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Dealing in Spirits.

Why send off and buy whiskey you don't know, from people you don't know, when you can buy the kind that you know to be good from the man you know? I carry the largest assortment and the best line of whiskies in Palestine. Nothing under 90 proof in the house. No short quarts or watered stock. I guarantee everything that I sell. Phone 166, or write and order from

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SOL MAIER

Palestine, Texas.

AMERICAN MURDERED.

By Mexican Guide Near Capital of Sonora.

San Francisco, October 30.—Passengers arriving on the steamer City of Topeka from the Mexican coast this morning tell a story of the death of John O'Dea, an American mining engineer who was murdered recently while on his way from Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, to the mines in the interior of that state. O'Dea was formerly identified with mining in this State. He sailed several weeks ago for Guaymas and on reaching Hermosillo engaged a native servant to guide him to the mines in the interior.

When only six miles out of Hermosillo, according to the story brought by the City of Topeka, O'Dea was shot in the back by his Mexican guide. His body was found by travelers and taken to Hermosillo.

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CALL FOR SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Texas Leaf Tobacco Growers' Assn. to be held at Houston.

By the authority vested in me as president of the Texas Leaf Tobacco Growers' Association, I hereby call a meeting of the officers and members of the Association to be held in the city of Houston on Tuesday, the 14th day of November, 1905, at rooms of the Business League, Texas Ave., under Rice Hotel, at 10:30 a. m. At this meeting the annual election of officers and the general business will be disposed of, also any new business that may be proposed. There are several matters of importance that should receive the earnest consideration of the members, among them, the pending proposition to admit tobacco from the Philippine Islands into the United States free of duty. A full attendance is desired. All persons interested in the growing and manufacturing of tobacco are invited to attend.

J. A. BLOHM, Pres.
Attest: Wm. BLACKWELL, Sec.
All railroads will give cheap rates.

REVOLUTIONIZE HIGHWAYS.

Split Log Drag, the Device of D. W. King, Has Established Its Value.

Kansas City, Mo.—Necessity was the mother of the split log drag, a contrivance that promises to advance American highways toward a par with those of Europe.

A bad piece of road existed between the farm of D. Ward King and the railroad station, three miles away. It meant loss of money to him. It took longer to haul a load of hogs or a load of corn or a load of wheat over that bad road than it would have taken to haul it over good roads. Time meant money to the farmer.

A haul of that kind meant that his teams were cut down in flesh and worn out sooner than they should have been. It meant wear and tear on his wagons and vehicles. Every time D. Ward King drove to town he thought this matter over. As he thought he became convinced at first that the only way out was for the farmers to macadamize their roads. This would cost \$1,500 to \$3,000 a mile, according to conditions. It was either that or travel in the mud, he decided.

He came to the conclusion as he thought the matter over, that the farmers could better afford the immense cost of macadam than to continue to drive in the mud. A few years would save the cost for them.

But, convinced as he was of the necessity and the economy of such a proceeding, he realized that it would take a long time to convince the average farmer that it would be a good investment to pay \$1,500 to \$3,000 a mile for macadam roads between his farm and the town.

Necessity pressed closer to his door. And from a faint suggestion King worked out a simple, inexpensive contrivance called the split log drag.

After he had become convinced that some method cheaper than macadamizing must be offered before the farmers would take it up—and unless the movement were general it would be useless—King experimented in road making.

Finally, one day, he patched together the stock of an old wooden pump and an oak post, parallel, one behind the other, and held together by boards. To this he fastened a piece of smooth fence wire and hitched a team to it. A board was laid across the pieces which held the pump stock and the post together and thus a platform was formed whereon the driver could stand and add his weight to that of the drag. His first idea was that this contrivance would drag the rough portions of the road down and fill the ruts formed by the passage of wagons.

He dragged the road as far as the gate of his first neighbor toward town and then turned back to his own home. He kept this up—dragging the road to and from this neighbor's gate—for three years before he had a single convert. He was laughed at and ridiculed. "What's D. Ward King up to now?" his neighbors asked, and laughed.

But Col. G. W. Waters, secre-

tary of the Missouri Good Roads Association, after looking upon the results of Mr. King's three years' work between his gate and his neighbor's, said:

"If the Road Commissioners of Missouri could stand here and see what I can see, the result would be worth a hundred thousand dollars a year to this Commonwealth."

The road was oval, hard and smooth. There were no ruts, no rough places, no muddy spots, no holes. Rain falling on it only served to harden it. Drivers reaching it at night remarked the difference. The bed had a cement-like solidity that defied rain and refused to be turned into mud. And that after only three years of work with an implement made from material lying at waste in the farm yard.

Representative David A. de Armond, a good roads advocate, rode over a piece of this road and wrote to Mr. King:

"I have experienced the magic influence of the Split Log Drag. I can determine almost to an inch where the drag began."

Other men have endorsed this contrivance. Thousands of meetings for purposes of education and demonstration have been held in nine States in which the gospel of the Split Log Drag has been carried.

The Missouri Board of Agriculture has taken up the subject and gives the method its approval. It has been advanced by the Good Roads Special experts as the method above all others to do the work. At these meetings thousands of farmers have become enthusiastic converts to the idea and have promised to give it a fair trial. Miles of road—amounting in the aggregate to thousands—have been dragged in Missouri and Iowa, and the dragging is being kept up for it is effective.

Country newspapers have taken the subject up and local organizations have been effected where prizes are offered for the best mile of country road. Everywhere the Split Log Drag has come to be thought the one thing that would make roads good and keep them so at little cost.

His pump stock and oak post were not the finality in Mr. King's invention. He pursued the idea to its foundation. He did discover by accident that dragging the roads was effective. But just why it was effective was a question. A hog told him why.

Standing one day looking at a hog wallow and thinking of his drag, he began to wonder why the sides of the wallow which had become dry, were so hard and smooth. He made an examination which showed him that the hogs, wallowing in the water and mud, had mixed the two into a sort of mortar. Then, the sides of the puddle being perpendicular, the water had trickled off and the cement-like mud had dried hard.

That, then, was the cause of the result he had reached. His drag kept the road smooth and oval. The rain falling on it dampened it and then ran off, leaving it to bake, not to the hardness of the sides of the hog wallow, but sufficiently to hold up a wagon. By

repeating the process frequently, especially after each rain, the roadbed was kept in shape and condition.

Mr. King has never patented the drag. He puts forth every effort to get people to manufacture it and use it and has spent time and money circulating literature and delivering lectures on the science of road-making. The cheap, simple and effective Split Log Drag, which he invented, is free to all.

INTERRUPTED.

He paused, as one on cruel horns
Of some dilemma caught,
Then slowly said, in tone of speech
With hesitation fraught:

"I've half a mind—I've half a mind—"
She interposed thereat,
And archly said: "I never thought
You had so much as that."

DOING THEIR DUTY.

Scores of Crockett Readers are Learning the Duty of the Kidneys.

J. H. Mantooth, of Lufkin, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills acted wonderfully in my case and cured me as nothing else could have done. The trouble I suffered from is a thing of the past and my rest at night is now natural and refreshing. I have recommended this remedy to several of my neighbors and find that every one who has used it speak only in the highest praise of such a reliable medicine."

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All Wishing to Enter this Contest
Should See Us at Once.

Crockett Courier

Mr. W. J. Emory of New York Here

Gather a Big Crowd. Hundreds of Shoppers at the Great Emory Mill Remnant Sale
The Sale is Still in Progress.

At 9 o'clock Saturday A. M., Mr. W. T. Emory of New York, Agent for a chain of Eastern and Southern Mills, opened his well known sale with JAMES S. SHIVERS & CO. The crowd soon filled every aisle and possible bit of standing room in the store, and eagerly sought the thousands of bargains offered at this sale. For several days the store has been under Mr. Emory's direction, and pile after pile of mill remnants have been displayed. A mill remnant sale is a great event to shoppers who appreciate real bargains. These sales have become famous throughout the Union. There is not a large city in this country but has the Emory Mill Remnant Sale. Mr. Emory has a large collection of photographs showing department stores from the Atlantic to the Pacific where his sales are held each year, and stated that these sales, while showing some sensational advertising features, are founded on perfectly sound business principles, and that none but representative houses get his sale. He also made the following explanation of how such sales are possible: "In the first place," said he, "I will state that none of the textile mills have yet discovered a plan to avoid making remnants. There has never been a loom made that would invariably weave a perfect cloth. The mill remnant comes as the result of this imperfect weaving. If a piece of cloth, say fifty yards, is being woven, the operator cuts out the imperfectly woven piece, and the good piece left goes to the remnant pile, the piece being one yard, five yards or ten yards. None of these slight flaws make any difference to the user, but it prevents the mill or factory from selling the goods at profitable prices. The great mass of Mill Remnants secured for this sale consist of new goods direct from the looms and are offered at mill cost. None of these cloths can be sold by manufacturers as full pieces as they are wanting in length."

Goods will be shown at this sale for many days from the famous Utica Mills, Mohawk Valley Mills, Lowell Mills, North Adams Mills, Fall River Mills and Southern Mills.

District Court Proceedings.

State vs. Paschal Manson, forgery; continued.
State vs. Wess Colter, theft of hogs; not guilty.
State vs. Billie Lewis, theft of hogs; bond forfeited.
State vs. John Gray, burglary; dismissed.
State vs. Sam Robinson, theft; two years.
State vs. Dave Franklin, incest, three cases; not guilty in one case and continued in two cases.
State vs. Mac Eddens, Dan Mitchell, Ike Howard and Ed Nelms, theft of hogs; continued.
State vs. Dan Mitchell, receiving and concealing stolen hogs; bail forfeited.
State vs. Frank Johnson, burglary; dismissed.
State vs. Foreman Tyler, assault to murder; absent witnesses fined and case continued.
State vs. Floyd Watson, theft of hogs; not guilty.
State vs. Wess Johnson, fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property; continued by defendant on account of sickness.
State vs. Jake Bloodsaw, assault to murder; case continued and bail allowed at \$500.
State vs. J. M. Depree, perjury; continued.
State vs. Al Woolley, seduction; continued.
State vs. Cressie Crowson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. Alma Crowson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. Ellis Nelson, murder; on trial.
State vs. Cressie Crowson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. A. L. Crowson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. Ellis Nelson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. Henry Nelson, murder; continued by consent.

der; continued by consent.

State vs. Esau Nelson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. Esau Nelson, murder; continued by consent.
State vs. Charlie Owens, assault to murder; continued.
There are many witnesses in the Esau Nelson case which was taken up Monday. The lower part of the court house and the court house yard were thronged with them. Some absent witnesses were fined. It will be remembered that the Nelsons and Crowsons stand charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander near Weldon.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Ia., writes, "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least a half dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." For sale by Smith & French Drug Co.

Anxious Moments.

Some of the most anxious hours of a mother's life are those when the little ones of the household have the croup. There is no other medicine so effective in this terrible malady as Foley's Honey and Tar. It is a household favorite for throat and lung troubles, and as it contains no opiates or other poisons, it can be safely given. Smith & French Drug Co.

Physicians Prescribe It.

Many broad minded physicians prescribe Foley's Honey and Tar, as they have never found so safe and reliable a remedy for throat and lung troubles as this great medicine. Smith & French Drug Co.

There is no cough medicine so popular as Foley's Honey and Tar. It contains no opiates or poisons, and never fails to cure. Smith & French Drug Co.

Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned were duly appointed administrators with the will annexed of the estate of J. C. Wootters, deceased, of Houston county, Texas, by Porter Newman, county judge of said county, on the 18th day of September, 1905, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to us within the time prescribed by law, at Crockett, Texas, which is our place of residence and postoffice address.

A. H. WOOTTERS,
R. H. WOOTTERS.

W. A. Harrin of Finch, Ark., writes, "I wish to report that Foley's Kidney Cure has cured a terrible case of kidney and bladder trouble that two doctors had given up. Smith & French Drug Co."

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ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

Advice as to Cutting Down and Mending Worn Carpets.

In mending or cutting down worn carpets a lengthwise seam is more noticeable than one made across the breadth. However skillfully done, mending as one would an ordinary garment, by cutting out the worn place, clipping the corners diagonally, turning under the edges and stitching them down to a piece of carpet secured to the under side, is sure to be conspicuous.

It should be done by cutting across the entire width and matching the pattern perfectly. Insert a piece by neatly folding the edges of both the body carpet and piece back on the wrong side an inch, basting securely in position. Overhand stitch the edges with linen thread as near the color of the ground as possible.

Household Hints.

Spirits of wine rubbed in well with a clean cloth will remove all stains on white leather belts.

To keep parsley shut it up in an air tight tin and store it in a cool place. It will last longer than when put in water.

When tarnished gold and silver embroidery may be brightened by being rubbed with flannel dipped in spirits of wine.

The ordinary cake blacking mixed with a little milk makes a fine polish for shoes and prevents the leather getting hard and cracking.

Whisk Broom Holder.

A whisk broom holder which looks like two circular pieces of delft porcelain is made of two disks of cardboard about four and a half inches in diameter covered with a glazed chintz on which are figures and symbols in delft design. The disks are fastened to each other by delft blue satin ribbon bows, leaving room for the whisk to be slipped between them. The holder is suspended by delft blue ribbon ends.

Candied Sweet Potatoes.

Cut raw sweet potatoes after they are peeled in thick slices crosswise; throw them into boiling water or in the steamer above a pan of hot water (the latter way gives them a better flavor). When the slices are soft roll each slice in granulated sugar and have ready a skillet of hot fat, into which throw the slices after they have been well turned in the granulated sugar. Fry the slices a golden brown.

Cooking Fish.

In cooking fish it should not be exposed to fierce heat and at the same time it must not be put into cold water or into a cold oven. There are exceptions to the above. For instance, salmon, especially if just caught, should be put into cold water and brought gently to the boil, but the general rule is to put fish into warm water, bring the water slowly to the boil, then let it simmer.

Care of Wood Floors.

Painted or varnished floors may be kept in good condition by wiping with a damp cloth and then rubbing with a dry woolen cloth. This, of course, is for floors that do not get badly soiled. Kitchen or pantry floors may be washed with skim milk; if very dirty, with soap and water. A scrubbing brush should never be used on a painted or varnished floor.

Care of Clothes Closets.

The closet should be opened and left to air every week for a few hours at least. All clothing should be removed from the hooks and hung out on the clothesline to air. The heat of the sun will take all creases out of cloth and velvet garments and save pressing. If there are superfluous articles of clothing on the shelves these should also be removed.

To Test Milk.

If you suspect that the baby is getting milk that contains formalin or other artificial preservative, set a glassful in a warm place for six or seven hours. If it sours, the milk is pure. If it remains sweet, it probably contains formalin and should be sent at once to the laboratory for analysis.

Tired.

"Your account has been standing a long time, Mr. Dukey."
"Then give it a rest, my dear Shears."
"Very glad to, sir. Shall we make it a receipt?"

Men and Clocks.

She—A clock is different from a man.
He—In what respect? She—When it strikes it keeps on working.

RUSSIA WAS CONFIDENT.

"I was in Russia," said a Japanese at Portsmouth, "when war was declared. I never saw such arrogant self confidence as the Russians had at that time."

"A publisher got out maps of Japan, and these maps were hawked through the streets by men who cried, 'Japanese maps, giving Russian troops future route into Tokyo!'"

"In the bookshops Japanese grammars and lexicons were put on sale, and over them were signs saying, 'Qualify for a government post in our new island conquest by learning Japanese.'"

"The day I left Moscow the cabman who took me to the station said as I was about to hand him his fare, 'Are you going to fight?'"

"Yes," said I.
"Then," said he, "I don't want your money. No man should pay for his own funeral ride."—New York Press.

The Blood and Mountain Climbing.

A European scientist, Raoul Bayeux, has been counting the red corpuscles in human blood during ascensions of Mont Blanc. M. Bayeux draws the following conclusions from his experiments: The blood undergoes a rapid and considerable increase in the number of red globules when one passes from one altitude to a higher level. If one remains in the latter place the first number of globules is found to diminish slightly, but not to a great extent in a few hours. Descending to the starting point makes the number diminish to a greater degree, but it is still above what it was before the ascension. He finds that a second ascension made before the number has fallen to the original value causes a new increase which is greater than is remarked in the first ascension.

The Smiths—and Others.

The fact that the name Smith occupies the largest space in the English dictionaries is indicative of the broad basis from which our present metal working industries began to develop, when Thomas the Smith and John the Smith were smiths indeed. On the continent—as indeed the history of the crafts of various nations would lead us to expect—this indication is not so marked. Although the Berlin directory registers some 5,000 Schmidts, yet the Schultzes and Mulers are more numerous. The Jansen family is the largest of all in Brussels, and in the Paris directory that of Martinet. In Naples the names Morelli and Vitelli run one another closely for precedence. Taking a line around the world, however, Smith is the most familiar name.—Manchester Guardian.

A New Brigand.

Algeria is threatened with that most terrible scourge which can afflict a countryside—a brigand with prestige and a picturesque legend. His name is Gaya Chaba, and he is an Arab who deserted from a native infantry regiment to turn brigand. He is now terrorizing the Arad district, where his crimes and his impunity inspire the natives with a belief that he is invulnerable. He is already sure of food and shelter against pursuit throughout the region and before long may be surrounded by a formidable band. The authorities are alive to the danger and are straining every nerve to break down the legend.

The Nature of Fuses.

Electric fuses are of two distinct kinds—viz, high tension and low tension. In the low tension system, which is gradually superseding the high, the fuse head consists of two insulated copper wires, joined by means of a thin platinum bridge, which, owing to its higher resistance to the electric current, becomes incandescent when the current passes. This bridge is inserted in a capsule containing an explosive mixture, and the whole is hermetically sealed inside a detonator before being issued from the works. The fuse is fired in the ordinary way by a magneto exploder.—Scientific American.

Ivory Knife Handles.

Ivory knife handles which have become yellow from age and misuse may be whitened by being rubbed gently with fine sandpaper and then polished with a clean piece of chamois skin.

To Mend an Umbrella.

To mend a hole in an umbrella stick firmly on the inside a piece of black court plaster. This is not so noticeable as a darn.

ROOSEVELT'S CHEAP SUIT.

Robert J. Wynne is the American consul general at London. He was interviewed recently by a magazine writer of that city at a time when the weather was extremely hot. Mr. Wynne was dressed in a suit of light holland. "The last time I saw President Roosevelt I wore these same clothes," he said. "It was at the White House at Washington, and of course the suit was a little free and easy for an official visit, so I apologized. 'Mr. President,' I said, 'I must make my excuses for appearing before such a great person as yourself and on such an important occasion in an outfit that cost \$6.' The president stared at me and then seized my arm. 'How much did you say?' he asked. 'Six dollars, Mr. President.' He burst out laughing. 'Well, I have beaten you,' he cried. 'I am nearer to the people than you are. This suit of mine cost me only \$4!'"

An Australian Mystery.

With the death of Sir Augustus Gregory the last of the great Australian explorers has passed away. His demise recalls the most remarkable mystery in the annals of the commonwealth. Fifty-seven years have passed since an exploring expedition, commanded by a German scientist, Ludwig Leichardt, set out from Sydney to cross Australia from east to west. To this day nobody knows what happened to that exploring party. Not a scrap of paper, not a solitary relic of its fate, has ever been discovered. It must have been either overwhelmed in some natural convulsion or absolutely annihilated by the blacks. Sir Augustus Gregory led two expeditions in search of it, one of them organized by the Royal Geographical society.—London Chronicle.

France's New Escutcheon.

France has made in the course of her history so many changes in her heraldic symbol that the latest has escaped almost without notice. The republic has just taken to itself a new coat of arms, which came into official use for the first time during the king of Spain's recent visit, the escutcheons being then quietly affixed to the ministry of foreign affairs, where, since his majesty resided there, they doubtless passed with many a worthy Frenchman for the Spanish coat of arms. The new design consists of the licitor's fasces, around which are twined sprays of oak and olive, the whole bound together with a band bearing the inscription, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," and around all a cartouch with the words "French Republic."

A Mistake and an Apology.

Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court was mistaken for an itinerant German musician at the Savoy hotel, London, recently and given a poor room on this account. Fuller, accompanied by his daughter, arrived at the Savoy, where the clerk, after booking them, looked the justice over from head to foot and came to the conclusion that a man so diminutive in size and with such long hair could be but one thing—a German musician. So he gave the justice and his daughter the poorest rooms he had vacant. When later he learned who the distinguished guest was he was profuse in his attempts to apologize.

Shrinking Helgoland.

The efforts of engineers to save Helgoland from the sea are likely to prove unavailing. Since the cession of the island to Germany in 1890 Helgoland has lost much of its area, not only through the collapse of its sandy cliffs, which offer fragile resistance to the encroaching sea, but also through a sinking of its south shore. Engineers have been at work filling crevices with rocks and building breakwaters, but it has been found that the very sea floor on which these have been constructed is unstable. In 1890 the circumference of the island was three and three-quarter miles. It is now three miles.

A Curious Ring.

No one needs to be told that there is iron in the blood, but it has remained for a French chemist, M. Barruel, head of the chemical laboratories of Paris, to make commercial use of the fact. He used to practice medicine and was accustomed to bleed his patients in the old fashioned way. He extracted the iron from the blood drawn from human arms and kept it in the form of minute globules, or pearls. At last he had enough to make an iron ring, which he wears on one of his fingers.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Grant's High Opinion of Sherman's Ability as a Soldier.

A graphic account of how he carried to Grant before Richmond the news of General Sherman's advance through North Carolina on his march to the sea in 1865 is told in a recent issue of Harper's Weekly by Adjutant S. H. M. Byers of the Fifth Iowa infantry. After a perilous trip he finally reached Grant's headquarters at City Point.

"I ripped open my clothing, handed him my dispatches and excitedly



GRANT SPRANG FROM HIS SEAT.

watched the pleased changes on his flushed face while he hurriedly read the great news I had brought from Sherman," says Mr. Byers. "General Ord happened in at the moment, and the good news was repeated to him. Ord clanked his spurs together, rubbed his hands and manifested joy. 'I had my fears, I had my fears,' he muttered. 'And I not a bit,' said Grant, springing from his seat by the window. 'I knew Sherman—I knew my man.'"

An Original Punisher.

Of Captain Harry Graham, who is to marry Miss Ethel Barrymore, the following story is told:

"I knew Graham well in London. He often entertained me in his beautiful apartment overlooking the Thames. Sometimes he read me his poetry, which was execrable; sometimes he sang comic songs in a pleasant tenor voice, and that was better."

"During one of my visits some guardsmen called, and over the spirit case and the soda water they told stories of Graham's military life with the Coldstreams."

"He was always an ingenious man at a punishment," said a tall youth. "Some of his punishments are still remembered, they were so original and odd."

"There was a private one day who had misbehaved, and Graham ordered him to be put on bread and water for three days."

"But the sergeant, saluting, said that such a punishment would make no difference to the culprit, because he was a vegetarian."

"'Oh, a vegetarian, is he?'" said Graham. "Then put him for three days on meat and soup!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Tip From the Bench.

"When Judge McCay was on the bench for the northern district of Georgia, the attorneyship of which the president has offered Representative Carter Tate," said a Georgia representative, "a young lawyer secured the attention of the judge and told him that he wished a postponement of a case in which he was to appear for the defendant. The case was one of simple moonshining, but the lawyer contended that it would take several hours for the argument."

"I can understand all you will have to say in an hour's time," said the judge.

"I am satisfied I shall take fully eight hours in my argument," contended the lawyer.

"Very well; have your own way, but it will take the prisoner about three years to tell why he employed you."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Keep Cheese Covered.

Always keep cheese well covered in a cheese dish or it will become dry and tasteless. If the cheese is wrapped in a cloth moistened with vinegar it will keep beautifully moist and retain its flavor longer.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Brazilian Fable That Explains Why Dogs Dislike Cats.

The people of Brazil have some very quaint folklore stories. One of the oddest is the fable about the dog's hatred for the cat and the cat's consequent fear of the dog. Long ago the animal kingdom of Brazil was mightily stirred. The dog declared his intention of taking out naturalization papers! This he did, and he gave them to the cat to keep while he went to make arrangements to enjoy his new independence.

Now, after his leaving, the cat got jealous of the dog's importance and clawed and chewed the paper until mere scraps were all that was left. Then back came the dog with his tail hung high. When he realized his misfortune he went for the cat. He has been going for her ever since. In his eager chase he forgot that he might get new papers, so instead of becoming a peaceful citizen of Brazil he chased the cat all over the world, and that is the reason there are dogs and cats everywhere.

Acting Proverbs.

In this game each player may take a part, or, if thought preferable, the company may divide themselves into actors and spectators. The actors then each fix upon a proverb, which is to be represented by each one of them individually. There is to be no connection between them in any way. Each one in turn has simply to act before the rest of the company the proverb he has selected. The first player might, for instance, come into the room holding a cup in his hand. Then by the way of acting his proverb he might repeatedly make an appearance of attempting to drink out of the cup, but being prevented each time by the cup slipping out of his hand, thus in dumb show illustrating the proverb, "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." If really good acting be thrown into the game it may be made exceedingly interesting.

A "Blind Pig" Book.

One of the funniest of scrapbooks is the "Blind Pig" book. It is not full of blind pigs, but the young folks who draw the pigs are blindfolded; hence the name.

Any blank book will do. Have each of your friends shut his or her eyes tightly and draw a pig on a page of the book. The eyes must not be opened until the drawing is finished, and then the artist will see the queerest looking thing you can imagine as a result of his or her efforts.

Each artist should sign his or her name to the pig, which will look like almost anything else but a pig. The book is a most interesting thing to keep, and when its pages are full of pigs, drawn and signed by all your friends, it is a curiosity indeed and a treasure which will be of interest to you all your life.

Salt Money.

Have you ever heard the expression "salt money?" A philologist tells us the origin of the phrase. "The Roman workers in the salt mines were paid in salt. The salt that they got in return for their labor was called salarium (sal—salt), or salt allowance. The word salarium later on was applied to the fees or tips men got for odd jobs. 'For patching my toga,' the noble said, 'I will give that fellow a slight salarium—a bit of money to buy salt with.' Finally 'salarium' came to mean wages, salary, what it does today. A salary is essentially salt money, and when we say a man is not worth his salt we mean he is not worth paying wages to."

The Belle of the Town.



Little Miss Sally lives in the town. Little Miss Sally wears a fine gown. Little Miss Sally makes the boys sigh. And she tosses her curls when passing by.

—Brooklyn Eagle.

Love.

George—Are you quite sure that you really love me? Bessie—Oh, yes; certain of it. I never knew any one that could make me so furiously angry at times!—Exchange.

The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

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Society a Masquerade.

The following letter, recently received at this office, is well worthy of the space that is here given to it:

"Editor New York American:

"Would you kindly publish your opinion on the following ethical question: My brother and myself are having an argument on the justification of falsehoods and pretense. He contends that present social conditions are such that if one is not rich and educated the only way is to try to create the impression that one is wealthier and wiser than he really is. He also contends that these falsehoods are right, since they have a tendency to place one higher on the social ladder. I told him that such things are wrong, and that the life that is based upon them is no better than moral blindness. I have met so many young men from whom I have heard the following expression: 'If I only had a fraction of the money and social standing people think I have!' You can awaken a good many foolish people, and by so doing you will deserve all honest praise. Respectfully yours,

N. L."

It may as well be said on the very start that "N. L.'s" letter goes to the very heart of the greatest vice of the so-called "civilized" world of today. Not only in this country, but in every other land within the pale of Christendom, the men and women who should be striving after truth and honesty are leading the lives of dissemblers and hypocrites. Life is getting to be a great big masquerade in which each one is trying his or her best to deceive the other. Honesty, frankness, sincerity, the open-eyed truth which looks at you without blinking, are becoming rarer than five-leaved clovers, and the recognized order of the day is to lie and deceive as persistently as you can. Paint, pretense, bluff, bluster—in a word; lying and hypocrisy, have driven the old-fashioned truth and fair dealing to the woods, and instead of the face-to-face and heart-to-heart way of living that once prevailed, we have the great game of "Peek-a-Boo," in which no one knows whose voice he is listening to or whose eyes are looking at him through the holes in the dough-faces. Of course, it is all wrong, radically, despicably wrong! The only right thing to do is to be honest, sincere, true. To depart from this grand old rule is to depart from that self-respect which is a man's or woman's noblest and most pleasurable possession. It is no disgrace to be poor, it is no disgrace to be denied access to the social whirl; but it is a disgrace to be a hypocrite and a liar, to be pretending to be what you are not. Instead of catering to the miserable materialism of the age, we should strive against it with all the sympathy of our souls. "N. L." is right, and I glory in the stand he has taken. He is not willing to be an ape. He will contend with being nothing but Man! And what is a man? He is not the coat he wears, he is not the bank account that he may happen

to have, he is not the round in the "social ladder" that he may chance to stand on—he is himself—the truth, the manhood, the worth of brain and heart he may happen to stand for. And shall a man be foolish enough to turn liar and hypocrite just for the sake of being admitted to the society of other liars and hypocrites?

Dissemble long enough, and adroitly enough, and you may at least succeed in becoming a footballer—a menial of the menials—the most degraded of the degraded. How much better it is to be a man—honest, high-minded, independent, holding your head up with the proudest of them, and scorning, for any consideration, to be other than you are!

"Society" be dashed! The best society for any one is the society of his own honest thought and the company of his own rock-ribbed self-respect.—T. B. G.

In Holy Bonds.

Crockett, Tex., October 22.—There is not a better sight to the eye nor a more tender feeling of the heart than to see a couple of young people pledge, in the presence of a vast congregation, themselves to be faithful in adversity and sickness as well as in health as long as life shall last.

It always seems more impressive and solemn to see a marriage ceremony performed by a pastor of the church.

While it was not publicly announced, yet it was generally known that Miss Minnie Brewton, one of the fairest young ladies of Oakland community, was to be wedded on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 3:30 p. m., to Mr. Hull Cook, a splendid young man of Porter Springs community.

Rev. O. C. Payne, in a short, but very impressive ceremony, defined the duties and obligations of the marriage vow, urging in particular the necessity of love, and of true love as being essential to the happiness of those thus living made one flesh.

The couple was beautifully arranged, looking happy, indeed, after the pastor pronounced them man and wife.

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No Poison in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

From Napier New Zealand, Herald. Two years ago the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales, Australia, had an analysis made of all the cough medicines that were sold in that market. Out of the entire list they found only one that they declared was entirely free from all poisons. This exception was Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, made by the Chamberlain Medicine Company, Des Moines, Iowa, U. S. A. The absence of all narcotics makes this remedy the safest and best that can be had; and it is with a feeling of security that any mother can give it to her little ones. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is especially recommended by its makers for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. This remedy is for sale by S. L. Murchison.

He Could Hardly Get Up.

P. H. Duffy of Ashly, Ill., writes, "This is to certify that I have taken two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure and it has helped me more than any other medicine. I tried many advertised remedies, but none of them gave me any relief. My druggist recommended Foley's Kidney Cure and it has cured me. Before commencing its use I was in such a shape that I could hardly get up when once down." Smith & French Drug Co.

Whiskey and Excursions.

A general rough house was reported on the returning excursion train out of this city Saturday night. The trouble seemed to have been the result of too much Palestine booze on the train running into dry territory. Special officers on the train had their hands full before the train got to Jacksonville and several arrests were made. The road is to be commended for taking the precaution to quell such disgraceful conduct. These incidents have a great deal to do with keeping the better element of people from patronizing what would otherwise be pleasant excursions.—Palestine Herald.

It is generally the case that those from dry towns when they visit a place where they can indulge in drinking red liquor imbibe too much and make life miserable for decent people on their return. We suggest the railway companies running into Dallas during the coming fair would add much business if they would police their excursion trains during that period. It is getting so decent people dread to travel on excursion trains.—Athens Review.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Ia., writes, "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least a half dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." For sale by Smith & French Drug Co.

Now that the postoffice department at Washington has passed a ruling that debar from the mails as second-class matter all publications that do not demand and receive the price of its subscription in advance, the Tribune hopes that its subscribers who are in arrears for the paper will come in and pay up to date and a year in advance. We do not desire to discontinue sending the paper to a single subscriber, but unless the above be complied with the old reliable will have to stop making its regular weeking visits to your homes. We believe the good people of old Angelina appreciate the Tribune enough to pay for it and will do so in advance just as cheerfully as at the end of the year.—Lufkin Tribune.

Anxious Moments.

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Many people who are careful to secure their cows at night turn their boys loose to roam at will. The cow might eat rag weeds and spoil the milk and tear up the neighbor's shrubbery, but the boy can only buy booze, ruin his character and destroy the quiet and peace of a happy home. The stock law is a fine thing, but a stock law for boys, enacted by the head of the house and rigidly enforced, would be much better. You can pay the cow out of the pound, but money is powerless to lift the noose from the neck of the wayward son.—Ex.

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PUEBLO HAS WOMAN POLICEMAN.

Colorado Pioneer of the Police Star. Is a Newspaper Worker.

Pueblo, Colo.—Since Colorado extended the suffrage to women eleven years ago the State has had women legislators, women State and county officials and, in Kiowa, a cattle ranch county, a woman Justice of the Peace. But not until a few days ago, when Miss Pauline Christman was sworn in by Chief McCafferty of Pueblo, has any city in Colorado had a woman policeman.

Many persons unfamiliar with conditions in Colorado might imagine a short-haired strident-voiced "unsexed female," plain and ancient, as the sort of person who would receive such an appointment, instead of a talented young newspaper writer who was given her commission as a recognition for no mean service in the manufacturing center of Colorado.

Miss Christman had regular duties on a local paper. While going about she was annoyed by the filthy condition of the sidewalks, the floors of street cars and other public places which many of Pueblo's citizens persisted in regarding as cuspidors.

The fight against this evil had long been waged before women's clubs and medical societies, but resolutions and learned speeches were the only result before Miss Christman came from Denver.

This young woman had been in town but a few days when she went to a policeman who was swinging his club over a well-mottled sidewalk. "Why don't you arrest the men who persist in spitting on the sidewalk and in other public places?"

"No orders, miss. Can't exceed authority, you know. You'll have to see the Chief."

Chief McCafferty listened sympathetically, but explained that there was no adequate ordinance against spitting. He advised Miss Christman to see Mayor West.

The Mayor agreed with her in every particular. If she would see the members of the City Council he would use his influence to assist in having her suggestions embodied in an ordinance, and pledged himself then to see to it that it was enforced rigidly.

Miss Christman had the ordinance drawn, arranged for newspaper support of her movement, found an Alderman to introduce it and then went to each of the Aldermen in turn and told him why she wished him to vote for the bill—how essential it was for the public health and the appearance of the city.

As a result Miss Christman's ideas were made law by unanimous vote.

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The Chief of Police made Miss Christman a special policeman with full power to arrest violators of any of the ordinances, and especially of the one which she had been instrumental in having passed. The women's clubs passed resolutions commending the young woman for her activity and the Mayor and the Chief of Police for appointing her a policeman.

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T. & N. O. R. R. Has Had Some Fair Experience.

Beaumont, Texas, October 19.—All of the old passenger coaches owned by the Texas and New Orleans railway management are being sent to Beaumont for a few slight repairs and then sent up the Dallas line for service on the line between Jacksonville, Athens and Dallas during the State fair. The reason for running the old coaches is the experience of the company during former fairs when the man from the country en route home from Dallas used the roof of the car for a target and the windows for punching bags. As a result, it generally cost the company more to repair the cars than they received in fares from passengers during the fair season. Some of the coaches now in the yards have been through the mill before on the Sabine and East Texas, and they show it.

Herb W. Edwards Injured.

Herb W. Edwards of Des Moines, Iowa, got a fall on an icy walk last winter, spraining his wrist and bruising his knees. "The next day," he says, "they were so sore and stiff I was afraid I would have to stay in bed, but I rubbed them well with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications all soreness had disappeared." For sale by S. L. Murchison.

TO BE PROSECUTION

Of Officials Who Refuse to Make Reports.

Austin, Texas, October 18.—State Revenue Agent F. C. Bell says that he has investigated the official records of about 150 counties of the State, and that in practically all of them he has found indebtedness due the State by sheriffs and district clerks. This indebtedness consists of fees which these officials have failed to turn over to the State. He says that, with the exception of about a dozen of these counties, the delinquent officials have willingly made reports and refunded to the State the amounts due. These dozen, however, persistently refuse to make an accounting. He says that steps will be taken to prosecute them for their delinquency.

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To Make It Sell.

Willie—That ink my ma used to mark my handkerchiefs all came out in the wash.

Pa—Yes?

Willie—Yes, and it was called "indelible." Why is some ink called "indelible?"

Pa—So that some people will think it is and buy it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Resourceful.

"Some of these physicians still insist that our cigarettes destroy health," said the manager of the tobacco factory.

"We'll fix that," answered the proprietor. "We'll give away coupons entitling every man who gets 1,000 of them to admission to a sanitarium."—Washington Star.

Just a Slight Jolt.

Miss Cutting—Some men are as easy to read as a book.

Sapleigh—Yaws, I pvesume so. But can you—aw—wead me that way?

Miss Cutting—Of course not. I read you like a paragraph.—Detroit Tribune.

Not For Him.



Stagely—Jenks wants a comedy part. He thinks he'd be a success as a comedian.

Knowhim—Nonsense. Why, everybody would laugh at him.

Would Answer Her Purpose.

Beatrice—So Ethel is engaged to Algy Hicollar. Well, I'm afraid she will find him a very shaky reed to lean on.

Angeline—Oh, she doesn't want him to lean on; she wants him to sit on.—Brooklyn Life.

Had Realized It.

"You women," said the stingy man, "don't know what it is to get money by working for it."

"Oh, I don't know," replied the stingy man's wife. "It's pretty hard work for me to get any."—Philadelphia Record.

Barnyard Chatter.

Dr. Duck—That measly old Mrs. Hen insulted me this morning.

Mrs. Duck—Indeed! What did she say?

Dr. Duck—She called me a low down quack.—Baltimore News.

A Conqueror From the Suburbs.

"What a grand air Sidney Snizzer has! Does he come from a specially fine family?"

"No. Don't you see? He's taking a cook home with him."—Detroit Free Press.

Juggling With Figures.

Yeast—What do you think of this idea of men wearing corsets?

Crimsonbank—Oh, I don't believe in allowing men to juggle with figures.—Yonkers Statesman.

Even Then.

"Think twice before you speak, and then five times out of ten the other fellow will say anything if you keep your mouth shut."—Cleveland Journal.

THE KAISER'S TIP.

The kaiser is popularly supposed to be economical. It is not generally known that he pushes his principles of economy to absolute niggardliness.

It will be remembered that he visited Constantinople some time back and was received with unexampled magnificence and inundated with handsome presents. During his stay in the Ottoman capital the emperor's aid-de-camp was instructed by his imperial master to distribute such gifts as were usual among the servants attached to his person.

He offered a dollar to the head coachman. The latter without a moment's hesitation returned it. "Thanks," he said, "I am not thirsty."—London Tatler.

Washington Elm Dying.

Age has so weakened and decayed the tree under which Washington took command of the American army on July 3, 1775, that its life is believed to be nearly ended.

The Washington elm, long venerated as the site of Indian councils as well as of Washington's assumption of command, has received expert treatment in order that it might be maintained, but the best that could be done has not prevented gradual wasting away. Recently a large limb had to be removed, and it is feared that others soon must be treated in like manner.

The tree is estimated to be more than 300 years old.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mojave Desert Newspapers.

Randolph R. Freeman printed the first newspaper issued below the level of the sea. It comes out at Indio, a station in the Mojave desert, on the Southern Pacific railroad. He calls it the Submarine. He once described his journal as "the low-downest newspaper on earth." He uses paper of a "submarine tint" and announces that his office "is located 212 feet from below." His editorial departments are called "Along the Coral Strand" and "The Undertow," and his funny department is dedicated to McGinty. Another Mojave desert journal is published at The Needles and is called The Needle's Eye.

Lawyer's Arguments.

Elihu Root contends that it is folly to urge a lawyer to be brief in his argument. "As a matter of fact," he says, "the argument's length generally is its sole reason for existing. By the time it is concluded the jury is likely to have forgotten the evidence." Mr. Root tells of a lawyer whom a judge advised to be brief. Counsel replied: "How would it be if I confined my argument to these words: 'Your honor, my opponent is wrong. I am right. You are an excellent judge.'"

He Did Need Them.

Robert Christy, a venerable Britisher now visiting this country, reminiscently tells of his long acquaintance with the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, and narrates the story of his christening when a baby. All of the stores of the empire were illuminated that night, and Albert Edward's initials, "A. E.," were displayed in all of the windows, when one of the courtiers remarked, "Before he wears the crown the lad'll need the other three vowels."

Plant Lice.

Fifty-eight persons competed to get the prize offered at Frankfort, Germany, for the best method of destroying plant lice. The winner's preparation is as follows: Quassia wood, two and a half pounds, to be soaked overnight in ten quarts of water and well boiled, then strained through a cloth and placed, with 100 quarts of water, in a petroleum barrel with five pounds of soft soap.

Eat Apples.

A recent authority asserts that the generous use of apples will improve the disposition, removing all disagreeable feelings and making existence more enjoyable for all. He also declares that apples are an infallible cure for the drink and tobacco habits and that their use as a daily article of diet will have a wonderful effect upon the whole system.

To Reform Him.

She—No, I do not think you would make me a good husband.

He—Ah, but I'm sure you'd make me one. Please try.—Boston Globe.

Profiting by the Exigency.

"At last the wolf is at the door!" "Well, coax him in and we'll eat him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

KEENE WAS A GOOD LOSER.

"James R. Keene, the great California millionaire, is coming east in a palace car," said somebody to Jay Gould one summer morning in 1877. The master of financial tricks replied: "Let him come. I'll send him back in a box car."

The threat seemed likely to be carried out when Keene tried a few years later to corner wheat. Gould and Cammack attacked him. He was sold out by men who ought to have stood by him, and he saw his fortune literally melt away. But he never lost his nerve and calmly said, "I will walk this street in victory when those who have betrayed me today are dead or paupers," a prediction which has been fulfilled to a large extent.—Success Magazine.

A Find of Ancient Coins.

The archaeological excavations in the island of Delos have recently resulted in the discovery of three leaden vases containing Athenian coins. The largest vase held 249 coins of four drachmas each, made during the rule of the Archontes. These coins are in an admirable state of preservation and seem never to have been in circulation. Another leaden jar contained 172 coins, dating from the same period, and in a third jar were found thirty-six coins, some in gold and some in silver. The jars were under the cellars of houses at a considerable depth below the surface. Numismatologists consider this to be the most important discovery of ancient coins ever made in Greece.—Argonaut.

New York's Broadway.

Since the Boulevard was added to Broadway, as it properly should be, Broadway is now the longest street contained in city limits and actually populated. Halsted street, in Chicago, is theoretically longer than our fourteen mile Broadway, but the street both begins and ends in the farming district within the Chicago city limits, while there are houses on Broadway up to the city line. No street abroad compares in length with Broadway. The London streets, "although the metropolitan district" covers much more territory, seldom retain their name for any length, some of them being known by as many as three or four titles.—New York Herald.

The United States Army.

The United States army now comprises 15 regiments of cavalry, 750 officers and 12,620 enlisted men, 30 batteries of field artillery and 126 companies of coast artillery, 651 officers and 17,742 enlisted men, 30 regiments of infantry, 1,500 officers and 12,000 enlisted men, 1,283 engineers, 1,283 enlisted men, commanded by officers detailed from the corps of engineers; staff corps, Indian scouts, etc., 2,877 enlisted men; 1 Porto Rican regiment, 31 officers and 554 enlisted men; 50 companies of Filipino scouts, 100 officers and 5,000 men. The full strength of the entire establishment is about 3,831 officers and 59,866 enlisted men.

The Missouri Mule.

In an address at the Missouri state fair Congressman W. D. Vandiver declared the Missouri mule had made his state famous the world over. He concluded his address by saying: "I take off my hat to the Missouri mule and stand at a respectful distance. The only animal with no ancestors of his own type, he maintains his importance in war and agriculture and demands his price wherever men struggle for supremacy, whether in peace or war."

The Old White Beaver.

The "cumbersome old white beaver hat" is not yet wholly obsolete. It is still worn by a member of the house of commons, Sir Edward Durning-Lawrence, who relates that he bought the beaver hat in Paris upward of thirty years ago; that he has worn it every summer since; that it is as good as ever and would, owing to the scarcity of beavers—which are all but extinct—fetch now at least ten times its original price.

A Byron House.

An Englishman, Sir J. G. T. Sinclair, is so enthusiastic an admirer of Byron that he has built in London, in Fleet street, a Byron house in the poet's honor. There is a medallion of Byron over the door, surrounded by a wreath of laurels in statuary marble, and another inside, while several hundreds of lines of his poetry are engraved on marble tablets on the walls of the entrance lobby and staircase.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Judge Failed to Appreciate a Young Lawyer's Argument.

One of the first cases which the late Gilman Marston of New Hampshire had after being admitted to the bar was a civil suit involving a somewhat complicated question of inheritance, says the Boston Herald. In no way daunted, young Marston tackled it, looked up authorities all the way back to Julius Caesar and prepared an argument of a few hundred pages which seemed to him



"I HAVE SO FAR," ANSWERED THE JUDGE.

more than unanswerable. His only fear was that it might be beyond the comprehension of the court.

When the time came the young man rose and plunged in boldly. The judge seemed interested, and Gilman took heart. But at the end of an hour and a half, in the midst of the most intricate part of his plea, he was pained to see what he thought was a lack of attention on the part of the court.

It was just as he expected. The judge was unable to appreciate the nice points of his argument. He paused, hesitated and then said, "Your honor, I beg pardon, but do you follow me?"

"I have so far," answered the judge, shifting about in his chair, "but I'll say frankly that if I thought I could find my way back I'd quit right here."

Southern Hospitality.

Some years ago one B. of Keokuk county, Ia., made a wagon trip through the adjacent southern states. On his return he recounted to his friends his impressions of his journey.

"Now, for instance," said he, "I went to a farmer to ask him the way to the nearest town. It was about 11:30 a. m., and I wanted to push on. But these here southern fellers is so hospitable he would not let me. He says, 'Light, stranger, an' come to dinner.' So I 'lit."

"They had a great big dish of fried potatoes in the middle of the table. The host pushed the dish toward me an' says, 'Have some, stranger.' I took a spoonful an' pushed 'em back. He pushed 'em over again an' says, 'Have some more, stranger.' I took another spoonful an' pushed 'em back. He says, 'Take a whole lot, stranger.' So I took another spoonful an' pushed 'em back. Then he pushed 'em over again an' says, 'Take consarned near all of 'em, stranger.'"—Harper's Weekly.

Mission Furniture.

"Europeans regard our mission furniture with aversion and disdain," says the Upholsterer. "They denounce it as heavy, awkward, ugly, uncomfortable. But even the Europeans who maintain that 'mission' is not a style, but the absence of style, cannot deny that it has rendered invaluable service to American art."

The Vampire Bat.

A traveler in the Panama country has this to say of one of his boatmen: "The negro limped from a sore on his foot. He explained that his toe had been attacked the previous night by a vampire bat which paid him frequent visits, though he was never conscious of the blood sucking process until he awoke."

Diaz and Mexico.

In fifty-nine years Mexico had fifty-two presidents, dictators and emperors before the time of President Diaz. Cecil Rhodes did not believe in the stability of the country. "There is no guaranty," he said, "that after President Diaz dies Mexico will have any better government than that which prevails in the South American countries."

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Story of a Gentleman Who Was Fond of Visiting His Friends.

Some time ago there lived a gentleman of indolent habits who spent his time visiting among his friends. After wearing out his welcome in his own neighborhood he thought he would visit an old Quaker friend some twenty miles distant. On his arrival he was cordially received by the Quaker, who, thinking the visitor had taken much pains to come so far to see him, treated him with a great deal of attention and politeness for several days. As the visitor showed no signs of leaving, the Quaker became uneasy, but bore it with patience until the eighth day, when he said to him:

"My friend, I am afraid thee will never come again."

"Oh, yes I shall," said the visitor. "I have enjoyed my visit very much and shall certainly come again."

"But," said the Quaker, "if thee will never leave how can thee come again?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Blood Relative.

For the first time in his life little Ned heard the expression "blood relation." It kept buzzing through his head, and finally he was compelled to ask his mother for an explanation. She told him the meaning of blood relation, and after a brief moment of thought the youngster exclaimed:

"Gee, ma, you're the bloodiest relation I have, ain't you?"—Brooklyn Life.

Her Suggestion.



Growells—I have given up drinking, chewing and smoking to please you, still you are not satisfied. Now, what else do you want me to give up?

Mrs. Growells—Well, you might give up \$50. I need a new tailor made suit.

Her Remark.

Husband—Didn't you tell that cook I wanted my breakfast right on the minute?

Wife—I did.

Husband—And what did she say?

Wife—She said that we all have our disappointments.—Life.

Two in Succession.

Tess—Jack stole a kiss from me last night.

Jess—Gracious! What did you do about it?

Tess—Nothing. I didn't have time. He made restitution immediately.—Philadelphia Press.

Discovered His Error.

"He once ran for office, you say?" "Well, he thought he was running at the time, but after the votes were counted he told me in confidence that he guessed he hadn't done more than walk."—Chicago Post.

Had Smoked Some.

First Citizen—He has spent a good deal of money laying pipes for this office.

Second Citizen—Too much for pipes and too little for cigars, I fancy.—Detroit Free Press.

Comforting Reflections.

"Dolly, if you keep on spending money this way we'll have to go to the poorhouse."

"Well, if we do, Jack, we'll have a lot of nice things to take with us."—Boston Herald.

Spontaneous Generation.

Bjackson—How much do you pay for your lead pencils, old man?

Bjohanson—Why, I really don't know. I haven't bought a lead pencil for years and years.—Somerville Journal.

The Viewpoint of Experience.

Newlywed—Does your wife ever threaten to go home to her mother?

Oldboy—Why, my boy, I wouldn't consider that a threat.—Smart Set.

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Social Items.

Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for advertisements must be in this office not later than Tuesday morning to insure insertion. No deviation will be made from this rule in the future, because to do so delays publication, causes the paper to miss outgoing mails and works an all-round hardship on all concerned.

White Rose flour at H. J. Phillips'.

Dr. J. B. Smith is at San Antonio.

The grand jury is again in session.

T. D. Craddock sells Selz Royal Blue Shoes.

The Feed Store of F. P. Parker has the feed.

Texas Red Rust-proof oats at H. J. Phillips'.

Salt at 45 cents per hundred at T. D. Craddock's.

D. C. F. Snell of Lovelady was in to see us Monday.

Don't sell your cotton until you see Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

All kinds of feed-stuffs always on hand at H. J. Phillips'.

Duck's stoves at F. P. Parker's. Get one now at cut prices.

All kinds of fruit at F. P. Parker's Fancy Grocery Store.

W. H. McHenry of Ratcliff was a caller at this office Tuesday.

Ask for Plow's candies. MURCHISON'S DRUG STORE.

"Sweeter than love," are Plow's candies at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Walker King and W. J. Wood of Palestine spent Sunday here.

We want your cotton. JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Plow's candies—finest and best. MURCHISON'S DRUG STORE.

For your cheap goods go to the Big Store's Mill Remnant Sale.

Evaporated peaches, apricots, prunes, apples, etc., at F. P. Parker's.

Double and single barrel shotguns very cheap at T. D. Craddock's.

We take a personal pride in our prescription work. Crysup's Drug Store.

The Big Store has the biggest sale on that Houston county ever saw before.

Plow's candies are good for both young and old. Buy them of Billy Lewis & Co.

Selz Shoes make your feet glad. T. D. Craddock sells them—men's, women's and children's.

We invite your inspection of our stock of stationery, toilet articles and cutlery. Crysup's Drug Store.

Try that new ribbon-cane syrup at H. J. Phillips'.

Plow's candy. MURCHISON'S DRUG STORE.

All kinds of fruits and candies at H. J. Phillips'.

A bright seed oat at T. D. Craddock's, clear of stain.

Get the best. Plow's candy is it. Sold by Billy Lewis & Co.

The world-famous Plow's candies are handled by Billy Lewis & Co.

"Meet me at Crysup's where we can get a good cigar and talk the matter over."

The ladies of the Baptist church realized over \$80 on their Halloween entertainment.

Syrup Jugs. Write Athens Pottery Co., Athens, Texas.

Cleanliness is the word at Crysup's drug Store. No dust-covered, shelf-worn goods.

Cotton. Cotton continues to advance. It was 10 1/2 Thursday morning.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. will advance you money on your cotton if you want to hold it.

For Sale. Four horses, three buggies, one hack and one wagon. Apply to Miss Ada Haile.

I am paying high prices for eggs, hides, furs, etc. F. P. PARKER.

The Misses Smith of Culpeper, Va., were the honorees at several social functions this week.

Moore & Harrison are making the Haring old drug store new. It is a new firm with new goods and new prices.

W. E. Hail has at the City Meat Market the choicest beef, pork and mutton in the city. Telephone No. 113.

T. D. Craddock sells Y. K. M. hosiery entitled Jack & Jill, Dick Tom & Harry. Try them, you will want no others.

When you want anything to be found in a drug store, see Moore & Harrison. They have what you want at popular prices.

Pure candy is healthful to the body as well as pleasing to the taste. Plow's candy is pure. Sold by Billy Lewis & Co.

Moore & Harrison have added largely to the stock of drugs formerly carried by J. G. Haring. They have a complete pharmacy.

E. B. Tims is the authorized agent of the COURIER at Augusta. If you wish to renew your subscription and haven't time to come to Crockett, see him.

Two of Lovelady's merchants, E. Mainer & Sons and F. M. Davis, have gotten out page size circulars advertising price reductions.

The Home and Foreign Mission society will meet next Monday at the Methodist church for the week. Meetings will occur daily at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Other denominations are invited to participate.

Sheriff Phillips returned, on Tuesday, from Stevens county with John High, who is charged by the grand jury with hog theft and theft of filed papers. There are two cases against High and his bail was fixed at \$500 in each case. Wednesday afternoon bond had not been made.

Meat Delivered. I will deliver meat to any part of the city. I kill a beef every day and kill nothing but the fattest and best cattle it is possible to get. Give me a trial. Phone 132. JOE LACY

Buy Brown Mule Tobacco for 10 cents a plug at T. D. Craddock's.

W. D. Gimon, a Weldon merchant, was in the COURIER office Tuesday.

You won't complain of tough beef if you buy it at the City Meat Market.

Chase & Sanborn is the best coffee in town. Sold only by T. D. Craddock.

Plow's candy in pounds, halves and smaller packages at Murchison's Drug Store.

A 25c piece of glass ware given with every \$2.50 cash purchase at Shivers & Waller's.

Another large shipment of hog wire and poultry fencing received at Shivers & Waller's.

Miss Hortense Lacy, who has a music class at Groveton, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

If your grocery bills have been too much, trade with Shivers & Waller next month and note the reduction.

Want money on your cotton? Take it to the Big Store. They advance you money if you want to hold it.

If you want bargains in groceries it won't be necessary to look up big sales. Go to Shivers & Waller's.

Stores were crowded Saturday and the people could not be waited on. Everybody seems to be busy this week.

People who are accustomed to the best at a moderate price can find what they want at Crysup's drug store.

The Big Store's Big Mill Remnant Sale is a great thing for Houston county people. Best values are to be found there.

Miss Lizzie Howard, and her friend, Miss Carter, were up from Kennard Sunday. They were accompanied by Fount Kelley.

Mr. James Best of Dodson was among those in town Wednesday. He said that, although this was one of the hardest years he ever saw, he had made, on his farm, plenty to do him.

Misses Rebecca and Frankie Smith will, on Monday, leave for Huntsville, where they will visit a sister, Mrs. Luther Eastham. On the following Monday they will go to Houston to be the guests of Mrs. J. O. Ross during the carnival.

Letter to Smith Bros., Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sirs: "It costs as much to put on poor paint as good"—a common saying and true—it costs much more to put on poor paint; more gallons.

Poor paint is paint and barytes or paint and sand or paint and lime or paint and chalk or paint and benzine or paint and water; these are the usual cheats; there are others.

It takes more gallons of paint and a cheat than of honest paint; and the cost of the labor of painting is so much a gallon—one gallon costs as much as another, for labor.

This is the way to reckon your costs for this year; but how about next year?

Paint Devoc, and next year costs nothing; year after next the same; the same for several years.

Paint anything else, and your costs recur according to what you paint with. Some of the mixtures wear one year; some two; some three.

It costs twice, three times, four times, five times, as much to paint with a cheat as to paint with Devoc.

Yours truly, F. W. DEVOC & Co., New York.

S. L. Murchison sells our paints.

Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.

List Your Land With Us.

Fire Insurance Written in Best Companies.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square, Crockett, Texas.

Notice! Notice!

No hunting allowed on my premises. TONY GOSSETT.

Farmers,

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. will pay you the highest market price for your cotton.

Miss Ollie Grambling of Rustin, La., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brown. Miss Grambling is returning from a visit to New Mexico.

The COURIER has enlarged its facilities for handling business and now has one of the most conveniently arranged offices in the country.

We are Sole Agents

for Houston Packing Company in this territory. When you have hogs for sale write or call us up. Will pay highest market price at all times.

BRUTON & THOMPSON, Lovelady, Texas.

The Ellis Nelson case was still on trial in the district court Thursday morning. The state had finished with its witnesses, and testimony for the defense was being introduced. The case will likely go to the jury Friday. About three days were consumed in the examination of witnesses.

The cross tie and lumber industries are the largest revenue producers Crockett now has. It is estimated that from fifteen to twenty thousand ties have been unloaded from wagons at the railroad tracks during the month of October. Cars are being loaded daily with lumber cut by the small mills near here, much of which passes through the Crockett planing mills.

The merchants of Crockett are now enjoying a splendid trade as the result of a little advertising. Merchants can bring trade to a town, by a judicious use of printer's ink, that would go elsewhere but for the inducements offered. A few live merchants are the best trade stimulants any town can have.

Cotton Receipts.

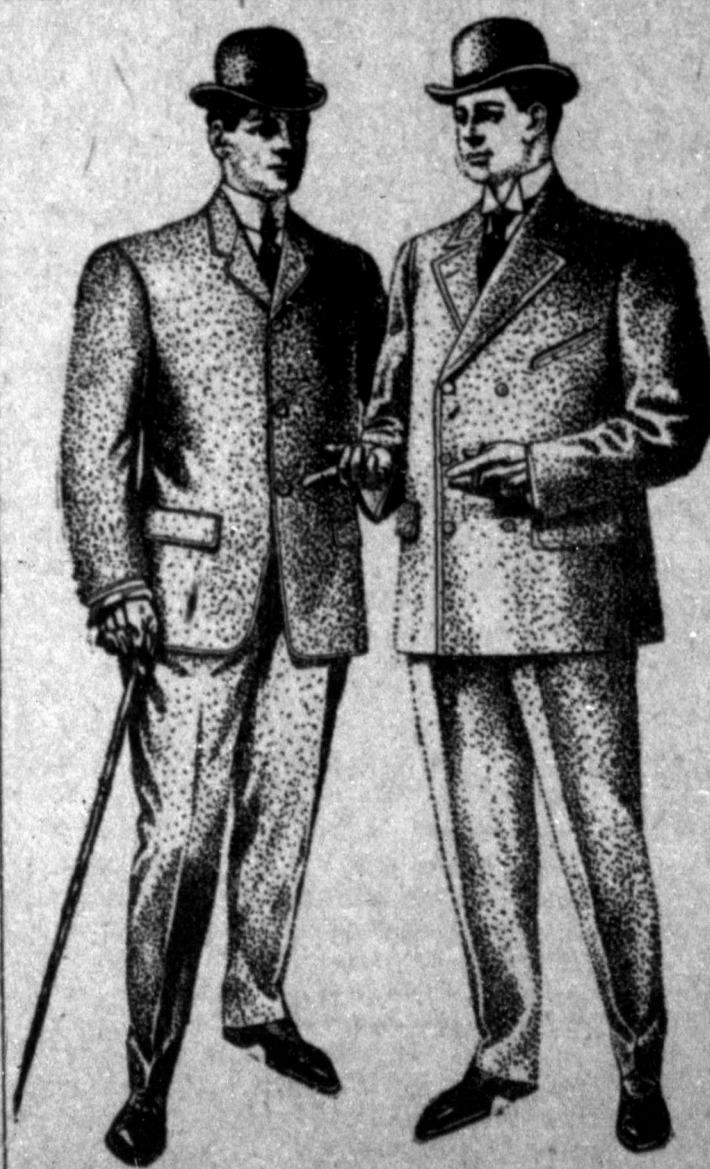
A canvas of the cotton yards Monday afternoon revealed the fact that Crockett had received only 1577 bales this season. In this connection we will state that Bennett is again weighing, having made the bond required under the new law affecting public weighers.

Our books are now open for subscription collections. Subscribers in arrears need not feel backward about coming to see us, for we are in the same boat you are in. We are short of money—subscription money. If you can not come to see us, send us the amount due by postal money order and it will be acceptable—anyway so we get it.

Tax Collector Brightman informs us that his books were opened for the collection of taxes on October 1. A man, to be a qualified voter, must pay his poll tax by the last day of January. After that date the tax can be collected by law, but he loses his vote. A ten per cent penalty is added to all unpaid taxes after the last day of January.

Killing at Paso.

Peter Burns, a negro, was shot and killed at his house at or near Paso Monday night. He had been feeding his stock and was returning to the house when he was fired on and killed. Gus Burnett, another negro, was arrested by the officers and is now in jail charged with the crime.



How About Your Fall Suit? Which of These Styles Will You Select? They Are Both Up to the Minute.

We guarantee better work and snappier garments than any other tailor can give you. If we don't "deliver the goods," send them back. And we save you anywhere from \$2.50 to \$10.00 on your suit or overcoat. Give us your order now, before the fall rush, and get the right thing at right price. Yours, etc.,

Millar & Shupak, Tailors and Furriers.

P. S.—We have a handsome line of wool shirts. See them—the prices are right. We also have a splendid line of Winter Underwear.

The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

The tobacco crop of South Carolina is being sweated, sorted and packed at Palestine along with the Texas crop.

What will Houston do with its goo-goo ordinance during the carnival? A carnival without goo-goo eyes would be a very tame affair.

The last ginners' report compiled for the census bureau by Mr. J. R. Sheridan showed that Houston county had ginned 3753 bales of cotton this season. The crop will fall considerably short of last year. Houston county ginned last year about 11,000 bales.

The supreme court has just decided that a man is not a qualified juror until he has paid his poll tax prior to the first day of February of each year. Now then, this decision means many new and unheard of dollars in the state treasury for the benefit of the school fund.—Tyler Courier.

Corsicana Democrat and Truth: The farmer who can get 10c for his cotton should, in our judgment, sell. To hold and pay interest is to take less. If he should get 12c next summer the interest and insurance will have eaten up the difference in price; then there is the damage claim to contend with.

The subscriber who delays for an unreasonable time to pay his subscription to his church paper and his home paper, which are the only ones that will credit him, is not a true friend to the paper, matters not how much he claims to be its friend. The real friend to the local paper is the one who pays his subscription promptly and always before the year is up.—Tyler Courier.

Bonham Favorite: The operations of a smooth grafter have just come to light in Honey Grove. We learn from good authority that the said grafter sold a number of good housewives of that town a handful of baled hay glued together for Japanese ferns, for the small sum of 25c per plant. The grafter represented that each, placed in water, would grow immediately and become of immense size. Many bought them by the dozen to place in their flower gardens.

Senator Bailey believes in fine stock. Recently at Dallas he made the following statement to a newspaper reporter: "The story that I intend to build a race track at Gainesville and bring a stable of race horses and several trainers from Kentucky is without any foundation. My farm near Gainesville is devoted to good cattle, and all of the improvements which I have made and which I intend to make have been made and will be made for my cattle. I have no doubt that we can raise as good horses in Texas as in any other part of the world, and I know that it is much cheaper to raise them here than in Kentucky, but the kind of horses which I breed command so much better prices there than they would here that I keep them in Kentucky purely as a matter of business.

"From time to time I have brought good horses to this State and shall continue to do so, because I believe that whoever helps to improve our live stock performs a useful service to our people. If all our horses, cattle, hogs and sheep were the best of their respective kind, our agricultural wealth would be immensely increased. It must never be forgotten that our State is essentially an agricultural one and that its prosperity must always depend in a large measure upon the prosperity of our farms, and that nothing contributes so much toward making farm life both agreeable and profitable as raising good live stock."

"The lifting of the quarantine has resulted in the biggest sort of a demand for mules," said a Fort Worth stockman. "In fact, the demand right now is greatly in excess of the available supply. Spans of mules are now bringing from \$300 to \$450, and all good mules on the market are being snapped up for shipment East. In addition to the demand for heavy mules, the demand for heavy draft horses right now is also good. In fact, good heavy horses are bringing as much as mules. A man with a good size mule is just as sure of being able to turn the mule into cash as he is able to turn cotton into cash."

In few callings in life are the opportunities to note the eccentricities of human character better than the newspaper business. Recently the Chronicle has sent out bills to some of its subscribers who failed to keep up their subscription. Some thanked us for calling their attention to the matter, others seemed irritated and offended because the bill had been sent. We get bills for things we buy all the time and it has never occurred to us as anything but proper that we should get them, and if we don't pay promptly our attention is as promptly called to that fact. There is no difference between the newspaper business and any other when it comes to the business end of it—at least there is not with this paper.—Wills Point Chronicle.

A CONTEST OF MERIT.

A Practical Education and the Opportunity to Get It.

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Mr. W. W. Aiken, Ed. COURIER,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:—We are today issuing you an unlimited Forty Dollar Scholarship in this institution, which we enclose herewith. This scholarship entitles the holder to a full course in the business or shorthand department, with the privilege of reviewing at pleasure, without extra cost.

The only requirement is, that this scholarship be given to the young man or young lady securing the greatest number of cash subscribers at \$1.00 a year each to your paper, the COURIER, between now and January 2, 1906.

Experience teaches us that the boy or girl who works his way in to or through school almost invariably makes a great success. We feel confident that you can easily interest many young men and women to take this matter up at once.

THE EARTHMAN BUSINESS UNIV.,
G. W. BARTMAN, Pres.

All the requests for information will receive careful and prompt attention. Address
THE COURIER, Crockett, Tex.

MAHOGANY WOOD.

The Way It Came to Be Used in the Making of Furniture.

Chippendale owes his reputation to the fact that he published a book of designs with over 200 copperplate engravings, so that today any one who wishes may get them and reproduce them exactly or with such changes and improvements as suit his fancy. That they are capable of improvement Chippendale himself was the first to declare. Chippendale was one of the first makers of mahogany furniture. Before his time this precious wood was valued only for the medicinal qualities it was supposed to possess.

The idea of making furniture of mahogany wood appears to have been the result of chance. A certain physician in London had a great many mahogany planks, and wanting a candle box, he sent for a cabinetmaker and instructed him to use the mahogany for the required article of furniture. The man objected that the wood was too hard for his tools, and the doctor told him to get harder tools. The man did so, and when the doctor saw the box he was amazed at its beauty. Patients and friends talked about it, and at last the Duchess of Buckingham came to see it. She was enraptured and persuaded the doctor to give her wood for a similar box. As a result mahogany got to be the fashion.

HORSEPOWER.

The Unit as It Was Originated and Defined by Watt.

When steam engines were employed to drive mills, pumps and other machinery which had been previously driven by horses, it was natural to attempt to express the work done by them in terms of the working power of the horse.

James Watt was the first to define the unit of horsepower, which by experiment he found to be 33,000 foot pounds a minute. In other words, a one horsepower engine would raise 33,000 pounds one foot every minute, and so on proportionally to the number of "horsepowers" indicated by the engine.

He arrived at this conclusion by observing the work done by heavy dray horses in breweries working eight hours daily and found that a horse going at the rate of two miles and a half an hour could raise a weight of 150 pounds by a rope led over a pulley, which is equal to 33,000 pounds raised one foot in one minute.

Watt, for the credit of his engines, selected horses of more than average power.

THE ELDER TREE.

In Days Long Gone by It Was Held In Disrepute.

In olden days to be crowned with elder was a disgrace. In an old play we read, "Laurel for a garland and elder for disgrace." This may have been due to the story which Shakespeare has noticed that Judas hanged himself upon an elder tree: Well follow'd; Judas was hanged on an elder.—"Love's Labour's Lost."

This legend was generally accepted. Ben Jonson in "Every Man Out of His Humour" has, "He shall be your Judas, and you shall be his elder tree to hang on," and Nixon in his "Strange Footsteps," "Our gardens will prosper the better when they have in them not one of those elders whereupon so many covetous Judases hang themselves." Shakespeare also makes it an emblem of grief:

Grow patience
And let the stinking elder, grief, untwine
His perishing root with the increasing
vine.—"Cymbeline."
—London Telegraph.

Miseries of the Red Sea.

In the waters of the Red sea the cessation of the engines on a steamer for an hour means extreme physical suffering for passengers. For a day it would involve absolute torture. The wind which prevails every day is a hot, asphyxiating blast, and its continuous directions are from north and south toward the center. As a result every passing vessel is subjected to two days of almost intolerable heat, followed by two days of comparative comfort, but instances have been known of crowded liners being compelled when traveling with the wind to turn round and steam back for an hour or so in order to give the passengers even a brief respite from the sufferings induced by the dull, dead, unbearable atmosphere.—London Tit-Bits.

Defiance.

A little boy in Deering, Me., was brought before his father recently and accused of killing a chicken. "Who told you about it?" asked the boy. "The hen did," said the father. Nothing more was said that day, but the next morning the hen was found dead, and the boy, being accused of killing it, admitted it, saying in defense, "Yes, I did kill the hen, and I'll kill every hen that tells on me."

Justified.

City Editor—Why do you say he ran into the police station "puffing and blowing"? "Puffing" and "blowing" are synonymous. Reporter—Not at all. There's a vast difference—for instance, between puffing a man up and blowing him up.—Philadelphia Ledger.

BOWIE'S INDIAN FIGHT.

It Was a Fierce Battle and Against Desperate Odds.

In 1832 James Bowie and his brother were prospecting for gold along the San Saba river in Texas when they were attacked by Indians. The fighting lasted only one day, but for seven days longer the Indians surrounded the party to prevent their escape. In the book entitled "With the Makers of Texas" it is recorded as the most desperate Indian battle in the history of Texas.

The number of the Indians being so much greater than ours—164 Indians to eleven white men—it was agreed that "Rezin" Bowie should go out to talk to them and endeavor to compromise. He and David Buchanan walked to within forty yards of where they had halted. He requested them in their own tongue to send forward their chief, as we wanted to talk with him.

Their answer was, "How do you do?" in English and a discharge of shots, one of which broke Buchanan's leg. Bowie returned their salutation with the contents of a double barreled gun. Then, taking Buchanan on his shoulders, he started for camp.

The Indians opened a heavy fire upon them, and when their shot failed to bring down Bowie eight Indians on foot took after him with tomahawks.

When the Indians were close upon him his companions rushed forward and brought down four of them. The other four fled.

The Indians now opened a heavy fire. Their chief, on horseback, urged them to the charge. James Bowie cried out, "Who is loaded?" All our guns were empty with the exception of Mr. Hamm's. He was told to "Shoot that Indian on horseback." He did so. His shot broke the Indian's leg and killed his horse. We saw him hopping around his horse on one leg, with his shield on his arm to keep off the balls.

By this time we had reloaded, and several balls pierced the shield and he fell.

Finding that we would not be dislodged from the thicket, they set fire to the dry grass to rout us from our position. The fire came down upon us before the wind, and our situation looked desperate. The sparks flew so thickly that not a powder horn could be opened. But when the fire reached the ring around our wounded men and baggage we succeeded in smothering it with buffalo robes, deerskins and blankets.

It was now sundown, and we had been warmly engaged with the Indians since sunrise. Seeing us still ready for fight, they carried off their wounded and gave up the battle.

A Wonder of Antiquity.

One of the greatest wonders of ancient Egypt was the famous artificial body of water called Lake Moeris. According to Herodotus, "the measure of its circumference was 3,300 furlongs, which is equal to the entire length of Egypt along the seacoast." The excavation, which was made in the time of King Moeris (the memnon of the Greeks and Romans), was of varying depths, and its center was occupied by two pyramids, the apexes of which were 300 feet higher than the surface of the water. The water for this gigantic artificial reservoir was obtained from the Nile through a canal, which six months of the year had an inflow and the other six an outflow, corresponding to high and low water in the river. The canal gradually filled with sand, and the lake has long since evaporated, but its bottom is still one of the most fertile tracts in Egypt.

In Fit Array.

Talk as one will on the vanity of clothes, the consciousness of being well dressed has something of moral force in it. "Brush your hair and things won't look so bad," was the wise counsel given by a friend to a woman whose husband had lost his money.

The little child in Mr. E. J. Hardy's "Manners Makyth Man" hit on this great truth when she replied to her mother, who was reproving her. "Oh, Katie, why can't you be a good little girl? See Julia, now. How nice she is! Why can't you be as good as she?"

"Praps I could, mamma," answered Katie, "if my dress had little pink bows all over it."

A Sisterly Amendment.

"The man who marries me must have great firmness of mind."
"Yes, dear, and great courage."
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SPORT IN TUSCANY.

It Includes Shooting Song Birds and Dining on Bat Pie.

The olive trees around Lucca are not nearly so old or so gnarled looking as those familiar to visitors on the Riviera, probably because, owing to the proximity of the mountains, the climate in which they grow is more temperate. The earth in which they grow is a reddish gravelly soil. In fact, for olives the drier the earth the better, and they do not require much depth. It takes the fruit of five of the largest trees to make only one barrel of the pure oil containing thirty-six liters and a half—that is, about 110 pounds in weight. And even this amount cannot be reckoned upon oftener than once in every two years. Moreover, an olive tree has to be planted and grafted four years before it will produce fruit at all.

There would be a great many beautiful singing birds in the groves and mountain sides around Lucca were it not for the passion which the Tuscan contadini have for la caccia—the chase. The sport they indulge in all day long is shooting at goldfinches and linnets and other little birds, all of which are sold and eaten. In the markets at Lucca I have seen jays for sale. Upon my expressing a doubt as to their succulency I was assured that they were excellent when boiled. Fancy boiled jay as a repast!

There is apparently no rule in Tuscany as to not shooting on the highroads. Indeed on every mile or two of roadway you will probably meet at least one cacciatore with a gun upon his shoulder. They will fire at anything, even a bat. I myself saw my friend's cook, Tito by name, shoot a bat on the highroad. He said if he could only get enough of them they would make a good pie. Ye gods! Bat pie and boiled jay—what a dinner!

I ascertained that there is some excellent trout fishing to be obtained not very far from Lucca, many of the trout being of good size. The trout are already in season in the month of February and rise very well in March and April to a fly.—Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Haggard, D. S. O., in Chambers' Journal.

Divorce in Burma.

There is something to be said for Burma. If the Burmese husband and the Burmese wife come to the conclusion that they have injudiciously increased the marriage rate their procedure is simple and direct.

The wife does not go to her solicitor, but to the tallow chandler. From him she obtains two little candles. These she brings home, and she and her husband sit down on the floor, placing the candles between them. One candle represents the husband, one the wife. They are lighted at the same moment, and the owner of the one which goes out first leaves the house, taking only his or her clothes, while the owner of the more enduring candle remains, also the owner of the house and all that therein is.

Thus divorce becomes simple and charming. It will be observed that the wife always selects the candles.—Chicago Law Journal.

Turn About.

"A depositor in a neighboring trust company," said a banker, "is an eccentric farmer of middle age. This farmer, though he is wealthy, overdrew his account one day to the tune of \$500.

"Notification of the overdraft was at once sent to him.

"He replied: "You tell me I have overdrawn my account \$500. Well, I know it. So what is the necessity of bothering me about it? Why not trust me as I do you? Do I go to you when I have money in your institution and shout, "You have \$500 of mine?" Such statements are superfluous either way."—Buffalo Enquirer.

Wind Superstitions.

The Finns of Norway long entertained a traditional belief in the power of controlling the winds by a small rope with three knots tied in it. This popular superstition gave rise to the curious industry of making and selling these wind controlling ropes with magical knots to mariners and fishermen. It was believed that by unloosing the first knot a favorable breeze was secured, the second raised a strong gale, and if the third was untied it would prove the prelude to a tempest. According to Ranulph Higden, the witches of the Isle of Man had a similar practice of selling winds to sailors.