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## English Newspaper Correspondent.

Some time ago there passed through Houston a private car containing a special correspondent of a large daily published in London.

It seems that the English papers have begun to gradually adopt the style of their more enterprising American contemporaries, and are publishing more intelligent accounts of affairs in the United States. The correspondent sent out by the London Argus spent half a day in Houston, and it is supposed that he visited the other principal towns of the state. The result of his labors was shown yesterday on receipt of a marked copy of the Argus containing the following article:

"The state of Texas is the largest one in the United States of America, and was purchased in 1831 of the Mexican government by General Sam Houston, a wealthy cattleman, who had been driven from Tennessee as an outlaw on account of moon-shining.

The government was allowed under the provisions of the Monroe doctrine to remain a monarchy until the year 1894, when the emperor, James Hogg, was forced to abdicate at the point of the bayonet by insurgent forces led by George Clark and General Mabry. The government then became a republican form, and the former favorites of the emperor, for whom he had seized the railroads of the empire and turned them over for their amusement, were condemned for four years in the legislature or the state reformatory. The present head of the government is Dan Stuart.

A man by the strange name of "Our Charley," who has been appointed governor of Dallas, one of the northern provinces, has incurred considerable odium by a furious and unprovoked attack upon Mr. Fitzcorbet, a peaceful citizen of Hot Springs, of which town a man named Mozarris is president. This has given rise to much criticism among the populists, a religious sect recently organized by Cyclone Davis in opposition to the Baptists, and which discussion of the question is held in the primaries, as saloons of Texas are called.

The republican party is led by Colonel Natquenderson, who was turned out of the democratic church at the instigation of his step-father, familiarly called "pap"—by means of a local option vote of the members. Colonel Natquenderson is at present in Washington at a national convention of pastry cooks, to see about an appropriation for his state.

The province at Dallas is a bleak and dreary waste to the north that is used as a place of banishment for political offenders. Its capital is Galveston, an isolated city, cut off from the mainland by the Gulf of Mexico. The president of the United States has arranged with a Morgan syndicate to fill up the deep water around this island at a cost of \$100,000,000. After a trial of over ten years the supreme court has returned a verdict of banishment to Dallas of Bill Snort, a political extremist of socialistic tendencies, whose dreary, dry and interminable speeches have been reported verbatim by Mr. Grover, a reporter for the Texas Siftings, an official publication compiled from the Congressional Record.

The people of Texas have a very limited English vocabulary. The word pull seems to enter into all their sentences. One gentleman in describing an incident, said: "I had a 'pull' with him and I worked it. I took a 'pull' out of my bottle, 'pulled' my gun on him, 'pulled' his leg, and then 'pulled' my freight."—Houston Post.

Jonley—Yes, sir, I was once up in a balloon with a crazy man. I don't suppose you can even imagine the horror of such an experience.

Jimlev—I don't know about that! I've gone up in an elevator with a small boy running it.—Roxbury Gazette.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood has been disbarred from the practice of law in Washington, but it was for accepting an improper fee.

## A Farmer Who Keeps Books.

Mr. J. James, a substantial farmer, living near Alvarado, Texas, was in Dallas yesterday. To Round About he said: "As a farmer and one proud of his avocation I keep books; that is, at the beginning of each year I open an account against each and every plat of land on my farm as a merchant does with his customers. No matter what is planted on these several plats, I charge each one up with an accurate estimate of all labor, seed, etc., from the time I begin preparing the land until the harvest is gathered, and give to each plat a credit for what it yields at the market price. In order to figure it down fine each plat is measured, and, for convenience sake, is named or numbered. This has been my practice for many years, and I find it very interesting at the end of the year to balance accounts. I then figure out how much it has cost me per acre to prepare the land, plant, cultivate and gather each of my several crops. I also figure it down to the actual cost of producing a bushel of corn or oats, and also the actual cost of producing a pound of cotton. I then see how much per bushel or per pound I have made or lost. I then of course can see at what price I can produce grain and cotton. This last season it cost me \$2.90 per acre to make my corn crop that was planted on land which was cultivated in cotton the year before. The ground was not turned, but the cotton stalks were cut up with a stalk cutter. The rows were laid off with a cultivator between the old cotton bed and the planter was followed by a cultivator with four long-tongued plows sunk as deep as the team could pull it. As soon as my corn was up I harrowed it across the rows and some of my neighbors thought I had ruined my corn. They soon found out better. I then plowed my corn over three times with cultivators, plowing very shallow. This corn made from fifty-six and a third to sixty-four bushels per acre, and cost me 77 cents per bushel, in interest on investment not counted. The same season my cotton cost me \$4.62 per acre to make the crop and \$4.77 per acre to gather, or to figure it down to the pound, adding the value of the seed to what I got for the lint cotton and deducting the cost for making, gathering, marketing and interest on the investment my cotton cost 4.9 cents per pound. I sold as I got it out and averaged 71 cents for my crop, so I made a net profit of only 24 cents per pound. My land is all new, first-class black land and perfectly clear of foul weeds and grass, otherwise I would not have made the small margin of 24 cents per pound on cotton even at 71 cents.—Dallas News.

A Texas reporter was detailed to write up a cattle show and a fashionable ball on the same day. Unfortunately he looked upon the wine when it was red and got things mixed up as follows:

Mias A. D., a beautiful young heifer, with head and white spots on her back and fore shoulders, was charmingly arrayed in blue velvet and ornamented with a cowbell.

Mrs. A. K. L., a Texas raised cow, fine milker, very gentle, looked lovely, in amber colored silk with lace trimmings. Wore a new belt, her shapely neck.—Texas Sifter.

A highwayman appeared at the house of the Widow Holbrook in Chautauqua county, Kan., and demanded her money. She had none and told him so, whereupon he apologized for the intrusion, and putting some wood in the stove, departed.—Ex.

Mrs. Wreakhard (the landlady)—How is it that you are taking your medicine after dinner? I thought the doctor told you to take it before meals.

Mr. Oldboarder—He said it did not make any difference as long as I took it on an empty stomach.—Life.

## Which Will You Take?

A writer in the Saturday evening Call relates a touching episode in every day life as follows:

Entering the office of a well-known merchant, I lifted my eyes and found myself confronted with the brightest and most thrilling temperance lecture I ever steered myself against in the whole course of my life. It was an inscription marked with a pen on the back of a postal card nailed to the desk. "Which? Wine or whisky? The babes or the bottles? Home or hell?" "Where did you get that and what did you nail it there for? I asked the merchant.

"I wrote that myself and nailed it up there," was his reply, "and I will tell you the story of that card. Some time ago I found myself falling into a drinking habit. I would run out once in a while with a visiting customer, or at the invitation of a traveling man or on every slight pretext. I soon found that my business faculties were becoming dulled, that my stomach was continually out of sorts, my appetite failing, and a constant craving for alcoholic stimulants becoming dominant. I saw tears in the eyes of my wife, wonder depicted on the faces of the children, and then I took a long look ahead. One day I sat down at this desk and half unconsciously wrote the inscription on that card. On looking at upon its completion, its awful revelation burst upon me like a flash. I nailed it up there, and read it over a hundred times that afternoon. That night I went home sober, and I have not touched a drop of intoxicating liquor since. You see how startling is its alliteration. Now I have no literary proclivities, and I regard that card as an inspiration. It speaks out three solemn warnings every time I see it. The first is a voice-crier, the second is the moral, and the third is the attention to wisdom. Here is an example and a witness deepened by a solemn shaking of the head, and with that he resumed his work.—Ex.

"No, no, thanks, no sausage for me," said Bob Mitchell, the comedian.

He was taking supper at a San Jose restaurant after a recent minstrel performance.

"Don't you like sausage?" asked Cathcart.

"Not since my friend, the butcher, told me how he made it. I bought some sausage of him the other day, took it home and ate it, and never tasted finer sausage in my life. The next time I saw him I asked: 'Where did you get that sausage?' 'Made it,' said he. 'It was the finest I ever ate. How did you make it?' 'A friend gave me a pointer.'—San Francisco Post.

A suit was filed in the district courts yesterday against T. B. Collins and his bondsmen for the recovery of a certain sum of money deposited in the City National bank amounting to \$539,000. Mr. Collins deposited this amount of the county's funds in the bank for safekeeping, and the bank having failed it falls back on the treasurer and his bondsmen to indemnify the loss which the county has sustained thereby.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Marshall, Tex., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A Sister of Charity connected with the Texas and Pacific hospital by the name of Sister St. John forsook the order to become a wife. She was married Monday in Palestine to H. A. Nunnally, who was the druggist at the hospital. Sister St. John quietly slipped away from the hospital last Friday night. She was assisted in her escape by Mr. Nunnally's brother, who took her to Palestine, where she was followed on Sunday by Druggist Nunnally, and the marriage ceremony was performed Monday.

A man that loves his own fire side, and can govern his house without falling by the ears with his neighbors, or engaging in snits at law, is as free as a Duke of Venice.—Montaigne.

They who have light in themselves will not revolve as satellites.—Anon.

The first war of profane history was about a woman—Helen of Troy.

## Profess Less, Confess More.

We have as many minds as we have men; yet there are some points on which all good men agree.

That the world is better to-day than ever before all agree. In what age were such privileges allowed in speech and action through the press and otherwise? The man to be most pitied is the man who denounces religion and all creeds as bad because he unfortunately meets with a few hypocrites. And scarcely less to be pitied is the man who will swear that every man who occupies a pulpit or whose name is on the church register is good, because if he is blessed with an ounce of intelligence he knows that he is swearing falsely. If Christians would profess less and confess more their numbers would soon be doubled. In the great army of life the hand that is stretched to lift a fallen comrade is as often that of an unbeliever as that of a Christian. Again, the hand that bars the door against the homeless, turns from the beggar, who exacts ruinous interest, who turns widows and orphans from homes for rent, who lends an ear to the slanderer, and who condemns a fallen brother to everlasting banishment, is as often that of a professing Christian as otherwise. In the face of this is it surprising that there is a vast army of unbelievers? Unless our religion makes us better it is good for nothing.—Selected.

Glittering Globets.

Newly married people do not go into society much until they are tired of each other.

When a woman goes to Sunday school, she will go to the walk about her.

A pretty girl we have been notified has been years disappeared lately, and we wondered what had become of her. She appeared on the streets to-day pushing a baby buggy. We congratulated her, although we had not heard before that she was married.

It is known to be a fact that a certain Atchison preacher is working for his board. He lives among the members, but receives no money. He is not doing this because he does not want a salary, but because he has no other charge, and has to make a living. People do not seem to appreciate preachers as much as formerly.

When more than five agents call on a business man in any one day, he ought to have the right to call a policeman.

An Atchison man once applied to the police commissioners, saying that he was too old to work, and wanted a job on the police force.

"I feel so restless and discontented, and lonesome all the time," we heard a woman say recently, "that I believe I must be getting ready to be converted."

No girl in love is pretty—a girl in love begins to show some of the worry that distinguishes a sitting hen.

When a woman goes off to visit her kin, she is sometimes influenced more by hunger than affection.—Atchison Globe.

The Austin Statesman advises Mr. Hardy to seize the reins himself and issue a call for two democratic state conventions if the state executive committee should fail to do so. The Statesman is too candid, by half. Hardy's call will be out in due season, but the Statesman shouldn't tumble the cat out of the bag until the time is ripe for that event.—Gazette.

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## Designing Party Sinners.

In his interview published in all the daily papers of the state last Sunday Geo. Clark of Waco (the supposed little giant) of four years ago, expressed himself in a most bilious manner, showing that his political liver is still out of fix and refuses to have it regulated by party authority. Speaking of his crowd, whom he calls "real democrats," he says:

"They intend to stand by their brother democrats of the United States upon the platform constructed by the wisdom of the party in national convention and fight everybody who isn't indorse that platform in its entirety, without evasion or mental reservation, whether we have one state convention in Texas or a dozen."

That is the language of a man who has been trying to "bully" the democratic party for several years. It contains a threat that must be plain and patent to the state administration and to the state democratic organization as represented by Chairman J. G. Dudley. In contrast with Clark's bragadoos, the following call by the chairman of the national democratic executive committee is a beautiful rebuke and differs so widely from the threats of the "little giant" who lives on the Brazos, that we reproduce the call in full, as follows:

"Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 24, 1896.—The Democratic National Committee having met in the city of Washington, D. C., January 16, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, and chosen the city of Chicago, Ill., as the place for holding the democratic national convention.

"Each state is entitled to representation therein equal to double the number of its senators and representatives, and each Territory United strict of Columbia shall have two delegates.

"All democratic citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

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That is the language of the national chairman's call for a national convention and should be the language of the state chairman. He evidently recognizes that to be successful the party must be built up and an invitation extended to join it. The would-be dictator, known as George Clark, the little giant, wants to drive men from the party hoping thereby to capture its organization. Compare the extract from his prepared interview quoted above and the following, also from the same disgusting source, in opposing the primary election on the financial question, already agreed on by the state committee:

"Neither do they (the gold bugs) intend to be governed by any expression of primary elections unless the proper democratic tests for voting therein are prescribed and faithfully carried out. Democrats are weary of having populists swarm into our primaries and after dictating our policies and candidates, swarm out again. \* \* \* And the recent act of the legislature regulating primary elections seems to have been specially adapted for the perpetuation of this practice."

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conventions and ordering primary elections, should employ the broad and liberal invitation of the national committee chairman. A man who is so eager to submit to a national platform could not object to the language of the chairman of the national committee in fixing the qualifications and making the invitation to those desiring to participate in the party primaries. If Chairman Dudley's committee will try they can easily put a muzzle on this "Little Giant" and his associates in party sin and designs, or else force them to kick the national democratic committee authority, as well as that of the state.—Terrell Times-Star.

## Where They Should Go.

The New York World has compiled the following list of places where certain people should go:

- Singers, to Alto, Ga.
- Bakers, to Cakes, Pa.
- Jewelers, to Gem, Ind.
- Smokers, to Weed, Cal.
- Printers, to Agate, Col.
- The sleepy, to Gap, Pa.
- The idle, to Rust, Minn.
- Cranks, to Peculiar, Mo.
- Poets, to Parnassus, Pa.
- Dead-heads, to Gratis, O.
- Actors, to Star City, Ark.
- Perfumers, to Aroma, Ill.
- Apiarists, to Beesville, Tex.
- Tramps, to Grubtown, Pa.
- Bankers, to Deposit, N. Y.
- Small men, to Bigger, Ind.
- Widowers, to Widows, Ala.
- Brokers, to Stockville, Nev.
- Old maids, to Antiquity, O.
- Lovers, to Spoonville, Mich.
- Hunters, to Deer Trail, Col.
- Hucksters, to Yellville, Ark.
- Cobblers, to Shoe Heel, N. C.
- The "boys," to Midway, S. C.
- Theosophists, to Mystic, Conn.
- Topers, to Brandy Station, Va.
- Physicians, to Doctortown, Ga.
- Drummers, to Modest Town, Va.
- Druggists, to Balsam Lake, Wis.
- Prohibitionists, to Drytown, Cal.
- Puzzle fiends, to Riddlesville, Ga.
- Political orators, to Sunnypoint, Pa.

The gum brigade, to Chewtown, Pa.

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**ADELPHI LODGE** No. 261, I. O. O. F., meets on second and fourth Saturday nights in each month in Knights of Pythias hall.  
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**K. O. F. H.**  
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O. E. FINLAY, Dictator.  
J. R. HARRIS, Reporter.

**K. O. F. P.**  
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Rev. Abé Mulkey begins a ten day's meeting at Jackboro to-day.

Gov. Morton of New York will now mix things for the republican presidential nomination, since Ex-President Harrison's declination.

The San Antonio Express insists that "so long as the public courts insist upon calling wife beating 'disorderly conduct,' the crime will not decrease."

James J. Corbett, the ex-champion bruiser, attempted to thrash a Philadelphia fireman, a small man, but the fireman had sand and succeeded in mashing Corbett's mouth until he bled profusely.

A ship loaded with 120 men and \$50,000 worth of guns and ammunition, bound for Cuba to assist the insurgents, went down in a surging sea off the eastern end of Long Island. Ten men were drowned.

Ex-President Benj. Harrison has positively declined to be a candidate for president and has notified his party, through the chairman of the republican state committee of Indiana that he "cannot assent to have his name presented to or used in the St. Louis convention."

Senator Tillman of South Carolina has made his maiden speech in the U. S. Senate and used some vigorous language. He called the president a "besotted tyrant" and Carlisle a "Judah." Wall Street owns both parties, he says, and an armed industrial revolution must result.

The Commercial Club of Dallas has taken initiatory steps for holding a great semi-centennial exhibition in that city, and mayors and County judges of the state have been requested to appoint delegates to a meeting to be held in Dallas on the 25th inst. to devise ways and means for the success of the enterprise.

Some rich, rare and good testimony is being brought out in the Harris Page trial at Fort Worth. Mrs. E. E. Harris was house keeper for Col. R. M. Page a wealthy capitalist, now deceased, and is trying to prove that she was Page's wife. The trial has created quite a sensation, not only in Ft. Worth, but throughout the state.

The first cattle ever exported direct from Texas to England left Fort Worth for Liverpool Monday. They were raised on Burk Burnett's 6666 ranch, led at the oil mills in Alvarado, and shipped directly to New Orleans, where they will be placed aboard ship and the ocean journey begun. The outcome of this shipment will be watched with much interest and upon the result will depend the future progress of this industry in Texas.

"It is not a credit to our methods of conducting important criminal trials," says the New York Tribune, "that it has taken almost three months to reach a verdict in the case of Louis Gordon, accused of the crime of arson. It would have been absolutely satisfactory if after consuming all this time there had been a 'hung jury' at the end. We have escaped such a miserable outcome of the case, but a verdict was finally reached only by a compromise, which included a strong recommendation to mercy."

It is not B. Gibbs who has left the democratic party, on the contrary it is simply the Dallas News in a new turn to lash the state administration and air her cosmopolitan ideas as usual. B. Gibbs has said no more than he has said hundreds of times before for the last dozen or more years. Suppose the Dallas News or some other venal publication had not picked up his bombastic utterances and made a mountain out of a mole hill what would it have amounted to, and what does it all amount to anyway now that it is all out? Nothing but wind—Memphis Herald.

Bonham, Tex., Jan. 28.—J. B. Nichols was tried to-day for violation of the local option law in two cases, and was fined \$25 and given twenty days in jail in each case. Also J. A. Fulghum was tried for the same offence and fined \$50 and given twenty five days in jail.

The free coinage substitute for the bond bill which passed the house some time ago passed the senate on the 1st. The bill provides that from the date of the act the mints of the United States shall be open to the coinage of silver and the dollar shall be of the present weight and fineness, and also provides for certificates. It further provides for the coinage of the seigniorage now in the treasury and authorizes immediate issue of certificates upon the same in advance of being carried. One section of the bill provides that no bank note of less than \$10 shall hereafter be issued and those outstanding of less amount shall be taken in and canceled as rapidly as possible. Section 4 provides that the greenbacks and treasury notes shall be redeemed in standard silver dollars or in gold coinage at the option of the treasury, and the greenbacks when so redeemed shall be immediately reissued.

In his call for the state Democratic executive committee to meet at Austin February 5th, Chairman Dudley makes use of these words, which should sink deep into the heart of every loyal Democrat: "It is of paramount importance that the great financial question, on which good and patriotic democrats differ, should be settled within party lines, and individual opinions yield to the majority. Democracy has relied and always will rely upon the wisdom and patriotism of the people composing the party as the final arbiter of all questions. No man or set of men has ever yet politically survived the overriding of the will of the people expressed at their primaries."

The postoffice committee of the house has agreed to report with some amendments Representative Sperry's bill to provide for delivery of letters in towns and other places where no free delivery exists. Whenever not less than twenty persons who receive their mail through the same postoffice petition the postmaster at such offices to do so, he is to appoint carriers to deliver and collect the mail from such persons. The carriers are to receive from the persons to whom the mail is delivered a compensation agreed upon and if no agreement is made they may demand not exceeding 1 cent for each letter. They are to receive no other compensation.

The Texas Farmer usually hits hard, and this is the way it strikes the railway commission: Reports say that it is real chummy—sort of clammy—at Austin for shippers, farmers, etc., who visit the railroad commission offices. Clerks are, formal, very busy, very "red tape." But when a railroad official visits the commission department it is "quite the contrary reversely." Why is this? Can it be that the commission has had clerks "worked" on them who are paying railroads for past favors received or future rewards expected? And another paragraph in the same paper says: Wonder if Texas people know that clerks—mere clerks—in the railroad commission department of Texas can get almost any favors asked in the way of dead-head passes and things? Texas farmer would like to know "why this is thusly."

The chief dignitaries of the established and nonconformist churches in Great Britain, together with other persons of influence, have signed an appeal for the negotiation of some system of permanent arbitration for the settlement of all disputes of English speaking peoples. This is civilization. It means peace. It is the dictate of reason. It is inspired by that "common sense" which Mr. Gladstone invoked in his dispatch to The World, as all that is needed to settle any dispute between kindred peoples. Our own congress in 1892 and the British parliament in 1893 passed resolutions in favor of such a system. The time is ripe to embody the principle in a treaty of binding and lasting force. All war is crime, but a war between any two of the English-speaking peoples would be a crime of peculiar atrocity. "Blood is thicker than water."—New York World.

News reaches us that Hon. W. P. Sebastian, of Breckenridge, declines making the race for congress and will probably come before the people again for the legislature. His past services in the legislature proves him to be a valuable representative, always looking out for what will be best for west Texas.—Baylor County Banner.

The supreme court of the state of Tennessee has rendered a most important decision. A saloon-keeper was arrested in Nashville for keeping his saloon open on Sunday. The facts showed that the door to the saloon was forced open by the police and the defendant and his bar-keeper were found in the saloon. There were no other persons found in the saloon, but only the defendant and his bar-keeper were found in the bar-room. The defendant insisted that he was straightening up his week's work. The case was tried in the city court and the saloon-keeper was fined \$50. Appeal was taken to the circuit court, which affirmed the judgement of the city court. Appeal was taken to the supreme court, which also affirmed the judgement of the lower courts. In delivering the opinion of the court Judge Wilkes said: "The ordinance was intended not only to prevent tippling, but the admission of persons to the saloon by the back door or side door on Sunday. The mere closing and locking of the front door is not sufficient. The proprietor or the bar-keeper himself has no right to be there on Sunday winding up his week's work—Ex.

The election of a Republican Senator in Maryland, for the first time since the close of the war, is likely to be followed by the election of a Republican from Kentucky, likewise a State heretofore "rock-ribbed Democracy." The loss in Maryland was due to the offensive bores maintained over the party for many years by Senator Gorman, aggravated by his betrayal of the party to the coal and iron rings and the Sugar Trust in the "hold-up" of the House tariff bill. In Kentucky the loss will be the legitimate result of playing fast and loose on the silver question. To nominate a free-silver candidate on a sound-money platform—to have the nominee for Governor facing one way and a majority of the party another—was to invite the defeat that befell. A lesson in behalf of honest and decent politics that involves the loss of a Senator for six years is costly. But apparently the bosses and the trimmers will not learn in any less expensive school than that of experience.—New York World.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—A special to the Republic from Key West, Fla., says Gen. Gomez engaged the Spanish army under Gen. Marin near Quivican in Havana province. The battle, which lasted several hours, was subduently contested, the insurgents eventually withdrawing to escape an ambush. Both sides claim the victory, but as the official report does not state the Spanish losses the insurgents' claim is accepted as nominally correct. This is to the effect that Marin lost 200 men, 500 Mansur rifles and a considerable quantity of ammunition. Gomez, the report says, handled his forces with rare skill and escaped with a loss of less than a dozen men.

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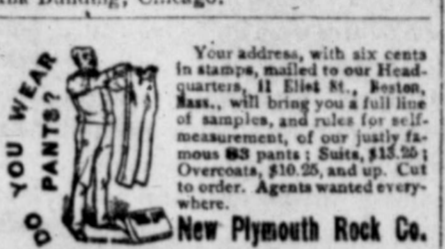
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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

District court and commissioners' court convene next Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Driggers has been sick during the week, but is now better.

Improvements are being made in all parts of city and rent houses are still in demand.

Miss Birdie Robertson returned from a visit to the "old home" in Stephens county Monday.

We learn that Abe Rogers, living a few miles northwest of town, is quite sick with pneumonia.

Dr. W. M. Terrell, of Farmer, was in the city yesterday and was a welcome caller at this office.

John T. Cunningham is in Houston this week attending the meeting of the grand lodge I. O. O. F.

Candidates are beginning to get numerous and the woods will be full of them within another month.

It is very nice to be neutral in a fight provided you don't get knocked down and run over in the scuffle.

Don't take any substitute when you ask for the true blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. Trust upon Hood's and only Hood's.

Grass and weeds are beginning to get green, and unless winter comes at once fruit trees will soon bud out.

There will be several leap year parties in Graham this year and a preacher will officiate at some of them, at least.

Remember the oyster supper to be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, next Thursday evening.

W. P. McCorkle, formerly a citizen of this county but now of Elm, O. T., was here this week visiting relatives and friends.

James Lyons, recently with the Graham Drug Co., has returned to Albany, his former home, and engaged in the drug business.

Newt. Murray is rejoicing over the arrival of a brand new boy at his house, the youngster making his appearance on the 31st ult.

Wolves seem to be more numerous than usual this winter. A pack of the "varmints" held a concert close to town Sunday night.

The oyster supper given by the ladies Friday evening was largely attended and liberally patronized.

B. F. Short has returned from Duncan, I. T., and associated himself with S. B. Street & Co., where his old friends can always find him.

Eld. Lowry of the Christian church will preach at the residence of J. H. Newby, north-east of town, Saturday night and Sunday. All are invited.

Marriage licenses issued this week: G. W. Franklin and Miss Alice Preston; W. A. Stone and Miss May Mandell; Joe McDaniel and Miss Rebecca Tinney.

J. D. Carr and his accomplished daughter, Miss Henrietta, were in town last Saturday. Miss Henrietta is welding the rod successfully in the Murray school.

Sheriff H. C. Williams, M. A. Wallace, E. M. Wallace, J. R. Harris, Walter True and Jasper Lanter have been in Dallas this week as witnesses before the federal grand jury.

Prof. J. N. Johnston was attacked Tuesday evening with pneumonia in an aggravated form and is now seriously ill. It is hoped by the Professor's numerous friends that he will recover speedily.

Dr. J. W. Gallaher left Wednesday morning for Missouri in response to a telegram stating that his mother was dangerously ill. Another message was received after the Doctor's departure, stating that his mother was dead.

John—"Jim, what do you think about the prohibition question?" Jim—"Well, I hardly know yet. I'er rather believe I would vote for it if I thought it would be enforced. I am for it in principle, of course, but 'er—"

John—"What office did you say you were going to run for next fall?" Flower Seeds—a large collection—all kinds. Call early and make your selection.

D. R. AKIN & Co. We will pay 25 cents per bushel, in mill stuff or groceries, for Corn. GRAHAM MILL Co.

J. B. Robertson and little daughter, Sadie, visited relatives in Stephens county this week.

A bran new ten-pound prohibitionist took up his abode at the residence of F. M. Knight last Sunday.

L. A. Martin, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, returned to his home at Melissa, Texas, last Monday.

The man without any convictions is only a little worse off than the poor fellow who has ideas but is afraid to express them.

Chas. E. Robinson has purchased a farm near True and moved to it. We trust that he may be abouandy successful at his new vocation.

Messrs. F. W. Girard, sr., P. A. Martin, E. W. Johnson and J. B. Girard returned Monday from Dallas, where they had been tied up for two weeks as witnesses in the federal court.

E. M. Wallace is improving and beautifying his property in the east part of town by planting shrubbery, etc. Ed will be building a house some of these days and then people will imagine that something is going to happen.

The local option contest is getting warm and some supporters of the measure are enthusiastic over the bright prospect for a sweeping victory. The petitions have been numerously signed and will be presented to the commissioners' court at its meeting next Monday, when the election will be ordered.

A. E. Oatman of the Lone Star Broom Factory, at Farmer, seems to be doing a flourishing business, as THE LEADER has turned out several thousand broom labels for him this week. Young county has two broom factories and every citizen should patronize home industry by using Young county brooms.

It is said that Capt. J. C. Short has become tired of the embryonic metropolis, Texas City, and will return to Graham as soon as he can dispose of his coast interests. This is another of the many instances in confirmation of the old saying that it is next to impossible for one to stay away from Graham after having once lived here.

J. A. Coffey and W. E. Cummings, of the embryonic city of Drummond, were pleasant callers at this office a few days ago. They say Drummond will soon be lighted with street car lights, and that the town with Vol Crawford as mayor and Nick Rodgers as city marshal.

Before buying land call on C. P. Benson and get prices direct from the owners.

Hon. W. P. Sebastian, our able representative in the legislature, was over from Breckinridge this week on legal business and called on THE LEADER office by a pleasant visit. Mr. Sebastian was solicited by many of his old constituents to make the race for congress this year, but has declined. He will, however, be a candidate for re-election to the legislature.

Oyster Supper. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will give an Oyster Supper at Akin & Co.'s Drug Store Thursday night, Feb. 13. The proceeds to be used in paying for the church seats. From 6 to 9 o'clock.

In Webster's old blue back spelling book there is a fable of an old man who threw grass at the boy up the apple tree until he found that wouldn't work, and then he brought him down with a stone. A careful study of the fable might be profitable to some people who are riding the top rail of the fence on the prohibition question.

Two small pastures to lease, call on C. P. BENSON, office in Court House.

H. T. Kimbrough and wife, who have been visiting relatives here for some time, returned to their home in Rockingham, Mo., Monday. They were much pleased with our country and will return and locate in Young county as soon as arrangements can be perfected. Miss Grace Brown accompanied them home and will remain until their return.

To Our Patrons. We beg to announce that on and after Friday morning, Feb. 7th, we will discontinue taking orders at residences. Each of us will continue to deliver goods as usual to any part of the city. JNO. E. MORRISON & Co. GRAHAM MERCANTILE Co. MATTHEWS & TIDWELL. BISHAM & CHAIN.

Sowing and Reaping. Blessed are they that sow in due season, for strength and joy for drunkenness. —Eccles. 10:17.

Since my last article I have been highly gratified to note the splendid response of public sentiment; the growth of the prohibition spirit and the entry of new "Richmonds" in the field. "Free American" No. 1 had barely shown his crimson helmet when "Free American No. 2" placed his shining lance between the joints of his armor and smote him "hip and thigh." He was well attended to by "Free American No. 2," and the points raised by "Citizen No. 2" were so well taken that I would rest on my arms for the present if it were not for the pamphlet issue of the other side, to which my attention has been called. I feel that I cannot allow my mother's God to be accused of favoring saloons and drinking without interposing a strenuous denial.

In the first place a personal explanation is in order, for it seems that Col. Adams and others are quite anxious about my identity. I thought my reasons for assuming a non de plume were plainly and intelligibly stated in my first article, but to ease the troubled spirit of the Colonel I will be more explicit. Two years or so ago there was a campaign started against the saloons and among the active workers was a little, grish-looking, pale-faced Methodist preacher (who would not harm a sparrow or a worm) I am credibly informed that he was cursed and abused on the street by at least one anti and it is even said that long after his death the curse of Graham anti-prohibitionists are not wanted by me. I am not making a personal matter of this and don't purpose to and I don't intend to be cursed and abused.

The Colonel has resorted to quoting scripture from the start. This is no new argument; no new trick. It is perfectly natural and usual for those who are in the wrong to try to pervert the scripture and use it to their purpose. This sort of argument was invented by Satan when he quoted scripture to Christ, (Matt. 4:6) and it has been used by his followers ever since until it is now threadbare. The murderer on the gallows quotes to the hangman, "thou shalt not kill;" the bigamist says he is patterning his life after David, who was "a man after God's own heart" and yet had a plurality of wives; the drunkard describes the ashes of poor old Noah and follows his example; the gambler calls our attention to the fact that the Hebrews cast lots for homes in Canaan and that the successor of Isaac was elected by lot and thus he justifies games of chance; the moral reprobate calls attention to wise Solomon as his example and the thief tries to think a thief will get away because one is supposed to have gone there from Cavalry—so it goes on down the list. Men do not readily admit that they are wrong and the Book of Books is often called upon in support of false doctrine.

The Colonel's pamphlets betray a long and varied study of the Word from cover to cover, and the only wonderful thing about it is that he utterly failed to discover anything he wasn't looking for, such as: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him," \* \* \* (Hab. 2:15) and "woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine and men of strength to mingle strong drink; which justify the wicked for reward and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" (Isaiah 5:22-23.) Is it not wonderful that he fails to quote these scriptures and make the proper application? Is it not also strange that he fails to warn his customers that "wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. For it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder" and that "no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven?" He has not and cannot find any excuse in law or gospel for the saloon.

He gets history mixed with commandment and in following him through all his labored effort one is led through all the mazes of theological disputation. You do not read the book aright, my dear Colonel, but I am not going to accuse you of insincerity in your study. I am going to give you the benefit of the doubt and accord you honesty of convictions and frankly admit that you believe every word you say and the logical result of what you say. You honestly believe that God favors your business and that He likes to see a man take his toddy. You honestly think it is just the proper thing—may the Lord have mercy on you! You have trained yourself that way and it is perfectly natural with you. I think differently and am glad I do. But before I leave you, Colonel, allow me to refer you to Hosea 4:11; Isaiah 5:11 to 15; Eph. 5:18, in addition to those quoted above.

I promised my readers I would say something about the saloon influence in elections. In the last local option campaign the saloon men put out bogus tickets, reading "for local option" instead of "for prohibition" as the law directs, and of course these tickets were thrown out; but fortunately the trick was discovered and only a few votes were thus stolen. This is related merely as a circumstance to show what these "Free Americans" will do towards stealing the votes of the unwary. We might go to cities and towns of larger population and tell of how the saloons absolutely con-

trol elections, but we are confining the argument to Graham. Here it is bad enough when it comes to putting out false tickets. Some people would rather have their cattle stolen than their votes.

But this article has been spun out long enough and we must close. The petitions are out, and whole districts are signing; mothers, wives and sisters are praying and the people are on the move. God in heaven is with us when we battle for the right and onward is the cry. The saloon must go. Let us all hope the matter will be quietly attended to in good humor and that the saloons will quickly become business houses of another character and that our "men of strength who mix strong drink" will take up more pleasant and more profitable pursuits. Such is the wish of your humble servant, CITIZEN.

P. S. Please say to your readers that in our next paper we intend to give some local history of a very interesting nature bearing upon the question of finance. We understand that Young county gets \$300 per year as her share in her saloon partnership and we want to investigate and see what she makes out of her investment. If it don't pay a good dividend the business men will all agree with us that the county ought to quit the drunkard-making business and try to sober up a little. CITIZEN.

South Bend Budget. Enrollment in the school here has reached sixty. Greatest ever known in the district.

W. W. Parker and O. A. McBrayer are about to close a trade in which the former disposes of his interest in the gin at this place.

Fish are getting ripe in the Clear Fork, but none have been pulled yet.

Mr. Morris made a trip to Ranger last week.

Elder Parker preached at Komo Sunday.

The Parker boys are the violinists of the day and of the county. The boys certainly play well.

Martin McBrayer has been remodeling his house on the east side of his farm this week.

Mr. Looman was in Graham Tuesday.

Some of the Benders attended preaching at Upper Town.

Bob Harrell fell in a hole in the road, which he had been digging out a mesquite tree since excepting the toes of his boots.

It was a fact that it rained some here last week.

Charley Mobley will work for the Messrs. Scott this year.

Tut Garnett et al claim to have found some unclaimed land lying on the border of this and Stephens county, but in the latter.

A large piece of excellent land. They intend to take possession of it soon, having already had it surveyed. This is doubtless a fortunate find for these gentlemen.

Dick Mobley, who has been in the Bend a while, left Monday for Shackelford county.

The local option petition was very numerously signed here.

It is said that "S. W. P." like all our most eminent men, was reared on a farm; and one day when in town stepped into a drug store and saw, for the first time, a phonograph. He was told to drop a nickel in the slot and hear the music. Well, he did so, but very doubtfully, and listening a few seconds started for the door with a "Gosh! all ge-whillikans! Here comes a brass band, and I left my mules unhitched!" G. E. GEE.

NO MORE CREDIT. From and after this date we positively will not work on a credit. All work cash before leaving the shop, unless satisfactory arrangements are made. CARMICHAEL, FRANKLIN & Co. Graham, February 1, 1896.

NOTICE. The Board of Medical Examiners for the 29th senatorial district of Texas will convene in the city of Henrietta, Texas, on Tuesday, March 10th, 1896, for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it. Board of G. F. KENDALL, Medical Examiners. C. M. MAYES, Examiners. February 7, 1896.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

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Free American Comes Again. So strong is the business sentiment of the town in favor of saloons that many of our most influential men refused to sign the petition asking the Court to order an election. Didn't I tell you so? Why, Mr. Citizen, don't you know local option killed Jackboro and Weatherford as trading points? Many of the citizens of Jack county hauled their cotton right through the town of Jackboro to Bowie last fall because they could get more for their cotton and buy goods cheaper at the latter place. Many others from the same county came to Graham for exactly the same reasons. Bowie and Graham have open saloons. Jackboro has none. Can your side of the question appreciate an argument? Do you want to bring Graham down on a level with Jackboro? There are some things we can't stand, Mr. Citizen, with all our patience and forbearance, we would rather die than be like Jackboro.

And now comes Free American No. 2. Well, he's a corker. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer with a double geared microscope to tell which side he is on. He may be a candidate. He would like to make some defence for the pious sets who build their nests in the amen corner, but he don't seem to know how to do it. Hard job, my brother—there is no defence for them. These old whiskey bloats will sit in the sanctum sanctorum with good people and put on so much piety that one would think they were special messengers sent down from above to manage the church militant. About once a year they conclude to do something smart to attract special attention to their piety and not being qualified to do anything else, they break loose against the saloons. O, they are slick ducks. This outbreak flows them with the church—they are insured against fire—in the lower region—for another year, and when election day comes on the last whiskey-soaked hull of them will vote the anti ticket. The saloons of course must furnish them with the best whiskey in stock for another twelve months, and they have already secured insurance against fire. They are the slickest politicians on earth. I suppose that is what you would call knocking two persons with one pole. "No. 2" says the "bustheads" are turned out unless they promise reform. Where? When? Would it hurt one of these pharisaical boobies to promise reform? Not much. He'll promise anything. He will even promise to pay his honest debts, but is always careful not to do it. You can find old scoundrelous church members prying up one end of the saloon about the immoral influence of the saloons and at that very moment there are debts standing against them in some instance that are almost old enough in some instances to cut teeth. They call the saloons nuisances, hot-beds of vice and immorality and many other bad names. Nuisances indeed! Where else do you find a more consummate nuisance than the stouthead and irresponsible citizen who, with the check of a government mule, goes to his neighbor and contracts debts he does not intend to pay? He is an obstructive in morals without conscience or honesty. He is a church member for spoils who sits in the bosom corner and prays loud enough to shake the spales of the orchards of Sodom. He is a sordid rapine in business circles. He is the germ of panic, the destroyer of confidence. He is the leprosy of decency, the poison of the asp in the society of the young. He is the crowning scum of human villainy. He ingratiates himself into the confidence and grace of honest people that he may best them out of their honest earnings and bring sorrow, dismay and misery to their homes. When the saloon man cuts him off he turns prohibitionist and then you have a combination that would kill the devil if they didn't stand in together. I'll tell you, Mr. Citizen, there is a broad field for missionary work in the amen corner. The harvest is ripe but the workers are few. They have all strayed off after the golden calf—prohibition.

Now, Mr. Citizen, you want to save the boys. That is right. They will be needed after a while to take our places in the responsible and important positions of life. Their future responsibilities to their country and fellow men are great and they should be prepared and trained to this end. But, my friend, you have begun at the wrong end of the dilemma. You can't save the boys nor qualify them for the arduous positions of life by removing temptations out of their way. This world is too full of evil to think of prohibiting their existence as a means of escaping them. You must teach the boy to resist temptation. He must be taught to resist temptations as he is taught to surmount difficulties in the way of success. Evil cannot be prohibited. You may suppress it in one form and it will immediately appear in another. It is part and parcel of earthly existence. Wherever human nature exists there will be also. But while it cannot be prohibited it can be successfully resisted. Your plan will convert our boys into weaklings and sucklings, diminish their self-confidence and weaken their moral courage. It implies a degree of weakness and incapacity on the part of parent and child that does not exist. You assume the incapacity of the parent to teach good morals on the one hand and the inability of the child to learn on the other. Both positions are fallacious. The waywardness of the boy is due to neglect and not to inability on the part of parents. The capabilities of the boy is wonderful. His plastic mind only awaits the impress of sound principles to make him a good and useful citizen. There is implanted in the constitution of every boy, by the all-wise provisions of nature, propensities for good and evil. If the boy is turned loose without restraint, without government and without proper teaching the evil propensities and tendencies will grow and deepen and darken until the very depths of human depravity have been drained to the bitter dregs. On the other hand if he is taken when young, before he has tasted the alluring devices of evil, and brought under proper restraint and wisely governed, the case will be altogether different. Cultivate the higher faculties and train the nobler attributes of the mind until they dominate and control the life of the boy and he will stand a monument of virtue in the community, invulnerable to the shafts of evil. Make the boy your friend, your companion; teach him honesty, truthfulness and self-reliance, with the many other virtues the young mind is capable of receiving, and when he grows to manhood he will be fortified against all the evils that may arise. It is much easier to bend the twig than the full grown tree. Raise up the boy in the way you would have him go and when he is old he will not depart therefrom, but will stand up in the day of his manhood and bless you for the work you have wrought in him. The sins of the fathers are visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation. We can't reform our boys for that is too late with us. Oliver Wendell Holmes says the reforming of the child should begin with his grandparents. But we can teach them. There is the point, my brother. Teach the boy. Take him with you and learn him the principles of a sober manhood. Learn him to hate wickedness and vice and to shun them as you would learn him to shun the poison of the serpent or the ferocity of the untamed beast. Let the saloons alone. They will not hurt your boy if you will only do your duty towards him. The parent is the guilty party in this trial of the just and the unjust. If you think the saloons are evils teach that principle to your boy until he believes it and his redemption from that evil is sure. Look after the boys. Clean out the amen corner. Squeeze the whiskey out of Elders. Stop the prayer meeting from extracting debts it does not intend to pay. Let the preachers prod sin in the church as well as outside of it. I would give you a little scripture, but Adam got to the Bible before I did and didn't leave any for me.

FREE AMERICAN. It May Do As Much For You. Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a Severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called Kidney cures but without any good result. A bout a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c. and \$1.00. At D. R. AKIN & Co's Drug Store.

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Facts From Farmer. It's hard to write something when there's nothing to write about. No excitement has reached this point over the proposed local option contest as yet. Farmer, we presume, will maintain her established reputation on that question. We have understood that parties at Archer City have discussed the possibility of putting in a saloon here, but we cannot vouch for the truth of the rumor.

Sam Cook, who has been very sick of pneumonia, has very nearly recovered.

Grandpa Whittenburg, over near Lacy, is reported very sick.

Chas. Graham, of Archer county, was a visitor to our village last week.

Charley Keen and sister, Miss Annie, accompanied by Miss Bertha Hayter, visited relatives near Cottonwood in Archer county Sunday.

Ep Simmonds of Olney was in Farmer Saturday and Sunday "seeing his people."

There are some candidates (we think) in incubation in this bailiwick, and we expect them to be pipped "afore" long.

Cherley Hazlewood of Spring Creek was in our village "on business of importance" last Saturday and Sunday.

Farmer was to have been honored(?) with another magic lantern exhibition a few nights since, but owing to the failure of a crowd to materialize the matter was indefinitely postponed by its promoters.

W. N. Peery has gone to Parker county this week on business.

Miss Maud Case is visiting in Graham this week.

Graves Farmer went to your city on business Tuesday.

Dr. Herrel, of Spring Creek, with his new wife passed through Farmer one day last week on a visit to friends at Antelope.

Joe Birchfield, deputy sheriff of Throckmorton county was in Farmer on official business the first of the week.

Look out for us again next week. S. W. P.

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SCARCITY OF GLASS.

The Demand in America Far Exceeds the Supply.

Some Interesting Facts About the Trade from a Reliable Source—The State of Affairs in Belgian Factories.

Foreign window glass has been almost completely shut out of the United States. The latest reports show a rapid falling off in imported glass, and during the last few months imports have been lower than ever before in the history of the trade.

The Belgian manufacturers seem to have about given up the idea that the United States is a dependency of that little kingdom so far as window glass is concerned. Our markets do not even afford good fighting ground for them under present conditions.

Wages abroad are about as low as they ever were, for even now such organization as exists in Belgium is preparing to demand higher wages at the first favorable opportunity. Owing to the large curtailment resulting from the strike last April and May there has been sufficient transatlantic demand to fairly absorb the product until within a very reasonable period.

A very slight increase in exports to the United States is noted during September, when there was an uncertainty about American factories starting up.

At a recent meeting the matter was fully discussed, and it was decided to reduce production after January 1, proportioned to the capacity of firms operating. The matter of arranging details was left to a committee of five, and it is believed that production will be fully one-third for several months in the new year.

There are few articles that task the purse so heavily as a first-class outfit of flannels, one of those necessities which one cannot avoid. Even though sorely tempted on the score of economy it is common to choose some makeshift. Good all-wool flannels, which every one can be able to obtain, because they are made of a simple and wholesome material, are necessities, seldom cost less than two dollars apiece.

Enough glass to satisfy the demand, and of uniform high quality, must be made the watchword of both the Pittsburgh and western manufacturers, and unless prices are foolishly advanced to such a point as to again stimulate imports we ought to be able, in a few years, to completely establish our industrial independence.

The demand for window glass still keeps up and is in excess of the immediate supply. This is largely attributable to orders stimulated by discounts offered large buyers and members of the Jobbers' association by the organized manufacturers, and on account of building activity. The regular demand, however, is very large.

Advices from Belgium were that an agreement had been reached among manufacturers which will curtail production during December, each of 31 firms operating tank furnaces having agreed to close their factories temporarily in order to prevent overproduction. Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Distort the Looking Glass. Every girl who is dissatisfied with herself should remember that she is better looking than the most kind of looking glasses bid her believe. A mirror, it is contended, cannot flatter a face that is in its natural state, that is, not "made up." Even the very best glass has a pale green tinge which reflects a color a trifle less clear than original; hair also has always a more glossy sheen than the glass shows. If it is way the glass never shows the best of the waves, and if it straightens the glass accentuates the straightness.

More important and still better to be remembered and carefully treasured, no one ever looks at the face so closely or so critically as the owner of it looks at the reflection in the glass. Hemispheres that are a grief to a non-concited girl may pass quite unnoticed by her friends. The two or three gray hairs that appear unobtrusively on the head of a girl who overworks her brain simply have the effect of high lights in a picture and pass for the rest of the figure.—Table Talk.

He Took It Coolly. "What did Fred have to say about my refusing him?" "He said he would have proposed sooner if he had known you weren't going to accept him."—Town Topics.

An Apology. "What do you think, Ethel, Maude has accepted that horrid Mr. Biggsleigh?" "You don't say so! Why, he's only an apology for a man."

Patience for Children. A mother who is an authority on foods advises mothers to give their children potatoes only twice a week and then only those that are baked. Give them boiled rice the other five days, and some delicate green vegetable every day.—N. Y. Post.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Hasall, the London chemist, found that in ground pepper, linseed meal cake, wheat flour, oat meal, husks of mustard and several other materials of vegetable origin had been introduced as adulterants.

The total value of coke made last year in the United States amounted in cost to more than \$12,000,000. Nineteen-twentieths of American coke comes from the Appalachian coal fields, while Pennsylvania produces three times as much as any other state.

Prof. Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, has just started on a three months' tour of Mexico and Guatemala in the interest of archaeological science. He intends to examine the drowned Aztec city at the bottom of Lake Chapala, and investigate the pyramids in the Chapala mountains in the interior of Guatemala.

Aluminum is not proving to be of such value for surgical instruments as was expected. It does not oxidize readily, but is deficient in elasticity, and stays bent after pressure. It is also so light that the surgeon does not feel as if he had hold of anything when grasping an instrument made of it.—Popular Science News.

It has long been known that oil and natural gas exist in Kentucky and Tennessee, and oil men are beginning to give these states more attention. Experts who have been over the ground lately report the existence of both lubricating and illuminating oil, and are confident that there will be no famine in petroleum for many years to come.

Florida furnishes the country from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 boxes of oranges a year. Georgia ships over 10,000 carloads of watermelons every season. In the aggregate the shipment of early fruits and vegetables north and west probably amounts to \$50,000,000 a year. The business is increasing very rapidly. Ten years ago it was of trifling importance.

Viper's blood it is that contains the poisonous substance which makes the animal's bite fatal, according to the researches of MM. Bertrand and Pihlak. It contains also an anti-toxic element that stands heat longer than the venom, so that blood heated to 50 degrees centigrade proved not only innocuous when injected into guinea pigs, but rendered immune against injections of blood that had not been heated.

In Germany 6,626 cases of diphtheria have been treated by serum inoculation, 2,469 of them in hospitals, according to a report of the government's medical department. Of these 85.5 per cent. recovered, 12.9 per cent. died, and the rest were still under treatment. In the hospitals alone the cures were 80.5 and the deaths 19.5 per cent. The remarks attached to the reports of the cases were highly favorable to the treatment in 4,871 and unfavorable in 60.

WINTER FLANNELS.

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Expardonable Presumption. "You know those people that live in that two-story house across the way—the Gumpersons, or some such name?" "Yes, I know them when I see them." "I have a passing acquaintance with them. Speak to them when I meet any of them on the street. Well, one of the girls stopped me while I was out walking the other morning. She said: 'Miss Highfly, your house wasn't broken into last night and robbed, was it?' I said: 'No, why?' And she said: 'I'm glad to hear it. I dreamed last night somebody got into your house through the kitchen window and stole ever so many valuable things.' Think of the presumption of it! Dreaming about us! And they aren't in our act at all!"—Chicago Tribune.

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We all turned and looked at her. She was a wan woman, with dark, sad eyes and white hair placed smoothly over a brow that denoted intellect.

"When I married a drunkard I reached the acme of misery," she continued. "I was young and oh, so happy! I married the man I loved and who professed to love me! He was a drunkard and I knew it—knew it, but did not understand it. There is not a young girl in this building that does understand it unless she has a drunkard in her family; then, perhaps she knows how deep in the ether enters the soul of a woman when she loves and is allied to a drunkard—whether father, husband, brother or son. Girls, believe me, when I say to marry to a drunkard, to love a drunkard, is the crown of misery. I have gone through the deep waters and I know. I have gained that fearful knowledge at the expense of happiness, sanity, almost life itself. Do you wonder, my hair is white? It turned white in a night; 'bleached by sorrow,' as Marie Antoinette said of her hair. I am only 40 years old, yet the snows of 70 rest upon my head and upon my heart. Ah! I cannot begin to count the winters resting there," she said with unutterable pathos in her voice.

"My husband was a professional man. His calling took him from home frequently at night and when he returned, he returned drunk. Gradually he gave way to temptation in the day until he was rarely sober. I had two lovely little girls and a boy." Here her voice faltered and we sat in deep silence listening deeply. "I had not seen him for two days. He had kept away from his home. One night I was seated beside my sick boy; the two little girls were sleeping in the next room, while beyond was another room into which I heard my husband go as he entered the house. The room communicated with the one in which my little girls were sleeping. I do not know why, but a feeling of terror took possession of me; I felt that my little girls were in danger. I rose and went to the door. The door was locked. I knocked on it frantically, but no answer came. I seemed to be endowed with superhuman strength and throwing myself with all my force against the door the lock gave way and the door flew open. Oh, the sight! The terrible sight she wailed out in a voice that haunts me now, and she covered her face with her hands, and when she removed them it was whiter and sadder than before.

"Delirium tremens! You have never seen, girls; God grant that you never may. My husband stood beside the bed, his eyes glaring with insanity, and in his hand he held a knife. 'Take them away!' he screamed. 'The horrible things! They are crawling all over me! Take them away I say, I say,' and he flourished his knife in the air. Regardless of danger I rushed to the bed, and my heart seemed suddenly to cease beating. There lay my children covered by their life's blood, slain by their own father. For a moment I could not utter a sound. I was literally dumb in the presence of this terrible sorrow. I scarcely heeded the maniac at my side—the man who had wrought me all this woe. Then I uttered a loud scream and my wallings filled the air. The servants heard me hastened to the room, and when my husband saw them he suddenly drew the knife across his throat. I knew nothing more. I was borne senseless from the room that contained the bodies of my slaughtered children and the body of my dead husband. The next day my hair was white and my mind so shattered that I knew no one."

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