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## AND DICKENS ITEM

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### WAR VETERANS BEING GIVEN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The United States Veterans' Bureau has received as incapacitated applications of their pre-war activities. Out of this number 93,019 have been declared as eligible for vocational training under the United States Veterans' Bureau Act of 1922. The total number of men put into training up to the present time is 163,764. There are in training today 93,019. These 93,019 trainees are divided up as follows: 47,887 are in institutional training, that is, in universities, colleges and schools, other than strictly Bureau schools; 35,753 are in placement training, that is, "training on the job," in industry; 4,913 are in schools operated by the Bureau; 4,296 are pursuing correspondence school instruction; and 170 are receiving tutorial instruction.

In District Fourteen, which comprises the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, the Veterans' Bureau has rehabilitated (graduate in vocational training) approximately 2100, veterans, and have put all of them except 45 in suitable and permanent employment. Men are now being graduated at the rate of about 100 per month, and the Employment Service of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau solicits the cooperation of the employing public in finding positions for these men. General Frank T. Hines, Director of the Veterans' Bureau at Washington, D. C. has announced that "the Bureau has no desire to place any man who is not efficient and able to perform good work."

### TWO SPUR BOYS GRADUATE AT KEMPER MILITARY SCHOOL

Friends of George S. Link, son of Mr. George S. Link Sr., and James C. McNeill, son of Mr. J. C. McNeill, will be glad to learn that the two boys will graduate from Kemper Military School on Friday, June 1st. They are members of the largest class ever graduated from Kemper. Both cadets are members of Kemper's crack rifle squad, members of the school championship competitive drill squad, and both have served in the capacity of reporters for the Kemper News or their State Club. Cadet McNeill, however, has participated in numerous other school activities. He is at the very top of the senior class in scholastic efforts; he is one of the final contestants for the Evans Gold watch in debate, in addition to the distinction he achieved on the gridiron as a member of a strong second team. Both cadets have been a credit to the institution and it is to be hoped that they will continue their work as alumni of the Boonville institution.

### STUDENTS GIVEN PREFERENCE AT MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS

1. Word has been received from the Officer in Charge of C. M. T. C. affairs, Headquarters 8th Corps Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, that special opportunity will be given the R. O. T. C. of the local high schools and of colleges in this Corps Area, to attend the Citizens' Military Training Camps this year.

2. Quotas will be assigned all units based upon the strength of the unit. All men recommended by their Professors of Military Science and Tactics within the quota, will be assured of a place at one of the camps. This preference is granted for a limited time only. Applications are being received in large numbers daily, from boys throughout Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona, by the C. M. T. C. Officers, 8th Corps Area, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and it is expected that a very few, if any, vacancies will exist after May 20th.

3. Vigorous efforts are being made by all State, County and Town Chairmen in charge of the recruiting campaign for the 1923 Citizens' Military Training Camps, to speed up the work of the campaign so as to enroll all possible candidates at as early a date as possible and complete the quota for the 8th Corps Area, which is three thousand students.

4. Young men who are intending to apply for admission to the training camps this summer should do so at once. Local and County Chairmen will be glad to furnish all information desired regarding applications and physical examinations. If they do not know the name and address of the local Chairmen they are requested to call by the office of this paper and they will be supplied with application blanks and all particulars of information, and will be put in touch either with their local Chairmen or the C. M. T. C. Officers, 8th Corps Area, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.—J. A. GILBERT, C. M. T. C. Officer.

### DISTRICT COURT DISPOSES OF A NUMBER OF CASES

A number of cases have been disposed of by District Court since convening Monday, May 28th. The first week of court was consumed almost entirely in the trial of cases on the civil docket, empaneling the grand jury and getting the court machinery in action for the term.

R. L. Brothers vs. Martha A. Brown et al, suit for \$10,000 on land purchase contract, continued.

Katy Conatser vs. W. A. Conatser, suit for divorce, granted.

R. L. Collier vs. John Wyatt, trespass to try title, judgement for the plaintiff.

City National Bank vs. Ira Slay, suit on note, judgement for plaintiff.

C. C. Haile vs. G. T. Coker, suit for damage, judgement for the defendant and \$500 damage assessed. Motion for new trial pending in this suit.

A. J. Hagins et al vs. W. T. Wilson et al, suit for injunction, refused, motion for new trial overruled and an appeal taken.

L. W. Fite vs. A. R. LeRoy et al, suit to remove cloud from title, judgement for plaintiff.

C. Hogan administrator vs. A. E. Davies, suit on note, judgement for the plaintiff.

K. H. Kennedy et al vs. H. P. Cole et al, suit to enforce enforcement of stock law in Dickens county injunction refused.

The first case tried on the criminal docket was that of M. C. Reynolds, charged with selling whiskey, found guilty and given a sentence of one year and a day in the penitentiary.

J. F. Luckemeyer, charged with forgery, entered a plea of guilty and was given a suspended sentence of four years to the pen.

The trial of W. A. Newman, charged with cattle theft, consumed practically two days of the court, evidence concluded Wednesday evening and the case submitted to the jury. A verdict of guilty was rendered Thursday, giving a sentence of two years.

The grand jury has been in active session since the first day of the term, and during the time have interviewed many witnesses. Several bills of indictment have been returned, but as yet no public report has been made of its findings. The personnel of the grand jury is made up of men who desire and are endeavoring to render real, beneficial service to the country and for legal authority and law observance.

Judge Milam and Attorney Bell have been persistent in pushing court procedure, but delay has been occasioned by absent witnesses, and several fines have been assessed.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOUR TO WEST INDIES

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has planned and arranged for a special cruise on the steamship "Turrialba" of the Great White Fleet from New Orleans to Havana, Cuba; Cristobal, C. Z.; and Port Limon, Costa Rica. The ship will leave New Orleans Saturday, June 30th, and return July 17th. At each point special inland excursions have been arranged, and at Havana and Cristobal the cruising party will be shown points of interest, including ancient fortresses of Cabanas and Morro Castle, dungeons, lighthouses, military units, sugar mills, penitentiary, etc.; the Panama Canal, Gutierrez and locks, and along the canal to the Pacific side. In Costa Rica an inland trip will be made through jungle regions and banana plantations. The ship fare will be \$275 for saloon deck staterooms, or \$305 for cabin deck rooms. These rates include meals and berth on board ship. The only other necessary expense will be railroad fare to and from New Orleans and five dollars war tax on each ticket.

This will be a trip of a life time to see, at small expense, other parts of the world outside of the United States.

### MARRIED

Wednesday evening, May 30th, Miss Laura Emlie Smith and Mr. Harper Samuel Williams were united in marriage at the Christian parsonage. Brother Harris performing the ceremony in the presence of only a few friends as witnesses. Mrs. Williams is a graduate nurse of San Antonio, and during the past year has been with the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur. She is a young lady of high accomplishments and gracious charms.

Mr. Williams has been a resident of Spur a number of years, is a young man of honor, integrity and business acumen, and at the present time is employed in the Spur post-office.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Williams at Seminole recently.

### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

How are you? Are you happy? We are. And know you are. For you are glad of the good rains, though some of you got washed pretty bad. However, the good season will make the seed that are planted now germinate quick. We have lots to be thankful for, no cyclones have come our way. And things generally are such as should contribute to our happiness. Are we really thankful for the blessings that come our way? Are we grateful? It is an awful sin to be ungrateful. So let's be grateful and thankful and we will be happy. For happiness comes from what we give out not what we take in.

If we could cheer and encourage somebody with this ad, it would do us more good than to sell you goods. You know we don't worry so much about selling goods. For we know we have lots of friends and they have always given us lots of good business. There has been times in our business career in West Texas when it looked pretty gloomy, but we have always believed there was a great Ruler that guided the destiny of men and nations and that when we reached the end of our human ability He was wise enough to care for our problems. The other day a man said to us, "You always seem optimistic about conditions, and it has been a help to me." You know folks every year in West Texas there are times when it looks as though the crops would be a failure, but most years the men who keep on planting and working come out with fair harvests. And we believe that this year will bring us a plentiful harvest. Many not as much as we would like to satisfy our own selfish desires, but all we really need or that is best for us.

Come folks lets make 1923 the best year of our lives. In a business way we are expecting a good year; so far we are satisfied with the results.

We are trying to keep good stocks of good merchandise. Now we do not cater to cheap shoddy goods. We could sell you cheaper by giving you lines that are not standard, but so far, we have built our business by selling good goods, and we believe it is economy to buy quality. We appreciate our customers and feel that no store has a more loyal set of men and women, boys and girls.

We had a customer once in Haskell county that bought everything he and his family wore from our store, and a new boy arrived at his house and he named him "Baker Bryant Company," which was our firm name at that time.

Bill Perry and Ensey were fishing last week. They claim they had to get behind a bush to bait their hooks. And Uncle Bill says, a one armed man could not tell how long the fish were that got away. "Uncle Bill when spring comes has what is called 'Fishing Blues.' And we really believe it would prove fatal if he couldn't get to the creek and catch a polly-wog."

This week Barrett, Moses and Lewis went angling and they do not talk much, but say if it had not rained they would have caught some big ones. You know we doubt if Old Peter will hold any one accountable for the size fish they caught or let get away, or how much milk their best cow gives. But we don't believe he will ever let a grouchy or chronic kicker get by.

Buy your groceries now we are making especially low prices and have a big car of Fant's Fairy coming. We sell groceries for cost only.

We have a few more Hart Schaffner & Marx suits. "Look your best." If you are married, if you are not married you perhaps do not need this advice. We have some of those cool summer suits just what you have been wishing for. See them.

White Sewing Machines you don't need to patronize the much derided agent, buy a White from us.

Life is what we make it. We make the bed we sleep upon. We build the houses we live in. Very little comes by what is called luck. By our deeds we shape our destinies in this world and write our names on the records of Eternity.

Happiness comes by giving out not by taking in.

It is the way we live in the house, not the house we live in that makes home and happiness.

Come folks with the crowds, plenty good cold water and a hearty welcome.

### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

### ROSS-GOODE MURDER TRIAL IN LUBBOCK JUNE 18TH

Some fifteen or twenty men of the Spur country have been summoned as witnesses in the Ross-Goode trial at Lubbock June 18th, charged with the murder of Robertson and Allison at Seminole recently.

### "TECH" LOCATING TOUR IS AGAIN POSTPONED

The locating board of the West Texas Technological College was scheduled to start on its tour of inspection of various sites offered throughout West Texas, on June 10th. However, Secretary W. R. Nabours of the board has announced that the dates set for the trip have again been postponed indefinitely.

The personnel of the Locating Board is as follows: S. B. Cowell, chairman of the State Board of Control; S. M. N. Marrs, State superintendent of Public Instruction; W. S. Sutton, president pro tem of the University of Texas; F. M. Bralley, president of the College of Industrial Arts and W. B. Bizzell, president of A. & M.

The cause of this second delay of the inspection tour was occasioned, it is presumed, by the failure of the legislature up to this time in providing means for raising funds to meet appropriations made for this college as well as other matters requiring state revenues.

There are those who oppose the establishment of a West Texas College both in and out of the legislature, and regardless of the passage of the bill, appropriations made and other progress accomplished in concluding the actual establishment of the institution, it appears that the fight to prevent West Texas from getting this college will continue. It will be remembered that on one occasion several years ago that this college proposition was killed even after the location had been determined by the board, and it is evident to us that the hardest and most determining scrap is yet ahead of West Texas to get the Technological College established and going.

However much sentiment we all may entertain with reference to the glorious past and illustrious history of the grand old Lone Star State, as a business proposition it appears that West Texas, to get even a pittance of recognition and just dues must either fight or take advantage of the privilege in becoming one of the Union to divide the State if necessary to obtain fair representation of the wide and varied interests. Men who control state affairs evidently can not appreciate the need and the fights of West Texas, and apparently consider public institutions and developments in the Eastern part of the state adequate for the needs and requirements of the West. West Texas is growing and developing. In our legitimate aims, aspirations and progress as a part of the great state of Texas we are asking and demanding fair and just consideration and an equitable distribution of state aid and public resources.

In the meantime, we of Spur as applicants for the location of the West Texas Technological College, should not relax our energy and activities. Should enemies of the proposition fail in an effort to kill or break its backbone, the locating board will eventually make an appearance, and in anticipation of this event we must be prepared to receive them and convince them of superior advantages here offered in the location of a great educational institution.

### NEW RAILROAD PROPOSED FROM NORTH TO SPUR

Will P. Jones, local banker, who resided in Motley county for a number of years, states that the territory from Estelline via Gasoline, Turkey, Flomott and south to Spur will produce 100,000 bales of cotton annually and that not less than 50,000 bales are now being raised each year. Should the Denver build the Spur branch into Estelline eighty per cent of the tonnage would come to the road and in addition thousands of bales of cotton raised in Crosby and Floyd counties would be marketed at points along the proposed road.

He believes this road would prove a big feeder for the Denver road and says that by following the route given above that there are no real engineering difficulties to be encountered.—Childress Index.

### JIM CRUMP SUFFERS THE LOSS OF ONE OF HIS EYES

Jim Crump, of the Watson community, suffered the complete and irreparable loss of one of his eyes Monday morning of this week, in an accident which occurred while he was engaged in repairing a windmill which had been damaged on his place by the recent high winds.

Jim, as we understand, was up on the windmill tower repairing the wheel, when in some manner a spring was released, striking his eye, bursting and tearing out the ball. He was carried immediately and hurriedly over the more accessible roads to Lubbock to have the wounds dressed.

### DESTRUCTIVE HAIL, WIND AND RAIN STORM MONDAY

One of the most destructive rain, hail and wind storms of many years swept the Spur country Monday night, destroying thousands of acres of crops, blowing down barns, windmills and houses and doing much damage by high waters.

The main storm extended from the northwest to the southwest covering a territory several miles wide. In the Duncan Flat community, and extending a short distance up on the Cap Rock, the heavy rain with hail destroyed many crops. In the Midway community the rain washed up and covered up crops with sand to the extent of several hundreds of acres. In the Croton and Draper sections the wind and hail did little damage, but it is estimated that eight inches of rain fell, washing and covering up crops, one farmer, Ed Lisenby alone having twelve hundred acres of cotton destroyed, while many other farmers will replant hundreds of acres. The storm came within two miles of Spur to the east, damaging the barn and other outhouses on the J. H. Farmer place, blowing the top off of the Ponder farm house, and tearing down sheds, wrecking the C. P. Harris slaughter house, and also damaging crops as far as the Will Walker place. Mr. Ponder states that it was a young cyclone "twister" at his place, and that it struck the ground in Will Walker's field where it again bounced up in the air with out doing further damage.

The heavy rain extended on through the Girard country where it is said eight to ten inches of water fell, washing the crops and country covered clean.

It is estimated that seven to ten thousand acres of cotton was destroyed and will have to be replanted as a result of the heavy rain and hail.

To the west and south of Spur no damage whatever was done, these sections being favored with nice seasonable rains.

The demand for seed to replant crops is beyond the capacity of Spur dealers, but they are scouring the country and will get seed to supply all needs.

The destruction of crops in the country is a calamity, but all are working with a will in replanting and repairing the damage and with favorable conditions the country will yet harvest the biggest crops in the history of farming.

### JOHN TARLETON BAND WILL GIVE CONCERT IN SPUR

The Military Band of John Tarleton Agricultural College of Stephenville, Texas, in passing through Spur will render a program at the Spur Inn Monday morning at 9:30, June 11th.

The Tarleton Military Band is composed of twenty eight cadets, a director, business manager and two mechanics, and accompanying them will be Rev. S. B. Culpepper of the Baptist Church of Stephenville.

A very delightful musical program will be rendered and for which no charge will be made. However, a free will offering will be taken to defray expenses of the band. Those of Spur and the entire Spur country who appreciate music should attend this concert at the Spur Inn at nine o'clock Monday morning, thus showing an appreciation of the visit of a college band at the same time enjoying an inspiring program of music.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO RUN A NEWSPAPER?

A lawyer charges a man \$10, for ten minutes conversation—the man insists on paying it. The doctor charges \$100 for a prescription and the man says "Oh Pshaw—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or wedding, or social function and spends three hours writing it up and tells lies and promises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant omission or error or charges 5 cents straight for three extra papers he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right and charges four times the price of the city papers, twice as large. In short, he is a confounded most-anything old thing and ought to be run clean out of town. Talk about the ice man. How would you like to run a newspaper?—Exchange.

Ed Hart, who has been Overland salesman for the Bryant-Link Company the past year, left Spur the first of the week for Lubbock where he has a position.



## The Same Old Backache!

Does every day bring the same old backache? Do you drag along with your back a dull, unceasing ache? Evening find you "all played out"? Don't be discouraged! Realize it is merely a sign you haven't taken good care of yourself. This has probably strained your kidneys. Take things easier for awhile and help your kidneys with **Doan's Kidney Pills**. Then the backache, dizziness, headaches, tired feelings and bladder troubles will go. **Doan's** have helped thousands and should help you. Ask your neighbor!

### A Texas Case

Mrs. E. Stormfeltz, Fannin St., Goliad, Tex., says: "I suffered from a dull pain in my back day and night and had awful dizzy spells and black specks appeared before my eyes. I felt tired and worn out all the time. My kidneys annoyed me by their irregular action, too. A friend told me about Doan's Kidney Pills, so I used them and one box cured me."

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## Texas Items

Schleicher County voted recently \$60,000 bonds for a new court house.

A contract has been let by the city of Laredo for the paving of 104 blocks in the business district of the city.

Grain loading at Galveston during the month of May totaled 1,216,307.40 bushels of wheat and 25,714.16 bushels of rye.

The watermelon crop of Waller County is very promising, and if nothing unforeseen happens, shipping is expected to begin about June 25.

The \$8,000 in bonds issued to build a school house at Breslau, six miles north of Hallettsville, have been taken up at par by the permanent school fund of Lavaca County.

Lavaca county has spent nearly \$90,000 in tick eradication work and officers are making every effort to enforce the law so as to get the county free and stop further expense.

Bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000 have been voted to be issued by the farmers of Hidalgo county water improvement district No. 4, which takes in the territory now watered by the Edinburg canal system.

Grasshoppers have made their appearance and are doing great damage to crops in some parts of Coleman County. The farmers are using every precaution and are trying to exterminate them by means of poison.

The small grain crop now being harvested in the Belton section is the largest and best in some years, according to farmers. Oats are said to be unusually good and in some places will make 80 bushels to the acre. Wheat is proportionately as good.

Preliminary inspection of the proposed site of an irrigation reservoir ten miles north of Brownwood, that would make tillable an area of 30,000 to 40,000 acres of land both north and south of Brownwood, has been made by C. E. Ellsworth, district engineer of the United States geological survey.

The scholastic census rolls for Bastrop County have been sent to the state department of education for approval. The total number of pupils enumerated in common school district and independent districts are as follows: Rural schools 4756, Smithville 1240, Elgin 724, Bastrop 460, Paige 207, McDade 198. Total 7585.

Net revenues to Texas railroads during the first three months of the present year amounted to \$5,076,000, a decrease of 12 per cent over the same period last year, according to the monthly summary of railroad revenues announced by the railroad commission this week. Operating revenues for the quarter were \$44,779,000 and operating expenses \$39,703,000.

Inspection of towns that are applicants for the Texas Technological College probably will begin on June 10, Chairman S. B. Cowell of the locating board states. Cowell said Dr. W. S. Sutton, who has been named acting president of the State University, will accompany the board on the inspection tour, and that selection of the site for the school will not await election of a permanent president.

Construction of the Glacier-to-Gulf highway route connecting San Antonio and Galveston direct, was boosted Friday by overwhelming passage of a \$215,000 road bond issue in the northern half of Wilson county, which will be used for a hard surface highway from the Bexar to the De Witt county line. The road will pass through Lavernia, Sutherland Springs, Pandora and Stockdale.

In a report on the alkali lakes of West Texas, just issued by the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas, the possibilities of commercializing their potash contents are discussed. It is shown that the brines of the Double Lakes, near Tahoka in Lynn County, are especially valuable in potash. The report of the bureau includes estimates on plant requirements, cash requirements, cost of production and profits, as well as the probable cost of foreign potash.

An increase of \$23,387,373 of individual deposits in the 965 state banks in operation in Texas as on April 5, '23 over the previous year is shown in a statement just issued by the state department of banking and insurance. Total individual deposits on April 5 this year were \$250,109,272. Resources of these banks amounted to \$330,702,168, an increase of \$13,006,703. "A comparison of the condition of state banks at the close of business April 3, 1923, with the closing date of the year before which was May 5, 1922, shows a substantial increase in the state banking business," the statement says.

## Cull to Improve Chicken Flock

### Loafers Usually Begin in July to Quit Job of Laying and Start Molting.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hens that are born loafers usually begin by July to quit their job of egg laying and start molting, taking most of the summer and fall to finish the replacement of old feathers with a new coat of plumage. This is one of the outstanding characteristics of the unprofitable hen, and the poultryman who keeps close watch of his flock may use it to his advantage in culling out the undesirable birds. But this is not the only dependable indication of what may be expected of the hens in a flock, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

There are several things that the wide-awake poultryman looks for at this season. The low producer, having small demand for the yellow coloring matter manufactured by her body, puts it into her legs and beak, making them a rich yellow. The busy hen uses the color in touching up the yolks of eggs and her legs and beak become pale. These birds with pale legs and beaks may not look so well or so healthy as the others, but they are the ones it pays to keep. In fact, the hen that is most beautiful in summer and fall should always be under suspicion.

### Other Marks of the Loafer.

On closer examination it will be found that the loafer has a scaly and shrunken comb, while the busy hen will have a plump comb of a bright red color. The hen that has stopped laying will have her pelvic bones considerably contracted and the distance between the bones of the pelvic arch and the lower end of the keel will be materially reduced. She should be an early candidate for the kettle.

The heavy layer will show no signs of molting at this season, although she may have been producing since last fall, but will stick to business until late fall, sometimes rounding out a full year of continuous egg production. This year-round laying not only means more eggs, but also that a higher price is received for them as a large proportion of them are laid in winter, late summer and fall when prices are up. The early molter lays most of her eggs during the flush season. The hen that can keep up production under the comparatively unfavorable conditions that obtain outside of the natural breeding season has outstanding vigor and stamina.

### Improvement of Flock.

If the only result were to get rid of the poor birds in the present flock, it would pay to study these distinctive characteristics, but it pays even more in the improvement of the flock from year to year that is made possible by the selection of birds having the combination of prolificacy and vigor. A convincing demonstration of the improvement that may be obtained in this way was made at the United States experiment farm, Beltsville, Maryland, in recent investigations. The late molters, selected from a flock of 100 Rhode Island Reds in the fall of 1920, laid several more eggs per bird during their second year than the original flock as pullets. They were used as breeders the following spring, and the first Red pullets to begin laying in the fall of 1921 were found to be the offspring of these late-molting hens. Their pullets, in a period of seven months, have already averaged about two dozen eggs per bird more than the original flock. The value of their product would be about \$1.04 per bird more than the value of the eggs from the original flock during the same time. It is probable that this large margin will be increased even more in the next five months. In the

## Strychnine and Paris Green to Control Moles

Moles generally pass through their runways several times a day, and the following methods have therefore been found effective in controlling them, says Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist at Clemson college, in answer to numerous requests for a remedy.

1. Stir unpeached peanuts in white of egg. While sticky sprinkle Paris green over them. Mix well so that the poison surrounds all the seed, and let dry. They will dry in about one-half hour and are then hard and can be easily handled.

2. Roll raisins in strychnine with a stick or toothpick. Do not use hands, and be sure not to spill any for it is a violent poison. When through burn any poison remaining over.

Whittle a broom handle to a point. Walk over the ground, and at intervals pierce the runway and drop into the hole a poisoned raisin or peanut and cover with the foot.

Mole traps may be purchased at hardware stores or wholesale houses, but they are less effective.

original flock the bulk of the production was in March and April.

The wise poultryman will lose no time in culling out these poor producers of cheap eggs. He will start this summer building the foundation for a flock of long-distance layers. The birds can be selected now, and next spring, after a short rest in winter, their eggs will produce a high percentage of certain to make better record almost production. If good sires are a flock the improvement will be surprised rapid.

## Systematic Cleaning of Milking Machines

### Construction of Devices Makes Care Imperative.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

There is no short cut to cleanliness, says the United States Department of Agriculture in Farmers' Bulletin 1315, "Cleaning Milking Machines," just issued. Systematic cleaning and sterilizing of milking machines are of great importance in turning out a high-quality product. That careful dairymen can produce clean milk with machines is proved by the fact that they are used in dairies where certified milk is made. A great deal of market milk is now being drawn with machines.

The construction of the milking machine makes it necessary that great care be exercised in cleaning it. The parts requiring special attention are the rubber tubing including glass, unions, teat cups and inflations, claws, pail, heat, valves, moisture traps, and vacuum lines.

The effectiveness of the heat method of sterilization described in the bulletin is shown by a comparison with other methods. Samples of milk taken on 13 farms using various methods other than heat for sterilizing the machines had an average bacterial count of 257,900 per cubic centimeter for 74 samples. When the heat method was used on these same farms 261 samples showed an average bacterial count of 19,300. All this work was done under actual farm conditions, the machines being handled by the farmers or their hired men.

The effect of heat on the rubber parts has not been thoroughly determined, but, so far, the temperatures used (100 to 170 degrees F.) have been but slightly, if at all, more detrimental to the life of the rubber than the other methods.

The steps necessary in properly sterilizing milking machines are illustrated in the bulletin by a series of pictures. Copies of the bulletin may be obtained by addressing the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## Effective Spraying Must Be Done at Right Time

"Doing it on time" is the key to many a farmer's success. Spraying, to be effective, should be done at precisely the right time. Otherwise, it may have to be repeated, or the disease may gain headway that is difficult to overcome.

Timeliness in farm operations is a factor that governs profits and work. In the end, it makes profits and eliminates much needless labor, much useless anxiety. It is the very cornerstone of farm system.

## Balanced Farming Will Bring in Steady Income

A medium degree of diversity of farm products sufficient to keep men and teams busy, completely utilize and maintain the fertility of the land and bring in a steady income is better than extreme diversity or specialized farming. There ought to be three or four main cash products supplemented by as many small ones.

## One Objection to Sweet Clover as Hog Pasture

Sweet clover has been used some as a hog pasture, and the hogs will eat the leaves and tender stems pretty well. The objection to sweet clover as a hog pasture is that it soon grows tall and coarse, and then the pigs do not eat much of it.

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Gapes never bother if the poultry buildings are on new ground. It is where the same ground has been used as poultry premises for some time that this trouble develops.

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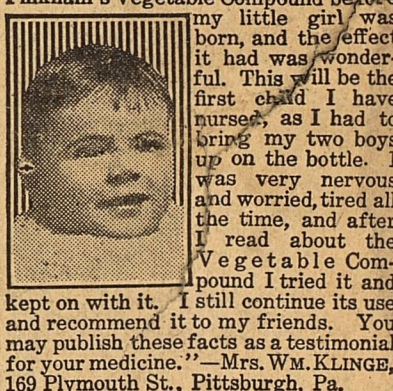
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In Jackson, O., a widow married just before her first husband's funeral. She wins the loving cup.—Watertown Standard.

## THIS LITTLE BABY GIRL

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It is remarkable how many cases have been reported similar to this one. Many mothers are left in a weakened and run-down condition after the birth of the child, and for such mothers the care of the baby is well-nigh impossible. Not only is it hard for the mother, but the child itself will indirectly suffer.

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## Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.

"Spur's Oldest Store"

W. F. Godfrey received a telegram Tuesday afternoon of this week informing him of the birth of a son and heir at the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas where Mrs. Godfrey has been the past week or two. Mr. Godfrey left Wednesday morning for Dallas to greet his eldest son and give him his first fatherly advice and lessons of worldly affairs. At the time of his departure Godfrey was very greatly elated, but as the time for soberer consideration comes we expect to experience a change, either upward or downward, in the price of Ford cars.

H. C. Cravey, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Wednesday and dropped in to see us a few minutes. He reported that the rain Monday night on his place, and in the Red Mud country, fell just as nicely as could be wished for, and also in the properly quantity. In fact, Mr. Cravey was very much elated at the prospects and conditions which now prevail and are in evidence on every hand throughout his section.

A few nice Jersey cows, good milkers, to trade for fat stuff. Central Market. 32-3t.

### NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Directors' Room in the Spur National Bank Building in the town of Spur, within the Spur Independent School District on the tenth (10) day of July 1923, to determine if the bonds of said district shall be issued to the amount of forty-five thousand (\$45,000.00) dollars, payable forty years from their date and bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, for the purpose of constructing, repairing, and equipping a public free school buildings of brick and concrete material within the limits of said district, and the purchase of necessary sites therefor, and if there shall be annually levied, assessed and collected on all the taxable property in said district, for the current year and annually thereafter while said bonds, or any of them are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

Oscar Jackson has been appointed Judge of said election, and Miss Nina Grace and Miss Jennie Shields clerks, which shall be held as nearly as may be possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state.

No person shall vote at said election unless he is a qualified voter under the Constitution and laws of this State, and a taxpayer in said Spur Independent School District.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof, shall have written or printed upon their ballots: "For the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof"; and those opposed to the proposition shall have written or printed upon their ballots: "Against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

Said election was ordered by the board of trustees of said Spur Independent School District by order passed on the 2 day of June 1923, and this notice is issued pursuant to said order.

Dated this 2nd day of June 1923.

NED HOGAN, President  
Board of Trustees of said District.  
Attest: G. R. ELKINS, Secretary  
Board of Trustees of said District. 32-3t.

Bill Russell and wife, formerly of Spur but now of Oklahoma, spent two days of last week in Spur visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell.

A. J. Hodges and wife are visiting friends and relatives in other parts of the country.

C. D. Byrd, of Matador, was in Spur the first of the week meeting friends and also looking after his ranching interests to the west of Spur. Mr. Byrd stated that everything in the Matador country is now in ideal shape with respect to both farming and ranching interests.

Miss Ruth Glasgow left Sunday for Fort Worth where she will visit relatives and friends.

W. R. Lewis and L. R. Barrett and families spent Monday and Tuesday on the Aspermont Lake, fishing.

Mayor W. J. Garrett, of Jayton, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday morning. He reports everything in fine shape, stating that the town is building substantially, and with ideal seasons the country is producing the most promising harvests of years.

Mrs. Luke, milliner for Bryant-Link Company, left Monday for Dallas where she will spend some time visiting with relatives and friends.

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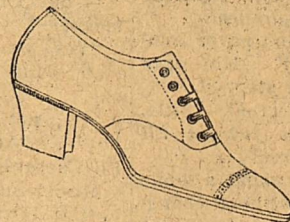
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# The Custard Cup

By  
Florence Bingham Livingston

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## A TEMPER GONG

**SYNOPSIS.**—Living in a barn, converted into a dwelling, Mrs. Penfield is manager of an apartment building known as "The Custard Cup," originally "Cluster Court." Her income is derived from laundry work, her chief patron being a Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone, whom she has never seen. Living with her are "Crink" and "Thad," homeless small boys whom she has adopted. They call her "Penzie." Thad tells Penzie a strange man was inquiring for her under her maiden name. A tenant, Mrs. Gussie Bosley, induces Penzie to take charge of a package, which she does with some misgivings. Searching a refuse dump for things which might be of value, Crink, veteran at the game, encounters a small girl, Lettie, who proves a foeman worthy of his steel. He takes her to Penzie, and Lettie gets adopted into the family. The stranger proves to be Mrs. Penfield's uncle Jerry. He announces he is going to remain in the vicinity of The Custard Cup. Uncle Jerry arranges to occupy the loft above Mrs. Penfield's abode. Uncle Jerry meets Prudence Hapgood, no longer young, but attractive, and the two appear to "hit it off" well. Lorena Percy, young friend of Penzie's, tells her of her engagement to Dick Chase, also a mutual friend. Friendship developing between Uncle Jerry and Frank Bosley, husband of Gussie, worries Penzie. Calming a tenant, Mrs. Sanders, on the verge of a nervous breakdown, Mrs. Penfield reveals the tragic story of her own life, the sudden death of her three children in an epidemic and the subsequent death of her husband. Lettie's pet aversion to The Custard Cup has long been a certain Mr. Josiah Wopple, and the animosity culminates in a physical encounter in which much water is spilled.

## CHAPTER IX—Continued.

"Now will you let dogs alone?" inquired Lettie pertinently. "Men that pester dogs ain't no good. They'd oughter—"

Before her eyes the water suddenly dwindled in the hose she was holding, disappeared with a gentle gurgle. Mr. Wopple had turned off the faucet. The two dripping human beings glared at each other during a moment of truce. "You'll pay for this," threatened Mr. Wopple. "Think I'll have a dog 'round after he bit me?"

A great fear clutched Lettie's heart. For a moment her blood stopped; she felt dizzy and sick. Recovering herself with a tremendous effort, she took up the defense at random.

"He didn't bite you."

"He did, too," maintained Mr. Wopple, but with a subtle lack of conviction which Lettie's sharpened senses pounced upon.

"Show me where," demanded Lettie, with an anxious eye on Fil Caesar, who was standing by during the suspension of hostilities, waiting for the signal to begin again.

"He didn't bite you 't all," repeated Lettie, with growing assurance.

"He did, too, but he ain't never goin' to again. Darn him!" His eyes searched the ground; he stopped.

"Don't you dare!" cried Lettie. "Don't you dare! Just you let Fil alone, and I won't never—"

But Mr. Wopple had found a stone that suited him, and without changing position had let it fly. It caught the unsuspecting Filbuster on a front leg. There was a yell of pain from Fil, a screech of rage from Lettie.

"Oh! Oh! You've bit him. You've killed him!"

Mr. Wopple reached for another stone.

Filbuster Caesar, by no means killed but rendered strikingly discreet, limped swiftly out of range. Lettie heard him; but beyond realizing that he was able to move, she paid him no attention. Instead, she faced her neighbor with a fury that gave him pause. Her thin chest rising on a high wave of anger, her cheeks flaming, her black eyes shooting danger sparks, she was beside herself with contempt and wrath.

"You beast!" she screamed. "To hit a dog! You're worse'n no good. Penzie says she don't see why the Lord ever made you. So!"

"Wha-at!" gasped the astounded Mr. Wopple, for the moment overwhelmed by this revelation.

"Y! Y!" shrieked Lettie. "That's you, didn't it? I'll give you some

more. I'll—"

With a quick swoop, she picked up a stick and threw it. It glanced past Mr. Wopple and struck a window behind him, shattering the glass; but Lettie, blinded by rage, scarcely noted the disaster. She darted here and there in search of a second missile, relieving her feelings with all the stormy phrases she could think of.

"Penzie hates you—hates you!" she repeated, having produced more effect with this information than with anything else she had tried. "She loves 'most ev'rybody, but she hates you. She says she don't know why the Lord ever—"

"Lettie!"

The one word had an astonishing effect—not merely upon Lettie but upon Mr. Wopple. His conduct underwent immediate reversal. He did not glance at Mrs. Penfield, who had come quietly around the house and was still standing on the community walk; rather, his attention was wholly absorbed by matters in his own yard. With nervous jerks he detached the old hose and coiled it carefully, an operation noticeably contrary to his custom.

As for Lettie, Mrs. Penfield's voice had been to her like the breaking of a spell. She went suddenly limp. Rage dropped out of her face; frenzy released its hold of her muscles; a strange expression took the place of anger in her eyes—an expression of realization, of frightened dismay.

"Lettie, go into the house."

Lettie went.

For a brief space Mrs. Penfield did not move. Her troubled eyes traveled from one bit of testimony to another. "It's a nice day, Mrs. Penfield, ain't it?" volunteered Mr. Wopple ingratiatingly.

"You seem to have watered a lot in one place," she observed presently. "And thank you for sprinkling my yard, too."

"Well, now, see here, Mrs. Penfield, you wait a minute and I'll tell you how 'twas."

"It isn't necessary," she interposed. "Lettie'll tell me."

"Sure she'll tell you her side. But you can't trust a little vixen like that—"

"I can always trust Lettie, Mr. Wopple. That's the reason I got faith in her. So long as you can trust a person, you got something mighty firm to pin to. One thing I like 'bout Lettie is: she don't never try to hide behind somebody else."

"Say, now, I wa'n't— Say, Mrs. Penfield— Say—"

But she had gone.

In the kitchen Mrs. Penfield found Lettie, down on the floor, cradling the small Fil Caesar in her arms, crooning and sobbing in a remarkable combination.

"O Penzie, his leg's broke, and I'm 'fraid he's killed inside. See, he won't let me touch it. Darling Fil! Crink never'll forgive me. Oh, I wisht I—"

"Let me take him, Lettie. Get me the liniment and a cloth out of the piece bag. Filbuster's 'bout the simplest problem of the afternoon."

"What you going to do with me, Penzie?"

"I do not know," admitted Mrs. Penfield wearily.

"I—I'm awful sorry, Penzie. You see, he—he makes me so mad!"

"Yes, I should judge he did. Now begin at the beginning and tell me what happened."

Lettie complied, with a faithful observance of sequence and a realistic touch on all details. "He's a mean man," she concluded vehemently. "He gets me going."

Mrs. Penfield, sitting on the end of the wash bench, watched her gravely, thoughtfully.

"This is a serious matter Lettie. Do you realize that you have destroyed property?"

"I didn't mean to do that, Penzie. I meant—"

"Yes, you intended to injure a human being. That is far more serious."

"Oh, not really injure!" protested Lettie. "And besides, didn't he hit Fil Caesar?" she added hotly.

Mrs. Penfield sighed. "Come here, Lettie; I want to tell you something. I hain't never told you how it makes me feel when you lose your temper and do these awful things. I keep my feelings inside me, but I got 'em just the same. And if you keep on like this, you'll get me going, too. Had you ever thought of that? Now, when things don't go the way I want 'em to—like this afternoon, for instance—if I got mad as you do, and struck out at ev'rything 'round, do you know what it would mean to you?"

Lettie's face whitened; the color dropped out of her lips; her black eyes grew wild with fright. "You mean—you'd send me—away?" The words came slowly out of her terror.

"Wouldn't I—if I acted the way you act?"

Lettie's body swayed. Her lids fluttered. In the few weeks that she had been in this house, she had attached herself to Mrs. Penfield with a doglike devotion. All the rich affection in her nature, held in check for want of an outlet, had poured out to this woman who had fed and clothed and loved her. Lettie idolized

her; she would have walked straight to destruction for her if occasion had offered. She would not have shrunk from the high, spectacular deed of sacrifice; but the more difficult, humble matter of controlling her own temper, had been too much for her to compass. Yet not once had it occurred to her that she might be jeopardizing this new home, that there might be an end to the patience that had borne with her.

"O Penzie!" She threw herself into Mrs. Penfield's lap and burst into wild sobbing.

Mrs. Penfield drew her closer. "Dear child, I didn't say I was going to send you away. I merely said I should if I acted the way you do. Don't you see you expect me to be patient, but you ain't willing to be patient yourself? You're willing I should do lots of things for you, but you ain't willing to do this one thing for me. All is, Lettie, we got to pull together—or not 't all. I'll help you if you'll help me."

"O Penzie," sobbed the child, "I'll do anything—anything—if you'll only keep me. Honest, I will. I'll work and pay for the window. I'll go without eating just as long's you say. I won't play with Fil Caesar. I'll—"

Mrs. Penfield interrupted before Lettie had wiped the slate entirely clean of all their pleasures she had ever known.

"Sure. We'll attend to all the punishing for this time; but the main point is, what will you do the next time you get mad? Will you try to control yourself and keep calm?"

The child looked up through streaming tears. "I will, honest," she gulped. "I'll do that very thing, so help me Jacob! I'm going to be so good that you'll want to keep me—darned if I ain't!"

"Now you're talking," encouraged Mrs. Penfield, with a brighter expression. "And I'm going to make it as easy for you as I can. I'm going to make you a temper gong right away."

Lettie dried her eyes. "What's a temper gong?"

"You watch, and you'll find out."

Mrs. Penfield went over to the corner where the firewood was drying and picked out a piece of board that had a knot-hole in one end. Passing a heavy twine through the knot-hole, she hung the board on the wall. From the cupboard she produced a toy rolling-pin that had been given to Crink when the first owner had tired of it.

"There you are," she announced to the watchful Lettie. "You try this, and I bet it'll help. Now, whenever you feel yourself getting mad, you run right in here and pound that board with this here rolling-pin. Try it fifty times; and if your arm ain't tired then, do it a hundred. It's a strange thing, but if you get your muscles good and tired, you get over being angry right away. Here in the kitchen I guess you won't disturb the neighbors—they make considerable noise themselves—and 'pears like you'll have to hit something for a while till you learn better."

"Now Lettie, if you get mad again, fore you do anything 't all, will you remember to say, 'Excuse me, I got an engagement in the kitchen'?"

Lettie gulped and capitulated. "Yes'm," she promised. "I'll bet I won't want to! but, by jingoes, I'll do it."

## CHAPTER X

### The Back-Yard Code.

One of the hardest things that Lettie was ever called upon to do was to apologize to Mr. Wopple. In her chastened mood she submitted to this item of penance, but the mere physical doing of it came near being beyond her. The words, half out of her mouth, seemed to turn and slip back down her throat. Difficulty was made the more difficult by Mr. Wopple's supercilious satisfaction in the humiliation of his small antagonist.

"Darn it all!" burst out Lettie in exasperation. "Stop smiling till I get through doing it, can't you?"

"Serve you right to suffer a little," he cackled. "Mebbe it'll learn you better next time."

"Shut up!" stormed Lettie. "I you don't shut—" She stopped. She had recalled something that made it impossible to go on. "Excuse me," she muttered, "I got an engagement."

Black curls flying, she dashed into the kitchen, whence presently issued muffled sounds as of a tom-tom in the distance. When Lettie reappeared, she was holding her right arm as though it ached, and her lips were drawn into a firm line that fairly pressed out their color.

"Now, Mr. Wopple," she said, squeezing out the words as if she hated every one of them, "I ap—apologize"—she breathed more freely—"for ev'rything I done and said this afternoon. Will you please to overlook it?"

"It's your idea, then, to put all human nuisances into reform schools?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## About Beauty Unadorned

By BERTHA GALE

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Alone in the grassed glade, unseen unless by Dryads, Marise danced in time to her own hushed chanting. Rhythmic motion was almost as vital to her as breathing—the pity of it that Fate had cast her suddenly into a home where dancing was held a deadly sin. The gift came through her mother, the outlander, Capt. John Faris had married upon next to his last voyage. Homing from the very last, he found her dead, leaving him her dear love and a tiny red squalling daughter, for whom she only asked that the child be given her own name—Marise. He had brought up the child in tolerant masculine fashion, loving it wisely but not too well.

There had been governesses and later schools, also travel, and city contacts now and then. More than well-to-do, in the late prime of rugged health, he had planned a rosy future for his heiress. Then all in a twinkling dreadful things befell—one week he lost his fortune, the next his life. And both because he was over-trusting—of friendship, and his own strength. Rescue from drowning in icy waters is extra hazardous when you are close upon sixty—but all the captain said when he had struggled back to weak consciousness was: "Dying is—all right—for me. I saved—the child."

Inevitably his half-brother and only near kinsman had taken Marise to his home—but not to his heart. He was rugged of the soil, set as its stubborn rocks, gravely kind in doing the duty which had been laid upon him, but seemingly a tyrannical jailer to the bit of quicksilver thrust so unexpectedly into his scheme of things.

Being all but penniless, Marise knew she must work. Asked what she could do best, she had said simply, "Dance." If she had said "murder" it would have been hardly more upsetting. Within the next ten minutes she was told roundly that even the name of dancing was not to be spoken there. Too heartbroken for struggling, she had accepted meekly the place made for her in the local school. Possibly she might not have been so obedient but that it promised something of happy solitude—a two-mile walk daily, half of it through splendid old woodland. The work was easy but wearisome—the tiniest pupils had been given in her charge. If only she might have taught them as she herself had been taught, to learn, through playing, joy, grace and competence, she would have been happy. Even with primers and pencils and colored papers, she found something of moonlight satisfaction. But that was more than offset by another angle—big boys in school and their bigger brothers out of it victimized her with violently aggressive rural gallantry.

This she had ignored as best she might—resentment was out of the question. Her steadfast insistence upon coming and going alone was humiliating to all the would-be gallants, but particularly galling to Ted Jobe, heir prospective to the biggest and richest farm in the district. Past school age himself, he kept tabs on Marise through Hughie the bound boy, who came irregularly. Thus Marise never felt exactly secure, save when Ted was away with a carload of stock. He had been gone two days—Marise had loitered shamefully in her homing upon each of them—for the dancing, of course, though she had masked it a strawberry picking, going home red-handed and laden in the very edge of dusk—and thereby earning absolution for her tardiness.

Wild strawberries had gone. She found but a tiny handful that morning in the old field. But she smiled bitterly thinking she could at least say she had spent the time in looking for them—she hated acting a lie—but not quite so much as going through a violent scene.

Uncle Edwin was rigid in keeping track of her ingoings and outgoings—she shuddered to think of the summer, when there would be no school, no wood-walks, nothing but the deadly dullness of household tasks and the unending complaints of her querulous aunt. Despair laid hold upon her, making her something reckless—she flung off her blouse, and though underneath it she was decently covered, flung her bare arms high, lifted her thin skirts, bent, swayed, dipped, weaving thus in motion her feeling of summer winds. She thrilled as she danced—it might be the last time for so long. Next fortnight would be filled with getting ready for the end of school—moreover Ted would be home Sunday at the latest—he would spy upon her more boldly than ever, if he fulfilled his threat of bringing back a ring for her, she wouldn't dare refuse.

Heavens! How she hated him! His satyr's leer, his hulking length and

strength! To banish thought of him she became after a sort Bacchante—poising lightly on tiptoe, arms high, head flung back as though inviting the kiss of a god. Suddenly she was clasped, all but crushed, and heard Ted saying hoarsely: "So—this is your game. D—n it! Think I'll let ye waste such charmin'? Come, toddle a bit with me. I learnt how from a town girl at a show place. I bet you can do it better'n she did. Come, I say. I can whistle—if you have sorter took my breath."

"Let me go!" Marise panted. "Go away—you have no right—no reason—to intrude on me—"

"M-m! Waitin' for the other feller? But I know his name," Ted flung at her, still holding her tight. Marise clenched her fist and struck him full in the mouth with all her strength, but he merely grinned. "Some wild-cat! I'll take er kiss for that," trying to drag down the hands that covered her face.

Failing, he said angrily: "Better quit your foolin'. I know how you stand with old man Ed Faris. Once I tell him what I've seen here with my own eyes out you go packin' bag and baggage, and the door locked behind ye. I don't want to tell on you, but by dads I will if you try to keep on yer holty-toity ways with me. Say! Is it a bargain?"

"No! No!! No!!! Marise shrieked, writhing in his hold, but still guarding her lips. Ted was breathing hard—he clutched her tighter, and hissed in her ear: "You must be waitin' fer—somebody richer. Alanson Brent likely, that owns all these woods. I hear he come home the day before I left. Of course you've seen him, goin' through so often."

"I have not even heard of him," Marise began piteously. "Oh, please let me go—I mustn't be late at home."

"Kiss me and I will, and tomorrow I'll show you that ring," Ted smirked. Then Marise screamed her best, but the "help! help!" was little beyond a whisper. It needed to be no more—from a covert of hazels burst a tall, athletic figure that fell upon Ted like a devouring whirlwind, and left him not until he lay prone and battered upon the grass at Marise's feet. Her rescuer had already drawn her hand upon his arm, and was saying, "I'm Alanson Brent—at your service. I ought to have come earlier to your help, but you see I also had been looking on. Don't be disturbed; nobody will ever know. Ted knows me well enough to keep his tongue between his teeth. Now, may I see you home, and may I call tomorrow?"

"My blouse!" Marise gasped, looking at herself horror-stricken. Brent smiled waggishly, saying something about beauty unadorned. Anybody can guess the rest—they married and lived happy ever after, even though Uncle Edwin never forgave Marise and her twinkling toes.

### She Passed.

Pretty Susie Smith had been studying medicine, and although she did not make much actual progress at the work, she managed to get along very well with the lecturers, for she had what is called "a way with her."

Whenever she was asked a question she could not answer she would smile in a most appealing way. When the examinations came along she was equally successful.

"Now, Miss Smith," said the examiner, "tell me how you would treat a case of typhoid?"

"Well, sir," was the hesitating reply, "I—I should ef—"

"Yes, yes!" said the professor impatiently. "Go on."

"I—I—" Then with a rush, "I should call you in for consultation." She passed with honors.

### The Jaws of a Serpent.

Because the jaws of a snake are not consolidated, but united by elastic ligaments, so that they are capable of great expansion, the snake is able to swallow an animal bigger than itself. But the bones of the head are very hard, and it is a mistake for a man caught in the coils of an anaconda or a boa to try to smash the reptile's skull. Doctor Stepper, an expert, says that the thing for him to do under such circumstances, if he can possibly manage it, is to strike at the serpent's tail, which is the sensitive part of its anatomy. If sharply hit in that quarter it will relinquish its grip. But, in truth, a man has little chance in combat with one of those big snakes, unless he has a hunting knife.

### Basis of Superstitions.

Why is it considered unlucky to pass on the stairs? Simply because in the old days you never quite knew who was not your enemy. A man coming downstairs had an enormous advantage over one going up; hence passing on the stairs became unpopular.

Drinking healths had a very old origin. If your host let you alone you could not be sure draught was not poisoned, but you could feel safe if he drank liquor from the same bottle. The words "health" were his guarantee of faith.



## THE TEXAS SPUR

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THRILLS

ENTERTAINMENT

EDUCATION

R. C. Forbis returned the first of the week from Mount Sterling, Ohio, where he had gone with a train load of calves. Mr. Forbis has been associated with E. A. Parrett of Mount Sterling the past several years in selling calves to Ohio farmers for feeding purposes. Mr. Forbis raises a great number of calves on his ranches to the north of Spur, buying elsewhere in the country a sufficient number to meet the calf feeding demand of the Ohio selling territory.

Mr. Dickson, of East Texas, has been spending the week at the Experiment Station with his brother, R. E. Dickson. While here Mr. Dickson also looked around with a view of investing in Spur Farm Lands, appreciating the fact that the country is rich and productive and that prices will continue to go up as the country becomes more fully developed and settled. The time is coming when not an acre of land can be had in the Spur country for less than a hundred dollars, and choice locations can not be bought for double that amount. The man who wants a home had better get it today.

We still have a few bushels of pure Mebane planting cotton seed left. You will have to hurry to get the best seed on the market.—Citizens Gin & Power Company, Ed Johnson, 29-ff.

No hunting, fishing or trespassing is permitted on my premises.—J. Carlisle. May 24p.

FOR RENT—Furnished bed room couple preferred.—Mrs. H. T. Garner. 31-2tp.

J. A. Brown, of the Midway community north of Dickens, was among the number in Spur Monday looking for cotton seed with which to replant his crop destroyed Monday night by the heavy rain and hail storm. It is somewhat discouraging or at least disconcerting, when one has gone into debt to make a crop and then have it totally destroyed, all within a few minutes and without warning. Yet life is made up of uncertainties, and the people of this great Western country know how to meet adversity and overcome disadvantages and discouragements. Every one of the large number of farmers suffering losses from this storm are now working and starting another crop the prospect, hope and assurance of big harvests regardless of the set-back.

W. L. Grogan, we understand, has purchased an electric power plant and business at Pampa where he and family will move immediately to assume management. Mr. Grogan recently sold his interest in the Spur Light & Power Company to Mr. Lea who with Roy Stovall are now operating the business.

George S. Link, Jr., and Calvin McNeill are here from Kemper Military College, spending the summer vacation with their parents.

Miss Fannie Kelley, who has been teaching the past term in the Wilford schools, spent last week in Spur the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis. From Spur Miss Kelley went to Canyon to attend the summer normal. Miss Kelley has been teaching in this section of country a number of years, having been one of the number of teachers in Spur schools one term. We consider her one of the best and most practical teachers of the whole country.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lindley, who have been managing the Spur Produce Company the past several years, will leave Spur the latter part of this week for Crystal City where they intend to make their home in the future. Mr. D. C. Hubbard, formerly of Abilene, has assumed management of the business in Spur, having been actively identified with the business the past month or two during which time he has demonstrated superior ability and knowledge of the produce business. Mr. Hubbard is originally from Springfield, Missouri, but during the past six years has been identified with the produce business in Texas. His idea in the management of the Spur Produce Company is not merely to make money for his concerns but to build up a business which will be of material benefit to individual farmers and producers, and a real asset to the town and country.

In speaking of the rain, hail and wind storm Monday night, E. B. Shaw said that he had a bucket hanging in the open which caught eight inches of water, and thus he is assured that fully eight inches of rain fell at his place and over the Draper section. Uncle Eb was here after seed to replant, his cotton crop having been drowned and washed out by the young flood. Wind and hail also accompanied the rain here as well as elsewhere, but the fact the whole face of the earth was covered with water, the hail did little damage. Uncle Eb has been here almost since the very beginning of Dickens county, and he figures that this was one of the heaviest rains within our history.

Fred Haile, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile, is here visiting with his parents. Fred has been attending Simmons College the past term, and has made a record of which we are all justly proud. In the four years college course thirty six credits are required of pupils. Fred at this time term made sixteen credits by applying himself outside of regular study periods. Fred is preparing himself for a teacher of history, and is arranging to take a summer course in California and outside of the regular college courses. In fact he intends to become thorough in his knowledge of history, and we predict that he will make a national reputation in his chosen line.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews returned Sunday from a week's vacation, spent with relatives and friends at several different points.

### SINGING CONVENTION AT WATSON JUNE 16TH AND 17TH

The County Line Singing Convention will meet with the Watson Class Saturday and Sunday, June 16th and 17th. All singing classes throughout the country are invited and urged to attend this convention. Dinner will probably be spread on the ground one or both days, and a great social as well as musical occasion will be enjoyed.

Ed Lisenby came in Tuesday morning from his ranch, making the trip through mud and slush, crossing creeks on improvised pontoon carriages and overcoming other impediments to his progress. He had headed for Spur to get four hundred bushels of cotton seed with which to replant twelve hundred acres of his cotton crop which washed away in Monday night's flood which occurred in that section. On his ranch the waters ran high, carrying with it not only crops but fences, posts and other obstructions. It is estimated that approximately eight inches of rain fell over that territory during the storm. Ed Lisenby is an old time Westerner and truly typical of the real Spirit of the West. He was not the least discouraged in the loss of twelve hundred acres of cotton, but in fact was greatly elated in being able to get as much as four hundred bushels of seed with which to replant the crop. It is such men and such a Spirit which makes West Texas great and insures for the future recognition as a powerful empire.

Lon Kizziah, of north of Dickens, came to Spur Tuesday morning after cotton seed with which to replant his crops. He had about one hundred twenty-five acres of cotton completely destroyed by the hail, wind and heavy rain. He estimates that between one and two inches of rain fell within a short period of time. Lon Kizziah came here several years ago from the "old country" to the East. On several occasions prior to this he says he has been discouraged in farming operations, but now he is becoming disgusted. Even though it may seem late to replant crops, yet with favorable conditions even greater yields may be harvested than would have been the result with the earlier planting. Old timers out here never let a little thing like having to plant crops in June worry them in the least. In fact June crops have produced the biggest harvests known in the history of farming in West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Thompson, of Moran, are spending the week with B. E. Morgan and family.

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William Manning came in Thursday to spend his vacation in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Manning. William has been attending A. & M.

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"I was pale and thin, hardly able to go," says Mrs. Bessie Bearden, of Central, S. C. "I would suffer, when I stood on my feet, with bearing-down pains in my sides and the lower part of my body. I did not rest well and didn't want anything to eat. My color was bad and I felt miserable. A friend of mine told me of

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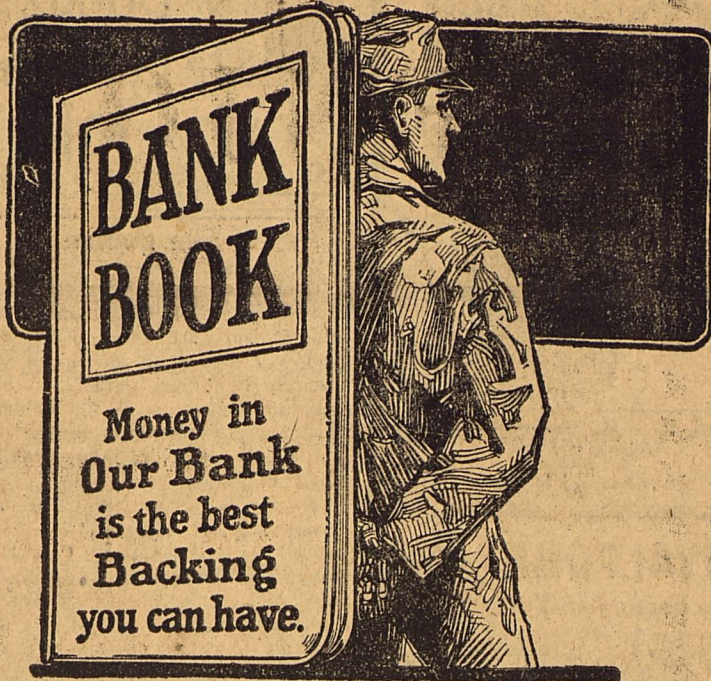
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### P. H. MILLER

Mrs. R. M. Jay, of Sylvester, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Billy Bryant, left last week for the plains country where she will spend some time before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hart, of Sylvester, were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant the past week.

See N. O. Phillips, the Mattress man for Mattresses made by Coggin Company, in both marble and granite, and of any desired design. 32-ff.

Rev. M. B. Harris, Mrs. E. L. Caraway, Mrs. W. H. Putman and Miss Annie Mae Hale have just returned from Fort Worth where they have been in attendance at the State Convention of the Christian Church, also the Golden Jubilee and commencement exercises of the Texas Christian University. They report a most enjoyable time.

O. D. Daniels and wife are spending the summer vacation with relatives and friends in the Eastern part of the State.

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Vernon Whiting, of Oklahoma City, is in Spur visiting C. L. Love and family.

Mrs. C. A. Love returned Thursday from Marlin where she has been for the past several weeks.

Mrs. W. O. Britton, of Anson, is in Spur visiting with her brother, Billy Bryant and wife.

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Master Malaprop.  
Little Jamie had just come home from Sunday school and his mother asked him what he had learned. "Why, mother," he said, "we learned all the ten conundrums."—Boston Transcript.

A Fable.  
"Mine" (wrote the film publicity agent to his love) "is flaming super-passion, the real tender world-shaking stuff that gets you by the heart-strings, raw elemental throbs that grip and clasp and quiver and clutch. You have never before conceived that such a colossal super-love could be featured throughout all the ages."

And she wrote back sadly: "You are getting tired of life. I miss the lyrical ecstasy of your earlier letters. Why do you write so formally, so coldly? I no longer stir you. Good-by."—London Answers.

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There's a Reason

**Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale**  
by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

## THE DINNER

Georgie Green Frog was dining with the Sbons who lived at Gums Landing and if you spell those words around you will see what they really mean. Georgie had been putting on airs of late and had thought his home pond was not good enough for him and so the Pond Fairy had taken him to see these creatures.

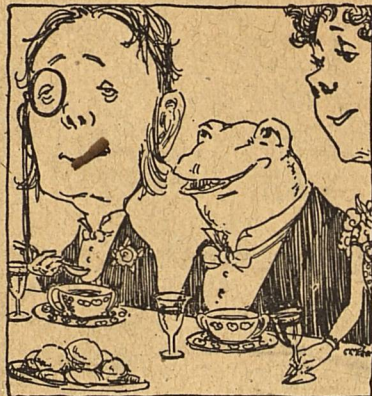
He was very happy when first he arrived for he thought that here he would be appreciated. In the pond they hadn't noticed him any more than the others. And almost as soon as he had arrived he was asked to a dinner. Georgie was right on time at the party and soon after he had arrived the dinner began. Everyone was talking.

"Did you know that once we went to a dinner where they served the soup in cups which weren't cups at all?" asked one of Georgie.

"Horror, goog-a-room, no," said Georgie, who was already beginning to feel out of place now and very homesick.

"Of course they did not know what was what," said another who had overheard.

But as the dinner went along the people, to Georgie's mind, seemed to grow shorter and shorter and smaller and smaller and even their voices seemed to die away. Then one little person spoke up and said: "It was what I said all along. We shouldn't



"Dining With the Sbons."

have asked him here. And now I know I'm right. Why, he was a Tadpole once and then the family grew more prosperous and they changed their name to Frog."

"That wasn't it," said another, "all those Frogs come from Tadpoles. He's no better than any of them. And they say that at home he eats bugs and flies!"

"Also it has been rumored about that when he is out of the pond he swallows his own skin when he is getting a new one. Such common thriftiness!"

But now their voices had almost sunk away to nothingness, and instead Georgie heard some one singing in a loud voice. This was the song:

Please, oh please, my fond fairy friend,  
By the kind Breeze Brothers this message I send.

I'm homesick, I'm homesick, I want to go back.

I made a mistake, alas and alack!  
There's no place in the world like one's own home

And never again do I wish to roam!

Suddenly, Georgie saw the Pond Fairy coming toward him. She was smiling and she looked more beautiful than she did before.

"So you sang my song, eh?" she asked.

Then it was that Georgie realized that the song had come from his own throat and that he had been singing it.

"Such curious people," he said on his way back with the Pond Fairy. "They made most awfully rude remarks about me—about having been nothing but a tadpole in my earlier days and such speeches, but do you know I really didn't mind?"

"No?" the Pond Fairy said.

"I didn't mind in the least," said Georgie Green Frog. "They didn't seem to be worth my notice—not because I felt I was so superior. No, because I thought how foolish it was to be as they are and as I was only so short a time ago."

"I didn't think of it until now but their name spells Snobs, doesn't it? Yes, that is what they were and that is what I was, and goodness gracious, snobs are far from pleasant. Neither do they seem very happy themselves."

"They're not," said the Pond Fairy. "They never dare be natural and they really are miserable with the dispositions they have! But now we're almost home again!"

And Georgie Green Frog blinked and gurgled and chuckled and said:

Home, home, home for a frog  
Who didn't appreciate the old home log.  
But now he will, oh, never you fear!  
And in the future he'll always be here!

**The Kitchen Cabinet**

(©, 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

Blessed are they whose furniture is so inexpensive or so shabby that children and dogs are not excluded from its sacred precincts.—Henry C. Merwin.

## A CUPFUL OF SOUR CREAM

Farmers often ask, "What can be done with the surplus sour cream?"

A city woman never is, or very seldom is, embarrassed with such riches. Countless delectable dishes may be prepared with sour cream. One is the most delicious of spice cakes, using the cream in place of milk in the recipe and using judgment as to its richness, by adding such proportion of shortening as the usual recipe requires, allowing for the richness of the cream.

One or two tablespoonfuls of sour cream in a soup gives a zest that is entirely lacking in sweet cream, adding richness and smoothness to the soup.

**Chicken Fricassee.**—Chop one onion and fry in fat until yellow; add paprika. Cut up a chicken and fry in the fat until a golden brown, add one cupful of water with a tablespoonful of parsley and simmer until tender. Pour a cupful of hot sour cream over the chicken and serve sprinkled with minced parsley and salt and paprika to taste.

**Scalloped Potatoes and Onions.**—Put a layer of sliced potatoes in a baking dish, cover with a layer of sliced onions, adding seasonings and parsley. Repeat and pour over the dish enough sour cream to almost cover. Cover the dish and bake until the vegetables are done.

**Boiled Cauliflower With Dressing.**—Heat one-half cupful of sour cream, adding salt and pepper to season, pour over hot boiled cauliflower and serve at once.

Whatever be the origin or extent of the mental habits that we occupy, for their furniture we are responsible.—Edgar Goodspeed.

## SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS

A baked apple is always palatable and is welcome at any meal.

**Arlington Apples.**—Core some good-flavored apples and fill the cavity with two tablespoonfuls of maple sugar and a piece of butter. Bake in hot water to one-quarter the depth of the apples. Serve cold, with or without cream.

**Chicken Pie.**—Cover a chicken (after cutting at the joints) with boiling water and cook until tender. Add one cupful of diced celery, one carrot cut in dice, two large onions sliced. When the chicken and vegetables are tender remove the fowl and place in a casserole, add six parboiled potatoes, the celery, carrot and onions. Thicken the gravy with flour and butter well mixed, add seasoning, cover with a rich baking powder biscuit crust, leaving a vent for the steam to escape and bake until well done. Add a cupful of cream just a few minutes before taking from the oven.

**Maple Dreams.**—Cut bread in one-quarter-inch slices; remove the crusts and butter. Cover a slice with a layer of chopped dates; butter another slice and cover, pressing the slices together to form a sandwich. Cut in any shape, dip in egg and milk and saute to a light brown. Serve with:

**Lum Lum.**—Take two cupfuls of diced cooked sweet potatoes; add one cupful of diced apple and add four tablespoonfuls of maple sirup and a little salt and three tablespoonfuls of bacon fat. Bake in a covered dish, adding one-half cupful of water. Remove the cover and brown, after baking forty-five minutes. Bake one hour.

**Maple Sauce.**—Take one cupful of maple sirup, one-quarter cupful of cold water, one tablespoonful each of cornstarch and sugar. Heat the sirup, add the cornstarch, mixed with cold water. Cook until clear, then add the butter. Pour around the dreams and serve at once.

**Pineapple Salad.**—Cook one egg yolk, one teaspoonful of lemon juice over hot water until thick, stirring constantly. Cool; season highly with tabasco, then beat one-quarter of a cupful of sour cream until thick, and fold it into the first mixture with one-quarter of a cupful of finely-grated cheese. Codfish served with sour cream for the white sauce is a most appetizing and unusual dish.

The virtuous feeling of having been saving must be carefully analyzed, for we may be "penny wise and pound foolish."

Nellie Maxwell

**DAIRY**

## FAILURE IN DAIRY BUSINESS

Greatest Factor to Success is the Man Himself—He Must Like Cows and Care for Them.

Failure in the dairy business is due to one of three things:

1. The business itself.
2. The cow.
3. The man.

The business is sound. This is shown largely by the fact that the income derived from the dairy business is larger than the income derived from all other classes of live stock on the farm combined.

The cow must be a good cow, one that can return a good labor income to her owner.

But the greatest factor to success in the dairy business is the man.

He must know his good cows and not guess which are his good ones.

He must be a dairymen, and like cows, like to work with them and like to care for them. He must not be in the dairy business just in order to pay off that grocery bill contracted when he had no use for cows.

He must remember that the fundamental basis of the dairy business lies in the maternity of the dairy cow.

He must know how to feed profitably and apply that knowledge and to feed only cows that can return a profit.

He must use a good purebred bull to keep up the future quality of his herd.

He must know how to work and apply that knowledge.—Harold R. Lascelles, Fieldman, State Dairy Commission.

## TREATMENT OF CALF SCOURS

Cut Feed One-Half Until Animal Becomes Hungry, Then Give Dose of Castor Oil.

To treat a case of scours, cut the feed to half or even less than that until the calf has become hungry. A dose of one to three ounces of castor oil or paraffin oil will help to clean out the animal and may well be given. Three parts of formalin in a hundred parts of water, added to the milk at the rate of a teaspoonful to the pound of milk will sometimes relieve the trouble. Another very satisfactory treatment is to add about four to five drops of fluid extract of gelsemium to about one ounce of paraffin or castor oil and give it to the calf before each feeding of milk. It is always advisable to reduce the milk to a half or a third and divide that reduced quantity into from two to four feedings a day.

## KEEP ALL HEIFERS GROWING

Young Animals Are Unduly Neglected by Many Dairymen—Feed Silage and Legume Hay.

Returns get our attention. Possibly for this reason the heifer calves are unduly neglected. But this stock should be kept growing normally. With silage and clover or alfalfa hay, one should feed each heifer from two to five pounds of farm-grown grains per day. If no silage is available, feed two pounds of corn daily with all the clover or alfalfa hay the heifers will consume. With silage and no legume hay, a good ration consists of a portion of silage and fodder or mixed hay with a grain mixture consisting of equal parts of corn and linseed meal.

## FALL AND SPRING CALVING

Three Years' Test Conducted by Mississippi Expert to Determine Advantages.

Results of three years' work to determine the advantages of spring and fall calving with dairy cattle, made by J. S. Moore of the Mississippi experiment station, show that cows calving in the fall produced an average of 172 pounds of milk and 18.4 pounds of butterfat more than cows calving in the spring. In a comparison of early and late fall calving the average difference per year per cow was 683 pounds of milk and 27.5 pounds of butterfat in favor of late fall calving.

## NEEDFUL MINERALS IN FEED

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The common dairy feeds containing the most lime are the legume hays, cowpeas, clover, alfalfa and soy bean, that from cowpeas containing the most. Those which contain the most phosphorus are wheat bran, wheat middlings and linseed meal in the order given. None of the concentrates contain as much lime as the legumes do, and no roughage contains as much phosphorus as the concentrates named.

## MOTHER TALKS OF DAUGHTER'S CASE

Mrs. Canning Declares Tanlac Fully Restored Delicate Girl to Health and Strength.

"The Tanlac treatment brought robust health to my daughter, Opal, who is sixteen, and I wish I could tell every mother what a wonderful medicine it is," declared Mrs. Nellie Canning, 801 South F St., Guthrie, Okla.

"Opal suffered from a badly run-down condition and her nerves were so excited she could not go to school regularly. She had no appetite and was subject to terrible headaches and dizzy spells. She seldom got a good night's sleep and her condition became so bad we were very uneasy about her."

"But her first bottle of Tanlac gave her a splendid appetite and she began to pick up. Now she is as healthy and happy as can be and goes to school every day. I have also taken Tanlac as a tonic, and found it better than anything else I ever tried. I am more grateful than I can express in words for the good Tanlac has done in our home."

Tanlac is for sale by all good druggists. Accept no substitute. Over 37 million bottles sold.

Tanlac Vegetable Pills are nature's own remedy for constipation. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

Like other trees, there is usually something shady about the family tree.

**Aspirin**

Say "Bayer" and Insist!



Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer product prescribed by physicians over twenty-two years and proved safe by millions for

Colds Headache  
Toothache Lumbago  
Earache Rheumatism  
Neuralgia Pain, Pain

Accept "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" only. Each unbroken package contains proper directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Druggists also sell bottles of 24 and 100. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.—Advertisement.

When one is holding the bear by the tail, "success" is in finding a safe time to go.

**Cutting Teeth  
Made This Baby  
Deathly Sick**

"When my baby began cutting his teeth he became deathly sick and his constant crying almost broke my heart," writes Mrs. D. H. Tidwell, Grand View, Texas, "but as soon as I started giving him Teethinga he got over it and next day was laughing and playing as if nothing had ever been the matter with him."

Teethinga is especially designed to allay the irritation and feverish conditions that are the cause of so much fretfulness in teething children. It soon stops the pain, relieves the trouble and gives the distracted mother rest and comfort.

Teethinga is sold by leading druggists or send 30c to the Moffett Laboratories, Columbus, Ga., and receive a full size package and a free copy of Moffett's Illustrated Baby Book.—(Advertisement.)

More men are willing to lend an ear than a hand.

**Freshen a Heavy Skin**  
With the antiseptic, fascinating Cuticura Talcum Powder, an exquisitely scented, economical face, skin, baby and dusting powder and perfume. Renders other perfumes superfluous. One of the Cuticura Toilet Trio (Soap, Ointment, Talcum).—Advertisement.

Most women seem to enjoy pitying somebody.



## America's Unfair, on Cor-Advent.

Dr. woman is constantly great deal of adverse matter of dress. Most ism is unfair, asserts a ter in the New York Trib- rarely hears that the women own country are the best- women of the world, although undoubtedly a fact. The state- is made continuously that the men of this country show no origi- ality in the matter of selecting clothes—that each woman wants to look just like every other woman.

This statement is refuted by the fact that so many of the ideas launched this spring have been adopted by them. Women have not run to one or two styles in dress. It is true that any style that is becoming will be duplicated again and again, because everybody knows that there is not an unlimited supply of ideas in dress either here or in any other country.

Skirts may have plaits either on one side, both sides or directly in the front. There is usually a plain skirt beneath these plaits to which the plaited section is stitched, so that it does not widen the skirt. When they are used at the sides they are very much like a fan stitched at each side of the garment.

A remarkable model is a frock of black crepe de chine with the lower part embroidered with a scattered design of garden flowers such as sunflowers or bright red hollyhocks in



Black Afternoon Dress Showing Cockade Trimming. Neck and Sleeves Edged With White.

actual size. The embroideries are done in bright colored beads. Most of the frocks of this type are in what might almost be called chemise form, except that the blouse is caught up upon the lining. Sometimes these frocks are embroidered all over in imitation pearls combined with brilliants.

### Plaited Skirts of Linen.

Knife-plaited skirts in linen are being shown by many of the smart shops. They are especially attractive in pearl gray and oyster white.

### Care of Finger Nails

#### Fine Art, Says Actress

"Care of the fingernails is such a fine art—much finer than it is usually ranked—that I have devoted time and attention to learning about it," observes a prominent "movie" star. "A girl, really, should show the same care in the treatment of her nails that she does her complexion.

"First, the cuticle should never be jabbed at, because the nails will immediately resent it and the 'moons' become imperfect. Care should be taken in polishing that a too high luster does not detract from the beauty of the finished operation.

"Soak the nails for a few minutes in warm, soapy water. Wipe gently, pushing back the cuticle, then dip in warm olive oil—this is invaluable if the fingernails are at all brittle—wipe dry and polish with nail powder, or if a brilliant polish is not desired, rub each hand briskly on the palm of the other.

"Neglected nails really reveal a procrastinating disposition which most girls would resent being accused of

## Geranium Adorn Large Summer Hat of Straw



Bright geranium blossoms of silk form the decoration so effectively used on this huge summer hat. It is one of the latest Paris fashions.

### Sport Clothes Still in Fashion Limelight

Perhaps the continued emphasis placed on the straight, flat silhouette is responsible for the tremendous vogue for sport clothes. One may have a silhouette in a street frock, a dinner dress or an evening costume, but one cannot have a silhouette in a sport suit.

One may have, however, a most comfortable and attractive and becoming costume consisting of a skirt of moderate length, wide enough to waltz in, a charming tuck-in blouse of crepe or linen, a colorful slip-on sweater and a natty jacket. A long full brushed wool crepe may complete a costume which has individuality, color and beauty.

### Use Ribbons and Cords to Hang Pictures

The day of the hideous wire hangings for picture and mirrors is past. Ribbons and gay colored cords now do utilitarian service even as they decorate. Most attractive ribbon hangings are designed so that a ribbon cockade, conventionalized flowers or even bows end the ribbon where it catches to the molding or hides the nails from which the mirror is hung. Sometimes a streamer of flowers falls from the cockade.

Some ribbons are strong enough to hold the object to be hung. Where the object is very heavy, put a wire or heavy cord back of the ribbon.

Small objects need but one hanger. Larger and heavier ones need two.

### Should Choose Colors That Will Suit Eyes

For those who wear blouses and shirtwaists the most important point to remember is that the cut of the neckline makes or mars the contour of the face—just the right cut forms a setting for the head. Ribbon ties, bows, medallions, jabots of different colors add greatly to the fresh look of a waist; also add variety and make one blouse seem many. Ribbons worn at the neck line should be carefully chosen as to color. Color worn near the face affects the shade of the eyes. The right colors brighten, intensify and beautify the eyes; wrong colors dull, fade or spoil the coloring or expression of the eye.

### New Sport Style.

One sport suit seen recently indicates the trend of sport styles. It has an accordion-plaited crepe de chine skirt in white with green stripes. There is a green silk sweater without a blouse beneath, a green felt hat and green sandals and stockings.

### Attractive Coats.

Attractive coats which are admirably adapted to steamer wear or travel are made of English woolsens, with long shawl collars of beige or caramel caracul. They are tied on the left side.

possessing. Just a few minutes a day spent in caring for the hands—and beauty is started on its way."

### Ribbon and Perfume Used in Combination

Because there seems to be an affinity between ribbons and perfume the ribbon sachet makes its appearance in many new and unique places. To begin with, the ribbon sachet is more easily made than any other. Merely sew together two bits of ribbon, leaving the ends raveled or having them picoted, and stuffing with cotton, in which is a small portion of a good sachet powder. These may be used in innumerable ways. A half dozen of them may be connected by narrow ribbons to the interior of the wardrobe trunk, or glued in the corners of the drawers of the trunk. Or numbers of them may be combined to make petals of a flower on a couch cushion.

### Velvet Tulips.

Velvet tulips, life size, but in shades of brown and tan, make the very artistic trimming on a tan felt hat.

## FARM STOCK

### Fattening Dairy Steers Is Profitable Business

The dairyman who has a number of bull calves on hand that cannot be disposed of for breeding purposes often wonders what to do with them when they have reached one year of age. Can they be castrated, dehorned and fattened for the market at that age by the breeders themselves, or can they be sold to men who are in the feeding business? To answer the question the Ohio experiment station conducted a feeding test with six Holstein bull calves, 11.5 months of age, when they weighed an average of 626 pounds per head.

The bull calves were dehorned and castrated in December, 1921, and on January 17, 1922, at the weight mentioned, were put on feed, a ration of ground corn, oil meal, mixed hay and corn stover being fed. During a period of 154 days they consumed an average of 14 pounds ground corn, 2.5 pounds oil meal, 4.4 pounds mixed hay and 2.2 pounds corn stover. On this they made a daily gain of 2.57 pounds per head, at a cost of \$10.16 per 100 pounds gain.

During the same period a lot of Angus calves averaging 632 pounds per head were fed the same feeds. They consumed about two pounds corn meal, two pounds hay and one pound stover less per head than the dairy steers and gained .36 of a pound less per head per day. The dairy steers, in other words, proved to be the heaviest eaters and also made a slightly larger gain per pound of feed consumed.

The dairy steers produced 100 pounds of gain at a cost of \$10.16 and the Angus steers at a cost of \$10.34.

The dairy steers were put in the feed lot at a valuation of \$4.25 per 100 pounds and the beef steers at a value of \$7 per hundred. The former sold on the market for \$8.50 and the latter for \$9.75 a hundred. The profit on the dairy steers was \$10.83 per head and on the beef steers \$6.62.

This test, so far as one test of this sort can prove anything, showed conclusively that dairy steers can be fed out at a good profit by the feeder when he buys them at the right price and, also, that they make excellent use of their feed.

### Purebred Ram Shown to Be Best Mutton Producer

Breeding and feeding trials with two lots of ewes at the Missouri experiment station have shown that lambs from a purebred ram grow and fatten much faster and sell at much higher prices per pound than lambs from a scrub ram and exactly similar ewes.

The average total gain of the lambs sired by the better ram was 2.54 pounds more at three months (93.61 days) of age than the average total gain of the lambs sired by the inferior ram at four months (122.5 days) of age. The average daily gain of the better lambs was 26.6 per cent greater than that of the lot of lambs sired by the inferior ram.

The feed eaten per 100 pounds gain by the lot of lambs sired by the inferior ram was 59 per cent more than that eaten by the lambs sired by the superior ram. The grain eaten per 100 pounds gain was \$8.78 pounds for the former lot and only 52.81 pounds for the latter.

At three months of age the lambs sired by the ram of mutton type were 9.39 pounds heavier and made a total gain of 8.43 pounds greater than the lambs sired by the inferior ram. The lambs from the scrub sire required 28 per cent more grain per 100 pounds gain than did the other lot.

Lambs sired by the good ram sold for \$7.35 per 100 pounds, while those sired by the inferior ram brought only \$4.50 per 100 pounds.

The lambs from the good sire were thicker fleshed, smoother, broader in back and lighter in the pelts than those from the scrub.

### Feeding Fish Meal or Tankage for Protein

All hogs raised on the experimental farm of the United States Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Md., have been given fish meal or tankage as their protein supplement since the department demonstrated by a series of experiments that fish meal is as valuable as tankage as a hog feed. Other studies have shown that shrimp bran, a by-product of the shrimp factories, is a very valuable protein feed for hogs. Shrimp bran was practically valueless before the department made this study. Now it is worth almost as much per ton as tankage as a hog feed.

## Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected.

Judging from reports from druggists who are constantly in direct touch with the public, there is one preparation that has been very successful in overcoming these conditions. The mild and healing influence of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its remarkable record of success.

An examining physician for one of the prominent Life Insurance Companies, in an interview on the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is on sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Advertisement.

Barbers and carpenters are both shavers.

Every department of housekeeping needs Red Cross Ball Blue. Equally good for kitchen towels, table linen, sheets and pillowcases, etc.—Advertisement.

Tune up the lawnmower.

## Sure Relief FOR INDIGESTION



6 BELL'S Hot water Sure Relief

25¢ AND 75¢ PACKAGES EVERYWHERE

## BELL'S FRECKLES

Don't Hide Them With a Veil; Remove Them With Othine—Double Strength

This preparation for the treatment of freckles is usually so successful in removing freckles and giving a clear, beautiful complexion that it is sold under guarantee to refund the money if it fails.

Don't hide your freckles under a veil; get an ounce of Othine and remove them. Even the first few applications should show a wonderful improvement, some of the lighter freckles vanishing entirely.

Be sure to ask the druggist for the double-strength Othine; it is this that is sold on the money-back guarantee.

AVOID dropping strong drugs in eyes from Alkali or other irritation. The old simple remedy that brings comforting relief is best. 25¢, all druggists.

Mitchell Eye Salve For SORE EYES

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 23-1923.

## Delicious Breakfast!



## SHINOLA

AMERICA'S HOME SHOE POLISH  
Black - Tan - White - Ox-Blood - Brown



In the handy box that opens with a turn of the key. No broken nails or soiled hands. Softens and preserves leather. Sheds moisture. Shoe shining with SHINOLA is a nifty thrifty habit.

"The Shine for Mine"

Berlin Population Decreases. The population of Berlin has decreased by 4,000 since 1913, owing to the death rate exceeding the birth rate.

The secret of success lies in one word—yes or no.

The willing worker never has to look far for a job.

## A Remedy for Piles

Ask your Druggist (whom you know) what he knows about PAZO OINTMENT as a Remedy for Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. 60c.

## WINTERSMITH'S GILL TONIC

SOLD 50 YEARS

If not sold by your druggist, write Wintersmith Chemical Co., Louisville, Ky.



## ITCH!

Money back without question if HUNT'S SALVE fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Price 75c at druggists, or direct from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.



## PARKER'S HAIR BALM

Removes Dandruff, Stops Hair Falling, Restores Color and Beauty to Gray and Faded Hair.

60c and \$1.00 at Druggists. Also at Wm. W. Patchogue, N. Y.



HINDERCORNS Removes Corns, Callouses, etc., stops all pain, ensures comfort to the feet, makes walking easy. Use by mail or at Druggist. Also at Wm. W. Patchogue, N. Y.



## THE BIG SALE

### Continues to Saturday

The Big Sale, including Bargain Prices on all Kinds of Merchandise, will Close Saturday Night. In this sale we are making greatly reduced prices on Shoes, Suits, Piece Goods, Furniture, Oil Stoves, Field Hats, Hosiery and Many Other Items.

IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY EXTENDED TO SATURDAY NIGHT TO MAKE A BIG SAVING!

We Have Made It a Rule to Sell Goods Right, and in this Sale we are Making a Great Reduction which You Should Not Miss.

## THE RACKET STORE

J. P. WILKES, Prop.

G. W. COLLUM  
EXPERT PIANO TUNING & REPAIRING  
All Work Guaranteed  
Phone 198.

#### ENRICHING OTHER STATES.

Texas is the most generous state in the Union, according to figures given out by Governor Neff in his address at the meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at San Angelo, last week. Producing millions of dollars worth of raw materials every year, it ships them all out to other states to be converted into finished products and then buys them back again.

It has been a recognized economic law that no people who are content to merely produce raw materials, ever accumulate wealth. Wealth comes from manufacturing and Governor Neff stated that he was for building cotton mills next to the cotton fields, woolen mills next to the sheep and goat ranches, tanneries and shoe factories out among the cattle ranges and packing plants everywhere.

The eastern states have become rich and powerful by manufacturing the products of Texas into finished articles of merchandise. Texas raises one-fourth of the world's cotton and generously permits the capitalists of the East to increase their dividends by making it into cloth. It's nice to be generous but why not keep this profit in Texas?

Texas cotton, Texas wool and Texas hides are supporting thousands of families in the Eastern states while the producers of those staples in this State are receiving but the pittance paid for the raw product—in many instances grown at an absolute loss.

Texas are just awakening from the lethargic state which has permitted this condition to exist unto this good day. Texans are to be congratulated! But of all Texans who deserve credit for enterprise in this direction, West Texans are foremost. We have only just "got to going good" along agricultural lines but we don't intend to sleep on our rights and privileges for half a century as the people of the other parts of the State have done. Now that our big fuel problem has been solved, we are going after factories to convert our cotton and wool into cloth and our hides into shoes. We'll get them, too, and then will dawn a new era of prosperity in our splendid Southwestern Empire.

Ned Hogan and family are spending the week visiting with relatives in Belton and other eastern points.

Mrs. Brannen, of Peacock, is in Spur visiting with her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Caraway.

Hot barbecued meats every day at Central Market. 32-1t.

#### DUCK CREEK NEWS

We thought as it looked like rain, we wouldn't start to planting so we will just send in the news from west Duck Creek.

The farmers are nearly all at work this morning.

We see that L. L. Arnold has two plows going on his place. And he is riding around in the car hunting hands. He said, he was just too fleshly to work in the hot sun.

There was a large crowd attended the party at Mr. Ballard's Saturday night and every one enjoyed their selves to the fullest extent.

We certainly had some fine singing at Duck Creek Sunday. There were several singers from other places. We enjoyed having them with us and welcome them back again.

Miss Radah Simmons and Mr. Vernon Gregory went to the singing at Mr. P. E. Hagins Sunday night. They reported a real good time and fine singing.

Mr. Earl Thomason filled his regular appointment Sunday evening at Mr. McNerlin.

Henry Simmons said that he wished he hadn't sold his tin lizzie, as Ruby Ballard has to walk now. But we think he is speaking of getting him a buggy, so many you want have to walk long Ruby.

Miss Irelia McNerlin and Miss Iris Hoover of Steel Hill are hoping they will get to be sisters soon. How about Earl? Do you and Earon think there is any chance?

We noticed that Mr. L. L. Arnold Jr., never went to Roaring Springs Saturday. But we guess he will go next Friday and stay until Monday.

Miss Irelia McNerlin was shopping in Spur last Saturday.

Miss Tyler was at Duck Creek Sunday.

We are looking for Miss Lorene Simmons in from Weatherford, where she has been attending school some time this week. We welcome Lorene back. The more the merrier.

Miss Irelia McNerlin spent the day with Mrs. Carl Hagins one day last week.

Mr. Joe Hamilton is out visiting Mr. Arnold again. We don't know whether he has come to stay or not. But hope he has.

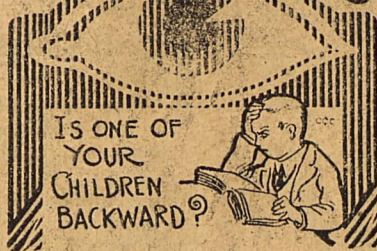
Well it has just rained enough to get the sand to blowing, so I must run and hunt my bonnet. Busy Kids.

Henry Elkins returned to Spur Thursday from Fort Worth where he has been attending T. C. U.

Mr. A. B. Johnston is in Spur visiting his brother, R. B. Johnston and family.

## GRUBEN'S

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



IS ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN BACKWARD?

If one of your children is "backward" at school the chances are that defective vision is at the bottom of the trouble. Bring the child here for a careful, painless eye examination to make sure of its mental advancement.

W. C. GRUBEN  
OPTICIAN  
JEWELER  
SPUR, TEXAS

#### ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Spur, Texas.

Article I. That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and goats, to run at large within the corporate limits of the city of Spur, and the running at large of such named animals is hereby prohibited.

Article II. It is hereby made the duty of the city marshal of the city of Spur to take up and impound any animals named in Article I, when found running at large within the city limits, and to give notice to the owner thereof if known immediately after taking up any such animals. The city marshal shall be allowed the sum of One Dollar for each animal so taken up, and twenty-five cents per day for each day impounded for feeding each animal; said fees to be paid by the owner of any such animal when taken from the custody of the city marshal.

Article III. If the owner of any animal taken up under the terms of this ordinance fails to pay the impounding fees and take same within five days from date of impounding, or if any such animal remain in the pound for a period of five days, the ownership of same being unknown, it shall be the duty of the city marshal in either case to sell such stock at public auction for cash, after having given notice of such sale, as in constables' sales of personal property, and apply the proceeds of such sale, after deducting the expenses thereof, to the satisfaction of said fees, and shall pay the balance if any remains to the owner of such stock.

Passed June 2nd, 1923.  
Approved: S. T. Clemmons, Mayor.  
Attest: E. J. Cowan, City Sec.

#### NOTICE OF BIDS

Bids will be received by the Spur Independent District School Board up to June 15th, 1923, for repairing and remodeling Spur High School building. Plans and specifications for this work now filed with secretary of the school board.

G. R. ELKINS, Sec. School Board Spur Independent School District. 32-1t.

A girl baby was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cowan at their home in the city.



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TIRES

SPUR SERVICE STATION  
SPUR, TEXAS

#### FALLEN OAK HAS AND ROMANTIC HISTORY

The old oak tree in Dr. Clack's yard whose limbs have been twisted and torn by the storms of a century gone, has fallen. Like a memorial between two periods of time, it stood where Indian occupation ceased and white civilization began. It was here the Indian erected his toll gate, the first ever erected in Tennessee across the white man's trail from the Watauga across the "wilderness" to the Cumberland settlements in the Mero district. It was the form of pressure devised by the Indian to force the white man's compliance with the 5th section of the "Treaty of the Holston."

It was at the toll gate and under the spreading limbs of the trees that Jas. Glasgow, Executive secretary of the State of North Carolina, and brother-in-law of Andrew Jackson, John Hackett and Littlepage Simms, agent for Elizabeth Donaldson, conferred with the Indian Chief, Tullentuskee, in regard to the lines of the Indian reservation, including the present location of the town of Rockwood. It was here the agreement was made and the contract confirmed by the planting of a Catawba tree at Tullentuskee's wigwam on top of the little hill above his spring, now called the Brickyard spring.

When in 1816, John C. Calhoun, Secretary of State, bought the Indian title to the reservation. Hugh Dunlap built his home at the toll gate "neath the shade of the trees." It was in this home that Gen. John Brown lived in after years. To the white man the old oak was a tree with an interesting local history. To the old time negro it was a "hainted" (haunted) tree. A negro from Mississippi had for a long time made his place of abode under a large bluff of rock near the top of the mountain directly above the present lime quarry and got his food stealthily from the negroes at Brown's home. He finally married Martha, an aunt of our old friend "Aunt Susan" the peddler. This caused his discovery and fear of men would come for him he, one dark and dismal night, when the clouds had shut off the light of the stars and at the hour of midnight when ghosts walk, he slew his wife at this tree and hanged himself to a limb.

The superstitious then remembered hearing black cats mewing on the garden fence and dogs baying at unseen ghosts creeping stealthily around the fatal spot. And what gave additional emphasis to the fear of spectres that walked at night beneath the darksome shade of the trees, a "water witch" named Farner, whose presence brought a shivering fear of proximity to the spirit world, had with a forked Dog wood switch and aided by evil spirits located an underground stream of running water under that tree and a well had been dug to it, but no old time negro went there for water after dark and chickens could roost in that tree with perfect security.

Brown's home was, for many years a "stop" or stage stand where the tired horses, which had pulled the lumbering old coach at a wild gallop for miles over the rocky mountain road, were exchanged for rested ones, and the passengers who had been crumpled up and jolted and bounced around in the boy shaped body that rolled and rocked on the through braces, would get out to stretch the wrinkles out of them selves and perhaps get a drink from the well by the roadside, under the big oak tree.

That was in the days when Lige Merideth, Tom Bean or Bob Carrick, mounted on a big seat on top of the coach from which, with a long whip, he could reach the leaders of his six horse team and a long bugle announced his coming by playing some favorite tune. Bob Carrick's favorite was the "Patroler" and you could almost hear the bugle say the words: Run, Negro run, the Patroler get you. The negro run, he run so fast He run his head in a hornets nest. Run, negro run, for it's almost day Merideth had been raised near the Old Muddy Creek camp ground and he came in playing some old Metho-

dist hymn. The old day, the life of the drivers, and ended and "The earth feeds these, has fed."—W. E. M. has

#### PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR WARDROBE

This is a duty you owe yourself if you are anxious to get a dollar's worth of wear out of your clothes. Our method of pressing clothes does not twist, pull and haul them out of shape but instead we put the natural body shape into the most misused garment, giving better creases and a uniform finish.

Cleaning Altering Repairing

#### SPUR TAILOR SHOP

IRA SULLIVAN, Prop.

#### AN OPTIMISTS CREED

Why not accept Mr. Optimism's creed written by O. S. Marsden, which is set down as follows:

I live in the sunshine.

I bring out the best people, because I always see the best and expect the best from them.

I keep up the courage of men when they are hard pressed guy discouraging conditions.

I encourage the inventor when he is driven to desperation by poverty, and the criticism and unkindness of even his own family.

I am a prophet who sees beyond the obstacles, beyond the difficulties, a vision of success and achievement.

I see the beautiful lily in the dried up bulb, the luxurious summer garden in the winter's frozen ground. I see a big flourishing business in a little beginning, a thriving community in a small town.

When a man chooses me for his companion, he never talks of hard times or carries a picture of poverty or want in his mind.

I keep the sufferer from giving up to pain or despair when under the surgeon's knife, or laid low by disease.

I am the enemy of the pessimist, who sees nothing but disaster, failure, gloom, sickness and evil everywhere.

I am always predicting good times for I can see brightness and joy, sunshine, gladness and hope where the pessimist sees only their opposites.

I visualized and made possible a railroad across the American desert where many men saw only sagebrush and alkali plains.

I have spanned rivers, tunneled the mountains, erected skyscrapers, and conquered the air.

I am one man's greatest benefactors. With me as his friend, he has never given up to despair, even when starvation has stared him in the face and all mankind has seemed against him.

No one can discourage me with black pictures of the future by suggesting that we are going to have a panic, that business storms are brewing, that snags are ahead and dreadful things are coming to a country which could feed, clothe and house the world.

It is useless to tell me that you fear the bolshevik will yet get America, that every business concern and every household is already feeling their influence. If everybody believed in the future of America, believed in the good times ahead of us, as I do, we would have them.

I am a producer of health, of good cheer, of prosperity, the friend of all that is encouraging, stimulating helpful, inspiring.

I am Optimism.

Jim Edd Hall and wife, Roy Russell and wife and J. P. Hart and wife, are now enjoying life in Cool Colorado where the peaks are snow-capped and the summer sun creates only cool, refreshing breezes. Oh boy ain't it a grand and glorious thought to those of us who are forced to swelter in the heat and daily grind of every day life.

## SPUR CREAM & BOTTLING WORKS

M. E. MANNING, Prop.

MANUFACTURERS OF ICE CREAM, BOTTLED COCA-COLA AND AND SODA WATER.

We also handle ice and make deliveries to the residence part of town every morning except Sundays. We will sell ice at the store until 9:30 a. m. on Sunday. All ice is strictly cash unless you purchase ice books for which you can make arrangements with the manager for credit, or purchase books for cash from delivermen and get discount.

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Hauling of All Kinds  
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SPUR, TEXAS

## TRY OUR SHOE AND HARNESS WORK

We have one of the best equipped shops in this section of the state, which enables us to turn out high class work at moderate prices. Give us a call when in need of work of this kind. We'll appreciate it.

## Electrical Shoe and Harness Shop

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