intelligent public than the Pathological display, which will be shown on the east side of the Coliseum. This unusual exhibit will be furnished by the Fat Stock Show management by Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington, and will be in charge of Dr. R. F. Eagle, inspector in charge of this territory. This exhibit will consist of an enormous refrigerator, in which will be specimens of diseased meats of all kinds. A special representative of the department will be present to explain the display and the steps being taken by the United States government to prevent diseased meats from reaching the consumers and to prevent the spread of such diseases among both meat-producing and dairy animals. He will demonstrate the lesions of disease found in food-producing animals, showing what classes of meat are condemned by the Federal inspectors at the packing houses. This commendable work of the department is meeting with great success all over the United States and the people of the Southwest will be fortunate indeed in having an opportunity to witness this wonderful demonstration. The exhibit will especially charge of livestock raisers and consumers of fresh meat and dairy products. Short lectures will be delivered each day by an able scientist from Washington, and in charge will be made for either his lecturers or the exhibit.

**POULTRY SHOW.**

Attractive Exhibition Building Has Been Erected For This Purpose.

At a special meeting recently the executive committee of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon Association arranged for an attractive exhibition building which has been erected on the Fat Stock Show grounds. In which the big annual Poultry Show will be held. This building, which is a substantial structure 36 by 40 feet, will accommodate about 2000 birds.

The Poultry Show will be held in connection with the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, March 18-23, 1912, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon Association.

Some of the most noted bird-fanciers of the United States will bring their best prize-winners, and the collection will be the largest and most costly ever shown in the southwest. Fully two thousand fowls including chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and pigeons will be on display; and among the states represented will be: Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Arizona, New Jersey, New York, Maine, and practically all of the states of the "Old South."

The committee in charge composed of: M. C. Allison, secretary of the association, W. J. Newcomb and L. C. Malone, has completed every arrangement for the event. There will be a large list of special prizes, and, in addition to these, prizes will be offered in all classes common to an exposition of this character.

This being the largest exhibition of poultry ever held in connection with the Fat Stock Show, it will prove one of the feature attractions.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM DAILY.**

The management of the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive, will arrange special programs to suit the various days, on which excursions will be run from the various sections of the country. For instance, special features of amusement, entertainment, and education will be provided for "West Texas Day," "North Texas and Oklahoma Day," and so on, and programs for these days will be of especial interest to the people of the sections named. It is devoted to the entertaining of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, and Texas Boys' and Girls' Western Farmers' and Ranchers from the North and Southwest, and doubtless prove to be the week's program.

**CHILDREN**

to live at... should... bottle of... CREAM VERMIN... approved remedy... worms have been driven... child grows strong, robust. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by All Druggists.

**MAMMOTH PREMIUM LIST.**

Attracting Exhibitors Never Before Entering.

The preliminary catalogue, which has been issued by the National Feeders' and Breeders' Association for the 1912 show to be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive, contains about 1500 premiums valued at approximately \$30,000, and is one of the most creditable classifications booklets ever published by this association. It covers practically all breeds of livestock common to the southwest, and also admits many foreign breeds. Prizes are offered for virtually all classes of breeding and beef cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules, and valuable special premiums are also offered by the various horse, cattle and swine associations, packing houses and individuals. This enormous premium list is attracting exhibitors who have never before shown stock at Fort Worth, and the number of exhibits at the 1912 show will reach the eight thousand mark, or an increase of two thousand over last year. With the advent of the Fat Stock Show sixteen years ago, southwestern stockmen realized that something must be done to improve their stock, in order that they might more successfully compete with their northern neighbors, consequently thousands of dollars were expended in importing pure-bred bulls, stallions and boars, which were scattered all over the country; and with this new blood, southwestern stock has been raised to such a standard that it not only carries off some of the best prizes at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, but figures prominently in the livestock exhibitions throughout the country.

Such an institution at the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, which has done and is still doing so much for the country, should be given the moral and financial support of not only the stockmen and farmers, but of the entire population of the southwest, for the success of this exhibition means a larger prize list each year, more buildings, increased facilities for exhibitors and more and better amusements for visitors. The faster this institution grows, the more rapidly will grow the livestock industry in this section, so let every man, woman and child in the southwest attend the 1912 show in March, and by so doing, not only make this event the most successful ever held but enjoy one solid week of pleasure and education.

**RAILROADS, HOTELS AND STREET CAR SERVICE.**

All railroads leading into Fort Worth will put on unusually low rates during the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show to be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, inclusive; this rate to be in effect not only from all points in Texas, but from interstate points as well. This was agreed upon at a joint meeting of the general freight and passenger agents, which was held in Galveston, January 10. Persons desiring to attend the Fat Stock Show this year, no matter where they live, may go to Fort Worth at very nominal expense. The Fat Stock Show this year will be held on Homeowners' Week, and the show management has arranged with the roads putting on homeowners' rates to have all trains stopped at Fort Worth, in order that the passengers may visit the show before continuing to their various destinations.

Since the 1911 Fat Stock Show, a number of new first-class hotels have been erected in Fort Worth, and with these others already open, the city is now prepared to comfortably accommodate the increased crowds which will attend this year. There will be no increase in rates at any of the hostleries and special preparation will be made to accommodate the visitors. Street car service between the depots and the show grounds will be more efficient than ever before, and, in fact, everything possible will be done for the convenience and accommodation of visitors.

**LAND SHOW.**

Exhibits to Be Secured From Every Portion of the State.

In order to make the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 18-23, 1912, more attractive to a greater number of people, the management is adding many new features of entertainment, amusement and education. One of the most important of these new features will be a Land or Agriculture Show. In preparing for this attraction the management is being given the hearty assistance of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Real Estate Exchange, and live business men throughout the state of Texas, and exhibits will be secured from all parts of the state, especially the northern, western and central sections. A space in the big Coliseum, more than 200 feet in length and fifteen feet in width, will be reserved for agricultural exhibits and the aisles and ceiling of the entire west side of the building will be elaborately decorated for the occasion. This display will be a beautiful and instructive demonstration of the agricultural possibilities of the state, and patrons will be enabled to get a glance, a concrete idea of the agricultural products raised in several sections of imperial Texas.

The Fat Stock Show will be held on Homeowners' Week, in which thousands of visitors will be attracted to the show from the North and Texas Boys' and Girls' Western Farmers' and Ranchers from the North and Southwest, and doubtless prove to be a valuable and accurate information.

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Tuition reasonable. Excellent boarding facilities for non-resident pupils. See or write

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### Sonora Club House

The building of the Sonora Club Hall is assured.

A convenient piece of property has been obtained at a very low rate.

The payment for the lot has been practically assured by subscription of persons who are not members of the Club but who realize that a live community means something to them, if they are in business or depending upon business.

Everything is going along nicely. The Sonora Club has a membership of more than 40. Thirty of the members have been seen and they have agreed to the actions of the Clubs Committee. Each member of the Club agrees to pay \$10 when the lumber is on the ground and there is where the business move comes in. All the business men derive benefit; the clerks employed hold their jobs, and, as it takes all kinds to make a world Sonora will continue to stay on the map.

The building the Club proposes to erect will be 5x50 feet, the floor of maple.

The Court House floor outside the railing is about 40x40 so you can estimate what the Sonora Club Hall will look like.

The most common cause of insomnia is disorders of the stomach. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets correct these disorders and enable you to sleep. For sale by All Dealers.

### A Card of Thanks.

To the good people of Sonora who gave and to those who offered to give their kind assistance during the serious illness of our dear one, we express our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Strackbein.

J. T. Evans of the Fort Terrett ranch was in Sonora Friday.

Sam McKee brought his brother John McKee up from Rookspring-Friday on a short visit.

John W. Sikel Smith, Greensboro Pa., has three children, and like most children they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by All Dealers.

Hige Smith returned home Wednesday from a visit to his sister at Clovis, N.M. Hige says it was too cold up there for him.

Sid Martin and family of San Angelo have moved to Sonora. Mr. Martin for the present will assist Rome Shields with the handling of the Jackson cattle.

Mrs. W. L. Aldwell returned Wednesday from a business visit to San Angelo and San Antonio. She was accompanied on her return by Miss Lois Taylor of San Antonio who will be her guest for a short time.

B. M. Halbert of Sonora was in San Angelo a few days this week on business. Mr. Halbert is sheep inspector of Sutton county and engaged in the raising of cattle, sheep, Angora goats and advises the building of wolf proof fences.

B. F. Bellows has the contract to erect for Roy E. Aldwell, assistant cashier of the First National Bank a four roomed bungalow on his lot in East Sonora just across the bridge on Concho avenue. The building will cost about \$2,000. The cottage now on the site will be moved to another location.

Dr. O. D. Smith returned this week from a visit to the ranch of his brother W. B. Smith 23 miles this side of Del Rio--on Devil's River, at the mouth of Satan Creek--Now what do you know about that? The Doctor however reports that W. B. has bought the Skinner place adjoining the previous purchase at \$2.85 per acre consisting of 8 sections. This giving Mr. Smith, his son Sam, his son-in-law Charlie Johnson, Felix Reynolds; and James Reynolds about 24 sections in a body on the banks of Devil's River.

### Repels Attract of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This startling statement was made by Sullman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." It is folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Nathan's Pharmacy.

Paul Turney who has been attending school at San Angelo is back home on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Turney.

Take HERBINE for indigestion. It relieves the pain in a few minutes and forces the fermented matter which causes the misery into the bowels where it is expelled. Price 50c. Sold by All Drug Stores.

Walter Wyatt has been with Bill Clark and Burche, brothers the well drillers on Devil's River for several months arrived home this week.

### PROGRAM FOR THE B. Y. P. U.

March 10 3 P. M.

Leader Mrs. Parkerson

Subject. Some elements of Religion.

Prayer.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Scripture Reading Psalm 57: 7-17. by Leader.

Song.

(Matt. 6: 9-13) by Mrs. Turney

Paper on, "What is prayer."

Quarterly Paragraph 1, by Miss Marion Woodford.

Paper on why we should pray.

Quarterly Paragraph 2, by Mrs. B. F. Mackle.

Paper on how to pray. Quarterly paragraph 3, by Maggie Pfeister.

Song.

Talk on prayer by Mr. Woodford.

Song by Mrs. G. G. Stevenson and Ray Davis.

Recitation, Bettie Brown.

Song.

Select Reading by Rowena Smith.

Song.

Recitation, by Violet Stanley.

Song.

Sword Drill.

Song.

Free will Offering

Dismissal.

Every one is cordially invited to attend.

### Curious News.

comes from Dr. J. T. Curtiss, Dwight, Kan. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of eczema in my patients with Electric Bitters, but also cured myself by them of the same disease. I feel sure they will benefit any case of eczema." This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is a most effective blood purifier. It is an excellent remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidney and bowels, expels poison, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50 cts. Satisfaction guaranteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

Bert Bellows circulated a paper Wednesday for the purpose of purchasing a lot for the Sonora Club Hall. Practically all who subscribed are not members of the Sonora Club but believe in assisting the efforts of those who are trying to build the auditorium. The Club is thankful to the following for the assistance given:

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| T. B. Adams  | 5.00  |
| Sonora Mercantile Co.                              | 5.00  |
| W. M. Holland                                      | 2.50  |
| G. E. Walker                                       | 1.00  |
| George Trainer                                     | 1.00  |
| C. W. Steel  | 1.00  |
| Robert Anderson                                    | 5.00  |
| San Angelo Telephone Co.                           | 2.50  |
| L. L. Craddock                                     | 2.50  |
| C. B. Wardlaw                                      | 1.00  |
| Paul Turner  | 1.00  |
| Henry Decker                                       | 1.00  |
| Cole & White                                       | 1.00  |
| Earl Denman  | 1.00  |
| Roy Glasecock                                      | 1.00  |
| Willie Keeton                                      | 1.00  |
| B. F. Bellows one lot west Sonora Trainer Brothets | 5.00  |
| S. R. Hull   | 1.00  |
| H. V. Karnes                                       | 3.00  |
| Mrs. Jossie McDonald                               | 10.00 |
| Max Vander Stucken                                 | 1.00  |
| Fred Berger  | 1.50  |
| Robbie Holland                                     | 1.00  |
| Mrs. Laur Decker                                   | 5.00  |
| R. A. Sims   | 1.00  |
| S. L. Merck  | 1.00  |
| M. F. Jopling                                      | 0.50  |
| H. P. Allison                                      | 1.00  |
| H. Thiers  | 1.00  |
| W. C. Bryson                                       | 2.50  |
| Phillips Music Club                                | 5.00  |
| G. M. McDonald                                     | 2.50  |

Jim Witcher of Ballinger, was visiting friends in Sonora this week.

Claud Stites merchant and postmaster at Owenville, was a business visitor in Sonora this week.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by All Dealers.

H. B. Stronwyder who is with the oil well drillers on the Wheat ranch was in Sonora this week for supplies.

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## AUCTION SALE

49 Registered Herefords 49

From the Herds of three of the most successful breeders in Texas. Messrs. H. C. BUNGER, Ruth, Texas; Joe Eiddings, Ruth, Texas; and V. B. LATHAM, Eden, Texas. Sale to be at

**MENARD, TEXAS, APRIL 6th, 1912.**

The lot includes 49 head of fine, healthy. Registered Herefords, (there being 34 bulls and 15 females, consigned as follows:—

**13 Bulls, H. C. BUNGER, Ruth, Texas, 5 Bulls, Joe EIDDINGS, Ruth, Texas,**

**16 Bulls and 15 Cows and Heifers. V. B. LATHAM, Eden, Texas.**

Twenty-five bulls two and three years old, and nine bulls from twelve months to sixteen months old. Seven cows and eight heifers. Five cows have calves on foot.

Ranchmen, do not fail to attend this sale, as it will give you the opportunity to secure the best in Herefords obtainable. And these cattle are already acclimated, so that you run no risk in taking them to your home ranches.

Remember the date and place of sale

**MENARD, APRIL 6th, 1 p.m.**

### STOCK NEWS.

See ball goods at the Corner Drug Store.

T. B. Adams sold to Harry Sharp 600 yearling goats at \$2.35

E. F. & Alfred Vander Stucken sold to C. C. Yaws 400 bred ewes, wool on, Vander Stucken pick at \$4.00

Suits ordered at a 10 per cent discount for cash in advance. The Sonora Pantitorium.

Lee Russel of Ft. Worth bought from Ira Wheat 1200 head of steers four years and up at \$40 per head to be delivered at Menard.

Menard is a good live town be there on April 6 and buy some of the registered Herefords offered by Bunger, Eddings and Latham.

Cooper & Gilbert of Sonora bought 90 head of steers, three and four from J. T. Shurley at satisfactory prices.

G. W. Whitehead & Sons of Sonora sold to Willis Latham 1000 cows, seven years old and up also 100 bulls at p. t. delivered at Merion or Menard.

Ed Wallace of Fort Worth bought 1800 head of steers four years and up from the Blue Hills Ranch Co. at \$37.50 per head. R. H. Martin the Commission man made the trade.

R. E. Taylor has bought from T. B. Adams 200 two year old muttons at \$3; from E. F. and Alfred Vander Stucken 1000 muttons, ones and twos at \$2.25 and \$3.00

Your attention is called to the auction sale of Registered Herefords to be held at Menard April 6. In this sale 34 bulls and 15 cows are offered. V. B. Latham of Eden, H. C. Bunger and Joe Eddings of Ruth, Coryell county are putting on this sale.

Quince Adams a stockman and farmer of the North Llano was in Sonora Tuesday on business. While the Adams raise their feed stuff by irrigation, they like the rest of the country are needing rain. Mr. Adams has a notice to owners of Herefords in this issue.

J. B. Blakeney former owner of the Corner Drug Store has bought a five section ranch 8 miles above Del Rio on the Rio Grande, known as the Walker place and 1350 five sheep a few horses and cows for \$14,000. This ranch is well improved and it is thought that Joe has made a good purchase.

### JACKS FOR SALE.

I have for sale 15 Jacks from 3 to 6 years old. They are of the J. K. Thomson stock. Can be seen at my place at Eldorado. CHARLIE WEST, Eldorado, Texas.

### For Sale or Trade for Mules or Goats.

I have two Jacks coming 4 year old, one 14 and one 15 hands standard measure, Big boned, good style, high headed, fat and ready for work. Guaranteed in every respect. Also 15 or 20 good mares 4 to 8 years old in foal to these Jacks.

For further particulars see or write, J. W. BABB, Rock Springs, Texas.

### Jennet Owners.

We are the owners of the Big Black Missouri Jack formerly owned by G. S. Allison named "John." Many enquiries were made about this Jack last year and we take this means of letting Jennet owners know that his service will be available for Jennets after June 1st at our ranch of the North Llano. No Mares taken. Fees \$25 the season with privilege of return.

Quince & Mat Adams, P. O. Roosevelt, Texas.

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**Harold McGrath.**  
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**DIAMOND CUTTING.**  
The Secret That Was Revealed to Berquem in a Dream.  
The first cutting of a diamond was done over four centuries ago. The ancients knew nothing of the hidden beauty of the stone called by Seneca "the sage whose impossibility nothing can conquer." But even in the rough the diamond won the favor of princes, and very gradually experiments revealed some of its fires. Until the fourteenth century enamelled buttons were the chief articles of jewelry.

were something mostly and generally put up in bottles, and emptied on splendid, blustery days. Still, they wouldn't have been human if they had not done some romancing.  
There were a dozen yarns, each at variance with the other. First, the old "monseer" was a fugitive from France; everybody granted that. Second, that he had helped to cut off King Louis' head; but nobody could prove that. Third, that he was a retired pirate, but retired pirates always wound up their days in riotous living, so this theory died. Fourth, that he had been a great soldier in the Napoleonic wars, and this version had some basis, as the old man's face was slashed and cut, some of his fingers missing, and he limped. Again, he had been banished from France for a share in the Hundred Days. But all told, nothing was proved conclusively.

In the beginning of the fourteenth century, when the price of enamels fell so low as to bring the decorated buttons within the reach of all purses, enameling lost the favor of the fine world and buttons of gold and silver ornamented with pearls, diamonds and colored stones took the place of the enamels. The finest of the stones then known was a diamond—a formless mass the size of a pigeon's egg—a gem worn on great occasions by the king of Portugal.

All these things Fitzgerald and his companion learned from the driver on the journey up the incline.  
"Where was this Frenchman buried?" inquired Breitmann softly.  
"In the cemetery just over the hill. But nobody knows just where he is now. Stone's gone, and the ground's all level that end." He was only a Frenchman. But the admiral, now you're talking! He pays cash and don't make no bargain rates when he wants a job done. Go wan, y' ol' nag. What y' dreamin' of?"

At that time one of the important jewel merchants of Bruges was served by a clerk who was a native of Flanders—a young man named Louis de Berquem, who was deep in hopeless love with his master's daughter. Young Berquem was on the verge of despair when one night, as he was hanging up his apron and preparing to go home to his attic, he saw his master bending above his bench groaning at the uselessness of his labor. When de Berquem asked, "Can I do something for you before I go?" the master sneered:

"There might be history in that corner of the graveyard," said Breitmann.  
"Who knows? Good many strange bits of furniture found their way over here during those tremendous times. Beautiful pieces in the daytime, eh?" Fitzgerald added with an inclination toward the Pines.  
"More like an Italian villa than an Englishman's home. Good gardeners, I should say."  
"Culture and money will make a bog attractive."  
"Is the admiral cultured, then?"  
"I should imagine so. But I am sure the daughter is. The admiral, I believe, occupies himself with his books, his butterflies and his cruises."  
"A daughter. She is cultured, you say? So long as she is not capricious and does not interfere with my work?"  
"Or peace of mind," interrupted Fitzgerald, with prophetic suddenness, which was modified by laughter.  
"No, my friend; no woman has ever yet stirred my heart, though many have temporarily captured my senses. A man in my position has no right to love," with a dignity which surprised his auditor.

From that hour the boy thought of nothing but to find means of conquering the hardness of the diamond. All day he did the bidding of his master; all night he sat on a rough bench in his attic trying in vain to make some impression on a stone stolen from the workroom. One night he fell asleep at his bench and dreamed that an angel said to him: "Iron is the master cutter; steel is iron purified. Take the file, get powder; take thy steel and powder it, then cut!"  
Berquem awoke. He fixed two diamonds in a vise, filed like mad and collected the fallen dust. That done, he made a set of little wheels and with wheels well powdered with diamond dust set to work to win a fortune. Some days later he stood before his master, and in his outstretched palm lay a brilliant whose facets gleamed with light. Mystery states that Berquem kept the secret of his invention until he won his fortune and his bride. His first customer was Charles the Bold, whose great rough diamond was the first royal jewel cut.—Harper's Weekly.

Fitzgerald looked down at the wheels. There was something even more than dignity, an indefinable something, a superiority which Fitzgerald's present attitude of mind could not approach.  
"This man," he mused, "will afford some interesting study. One would think that nothing less than a grand duke was riding in this rattling old carryall." There was silence for a time.  
"How long will you be here?" asked Breitmann.  
"Can't say. Three or four days perhaps. It all depends. What shall I say about you to them?"  
"As little as possible."  
"And that's really about all I could say," with a suggestion.  
But the other failed to meet the suggestion halfway.  
"You might forget about my ragged linen in Paris," he said.  
"I'll omit that," good naturedly.  
"Come, be cheerful. Fortune's wheel will turn, and it pulls up as well as down. Remember that."  
"I must be on the ascendency, for I am at the nadir just at present." He breathed in the sweet freshness which still clung to the morning and settled his shoulders like a recruiting sergeant.  
"How well the man has studied his English!" thought Fitzgerald. He rarely hesitated for a word, and his idioms were always nicely adjusted.

**A Deduction.**  
"What are you grouchily about?" asked the young man who wears his hat over one eye.  
"Your manners!" suggested Mr. Mildboy.  
"But you told me to make myself at home in your office."  
"True. And I was merely sympathizing with you. I am sure that with your aggressive style of speech and your general lack of repose your home life cannot be happy."—Washington Star.  
Quoting the Classics.  
"Dere ain't much use o' tryin' to run things all yer own way," said Bill, the super. "When luck cuts in it's no good losin' yer tongue an' tryin' to use force."  
"Seems to me I've heard something like that before," replied the stage hand.  
"Sure, you have. Do immortal Shakespeare puts it in one line. Dere's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough horse 'em as we may."—Exchange.  
Painful.  
"As a general thing," says a lawyer, "one doesn't expect to find a sense of humor in the employees of a prison. Yet I know of a rather catchy reply made by a prison guard to the query of a visitor whether the existence of the guards was not a painful one.  
"Painful!" echoed the guard. "I should say it was when you consider a number of felons who were on our hands."

**CHAPTER VII.**  
SOME BIRDS IN A CHIMNEY.  
It might be truthfully said that the tableau lasted as long as she willed it to last. Perhaps she read in the three masculine faces turned toward her a triangular admiration, since it emanated from three given points, and took from it a modest pinch for her vanity. Vain she never was. Still she was not without a share of vanity, that vanity of the artless, needing no sacrifices, which is graceful and appraised by a smile. It pleased her to know that she was lovely, and it doubled her pleasure to realize that her loveliness pleased others. She demanded no hearts. She craved no jewels, noattery.

She had an inherited love of the open. With almost unlimited funds under her own hand, she lived simply. She was never happy in smart society, though it was always making demands upon her. When abroad she was generally prowling through queer little shops instead of mingling with the dress parades on the grand hotel terraces. There was no great battle-field in Europe she had not trod upon. What she did not know of naval warfare her father did. They were very companionable. There was never any jealousy on the part of the admiral. Indeed, he was always grateful when some young man evinced a deep regard for his daughter. He would have her always, married or unmarried. He was rich enough, and the son-in-law should live with him. He was so assured of her good judgment he knew that whenever this son-in-law came along there would be another man in the family. He had long ceased to bother his head about the fickle buzzing of fortune hunters. He had been father and mother and brother to the child, and with wisdom. She smiled at her father, gave her hand to Fitzgerald, who found it warm and moist from the ride, and glanced inquiringly at Breitmann.

"My dear," said her father, "this is Mr. Breitmann, my new secretary."  
That gentleman bowed stiffly, and the scars faded somewhat when he observed that her hand was extended in welcome. This unconventionally rather confused him, and as he took the hand he almost kissed it. She understood the innocence of the gesture and saved him from embarrassment by withdrawing her hand casually.  
"I hope you will like it here," was the pleasant wish.  
"Thank you, I shall."  
"You are here?" quietly.  
"I was born in Barataria. Miss Killgrew."  
"The name should have told me," she excused herself.  
"Oh," thought Fitzgerald, with malicious exultation; "if she doesn't interfere with your work!"  
But with introspection this exultation grew suddenly dim. How about himself? Yes, here was a question that would bear some close inspection. Was it really the wish to capture a somewhat lumbering girl, he descended then and there not to prolong his visit more than three or four days, just to satisfy her that there was no ghost in the chimney. Then he would return to New York. He had no more right than Breitmann to fall in love with the daughter of a millionaire. Loving her was not impossible, but leaving at an early day would go toward lessening the probability. He was not afraid of Breitmann. He was forerunner enough to accept at once his place and to appreciate that he and this girl stood at the two ends of the world.

the bricks seemed for the most part undisturbed. Breitmann made the first discovery of any importance. Just above his head, standing in the chimney itself, he saw a single brick projecting beyond its mates. He reached up and shook it. It was loose. He wrenched it out and came back into the light.  
"See! Nothing less than a chisel could have cut the mortar that way. Miss Killgrew is right." He went back and with the aid of the tongs poked about the ceiling. The wall of bricks was four deep, yet the tongs went through. This business had been done from the other side.  
"Well," exclaimed the admiral, for once at loss for a proper phrase.  
"You see, father? I was right. Now, what can it mean? Who is digging out the bricks, and for what purpose? And how, with the alarms all over the house, to account for the footprints on the floor?"

"It is quite likely that something is hidden in the chimney and some one knows that it is worth hunting for. This chimney is the original, I should judge," Fitzgerald addressed this observation to the admiral.  
"Never been touched during my time or my father's. But we can see find out. I'll have a man up here. If there is anything in the chimney that ought not to be there he'll dig it out and save our midnight visitor any further trouble."  
"Why not wait a little while?" Fitzgerald ventured. "With Breitmann and me in the house we might trap the man."  
"A good scheme!"  
"He comes from the outside somewhere from the cellar probably. Let us try the cellar." Breitmann urged this with a gesture of his hands.  
"There'll be sport," said Fitzgerald. The coffee was cold in the cups when they returned to it. The cellar, as far as any one could learn, was free from any signs of recent invasion. It was puzzling.  
"And the servants?" Breitmann inquired.  
"They have been in the family for years." The admiral shook his head convincingly. "I ask your pardon, my dear. My cars are not so keen as might be. I'm an old blockhead to think that you were having an attack of ghosts. But we'll solve the riddle shortly, and then we shan't have any trouble with our alarm bells," with a significant glance at Fitzgerald. "Well, Mr. Breitmann, suppose we take a look at the work? Emma, you show Mr. Fitzgerald the gardeners. The view from the terrace is excellent."  
Fitzgerald stood silent, musing at the girl's side. To dwell in a haven like this—no care, no worry, no bother of

"Thanks to railways and steamships. It is beautiful here."  
"We are nearly always here in the summer. In the winter we cruise. But this winter we remained at home. It was splendid. The snow was deep, and often I joined the village children on their sleds. I made father ride down once. He grumbled about making a fool of himself. After the first slide I couldn't keep him off the hill. He wants to go to St. Moritz next winter." She laughed joyously.  
"I shall take the arctic trip," he said to himself irreverently.  
"Let us go and pick some apple blossoms. They last such a little while, and they are so pretty on the table. So you were in Napoleon's tomb that day? I have cried over the king of Rome's toys. Did Mr. Breitmann receive those scars in battle?"  
"Oh, no! It was a phase of his student life in Munich. But he has been under fire. He has had some hand in it." He wanted to add, "Poor devil!"  
"You fought with Greece?"  
"Yes."  
"What country always rouses our sympathy? Isn't there a Rikis, too much poetry and not enough truth about it?"  
"There is. I fought with the Greeks because I disliked them less than the Turks."  
"And Mr. Breitmann?"  
He smiled. "He fought with the Turks to chastise Greece, which is lovely."  
"What adventures you two must have had! To be on opposing sides like that!"  
"Opposing newspapers. The two angles of vision made our copy interesting. There was really no romance about it. It was purely a business transaction. We offered our lives and our pencils for a hundred a week and our expenses. Rather sordid side to it, eh? And a fourth rate order or two?"  
"You were decorated?" excitedly.  
"I am sure it was for bravery."  
"Don't you believe it. The king of Greece and the sultan both considered the honor conferred upon us as good advertising."  
"You are laughing."  
"Well, war in the Balkans is generally a laughing matter. Sounds brutal, I know, but it is true."  
"I know," gaily. "You are conceited and are trying to make me believe that you are modest."  
"A halibut?"  
"And this Mr. Breitmann has been decorated for valor? And yet today he becomes my father's private secretary. The two do not connect."  
"May I ask you to mention nothing of this to him? It would embarrass him. I had no business to bring him into it."  
She grew meditative, brushing her lips with the blossoms. "He will be overfond of mysteries outside of book covers."  
"There is really no mystery. But it is human for a man in his position to wish to bury his past greatness."  
By and by the sun touched the southwest shoulder of the hill, and the two strolled back to the house.  
From his window Breitmann could see them plainly.  
"Curse those scars!" he murmured, striking with his fist the discolored cheek which upon a time had been a source of pride and honor. "Curse them!"

**CHAPTER VIII.**  
THEY DRESS FOR DINNER.  
BREITMANN watched them as long as he could. There was no jealousy in his heart, but there was bitterness, discontent, a savage self-pitying. He was genuinely sorry that this young woman was so pretty. Still, he had the grace of Calypso, he must have come to the world to distract him, and he desired at that time distraction least of all diversions. Concentration and singleness of purpose—upon these two attributes practically hung his life. How strangely fate had stepped with him. What if there had not been that advertisement for a private secretary? How then should he have gained a footing in this house? Well, here he was, and speculation was of no value save in a congratulatory sense. The fly in the amber was the presence of the young American, Fitzgerald, shrewd and clever, might stumble upon something. Well, till against that time!  
"Pirates!" His laughter broke forth, not loudly, but deeply, fired by a broad and ready sense of humor—a perfunctory gift for a man who is seeking life hazards. It was droll; it was even fantastic. To speculate about the world in search of pirate treasures, as if there remained a single isle, shore, promontory, known to have been the haunt of pirates which had not been dug up and dug up again. And here, under the very hand—He struck his palms.  
"Why not?"  
He ran to the window. The sleek white yacht lay tugging at her cables like an eager bound in the beach. "See! Worthily from stem to stern. Why not? No better craft than this. I may not make you a good secretary, admiral, but the gods' provisions, I can, if needs say must, take you treasure hunting. It will be a fine stroke. Is it possible that fortune begins to smile on me at last? Well, I have had the patience to wait. The hour has come. The fortune shall not find me lagging. It has been something to wait as I have, never to have spoken, never to have forgotten. They have even tried to drive me to crime. Wait, fools, wait!"  
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