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TITLES IN GERMANY.

They Are Numerous and Varied and
Are Taken Very Seriously.

Title giving and title bearing in
Germany are made a serious busi-
ness. It is dangerous to assume one
that does not belong to you, and it
is almost equally dangerous to with-
hold one from a man to whom it
does belong.

The following is an address which
is probably written thousands of
times a week in Germany, since it
is a very due to a well known
office. See below that
of a minister of state:

"Highly Reverenced Mr. Real
Privy Councilor, Highly to Be Re-
verenced Mr. President."

The title councilor has four de-
grees, thus: Positive, councilor;
comparative, higher councilor; su-
perlative, real privy councilor; and
extra superlative, real privy coun-
cilor. Then to complicate matters
there are a hundred or more other
councilors, such as councilors of leg-
ation, councilors of state, sanitary
councilors, forest councilors and
town police councilors.

Titles of another class have to do
with the wearer's occupation. Thus
a Munich newspaper records the
death of Frau So-and-so, wife of the
"royal court theater color grinders'
assistant." In Bavarian newspapers
used to be found notices, inserted
by the persons themselves, of the
betrothal of So-and-so, "royal su-
pernumerary hay binder's daugh-
ter," or of So-and-so, "head bill-
poster's daughter."

When a royal personage dies his
body is spoken of with becoming
reverence as "the high corpse" or
the "most high corpse."

Much may be said in favor of the
German title system. For instance,
in Germany when a man takes a
prefix "doctor" he has a right to do
so. The title cannot have been
bought, begged or self created.
Moreover, one may be sure that he
has on his title in a university and
that a doctorate does not com-
e in an up-to-date reminiscence.

So, too, professors are such by
rank and right, conferred duly by
the state because deserved, for the
title cannot be assumed otherwise.
—New York Sun.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that, as Administrator of the
Estate of E. R. Jackson, deceased,
and in accordance with the Order
of Sale made in said estate by the
County Court of Sutton County,
Texas, on the 12th day of Septem-
ber, A. D. 1912, I will, on the 1st
day of October, A. D. 1912, being
the first Tuesday in said month,
between the hours of Ten o'clock
A. M. and Four o'clock P. M., be-
fore the Court House door of Sut-
ton County, Texas, sell at public
auction, to the highest bidder for
cash, all of the cattle belonging to
the estate of E. R. Jackson, de-
ceased, and in the several marks
and brands thereof, located and
ranging in the Counties of Sutton,
Edwards, Val Verde, Crockett, Sch-
leicher and other counties in the
State of Texas, said cattle consist-
ing of all the said cattle of said es-
tate which have not heretofore
been delivered to Russell & Ellis
and tally branded thus: [mark]

(Appear on the right hip
L. L. FARR,
Administrator of the Estate of E.
R. Jackson, Deceased.
Sonora, Texas, Sept. 12th, 1912.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all
trespassers on my ranch known as
the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles
south east of Sonora, and other
ranches owned and controlled by
me, for the purpose of cutting tim-
ber, hauling wood or hunting hogs
without my permission, will be
prosecuted to the full extent of
the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,
Sonora, Texas.

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trespassers on my ranch 12 miles
south of Sonora for the purpose of
cutting timber, hauling wood, hunt-
ing hogs or fishing without my
permission, will be prosecuted to
the full extent of the law.

O. T. WORD,
Sonora, Texas.

E. A. ...
PAINTER, HANGING,
SIGN WRITER.
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facts and you can form your own
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JANITORS IN VIENNA.

These Autocrats Are Paul Pry's, Tax
Collectors and Jailers.

The Viennese who does not wish
to be out of pocket must keep early
hours. After 10 o'clock at night he
is taxed on entering his own house
or apartment or, for the matter of
that, any house or apartment. The
"sperrgeld" or door opening tax is
not peculiar to Vienna, but is also
found in other capitals of Europe.

The 2,000,000 residents of the
Austrian capital are practically im-
prisoned in their own homes from
10 o'clock in the evening until 6 the
next morning. They may go in or
out only by paying the equivalent of
4 cents to the janitor or, as the
Austrians call him, the house mas-
ter.

Now, Vienna is built on the flat
or apartment house plan. Rich men
and working people alike live in
quarters of this kind. The houses
are large, having five or six floors,
usually with four flats on a floor,
so that not infrequently there will
be upward of 100 persons living un-
der one roof. There is a common
entrance from the street, and after
10 o'clock at night this door is
bolted and barred.

This tax must be met every time
one passes through the doorway.
There is no exception to this rule.
A man who has dined with a friend
must, if he stays late, pay 4 cents
to get out of his friend's house and
4 cents more to get into his own.
A telegram in the night calls for
the payment of the tax before the
messenger can enter.

It is the function of the house
master to keep duplicate copies of
forms, on which every individual
in the house must report to the po-
lice his age, birthplace and religion,
his exact occupation and other per-
sonal details that the Austrian au-
thorities insist on knowing. Nor
does the power of the Viennese
janitor end here. From the little
lookout that he occupies at the foot
of the stairs he sees every one that
goes in or out. He ascertains with
astounding accuracy the amount of
each tenant's income, the events of
his private life and the character
of his visitors.

In some apartment houses the
house master is more powerful than
in others. There is a case on record
in which an American resident was
obliged to move from an apartment
that he particularly liked for the
simple reason that he could not
venture to speak with any degree
of sharpness to the man at his door,
even when the janitor was remis-
sion in his duties.

The hat was owned by a railway
belonging to the state. This made
the house master a state official, to
insult whom is a very serious of-
fense in Austria. A reprimand for
delaying letters would be construed
into an insult, and the American
deemed it best to move to other
quarters. —New York Sun.

Madness in His Madness.

An Englishman traveling in Ger-
many kept constantly putting his
head out of the window of the rail-
way carriage until at length a gust
of wind blew away his hat. He im-
mediately took down his hatbox
and hurried it out of the window.
His German fellow travelers roared
with laughter.

"You don't expect your hatbox to
bring your hat back, do you?" one
of them asked.

"I do," said the Englishman. "No
name on the hat—full name and ad-
dress on the box. They'll be found
together, and I shall get both."

Familiarity and Contempt.

There is in a certain town a judge
who occasionally hits the drowsy
bowl until it puts him down and
out. One morning following an un-
usually swift encounter with the al-
coholic foe he appeared in his of-
fice sad and shaken up.

"How are you this morning,
Sam?" inquired a friend.

"Worse than I've ever been," re-
plied the judge, with a groan. "I'm
in bad at home. When I left the
house a little while ago the chil-
dren were calling me Sam and my
wife was addressing me as 'Mister.'"
—Popular Magazine.

A Family Jar.

A man and wife were having a
little family discussion. You know
the kind.

"I didn't get much of a man when
I married you," snarled the wife.

"Well, you wouldn't expect a high
class man to pick you out, would
you?" was the gentleman's come-
back.

And then the furniture began to
cry. —Exchange.

More Than She Asked.

She—If we are going to be mar-
ried you must give up smoking. He
—Yes. She—And drinking, and
your clubs. He—Yes. She—Now,
don't anything else suggest itself
to you that you will give up of your
own accord? He—Yes. She—
What? He—All idea of marrying
you.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR
BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS

A FINLAND MARKET.

The Emotional Drama of the Sale of a
Bunch of Carrots.

In Finland the people still cling
to some of the old customs—the old
market days, for instance, and the
market places, such as were familiar
to English life a hundred years ago.
There is little chance there for the
middleman to make a profit in the
transfer of produce from the pro-
ducer to the consumer. A typical
market scene is given by Paul
Waineman in his book, "A Summer
Tour in Finland."

"The market is a veritable delight
to the eye of the visitor, it is so
ridiculously primitive and old fash-
ioned. There are lines upon lines
of quaint booths and rows of spring-
less two wheeled market carts, with
patient little Finnish horses stand-
ing as motionless as if they had
been made of the same gingerbread
that a smiling market woman offer-
ed to me as I wended my way
through their midst.

"Dainty ladies picked up their
skirts as they threaded their way
here, there and everywhere, inspect-
ing minutely the goods on the va-
rious stalls, always followed by a
red checked handmaiden bearing a
huge old world wicker basket, from
which a very varied assortment of
edibles peeped out.

"At that market you can buy ev-
erything—meat, poultry, fruit, vege-
tables, milk, butter, flowers, even
to the humble wild lilies. The hum
of voices is astonishing. There are
apparently no fixed prices, and a
tragedy of renunciation may be ob-
served in the surrender of a hand-
ful of vegetables to a customer who
has bargained too hard.

"One especial bunch of carrots
caught my attention. They appear-
ed to me to be very ordinary car-
rots, but their owner, an old man
bent nearly double with his years
lifted them tenderly from the cor-
ner of his cart. The would be pur-
chaser was an elderly woman with
sharp, greedy eyes. I could see from
the first that it would go badly with
that old man.

"The scene that took place be-
tween them was tragic. Every emotion
of which a human countenance is
capable was portrayed in turn
upon both faces—polite inquiry, as-
tonishment, contempt, incredulity,
wounded pride, determination, hesi-
tation, aversion, finishing up at last
with triumph on the one side and
resignation on the other as the
bunch of carrots was carried off by
the woman."

Bahism.

Bahism was founded in Persia
about 1846 by Sayid Mirza Ali. He
took the name of Bab-ed-din (the
gate of the faith), whence he be-
came known as the "Bab," and his
disciples as the "Babis." The Bab,
who during his life maintained the
highest reputation for purity and
gentleness of character, was mur-
dered at Tabriz July 8, 1850. It is
impossible to give here anything
like an intelligent account of the
teachings of Bahism. Intensely
mystical, it takes an oriental of the
orientals to even approximately un-
derstand it or to even half way ex-
plain it. —New York American.

Only Single Faced.

This story is told of Sir George
Reid in connection with a parlia-
mentary election in Australia. He
was addressing a meeting of elec-
tors, and one of them, a pasty faced
man, repeatedly accused the speaker
of being "two faced."

Sir George turned on him at last.
"Well, it's pretty clear," he said,
"that you are not two faced."

The man, rather staggered, blurt-
ed out, "Why?"

"Because if you were two faced,"
retorted Sir George, "you'd have
left that one at home and brought
the other!" —London Mail.

Preaching and Practice.

At a railway station an anxious
woman, encumbered with numerous
bags and packages, made so many
inquiries of one of the officials, says
the Baltimore News, that he turned
to the ticket agent with the ques-
tion:

"Who is that woman who has
bothered me twenty times in the
last five minutes for fear her train
will get away without her?"

"She's heading a party of dele-
gates going to a meeting of the
American League of Never Worry
Clubs," replied the ticket man.

A Cold, Hard Snub.

"Excuse me, madam," he said,
"but—ah—you remember, in the
restaurant after the theater the
other night, you were kind enough
to notice me. I hope I am not mis-
taken in supposing that your inter-
est was—ah—not altogether?"

"Oh, not at all. I remember
now. I thought for a moment that
you were the coachman my husband
discharged a few weeks ago for try-
ing to make love to the cook, and I
wondered how you could afford to
eat in such an expensive place." —
Chicago Record Herald.

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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.

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Lumber, Sonora, Texas.

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STOCK NEWS.

T. B. Adams bought 175 amba
from R. F. Helbert of Eldorado at
\$21.00.
F. Fowler bought from T. B.
Adams 200 muttons, two year olds
at \$3.50.
Holcomb & Gilbert bought 550
ewes from Arthur Stuart and 500
from T. B. Adams wool on at \$5.50
R. H. Martin sold for Russell &
Martin of Sonora 1050 yearling
steers to Burnett Sons & Barnett
of Benjamin Knox Co., for—what
do you think?—\$26.75 Sonora
Country cattle to the front.
J. B. Blakeney sold 2500 goats
last week to L. B. Keiley, of Carta
Valley at \$2.12 1/2 per head—Del
Rio Herald.

How does \$40 yearlings strike
you? The Express has it from a
reliable source that DeWody &
Gray of Tolia, up in the Panhandle
section of the State, have just
sold 400 yearlings at that price.
This takes the pennant beyond a
doubt, and those fellows who have
been selling them at \$30 and \$35
are only pikers—Express.

Although the fall wool and mohair
clipping season has but just
begun, receipts are fairly liberal
with the Wool Growers Central
Storage Company. Up to and
including Saturday afternoon 55,
000 pounds of short or six months
wool had been received and 11,000
pounds of mohair—Standard.

Dick Russell and William Evans
sold five loads of grass steers in
St. Louis Monday at \$6.30
which averaged 661 pounds. They
were shipped from Blackland, Ok.
Other steers from that section,
averaging 1,025 pounds brought
\$6.75 the same day. Here is another
argument, if any is needed, which
proves that it pays to raise and
handle the best.—Express.

The mule dealers of the country
are taking no hand in bringing
about intervention in Mexico, but
they have about unanimously
agreed that in such contingency
\$25 per head would be added to
every serviceable mule in the
United States. It would perhaps
be unwise just yet to lay in a big
supply of them for speculative
purposes—Express.

ENYDER—Jim Massey, a former
Scurry County cowboy, now on a
ranch at Ely, Nev., last week
won the capital prize of \$500 in a
riding contest at Calgary, Canada.
He is a son of Fire Chief L. W.
Massey of Snyder.

B. B. Wright and Miss Cora
Brockman of this city were united
in marriage at the home of the
bride, 514 Koberlin Street, Wed
nesday morning at seven o'clock
by Rev. J. C. Rieger, pastor of the
German Lutheran church. The
ceremony was attended only by
the family of the bride. Follow
ing the ceremony a wedding break
fast was given. The couple left on
the 3:15 Santa Fe for San Antonio,
Gonzales and other south Texas
points. The groom is a member
of the McDavid Company of this
city, having come here about three
years ago from his home in Gon
zales. The bride is a well known
San Angelo girl, the daughter of
Mr. George Brockman.—Standard

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south of Sonora, for the purpose
of cutting timber, hauling wood or
hunting hogs without my permis
sion, will be prosecuted to the full
extent of the law.
56-11 J. T. Evans, Sr.

C. C. Yaws the Middle Valley
cattleman was in town this week
trading.

Miss Estelle McDonald has re
turned from a visit to her aunt at
Pecos and a trip to Clonderoft.

Mrs. Winn is the new sales lady
in the dry goods department at the
Mercantile Co.

I. H. Elder proprietor of the
Elder Hotel at Eldorado, was a
visitor in Sonora Thursday

J. W. Reiley of San Angelo was
a visitor in Sonora Wednesday.
Mr. Reiley has a good ranch 2 1/2
miles northeast of Sonora that is
now leased by McCoy Bros.

Great Horse and Mule Sale.

The first auction sale of the
Stockyards Horse and Mule Com
mission Company was pulled off
the first three days of the week
and was the greatest success of any
market sale ever held at this
market and one of the greatest
ever held in the country.

The sales amounted to a little
over \$200,000, and embraced all
kinds of horses and mules, from
the very inferior to the top not
chers. At the time of the sale the
market in these classes was be
hind in receipts 1100 head of the
corresponding day of last year.
When the sale was over the re
ceipts showed again of over 200
head for the corresponding time of
the previous year.

It was gratifying to see the great
number of buyers to take the
stuff. They were here from Loui
siana, Mississippi, Alabama, Ten
nessee, Florida, Arkansas and sur
rounding territory, to say nothing
of the Texas buyers and sellers.
The buyers, as far as could be
learned, were in every instance
pleased. The shippers were pleased
not only in their sale but in the
way their stock was handled. 2500
to 3000 head of horses and mules
changed hands, and it was a notable
fact that the bulk of the mares and
colts were a feature of the sale, and
their destination, Mississippi, Ten
nessee and Florida. Another fea
ture of the sale was the heavy
buying for shipments to Missouri.
The sale opened and closed the
largest auction sale ever held in
Fort Worth or the West, barring
St. Louis. Three noted auctioneers,
were kept busy from the tap of the
gong at the opening to the tap of
the bell at closing.

An interesting feature of the sale
was the magnificent display of
range horses, particularly brood
mares which went like hot cakes
at good round prices.
This sale will be repeated once
each month hereafter, while each
Monday and Tuesday there will be
held local auction sales.—Live
Stock Reporter.

UNCLE EZRA SAYS

"It don't take more'n a gill up ef
fort to git folks into a peck of
trouble" and a little neglect of
constipation, biliousness, indiges
tion or other liver derangement
will do the same. If ailing take
Dr. King's New Life Pills for
quick results. Easy, safe, sure and
only 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

Uncle Charlie Wilson.

The Times last week failed to
make note of the death of C. M.
Wilson, which occurred on Aug
27th, at Soldiers home, Calif.

"Uncle Charlie," as he was fa
miliarly know here, was 67 years
old at the time of his death, which
was caused from blood poisoning.
Several weeks ago he had a corn
removed from his foot and latter
blood poison set in and his foot
was amputated in an effort to save
his life. However the poison had
spread so far that the operation
did no good, and he finally suc
cumbed.

He was a native of Illinois, but
came to Texas at an early date.
He settled in Sanderson just pre
vious to the arrival of the railroad,
having purchased from the State
the section of land on which the
town is located.

He was a factor in the early de
velopment of the town and enjoy
ed an extensive acquaintance th
roughout West Texas

He was a member of Marls Lodge
No. 596, A. F. & A. M. and was
united at Sawtelle, California, with
Masonic honors. Sanderson Times

Bob Martin, Theo. Savell and
Mat Karnes were here from Sonora
the last of the week, accompanied
by Steve Murphy, the noble Dutch
bachelor who is master of
the only publication in the coun
try run by Satan.—The Devil's
River News. Steve was originally
an Irishman and before leaving
County Cork he was engaged to
the lovely Molly Carey, but she
jilted him to marry an English
landlord, and he turned Dutch.
Steve says some of the stockmen
in his county are complaining of
dry weather, but that it hasn't
fished him at all. He washes his
type with gasoline—we mean his
form—and drinks—well, what
do you imagine a man by the
name of Steve Murphy would
drink?—Mesard Messenger.

Digestion and Assimilation

It is not the quantity of food
taken but the amount digested and
assimilated that gives strength and
vitality to the system. Chamber
lain's Stomach and Liver Tablets
invigorate the stomach and liver
and enable them to perform their
functions naturally. For sale by
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Received and the Display
of our stock will Surprise You
Our Glass Front has been Remodded
and We Have Splendid Light

COME AND SEE

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Victims of Heathen Customs.

Tokio, Japan, Sept. 13—Gen.
Count Maruzuki Nogi, Supreme
Military Counselor of the Empire,
and his wife, the Countess Nogi,
committed suicide tonight in ac
cordance with the ancient Japanese
custom as final tribute to their de
parted Emperor and friend, Mut
subito.

The death by their own hands of
the famous general and his wife
was as dramatic as it was sad.
The general cut his throat with a
sword and the Countess committed
harakiri.

Following the Samurai custom,
the couple had carefully prepared
their plans for killing themselves,
and timed them so that they would
be coincident with the departure
forever from Tokio of the dead
Emperor.

Gen. Nogi and the countess had
attended the funeral pyre of
Mutsuhito at the palace here to
day and it was expected that they
would proceed to Aoyama tonight
with the cortege. Instead, however,
at the conclusion of the ceremony
at the place, they withdrew to
their modest home in Akasaka,
a suburb of Tokio, and there began
their final preparations for death.

First the general wrote a letter
to his new Emperor, Yoshihito,
which letter was found beside his
body. Then he draped in mourn
ing a portrait of the late Emperor,
which hung on the wall, and after
wards he and his wife dressed
themselves in full Japanese cos
tume and drank a farewell cup of
sake from cups which had been
presented to the general by Mut
subito.

Darkness had fallen and Gen.
Nogi and the Countess sat and
awaited the signal they had agreed
upon to announce their leave-taking.
This was the booming of a
signal gun in the palace grounds at
Tokio which was to let the people
know that the body of the Emperor
was starting on the funeral car for
its last resting place.

As the boom of the gun resound
ed through the clear, still night,
Gen. Nogi arose and, grasping in
his hand a short sword, plunged it
into his throat, while the Countess
stabbed herself through the body.
A student who resided in the Nogi
home heard the fall of the bodies
and rushed into the room, lying
upon the floor were the hero of
Port Arthur and his wife. Both
still were breathing, but their
 spasmodic gasps showed plainly
that death was near. The student
hurried for aid, but when he re
turned with it both the general
and the countess was dead.

Progress At Panama.

While the official date of open
ing of the Panama Canal is Jan.
1, 1915, such excellent progress is
being made that a year from next
fall water will probably be admit
ted.

Comparatively few of those who
live inland realize what an increas
of trade is likely to result from the
traffic through the canal. There
is no question but what it will be
enormous, and affect all of us in
greater or less measure. The canal
is a matter of such general interest
that fact about it are worth atten
tion, as most people are not accu
rately informed on the subject.

For instance, the estimated total
cost of the canal is \$375,000,000,
or almost four dollars each for
every resident of the United States.
Most people do not realize that the
canal is cut from the northwest to
the southeast, the Atlantic, or
northern, terminal being west of
the Pacific terminal.

From deep water to deep water
its length is about fifty miles;
from shore line to shore line about
forty. Three hundred feet is the
minimum bottom width of the
canal, and the depth will vary 41
to eighty five feet.

The working dimensions of the
lock chambers are 110 by 1,000
feet and 79 feet in depth. There
are three locks near the Atlantic
and three near the Pacific side,
reising the main channel of the
canal to eighty five feet above the
mean sea level of both oceans.

It is estimated that there will be
5,000,000 cubic yards of concrete
work in the canal, calling for be
tween 4,500,000 and 5,000,000
barrels of Atlas Portland cement,
which is being used exclusively.

The probable time of transit
through the canal will be ten to
twelve hours, vessels steaming
under their own power except in
the locks, where they will be
hauled by donkey engines.

These are facts which give one
an idea of the magnitude of the
undertaking.

As the opening approaches pre
parations are going on quietly all
over the world in anticipation of
the great increase in over-seas and
and coastal traffic which will result
South America in on the verge of
a tremendous industrial develop
ment. The Far East shows vivid
signs of an awakening.

It is to be feared that other na
tions are more alive than we to the
certain commercial benefits of the
canal and will profit thereby at our
expense, unless legislation favor
ing American shipping using the
is passed. Such legislation would
be certain to favorably affect the
entire country, as offering wider
markets and consequently increas
ed consumption of raw materials
and home grown products.

Ship building would also revive,
forming additional employment,
and a merchant marine to back
our navy.

The subject in all its phases is
worthy of careful study by every
patriotic citizen.

Campaign Funds.

The following letter has been
received by W. L. Aldwell Presi
dent of the First National Bank
and is self explanatory. Mr Ald
well wishes it also to be announc
ed that the First National Bank of
Sonora will also receive contribu
tions to the Democratic, Republi
can and Progressive Parties.

Sea Girt, N. J. August 12, 1912

Dear Mr. McAdoo:

To bring about the election of a
President through a campaign
financed by popular subscriptions,
would be a distinct and gratifying
triumph. It would strikingly evi
dence the renewed supremacy of
the people and would mean the
permanent emancipation of our
Government from those selfish in
fluences which have too long been
relied upon to furnish the cam
paign funds in return for favors
to be bestowed. I am in hearty
sympathy with every effort that
may contribute to such a result.
The idea back of the proposed
popular subscription plan is thor
oughly commendable and I hope
that you and your associates will
push it and make it an effective
instrument for the attainment of
so praiseworthy an object.
Cordially and sincerely yours,

Woodrow Wilson
Mr W. G. McAdoo,
New York City

Many Driven From Home.

Every year, in many parts of the
country, thousands are driven from
their homes by coughs and lung
diseases. Friends and business are
left behind for other climates, but
this is costly and not always sure.
A better way—the way of multi
tudes—is to use Dr. King's New
Discovery and cure yourself at
home. Stay right there, with your
friends, and take this safe medicine.
Throat and lung troubles find
quick relief and health returns.
In help in coughs, colds, grip, croup,
whopping-cough and sore lungs
make it a positive blessing. 50c
and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guar
anteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

William Anson sold about 100
head of mares and fillies this week.
Delivery was made in San Angelo.
—Christoval Observer

The Sonora Cotton gin will be
ready for work Thursday Sept. 5,
at former rates for ginning, strictly
cash at gin, when cotton is ginned.
Schleicher county trade solicited.
Will gin every Thursday, and
continue as long as there is cotton
in the yards.
T. D. Newell.

Notice To Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all
trespassers on my ranch, known
as the Fort Terrett ranch, 33 miles
east of Sonora, for the purpose of
cutting timber, hauling wood, hunt
ing hogs, fishing or hunting with
gun, without my permission, will
be prosecuted to the full extent of
the law.
J. T. EVANS,
40 1/2 Fort Terrett Ranch.

Red Flaggers Loot a Camp.

From the Border Vagette, of
Nogales, Arizona, we glean the
news of a visit to the camp of the
Yagu River Consolidated Gold
and Copper Company, near Imuris
in the Cerro Azul Mountains, by
a bunch of Compa men, in which
several Americans, former citizens
of Del Rio, had an experience that
was anything but reassuring. In
the camp were Arthur Page and
his wife and Mike Ayvill, brother
in law of manager Lee Reagan,
and of James Keegan, mine super
intendent, beside there were a
Colombian cook and some twelve
or fourteen Mexican employees
and their families. While eating
supper the red flaggers, armed and
in full, surrounded the camp.
The officer in command protesting
the flaggers engaged in conversation
with Mr. Page and concluded by
demanding all the arms and am
munition in the camp which were
surrendered. After which things
happened fast and furious.—The
officer who was drunk, began
using Americans in general and
Page and Ayvill in particu
lar. He said he had orders to
shoot and while putting these two
men through a sort of a hind
degree, Mrs. Page appeared and
pleaded for the lives of her hus
band and mine. The Captain
changed his manner, spilling a de
re lady, becoming at once a
courteous cavalier. Bidding his
men to respect the lady, looting of
the camp at once began and every
thing immediately was carried away.
The Americans immediately start
ed on foot Imuris; getting into a
wagon on the way, they rode to
safety.—Del Rio News

The Men Who Succeed

As heads of large enterprises ar
men of great energy. Success, to
day demands health. To all is to
fail. It's utter folly for a man to
endure a weak, run-down, half
alive condition when Electric Bit
ters will put him right on his
feet in short order. "Four bot
tles did me more real good than
any other medicine I ever took,"
writes Chas. B. Allen, Sylvan
ia, Ga. "After years of suffering with
rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach
disorders, and enlarged kidneys,
I am again, thanks to Electric Bit
ters, sound and well." Try them
Only 50 cents at Nathan's Phar
macy.

J. E. Sneed Slays A. G. Boyce.

Another chapter has been writ
ten in blood in the Boyce Sneed
tragedy. Last Saturday afternoon
at 5 o'clock as Al Boyce was pass
ing the Park Street Methodist
Church in Amarillo, Beal Sneed
stepped up to him and opened fire
with an automatic shotgun. Boyce
fell at the first shot, and Sneed
fired two shot into his prostate
body. More than 30 buckshot
were sent into his body. When
Sneed was arrested he had two
automatic pistols, in addition to
the shotgun.

Sneed was disguised as a laborer
being garbed in overalls, and
with a growth of beard on his for
merly smooth-shaved face he was
not recognized by any of his
former friends in Amarillo. The
officers who arrested him did not
know him until he was taken to
jail and gave his name.

The prisoner seemed entirely
composed and talked calmly of
other matters aside from the tra
gedy which has since that time put
the entire city and community
into a fever of excitement on
account of the prominence of the
parties and the events leading up
to the killing.

Sneed killed A. G. Boyce, Sr.,
father of Al Boyce, in Fort Worth
last January, shooting him with
out warning. He was tried and
the jury failed to agree. His sec
ond trial for that offense was set
for Nov. 5 at Fort Worth.

All the trouble came up over the
relations of Al Boyce and Sneed's
wife. She ran away with Boyce,
going to Canada. It was claimed
that she was insane, but on a hab
eas corpus trial in Fort Worth to
release her from a private asylum
she was declared sane.

Telephone linemen of the San
Angelo Telephone Co. are blasting
holes along the Orient right of way
South of town, preparatory to im
proving the line from here to Son
ora. Three wagon loads of poles
passed through Wednesday enroute
to a point eleven miles of Eldorado
—Christoval Observer.

Diarrhoea is always more or less
prevalent during September. Be
prepared for it. Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea reme
dy is prompt and sure. It can
always be depended upon and is
pleasant to take. For sale by all
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San Angelo, one of the liveliest
wires in western Texas, aspires to
occupy the same relation to the
western part of the State in Fair
attractions that Dallas does East
Texas.

The Fair and Carnival of this
enterprising City opens on the 1
day of October and closes on the
5th. One of the latest and most
to the South and an attractive rac
ing program assures the visitors of
good racing. The complete live
stock, agricultural and women
exhibits reflect the rapid growth
of this new section, while an
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The entire city gives the visitor
a true western welcome. The rail
road rates are the lowest ever of
fered in Texas, being less than one
fare for the round trip, good for
seven days with stop over privi
leges on some of the roads. You
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I put up as handsome dresses as can be had.

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At Mrs. Lightfoots, East Concho Ave.

For Sale.

A 2 roomed house corner lot 50 & 140 near school house. Price \$750. Apply at news office.

For Sale Cheap.

A good \$150 boy and \$30 set of single harness for sale cheap. See J. A. Hagerland.

The prices offered by the E. F. Vander Stucken Co. on Oxford shoes should make you buy from Vander Stucken.

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Big reduction on Oxford shoes at Vander Stucken's

The Rev. Richard Mercer will conduct Episcopal services on Sunday September 26. The public cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayfield were in from the ranch Thursday. Mr. J. W. Mayfield is not seriously ill. A fact is ready for the saddle again.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stuart were in from the ranch Thursday. Mr. Stuart left for the east Friday on business.

Hi Eastland and Herbert Rawson left for Kerrville Friday. Mr. Rawson is interested in having his household goods shipped out to Sonora and Mr. Eastland is on business bent.

See Vander Stucken's for reductions on Ladies, Mens and Childrens Oxford shoes

S. H. Stokes moved his family to town this week to give the children the advantages of attending school. They are living in the Valliant place on Crockett ave. u.

J. L. Tarver the Sonora Dairy man has a new covered wagon and is now delivering the milk mostly in sealed bottles. The Tarver Dairy has been using the sanitary bottle system for some time, but the new wagon is fitted up to conveniently carry the bottles.

The E. F. Vander Stucken Co. is offering great inducements in Oxford shoes for Ladies, Men and Children.

J. T. Stites, of San Angelo hearing of the many new houses being erected in Sonora and wishing to make a visit to his son Claude Stites arrived Wednesday. Mr. Stites is a carpenter and probably will be engaged in the building of the J. N. Ross \$4,000 residence in East Sonora.

W. L. Aldwell, president of the First National Bank left for Dallas Monday to receive his Oakland car which he has had repainted and over hauled. The mechanics in Dallas said the Oakland motor and body did not need any repair, that the paint was still good, but Mr. Aldwell wanted it repainted.

For bowel complaints in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced water and sweetened is pleasant to take. A physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Bert Page a progressive young stockman of the Mayer country was in Sonora this week to look at some cows that was for sale.

Good rains have fallen over many parts of the Sonora country this week but the dry spell has not yet been general.

E. F. Vander Stucken has gone east to finish buying his fall and winter goods. He expects to stay a few days at some of the watering resorts before returning home.

No need of getting scared about Malta or goat fever. It has been under observation ever since the Irish and Scotch took Gibraltar. The question under investigation now is remedy or formula for treatment. Medical men are advancing—that's all.

Hull Bros. finished the Flat-house well in South Heights Sunday at a depth of 164 feet. Hull says the strata formation was very different from any of the wells drilled by them on the east side.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle will disable a man for three or four weeks, but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be effected in from two to four days. For sale by all dealers.

The News feels highly complimented by the notice given by the San Antonio Express of Friday September 13 b. in which it said: If you don't want to know the live stock news in Sutton county don't subscribe for the Devil's River News. Here are a few extracts from the issue of the 7th instant;

Cheap Paint

The cheapest paint is the one that goes farthest and wears best; there is most in a gallon of it.

What is a quart of milk worth? Depends on the milk.

So of paint; depends on the paint.

Devos is worth the top price, whatever it is. Poor paint is worth nothing at all; you've got to pay your painter \$3 or \$4 a gallon for putting it on; and it isn't worth it. Devos goes twice as far and wears twice or three times or four times as long.

The cheap paint is Devos at the top of the market.

EVOR

E. F. Vander Stucken Co., selling High Smith the customer from the Juan country was in Sonora Thursday.

O. A. Savage who ranches on Middle Valley was in Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos Bond and son Frank were in from the ranch Wednesday to meet Miss Atkins the governess.

Dr. A. J. Smith, E. Jackson, Robert Johnson and Robert Anderson have gone on a tour of inspection of trans Pecos country.

Tom Russell of Menard who is interested with R. H. Martin of Sonora in the steer business was in the Trading Center Thursday.

Dock Simmons had his left arm severely hurt by a piece of timber falling from a windmill tower at his ranch last week. The injury however was only muscular.

Miss Catherine Hoy, of Baboquivasi, Ariz is the guest of Miss Stella Stokes. Miss Hoy visited Miss Ruth Whitecotton in Sonora last year.

Mrs. Laura Decker suffering from an acute attack of sciatic rheumatism left for San Angelo Wednesday accompanied by her daughter Miss Ida.

Dr. R. Bichaux expects to leave for Ozona Oct. 1, and will be away all month. Parties wanting dental work done should make arrangements.

Henry Decker is having his home on Oak street rebuilt and enlarged by the addition of two rooms. The alterations include a modern roof making the house two stories.

O. E. Stevenson, W. J. Mason, Jess Laramore, Tom Woods and Bob Campbell of Merizon, were business visitors in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Stevenson was on a trade with Nowell for the water works and Mr. Mason was figuring on a hotel.

Berry Baker the North Llano cattle and goat man was in Sonora Friday. Mr. Baker says the report is that Junction mohair buyers are offering 29 1/2 cents for first class mohair like that grown in the Sonora country.

Mrs. Lula E. Briant of Los Angeles, Calif. is here on a visit to her brother in law E. S. Briant, Judge Briant met her at San Angelo.

W. A. Miers who ranches 20 miles south of town was in Sonora this week. Mr. Miers, who has been a diversified stockman for many years contemplates handling only sheep and goats under wolf proof fences in the future.

Miss Atkins of West Virginia who will teach at the Thos. Bond ranch this session, arrived Wednesday. Miss Atkins is proficient in music and Spanish, as well as otherwise. Miss Atkins was in Mexico for several years prior to the present troubles.

I. N. Brooks a former ranchman of the Sonora country but now in business in Palmyra, was a visitor on business in Sonora this week. He says Mrs. Brooks and Willis are doing fine and that the other Sonora country folks are enjoying good health.

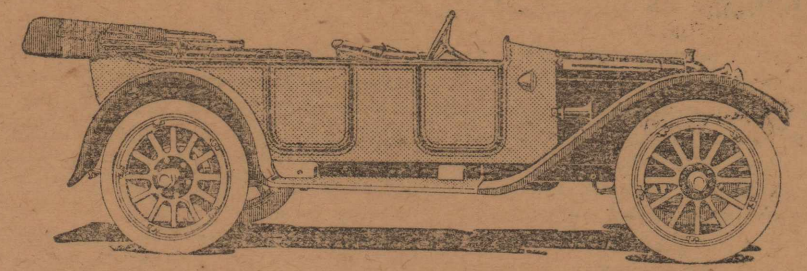
Joe Parker and Woodie Martio who left for West a few days ago separated at Marfa. Woodie got a position teaching school at Marfa and Joe went on to Globe, Ariz. where he is employed and expects to remain. Mrs. Agnes Parker called at the News office this week and ordered the News sent to Joe. Mrs. Lixon accompanied Mrs. Parker on her call at the News office.

Geo. J. Trainer is having \$1,000 worth of improvements made to his residence on Poplar street. The improvements consist of a concrete foundation, two rooms two stories high in front and one room at back of the present house which has been raised. Marcus Balch has the woodwork contract while Sid Martin put in the concrete foundation.

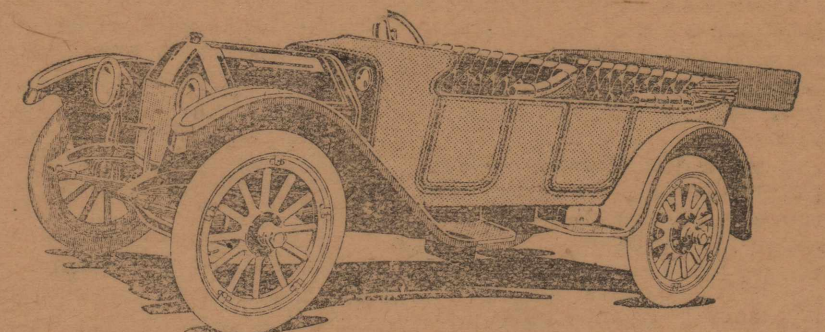
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The Greyhound 6-60 for \$2400 for those who want to be up to-date and ride in a six cylinder car, 4 to 7 passengers and will be up-to-date for the next 5 years. Get you a Greyhound.

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DONT FORGET
THE ANGELO FAIR
OCTOBER 1st to 5th. Remember date.

Jim Merck who ranches about 25 miles south of Sonora was in town Thursday. Mr. Merck says his cotton planting was a failure this year but has made good gains and care.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cauthorn were in town Friday shopping. Mr. Cauthorn's wolf proof fence has been a success as his sheep and goats roam at large and grow larger.

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WONDERS OF CELLULOSE.

Many Uses to Which This Little Understood Substance is Put. Perhaps the most wonderful product of the vegetable world is cellulose...

One of the most wonderful qualities of cellulose is that, like gold and silver, it is capable of resisting the effects of time.

It is a curious fact that, as common as it is, cellulose is one of the least understood of substances.

Linon is almost pure cellulose; so is cotton; so is silk.

A great deal of paper employed for printing purposes is made from cellulose, whether this be linen or cotton or wood pulp paper.

In a hot solution of zinc chloride cellulose dissolves and makes a sticky sirup.

Dissolved in another sort of solution, cellulose gives a material that renders goods dipped in it water-proof.

One of the most wonderful of the uses to which cellulose has been put is that of the manufacture of artificial silk.

Few persons realize how important a role the thumb has played in the social customs of the people.

After several days' absence from London, Gilbert walked into the Savage club one day, and somebody shouted a greeting.

A Mexican girl is courted by a young man. Her would-be lover walks up and down the street on the opposite side and stares at her.

Shoe heels are thought to have originated in the east, where they were first used in the shape of small wooden blocks.

For centuries Hindus have used honey as a laxative and old honey as an astringent.

What is the proper thing for a man to do when his wife asks him for money and he hasn't any?

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

Notice is hereby given that any one trespassing on our rancho 25 miles southeast of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting lumber, hauling wood, hog hunting, working live stock, injuring our wolf, proof or other fences or any way trespassing upon us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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ROMANCE OF A PICTURE.

Story of an Old Greek Dimmed Painting of St. Jerome.

In "The Bargain Book," by C. E. W. Jennings and Lewis Bettany, many instances are given where priceless heirlooms, especially paintings, have been found, neglected, stowed away in some dusty cupboard or adorning the walls of some miserable hut.

The landlord at last distrained for his rent. He took her bed and her wretched furniture and ordered them sold at auction.

Among her belongings was a very small, smoke dimmed picture of St. Jerome, an inheritance from her grandmother, which hung over her bed and to which she and her children offered up their pious prayers.

A painter who was present examined the picture for a considerable time and at last bid 2 guineas.

"A hundred," replied the connoisseur.

The astonishment and joy of the poor woman may be conceived, for she not only saw all her debts paid by the little picture, but a considerable surplus left over.

Mr. Weckhard read in the paper that the family should always be the scene of laughter and merriment and that no mealtime should be passed in the moody silence that so often characterizes those occasions.

After several days' absence from London, Gilbert walked into the Savage club one day, and somebody shouted a greeting.

"Hello, Gilbert! Where have you been?"

"I've been up to Birmingham to see Wilson Barrett as Hamlet," Gilbert cried.

"The deuce you say! How was it?" asked his friend.

"Oh, very funny—and not at all vulgar," was the answer.

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FAMOUS BOY ARTISTS.

Milais Painted Some Great Pictures Before He Was of Age.

One of the best known pictures in existence is Sir David Wilkie's "Blind Fiddler." It is a masterpiece in its own school of painting, and at one time perhaps no other picture could compete with it for popularity as an engraving for the sitting room wall.

So poor was he at the time that he had to dress himself up to act as his own model for this great composition—hence, doubtless, the similarity of feature observable in nearly all the characters, the very masculine lineaments of the fiddler's wife and the young-old look of the boy who is imitating the fiddler on the kitchen bellows.

But an even more amazing picture may be seen on the staircase leading up to the picture gallery at South Kensington.

The fact is that painters have generally been a rather precocious tribe. The famous "Young Bull," one of the world's masterpieces, was painted by Paul Potter at the age of twenty-two.

Visitors to St. Paul's cathedral are never tired of looking at Holman Hunt's masterpiece which hangs in the aisle, "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock," commonly called "The Light of the World." Yet they would scarcely credit the undoubted fact that Holman Hunt was barely out of his teens when he painted the original, which hangs in Keeble college.

Hopper, the appearance of one of whose portraits at auction sets the art world throbbing with excitement, painted his picture, "A Sleeping Venus," in his nineteenth year, and long before he was thirty he was the successful rival of such giants of the brush as Reynolds, Gainsborough and Romney.

This newcomer was Lawrence, who had drawn half the aristocracy in England in cravat before he was twelve years old.—London Globe.

A military story comes from Ireland. A non-commissioned officer, entering a barrack gate in Dublin, was mistaken for the "fresh one" on sentry go, who immediately saluted him. The non-commissioned officer, unaware that his colonel was just behind, returned the salute, a thing not permissible under the circumstances.

Arrived at his quarters, he was surprised to find an order for him to attend before the colonel. On presenting himself he was asked how he came to return the salute, knowing full well he was not entitled to it. Not in the least embarrassed, he promptly answered, "Sir, I always return everything I am not entitled to."

The colonel, taken aback by his ready wit, laughingly dismissed him.

Why Irving Moved Her. Sir Henry Irving, whose Hamlet was a masterpiece, often told a good story of an incident when he was playing the part in his early days.

While on the stage he saw that an old lady in the front row of the pit was weeping profusely. Feeling flattered, he sent an attendant to bring her to him after the performance.

"Madam," he said graciously when they met, "I perceive that my acting moved you."

"It did that, sir," said the old woman. "You see, I've got a young son playing acting somewhere, and it broke me all up to think that maybe he is no better at it than you."

What "Gold Filled" Means. There is a notion largely held by purchasers of "gold filled" watches that the cases are, in some mysterious way, filled with gold.

As a matter of fact, the term is very misleading. Gold filling consists in the employment of two sheets of gold between which is placed a section of solder coated base metal.

This metallic sandwich is pressed and pressed so that the parts are welded, with the gold outside.—Harper's.

Very Considerate. Mr. Grim—I see that you have announced that you intend willing all your money to charity.

Mr. Grinch—Yes; it will save a thousand distant relatives the trouble of attending my funeral.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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NAPOLEON'S ESCAPES.

Rickless of Danger, the Great General Was Often Wounded.

In reply to the question in what engagements he considered himself to have been in the greatest danger of losing his life, Napoleon once said, "In the commencement of my campaigns." Indeed, if further proof were demanded to show that he did not spare himself at Toulon it is only necessary to add that during the ten weeks of its siege Napoleon, in addition to a bayonet wound in his thigh, had three horses shot under him, while at the siege of Acre, during the expedition to Egypt, he lost no fewer than four in the same manner.

During the last days of his life, when captivity, disappointment and sickness had well nigh completed their work, it is said that the agony of his fatal disease drew from him on many occasions the piteous cry, "Why did the cannon balls spare me?"

Nothing could be more contrary to the truth, for he was in reality several times severely wounded, but as he wished to impress upon his troops the belief that good fortune never deserted him and that, like Achilles, he was well nigh invulnerable he always made a secret of his many dangers.

Upon the single thread of this man's life depended not only the fate and government of a great empire, but the whole policy and destiny of Europe as well.

It Won For Sardou. It is a singular fact that the famous French dramatist Sardou owed his first success on the boards to his excellent handwriting.

He had sent in his often rejected play, "La Taverne des Etudiants," to the Odeon management for consideration, and the manuscript was thrown, with some others, upon a table.

One day at rehearsal the charming actress Mlle. Berengere was attracted by the handwriting and took up the manuscript, crying, "Oh, what an exquisite hand!"

She read the play and recommended it so strongly to the directors that they were induced to read it and then accept it. At that time Sardou was starving. He had gone through seven long years of terrible hardship and privation.

The Wedding Ring. Why should the wedding ring be placed on the third finger of the left hand? The custom has existed for ages, and the reason therefor has been given as follows: Our ancestors found the left hand more convenient for such ornaments than the right, for the reason that it is generally less employed than the latter.

For the same reason they chose the third instead of another finger. The third digit is not only less used than the others, but is better adapted to guard a ring against bruises, since that finger has this quality peculiar to itself—it cannot be extended but in company with some other finger, whereas the rest may be singly stretched to their full length.

Genesis of Cotton in America. The first planting of cotton seed in the colonies was in the Carolinas in the year 1621, when seeds were planted as an experiment in a garden.

Winthrop says that in 1643 "men fell to the manufacture of cotton, whereof we have great stores from Barbados." In 1655 it was cultivated in the vicinity of Baltimore, and at the opening of the Revolution it was a garden plant in New Jersey and New York, but its real value seems to have been almost unknown to the planters until about 1780.

The Village Cut-up. "Charley Billingsby always has something funny to say, no matter what happens."

"I know it. He's awful comical. I often wonder how he thinks of the humorous thoughts he has. He's just perfectly killing. I never heard him call an umbrella anything but a bumbershoot."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Moisture in the Air. Science has given a great deal of study to the vapor of water in the air, yet more seems to be learned than has been found out. The colder the air the less water it takes up, and the hotter the air the greater amount of water it will hold or absorb.

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A BIG SPIDER STORY.

This Brazilian Heiry Monster Could Even Dodge Revolver Shots.

If we live in a locality where mosquitoes are found at all during the summer we are pretty likely to consider them a torment. But comparing our own condition with that of Algot Lange during his travels in Brazil we may on the whole consider ourselves fortunate.

"In the first place," he says in "In the Amazon Jungle," "there are the ants. They are everywhere. They build their nests under the houses, in the tables and in the cracks of the floors and lie in ambush waiting the arrival of a victim, whom they attack from all sides. They fasten themselves on one, and sometimes it takes hours of labor to extract them."

"Many are the breakfasts I have delayed on waking and finding myself the object of their attentions. It proved necessary to tie the walls of cotton covered with vasoline to the fastenings of the hammocks to keep the intruders off. But they even got around this plan. As soon as the bodies of the first arrivals covered the vasoline the rest of the troops marched across them in safety and gained access to the hammock, causing a quick evacuation on my part. Articles of food were quickly destroyed by these carnivorous creatures within a few minutes after I had placed them on the table."

"When convalescing from my first attack of swamp fever I had occasion to study a most remarkable species of spider which was a fellow lodger in the hut I then occupied. In size the specimen was very respectable, being able to cover a circle of nearly six inches in diameter. This spider subsists on large insects and at times on small varieties of birds, like finches, etc. The natives dread it for its poisonous bite and on account of its great size and hairy body."

"The first time I saw one in my hut was when it was climbing the wall in close proximity to my hammock. I got up and tried to crush it with my fist, but the spider made a lightning quick move and stopped about five or six inches from where I hit the wall. Several times I repeated the attack without success, the spider always succeeding in moving before it could be touched. Somewhat out of temper, I procured a hammer of large size and continued the chase until I was exhausted."

"When my hand grew steady again I took my automatic pistol, used for big game, and, taking a steady aim on the fat body of the spider, I fired. But with another of the remarkably quick movements the spider landed the usual safe distance from destruction. Then I gave it up. For all I know that animal—I can scarcely call it an insect after using a big game pistol on it—is still occupying the hut."

"Lange," asked one of my friends, "why didn't you try for him with a frying pan?"

The Moon's Phases. The phases of the moon are caused by its relative position to the earth and the sun, so that when it is full moon in one part of the earth it is full moon in all parts of the earth, and so for all its other phases. The moon revolves around the earth once in twenty-seven days, though on account of the earth's revolution around the sun the mean duration of the lunar month—that is, the time from new moon to new moon—is twenty-nine days, twelve hours and forty-four minutes. The "dark of the moon" is that half of the lunar month during which the moon shines least at night.

Cinnamon. Ceylon provides us with the bulk of our cinnamon, which is the aromatic bark of certain trees common to that island. The trees are never allowed to grow higher than ten feet. During the season of harvesting, of which there are two a year, the branches of three to five years' growth are cut down and the top surface of the bark is scraped away. Then the bark is ripped up longitudinally into slices, which are exposed to the sun to dry until up into quills. In the course of drying the oil, upon which the aroma and flavor depend, is diffused throughout the bark.

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