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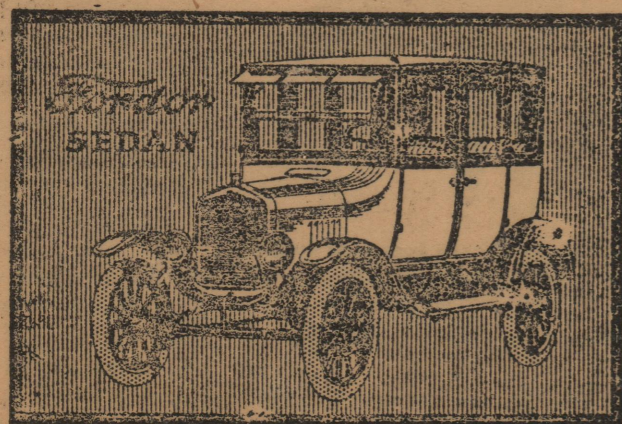
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AS TO WE-UNS AND YOU-UNS

They Are Not Southern Provincialisms; Are Not Even True Americanisms.

Northerners who visit certain parts of the South and Southwest are sometimes amused by what they call southern provincialisms. Among them are "we-uns" and "you-uns."

As a matter of fact, the expressions are not strictly southern, but are used by those who live—or used to live—in the Alleghenies. The mountain population seems to be largely homogeneous, as if descended from a common stock. The mountaineers have mingled little with the people of the lower country, and, being isolated, have preserved some of the peculiarities of speech and custom brought from the mother country, which the rest of us have abandoned.

"We-uns" is not even a true Americanism; it is common even now in Scotland, whence it was doubtless imported to our country by the Scotch immigrants. Now the phrase is an ancient one. It may be found in Tyndale's New Testament, where in Matthew III, 9, can be read: "And see that ye ones think no so saye in yourselves. We have Abraham to our father." As Tyndale's translation was printed in 1526, nearly 300 years ago, this expression has the prestige of age and belonged to the language of our ancestors—Kansas City Star.

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The BROWN MOUSE

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CHAPTER III

What is a Brown Mouse? Immediately upon the accidental election of Jim Irwin to the position of teacher of the Woodruff school, he developed habits somewhat like a ghost's or a bandit's. That is, he walked of nights and on rainy days.

On fine days, he worked in Colonel Woodruff's fields as of yore. Jim's salary was to be just \$360 for nine months' work in the Woodruff school, and he was to find himself—and his mother. Therefore, he had to indulge in his loose habits of night walking and roaming about after hours only, or on holidays and in foul weather.

The Simms family, being from the "mountains" of Tennessee, were rather startled one night when Jim Irwin, homely, stooped and errandless, silently appeared in their family circle about the front door. They had lived where it was the custom to give a whoop from the big road before one passed through the palls and up to the house. Otherwise, how was one to know whether the visitor was friend or foe?

From force of habit, Old Man Simms started for his gun-rack at Jim's ap-



Old Man Simms Started for His Gun.

pearance, but the Lincolnian smile and the low slow speech, so much like his own in some respects, ended that.

"Stranger," said Mr. Simms, after greetings had been exchanged, "you're right welcome, but in my kentry you'd find it dangerous to walk in this way."

"How so?" queried Jim Irwin.

"You'd no'n'r likely git shot up s'ne," replied Mr. Simms, "unless you whooped from the big road."

"I didn't know that," replied Jim. "I'm ignorant of the customs of other countries. Would you rather I'd whoop from the big road—nobody else will."

"I reckon," replied Mr. Simms, "that we-all will have to accommodate ourselves to the ways by'n."

Evidently Jim was the Simms' first caller since they had settled on the little brushy tract whose hills and trees reminded them of their mountains. Low hills, to be sure, with only a footing of rocks where the creek had cut through, and not many trees, but down in the creek bed, with the oaks elms and box-elders arching overhead, the Simmses could imagine themselves beside some run falling into the French Broad, or the Holston. The creek bed was a withdrawing room in which to retire from the eternal black soil and level cornfields of Iowa.

The soil was so poor, in comparison with those black uplands, that the owner of the old wood-lot could find no renter but it was better than the soil in the mountains, and suited the lone-me Simmses much more than a better farm would have done. They were not of the Iowa people anyhow, not understood, not their equals—they were "yore," and expected to stay "yore"—while the Iowa people all seemed to be either well-to-do, or expecting to become so.

Jim Irwin asked Old Man Simms about the fishing in the creek, and whether there was any duck shooting spring and fall.

"We git #ight smart of these little panfish," said Mr. Simms, "an' Callista dose shot two buterball ducks about 'tater plantin' time."
Callista blushed—but this stranger, so much like themselves, could not see the rosy suffusion. The attention gave him a chance to look about him at the family. There was a boy of sixteen, a girl—the duck-shooting Callista—youngeer than Raymond—a girl of eleven, named Virginia, but called Jennie—and a smaller lad who rejoiced in the name of McGeechee, but was mercifully called Buddy.

Callista squirmed for something to say. "Raymond runs a line o' traps when the fur's prime," she volunteered.

Then came a long talk on traps and trapping, shooting, hunting and the joys of the mountings—during which Jim noted the ignorance and poverty of the Simmses. The clothing of the girls was not decent according to local standards; for while Callista wore a skirt hurriedly slipped on, Jim was quite sure—and not without evidence to support his views—that she had been wearing when he arrived the same regimentals now displayed by Jennie—a pair of ragged blue overalls. Evidently the Simmses were wearing what they had and not what they desired. The father was faded, patched, gray and earthy, and the boys looked better than the rest solely because we expect boys to be torn and patched. Mrs. Simms was invisible except as a gray blur beyond the rain-barrel, in the midst of which her pipe glowed with a regular ebb and flow of embers.

On the way home, Raymond called again and secured the services of Raymond to help him select seed corn. He was going to teach the school next winter, and he wanted to have a seed-corn frolic the first day, instead of waiting until the last—and you had to get seed corn while it was on the stalk, if you got the best.

No Simms could refuse a favor to the fellow who was so much like themselves, and who was so greatly interested in trapping, hunting and the Tennessee mountains—so Raymond went with Jim, and with Newt Bronson and five more they selected Colonel Woodruff's seed corn for the next year, under the colonel's personal superintendence.

In the evening they looked the grain over on the Woodruff lawn, and the colonel talked about corn and corn selection. They had supper at half past six, and Jennie waited on them—having assisted her mother in the cooking. It was quite a festival.

Jim Irwin was the least conspicuous person in the gathering, but the colonel, who was a seasoned politician, observed that the farm-hand had become a fisher of men, and was angling for the souls of these boys, and their interest in the school. Jim was careful not to flush the covey, but every boy received from the next winter's teacher some confidential hint as to plans, and some suggestion that Jim was relying on the aid and comfort of that particular boy.

Newt Bronson, especially, was leaned on as a strong staff and a very present help in time of trouble. As for Raymond Simms, it was clearly best to leave him alone. All this talk of corn selection and related things was new to him, and he drank it in thirstily. He had an inestimable advantage over Newt in that he was starved, while Newt was unfettered with "the dog-gone" for which he had no use.

"Jennie," said Colonel Woodruff, after the party had broken up, "I'm losing the best hand I ever had, and I've been sorry."

"I'm glad he's leaving you," said Jennie. "He ought to do something except work in the field for wages."

"I've had no idea he could make good as a teacher—and what is there in it if he does?"

"What has he lost if he doesn't?" rejoined Jennie. "And why can't he make good?"

"The school board's against him, for one thing," replied the colonel. "They'll fire him if they get a chance. They're laughing-stock of the country for hiring him by mistake, and they're irritated. But after seeing him perform tonight, I wonder if he can't make good."

"If he could feel like anything but an underling, he'd succeed," said Jennie.

"That's his heredity," stated the colonel, whose live stock operations were based on heredity. "Jim's a scrub, I suppose, but he acts as if he might turn out to be a Brown Mouse."

"What do you mean, pa," scoffed Jennie—"a Brown Mouse?"

"A fellow in Edinburgh," said the colonel, "crossed the Japanese waltzing mouse with the common white mouse. Jim's peddling father was a waltzing mouse, no good except to jump from one spot to another for no good reason. Jim's mother is an albino of a woman, with all the color washed out in one way or another. Jim ought to be a mongrel, and I've always considered him one. But the Edinburgh fellow every once in a while got out of his variously-colored, waltzing and albino hybrids, a brown mouse. It wasn't a common house mouse, either, but a wild mouse unlike any he had ever seen. It ran away, and bit and gnawed and raised hob. It was what we breeders call a Mendelian segregation of genetic factors that had been in the waltzers and albinos all the time—their original wild ancestor of the woods and fields. If Jim turns out to be a brown mouse, he may be a bigger man than any of us. Anyhow, I'm for him."

"He'll have to be a big man to make anything out of the job of a country school teacher," said Jennie.

"Any job's as big as the man who holds it down," said her father.

Next day Jim received a letter from Jennie.

"Dear Jim," it ran. "Father says you are sure to have a hard time—the school board's against you, and all that. But he added 'I'm for Jim, anyhow.' I thought you'd like to know this. Also he said, 'Any job's as big as the man who holds it down.' And I believe this also, and I'm for you, too! You are doing wonders even before the school starts in getting the pupils interested in a lot of things, which, while they don't belong to school work, will make them friends of yours. I don't see how this will help you much, but it's a fine thing, and shows your interest in them. Don't be too original. The wheel runs

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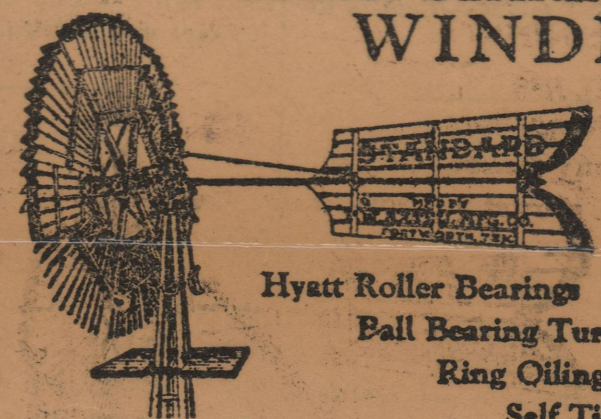
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Special New Year sermon Sunday morning. Let every Methodist be present. A cordial invitation to everybody. Come, and let us renew our covenant and start out on the New Year right with the Lord.

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The following students were home for the holidays: Frank Bond, Wade Grimland Millard Cope, John Eaton, Joe Brown Ross, and Sam Karnes. Misses Mary Dan Wilson, Amanda Eastland, Gulia Lowrey, Bonnie Glasscock, Jewel Eaton, Eula May Ross, Mary Fields, Johnnie Dell White, Ethel May Jones Pearl Hull and Josephine Diebitsch.

Miss Margaret Ransier of Killeen, Texas, was the Holiday guest of Miss Velma Savell.

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HALBERT-WHITEHEAD

The many friends of both parties concerned were agreeably surprised on learning of the marriage of Miss Della Rose Halbert of Sonora to Mr. Willie B. Whitehead of Del Rio, which occurred at the Methodist parsonage in Sonora at about 4 o'clock Dec. 22nd, 1923.

The bride and groom were attended by Mr. Frank Bond and Miss Phyllis Loos, with Rev. L. C. Matthis, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Both the bride and groom were born and reared in Sonora, but the romance only dates back a few months. Mrs. Whitehead is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, one of the most prominent families of Sonora. She attended the Sonora High school until attending the West Maryland College in San Antonio, at which place she received her diploma last spring. Mrs. Whitehead was one of Sonora's most attractive and popular girls, her accomplishments being many.

Mr. Whitehead, until a few years ago a resident of Sonora, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitehead of Del Rio, who are also one of the most prominent families of West Texas. He also attended the Sonora High school and for the past two or three years has been a student at the S. M. U. at Dallas. Mr. Whitehead is of a business like disposition and very popular over West Texas. They will make their home on the Whitehead ranch between Sonora and Del Rio.

The News joins the host of friends of both parties in extending congratulations and hearty wishes.

W. R. Nicks and family of Eldorado spent Christmas here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Henry Bridge of Del Rio, spent Christmas here with her mother Mrs. J. R. Word.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams from Martzon were in Sonora last week visiting relatives.

Miss Georgia King was in from the ranch for the Christmas celebration.

Husey Galloway, Forest Whitehead and friends, Becker and Smith of Dallas, were in Sonora last week from Del Rio.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead attended the closing dance here Christmas week from Del Rio. Mrs. Whitehead was formerly Miss Della Rose Halbert of Sonora.

Misses Flora May and Mary Spiller, Olivia Bevans, and Myrtle Murchinson, and Misses Willie Bevans, Davis, Green and Clayton Murchinson, and Roy Spiller, James Callan, Ray Wyatt, and Clayton Murchison were Monday visitors for the Christmas celebration here.

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Another of Sonora's most popular young women fell a victim of cupid during the Holidays in the marriage of Miss Eleanor Fields of Sonora to Geo. Hopkins of Denton. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields, Rev. L. C. Matthis pastor of the Methodist church, performing the ceremony. They were attended by Judge and Mrs. Avis Johnson. Immediately after the ceremony, they left for their home in Denton.

Mrs. Hopkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fields of Sonora, one of the longest residents and most popular families in this section. She was educated in the Sonora High school and later got her degree at C. I. A. at Denton. It was here the romance began that ended so perfectly for the two. She was a teacher in the Sonora High school for the past two years. Eleanor is very popular with the public and the High school student body and school patrons. She was very interested in school activities of all natures. Her marriage will be a great loss to the School faculty, but they could not hope to retain the services of such a charming and accomplished young lady indefinitely.

The groom, Mr. Hopkins, is one of the most popular young attorneys in Denton and has already made quite a success of his profession. He is of a strong character and imposing personality and no doubt, is well qualified to assume the role that he has chosen.

The News extends congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom for their future.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stewart and baby, were in from the ranch Christmas and registered at the McDonald Hotel.

Otto Mund who recently bought the Garland Maddox ranch in the T half circle pasture, was in town Christmas week enjoying himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Wylie and son of Uvalde, were here Friday of last week on their way to San Angelo to visit their home folks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Duck Friend were in Sonora several days during Christmas week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Estes of Ozona are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Porell on the Halbert ranch about 12 miles north of Sonora.

Berry Baker and family were in from the ranch and spent the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives. Berry says his eye sight get better every Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, and T. A. Jr., of Rockport were the guests of Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sandherr and Mrs. Dunbar, were in from the ranch Wednesday of Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Beam were in from ranch in Edwards county Christmas week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayfield.

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Birdwell J. Davis son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Walter Davis of Sonora, Texas, and Miss Catherine Flagg of Dallas, were married in Dallas Dec. 23rd, Bishop John M. Moore officiating. They arrived in Austin Christmas day and will spend the holidays with Mr. Davis' parents at 303 East 10th st.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. C. E. Flagg, of the Flagg Floral Co., in Oak Cliff. The groom is a senior in the Animal Husbandry department of A&M College, vice president of that class, President of the West Texas Club and First Lieutenant in the Cavalry. He will continue his course in the school and receive his A.H. degree in June, while Mrs. J. Davis will reside in Austin with the groom's parents.—Austin American.

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" 23	0.30 "
" 24	0.80 "
" 28	0.30 "
Aug. 19	0.15 "
Sept. 2	0.30 "
" 3	0.25 "
" 5	0.0 "
" 6	0.10 "
" 13	0.25 "
" 14	0.50 "
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Nov. 1	1.60 "
" 2	0.20 "
" 10	0.90 "
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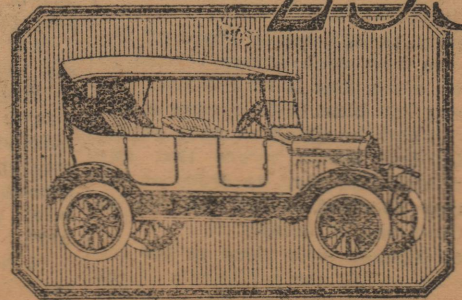
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