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NORTH FORT WORTH, TEXAS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1903. No. 199.

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figuring 697 head, with enough drive-ins to make total receipts for the day 700, against 153 for last Saturday, and 239 for the corresponding day last month.

The quality of receipts was not as good as the hogs on yesterday's market, and while the bulk were Territory hogs of fairly good weight, there was nothing of a toppy nature on sale.

On the opening market packers were bidding generally 10 lower, and this delayed trading some, but when messages came in quoting lower markets at other points, salesmen cut loose and trading became active and held out so until all hogs were sold and weighed.

The top was $6 for sorted hogs of 214 pounds, with the bulk of sales from $5.85@5.90.

Choice sorted are quoted from $5.90@6.00, with mixed packers $5.80@5.90, light grades $5.75@5.85, choice pigs $5.50@6.25, and boars, stags and roughs from $4.00@5.00.

Representative sales:

Territory Hogs.

No.	Shrink.	Average.	Price.
49		220	5 85
72		207	5 85
80	40	200	5 85
52		208	5 87½
77		198	5 87½
1	80	350	5 90
54		221	5.90
80		220	5 90
74		215	5 90
61		214	6 00
Texas Hogs.			
64		193	5 80

THE SHEEP MARKET.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

Lambs	3.00@3.75
Wethers	2.50@3.50
Ewes	2.00@3.00
Culls	1.50@2.50

HORSES AND MULES.

Following are the quotations on this market:

Horses.

Drafts, good	140@155
Chunks, good	75@120
Drivers, good to fancy	75 up
Drivers, medium	55@ 75
Southerners, common to fair	3 @ 50
Southerners, good to extra	75@100
Plugs	15@ 20
Rangers, plain	10@ 30
Choice range horses	50@ 75

Mules.

13½ to 14 hands, fat	$ 40 to 50
14 to 14½ hands, fat	65 to 75
14½ to 15 hands, fat	80 to 110
15 to 15½ hands, fat	115 to 130
15½ to 16 hands, fat with quality	135 to 150
16 to 16½ hands, extra, 1 250 to 1 500	155 to 165

SHIPPERS AT THE YARDS TODAY.

Cattle.

W. L. Fulton, Ardmore, I. T.	28
J. W. Pollard, Ardmore, I. T.	60
Brown & Tipton, Chico	2
D. R. Smith, Onley, I. T.	30
O. B. Holt, Stanton	76
Polk Bros., Eskota	46

Hogs.

J. R. Davis, North Enid, O. T.	59
T. P. Madden, Kremlin, O. T.	51
Edwards & P., Stroud, O. T.	72
R. F. Moore, Highbank, Tex.	64
Allison & Wyman, Purcell, I. T.	77
E. J. Mitchell, Wynnewood, I. T.	68
E. Kile, Ripley, O. T.	74
R. M. Fritz, Ponca City, O. T.	72
Kaw City Ele. Co., Kaw City, O. T.	80
Cole & Ferris, Vernon, Tex.	80

BUYERS ON YESTERDAY'S MARKET

Cattle.

Simpson	27
Kendall	4
J. Dean	75
Strahorn-H.-E. Co.	3
Mitchell	45
M. B. Allen	23
White	36
Johnston	84
C. Law	25
George	10
Satchell & Co.	17
G. S. Miller	17
E. Smith	2
Burns	6

Hogs.

Swift & Co.	196
Armour & Co.	170
Billup & Co.	162
Randall	2
	730

Sheep.

Swift & Co.	119
Armour & Co.	112
	231

Drink Cider by the Hour.

Cider is now so cheap in German Switzerland that it is being supplied in unlimited quantities in many cafes at so much an hour, the consumer drinking "at discretion."

THE WEEK'S BUYING.

The week's buying on this market, of local packers, is as follows:

By Armour & Co.	
Cattle	2,857
Calves	505
Hogs	1,178
Pigs	28
Sheep	398
By Swift & Co.	
Cattle	2,637
Calves	130
Hogs	1,379
Sheep	266

AROUND THE STOCK YARDS.

R. T. Moore had in today from Reagan, 64 193-pound hogs, which sold at $5.80.

Edwards & Price from Stroud, O. T., marketed today 72 hogs averaging 207 pounds at $5.85.

Polk Bros. from Eskota had on the market today 29 cows, averaging 681 lbs., which sold at $1.75.

M. R. Birdwell had in from Cotulla 99 steers averaging 830 pounds, which sold to Swift & Co. at $2.45.

Allison & Wyman of Purcell, I. T., topped the market with 80 hogs averaging 220 pounds, which sold at $5.90.

T. P. Madden of Kremlin, O. T., had in today 49 hogs averaging 220 pounds, which sold to Armour & Co. at $5.85.

Wanted — Three memberships in the Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange. Address X, care Daily Live Stock Reporter.

E. Kile, regular shipper to this market, had in today from Ripley, O. T., 77 hogs averaging 198 pounds, which sold at $5.87½.

J. R. Davis shipped in from North Enid, O. T., 54 hogs averaging 221 lbs., which topped the market and sold to Swift & Co. at $5.90.

E. J. Mitchell of Wynnewood, I. T., was represented on today's market with 52 hogs averaging 208 pounds, which sold to Swift & Co. at $5.87½.

The Kaw City Elevator Co. of Kaw City, O. T., had in 74 hogs averaging 216 pounds, which topped the market and sold to Armour & Co. at $5.90.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET REPORTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	400	7,000	2,500
Kansas City	1,000	3,000	300
St. Louis	300	3,000	200
St. Joseph	1,000	2,800	—
	2,700	15,800	3,000

Chicago.

Special to The Reporter.

Union Stock Yards, Ill., Oct. 3.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 400. Market unchanged.

HOGS — Receipts 7,000. Market opened a shade higher, closed weak. Top $6.50; bulk 5.65@6.00.

SHEEP—Receipts 2,500. Steady.

Kansas City.

Special to The Reporter.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3.—The Drovers' Telegram reports today:

CATTLE — Receipts 1,000. Market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 3,000. Market strong to 5c higher. Top $6.07½; bulk $5.67½@5.95.

SHEEP — Receipts 300. Direct to packers.

St. Louis.

Special to The Reporter.

National Stock Yards, Ill., Oct. 3.—The National Live Stock Reporter says:

CATTLE — Receipts 300. Market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 3,000. Market strong. Top $6.25; bulk $6.00@6.15.

SHEEP—Receipts 200. Steady.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Reporter.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 3.—The Stock Yards Daily Journal reports:

CATTLE — Receipts 1,000. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts 2,800. Lights strong to 5c higher, others steady to 5 lower. Top $6.05; bulk $5.45@6.00.

Not the Same.

The lady who plays bridge whist cannot be expected to countenance the man who plays poker. That's different.—Duluth News.

Shoe Exports.

America is now exporting about $7,000,000 worth of shoes a year, of which Great Britain gets one-third.

Life of the Reichstag.

The legislative period of a German Reichstag is five years in duration.

WEEK'S MARKET REVIEW

LOWER PRICES FOR BOTH CATTLE AND HOGS.

Week Brought in Larger Receipts Than Since the Early Spring. Range of the Market.

The market this week has been marked by lower prices in cattle and hogs, and by liberal receipts. The run of cattle is beyond 17,000, and of hogs twice as large as two weeks ago.

Monday opened with the general cattle market steady, except thin cows, which were 10 lower. Receipts were the largest on record for these yards. Tuesday the market was lower all around, even good steers sharing in the decline, and cows lost another dime, making the net loss for the week 20 cents. Wednesday's market was slow but generally steady. Thursday brought out an active demand for steers, but with no perceptible advance in price. Friday the same condition prevailed. The week's record may be summed up in these words: Good steers and calves, steady; fat cows weak to lower; thin cows, 20 lower.

Hogs began the week steady to active, possibly a shade higher. Tuesday only 85 hogs were in, and they came in too late to make a market. Wednesday the market was slow, and the closing 5 to 10 lower. Thursday another loss of 10 cents fell on the shipper. Yesterday's market was active to strong, and a shade better. Today a loss of 10 cents is reported. The net loss for the week is 20 to 25 cents.

Receipts for the week, by days:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Monday	4,548	1,345	286
Tuesday	1,884	85	247
Wednesday	1,505	549	[illegible]
Thursday	1,331	707	231
Friday	1,932	408	114
Saturday	300	708	[illegible]
	11,501	3,791	[illegible]

For last week the figures were:

Cattle	10,28[illegible]
Hogs	2,771
Sheep	521

This shows an increase of 1,213 cattle, 1,023 hogs and [illegible] sheep.

CATTLE.

Monday.

Receipts 4,548. Steers, top $4, bulk $2.75@3.75. Cows, top $2.50, bulk $1.80@2.05. Calves, top $4.

The demand was good for all kinds. Packers were around early buying up all steers good enough for slaughter on a fully steady basis with last week, and though there was a liberal supply of feeders on sale, feeder buyers were numerous and this kept prices on light feeder steers steady.

The top today was $4 for those averaging around 1,100, with bulk of sales from $2.75@3.75.

Receipts of butcher stock today were large. Very few good cows arrived, but a world of common poor quality stuff came in.

Packers did not favor the common thin to medium cows much, as the market has been over-supplied, and trading today was slow with sales 10c lower.

Tuesday.

Receipts 1,884. Steers, top $3.75, bulk $2.75@2.85. Cows, top (heifers) $2.50, bulk $1.75@2.35. Calves, top $5, bulk $2.75@3.75.

Receipts of steers today were fairly good, the majority of which were half fat and of the medium kind.

The market was unusually slow, and outside of a few sales to feeder buyers it was late before many cattle were sold. Buyers appeared to be in no hurry for any kind of cattle, and it was evident from the low bidding that orders were pretty well filled from the good supply yesterday, and this caused the slack demand on killing steers today.

The supply of butcher stock was light, and outside of about 8 loads of spayed heifers the quality was common to medium. Bidding on the opening market was 10c lower and it was only on this basis that cattle could be moved.

Wednesday.

Receipts 1,505. Steers, top $3.90, bulk $2.50@3.00. Cows, top $2, bulk $1.50@1.90. Calves, top $5.

Receipts of steers today were fairly good. A fair number of good well finished steers arrived, with the usual number of the medium and feeder kind.

The market was remarkably slow all day. There was not much of a demand for killing steers, and owing to the rain a large number of the feeder buyers that are usually on the market seemed to be under cover. However, cattle started to the scales in fairly good season, and trading was generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

Receipts of cows were good, the quality of which was from the common to medium kind.

The market in sympathy with the steer end of the trade was slow, but sales were unchanged from yesterday and the bulk went within a range of from $1.75@2.00.

There is a good demand prevailing for calves, especially for good vealers.

The market today was active and the supply sold out in a short time.

Thursday.

Receipts 1,331. Steers, top $3.35, bulk $2.50@3.25. Cows, top $2.50, bulk $1.80@2.25. Calves, top $4.

There was no quotable advance in prices, but packers and feeder buyers were around early buying up the best of the supply at fully steady prices, and there was a good movement to the scales at an early hour.

The common cattle and light weight stuff was, as usual, slow to move, and showed no improvement over yesterday's low time.

The market on butcher stock changed for the better today. The run was only moderate, of from common to medium cows.

Friday.

Receipts 1,932. Steers top $2.65. Cows $2.30.

The steer supply today was small. Nothing choice or well finished arrived, and the only thing in the line were a few odds and ends mixed with a load here and there, mostly running from yearlings to the light thin feeder kind, which sold generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

The quality of cows was mostly common, but packers started in purchasing freely and a good clearance was effected at a seasonable hour, with sales generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

HOGS.

Monday.

Receipts 1,345. Top $6.25, bulk $[illegible]5@6.20.

The quality of hogs today was fully as good as those on the closing market last week, with a load here and there that was considered a shade better. The demand was good and buyers were right after the hogs from the start.

Trading was active and hogs were on their way to the scales at an early hour, with prices fully steady with last week's close. After the first round the market continued to show strength and all hogs, including stockers, were sold and weighed by noon.

Tuesday.

Receipts 85.

The quality was mostly common, with nothing choice on sale, and trading was generally on a steady basis with yesterday.

The top price was $6.05 for 11 wagon hogs averaging 207 pounds.

Wednesday.

Receipts 549. Top $6.17½, bulk $6.10@6.15.

There was not much animation in today's market, and while the demand was good only one buyer was bidding steady prices, and the large end of the supply went to him on that basis.

Later buyers' messages came in quoting a decline at other points, and the market weakened and closing sales were 5 to 10 lower than yesterday.

Thursday.

Receipts 707. Top $6.10, bulk $5.90@6.05.

On the opening market packers were bidding generally 10 lower than the closing market yesterday, and when messages came in quoting lower markets at other points, packers [illegible] hogs on other than a 10 lower basis. As a result very little business was doe up to noon. Outside packers sent in for a few hogs, and this helped the dulled conditions some, but their orders were limited, and while a few hogs went to them on a 5c lower basis compared with yesterday, the bulk of the sales went to local packers on a full 10c lower basis compared with yesterday's close, or 15 to 20 lower than the opening market yesterday.

Choice sorted are quoted from $6.00@6.15, with mixed packers $5.80@6.00, light grades $5.75@6.00, choice pigs $5.50@6.25, and boars, stags and roughs $4.00@5.00.

Friday.

Receipts 408. Top $6.15, bulk $5.90@6.05.

The quality of hogs was no better than on yesterday, but there was a good demand from local packers, and as outside buyers sent in for a few hogs, competition was strong, with trading active, and the supply sold out shortly after the opening of the market at steady to strong prices.

SHEEP.

Tuesday.

Late this afternoon a double-deck car of sheep came in, which were all that were on the market. There is a strong demand for mutton sheep here, and these, though they were in but fair condition for slaughter, were quickly taken at $3.50. The market is quoted active and strong. More could have been sold if they had been offered.

TWO BIG COMPANIES IN ONE.

Cassidy-Southwestern and Forth Worth Make a Consolidation.

The news, this morning, that the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission Co. and the Cassidy-Southwestern had gone in together, created a great deal of interest in stock yards circles. To a representative of The Reporter, Mr. Davidson, president of the Cassidy-Southwestern said: "At a meeting of the Cassidy-Southwestern stockholders, held yesterday, the capital stock was authorized to be increased $100,000, making $200,000. The Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company will go into liquidation, and the officers of that company will take charge of the Cassidy Southwestern Co."

"That is about correct," said Mr. Reynolds, president of the Fort Worth Commission Co., to whom it was read.

The new Cassidy-Southwestern will, under this arrangement, be a strong company. The old officers of that company pass out of existence as such.

THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

Summary of the Week's Bank Statement from New York.

Special to The Reporter.

New York, Oct. 3.—Following is a summary of the bank statement for the week:

Reserve on all deposits, dec.	$ 631,800
Reserve on deposits other than United States, decrease	1,162,800
Loans, decrease	414,400
Specie, decrease	67,400
Legal tender, decrease	1,057,100
Deposits, decrease	4,130,800
Circulation, decrease	[illegible]

IN CALLAHAN COUNTY.

Rain Enough for all Needs—Buyers of Horses and Mules.

Correspondence of Live Stock Reporter.

Baird, Tex., Oct. 1.—This entire section has been thoroughly soaked during the past three days. We now have all the rain we will need until December. No crops damaged, unless perhaps cotton was beaten out a little, but most farmers were well up with picking. Other crops and pastures were very much benefited. Pastures were never better. All live stock getting big fat.

Trade is slow in cattle, and good in horses and mules. C. L. Lassalle of New Iberia, La., is here shipping out the 150 mules he bought last month. Several buyers from Louisiana and Mississippi, write that they will be here in one or two weeks for horses and mules.

The auction sale at Fort Worth advertised for the 20th to 23d inst., is attracting considerable notice, and several of our stockmen will attend.

The enterprise shown by The Reporter, and its splendid market reports commend it to all live stock raisers and dealers, and it should be in the homes of every family in the Southwest. We enclose a list of our stockmen, who we believe will appreciate it and subscribe for it.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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Japanese Army Service.

At present every Japanese between seventeen and forty is subject to [illegible] zation is much like that of Germany. The troops have been trained by German officers, and in all the military schools there are German instructors.

Railway Ties.

It is calculated that the number of timber sleepers on the railways of the world does not fall far short of 1,495,000,000, and a low estimate of their value is $900,000,000. This alone constitutes a serious drain on the timber supplies of the world.

For Sale or Trade.

NOTICE TO CATTLE FEEDERS.

WE have for rent large, commodious feed lots, high, well drained, and free from mud, no matter how wet the weather. These lots adjoin the oil mill and stock yards properties, and are supplied with plenty of feed troughs, pure artesian water, and natural shelter. Before making your arrangements for the season see us. GLEN WALKER & CO., 6th and Houston Sts., Fort Worth.

Stock Hogs For Sale.

Choice high-bred stock hogs, weighing 50 to 100 pounds. Write or call on Evans-Snider-Buel Co., Live Stock Exchange.

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Correspondence telling of the condition of live-stock, its progress and improvement of the industry, and anything that would be of interest to stock raisers, is invited.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1903.

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The Cause of Things.

With a vast unrest in his heaving breast
And his knees uplifted high,
He lies on his bed with a throbbing head
And attributes his pain to pie,
But the upple pie was less at fault
Than the man's inordinate greed of malt.

Sallow and ill, with a giant pill
In his hand, and a look of fright,
In his easy chair hear the victim swear
At the lobster he ate last night,
But an innocent lobster you need not fear
If you don't combine champagne and beer.

"Peaches and cream brought a dreadful dream,"
Said the man to his wife next day;
"Call me a brute if I eat more fruit,
I'm in really a dreadful way."
"But don't you remember," the wife replied,
"Those high balls and green chartreuse beside?"

THE TABLE IN SUMMER.

Hostesses at Newport Discard the Accepted Covering.

"We don't use any tablecloths in summer," said a clever housekeeper the other day, "and you can't think what a saving of work it is. The laundress has so many tub frocks and shirt waists to do up each week she is quite overwhelmed as it is. Rather than tumbled cloths I prefer a bare table. Beside, even for dinner at night, the polished table, with its handsome centerpiece, its flowers and its silver and pretty china, is attractive. It seems to me quite as elegant as a table with a white cloth over it, and it is infinitely more summery. Through the summer we try to live in a summer-like way, leaving for cold weather the amusements and customs of winter and civilized life. We find it lends variety and zest to existence not to eat and do and wear the same things all the year round. Don't you think there's something in it?"—Newport News.

BREAKING IT TO HIM SOFTLY.

Stammering Clerk's Explanation Was a Good One.

In a certain law office in this city there is a clerk who is afflicted with occasional fits of stammering. Recently he was sent to serve some papers on another lawyer. Upon presenting himself before the man he had to see he drew out the papers and tried to make a few explanatory remarks, but for all his gagging and coughing not a word could he utter. The lawyer who was to be served was of an irascible temperament, and he stood the clerk's sputtering as long as he could. "Come, come!" he finally exclaimed, "are you a process server, or what?" "N-n-n-o," gasped the wretched clerk, "I'm-haw-ah—I'm-I'm-an-an elo—elocutionist."—New York Press.

Cocoanuts.

A cocoanut grove begins to bear fruit after six years, the crop being gathered about two years later. Almost every part of the tree can be utilized. The coarse fiber of the bark is woven into the familiar cocoa matting, and used for all sorts of rough purposes. The leaves will serve as a thatch, and the strong midribs make excellent brooms or twine. The big central half bud is cooked and eaten, tasting much like cabbage.

The Impatient Father.

"Mr. Phamley," began the young man, "with Emma's consent I have come to say that I would like to take your daughter away from you next June, and——" "What?" shouted her father, starting up. "Why—er—I trust you have no objection. Surely you can't expect her to stay with you all the time——" "I didn't expect her to stay with me all the time till June. What's the matter with this October?"—Philadelphia Press.

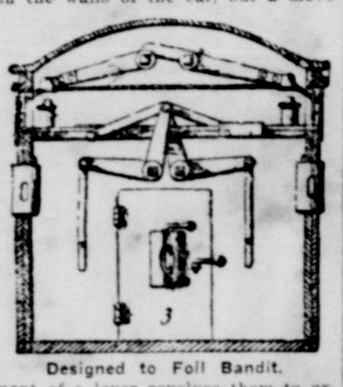
WORLD OF INVENTION

LABOR-SAVING AND OTHER VALUABLE DEVICES.

Automatic Valve Cut-off Prevents Waste From Barrels—Burglar Proof Express Car—New and Improved Stamp Affixer.

Burglar Proof Express Car.

With the large quantities of valuables which the express companies transport about the country it is not to be wondered at that they should be willing to spend considerable money to make their cars as near proof against hold-ups and robberies as possible. The proceeds of a single haul by a gang of bandits have frequently been great enough to pay for equipping a number of cars with the latest ideas to protect the messengers and contents of the car, and as there still remains a possibility of robberies of this class in the future, an Oklahoma man has designed the car whose details are presented in the drawing, hoping with this equipment to frustrate the would-be robbers. The principal feature of this apparatus is a series of movable light carriers, which normally permit the rays of the lamps to illuminate the interior of the car, together with a number of slotted cylinders. The latter are normally placed so that the slots are concealed in the walls of the car, but a movement of a lever revolves them to expose the slots, which then serve as loopholes or portholes, through which rifles and revolvers can be thrust for firing. As the majority of hold-ups occur at night, the special purpose of the movable light carriers mentioned above will at once be apparent. The same lever which operates the porthole cylinders reverses every lamp and throws its rays on the outside of the car, leaving the interior in almost total darkness. Thus the robbers are exposed, and can be disposed of by the messengers without the latter being seen themselves.



Designed to Foil Bandit.

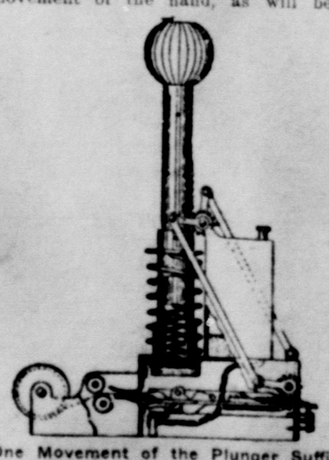
The inventor is John W. Vaughan, of Granite, Okla.

Power Generating Street Car.

The transmission of the electric current from a power plant along wires to propel street cars has become a common affair, and the lay mind seldom bothers itself with the problems which had to be solved before this was made possible. It seems, however, that the limit has not yet been reached, for a rather peculiar idea has just been worked out at Devonport, England, by which the cars when running down grade return current to the wire, thus aiding in driving the motors on cars climbing hills or running on a level. Lest the perpetual motion enthusiast should see in this a solution of his puzzle, let us state that it is still necessary to operate the power plant, but considerable power is saved by this method which would otherwise go to waste. The apparatus is constructed so that the car descending a grade first supplies the current generated by its own motors to the operation of the brakes, and the balance of the current is returned to the wire from which the car but a short time before was receiving its power. As this idea is said to be in operation at the above named town, its success must be taken for granted, and the system which has been patented by J. S. Raworth, is said to save considerable electric energy over the ordinary system.

New Stamp Affixer.

It seems that in most of the stamp affixers now in use it requires at least two movements of the hand, in addition to supporting the envelope, to place the stamp in position. It has taken a Californian to solve the problem of doing the work with a single movement of the hand, as will be shown by a little study of the accompanying illustration. The first part of the operation is to tear the stamps into strips and fasten the strips together slightly by means of the gummed marginal blank, winding the long ribbon of stamps on the reel to the left of the machine. Then fill the reservoir to the right with water, and the machine is all ready for operation. It will be seen that the plunger has a rack and pinion mechanism, connected by two rods to a second rack and pinion, the latter serving to reciprocate horizontally a sliding plate in the bed of the machine. The plunger is normally elevated and the plate advanced, but as soon as pressure is applied to the former the latter recedes. In front of the plate is a little clamping jaw, which grips the edge of the stamp ribbon, pulling the first stamp across the moistening pad as the sliding plate withdraws. At that instant the stamp is pulled back over the open space above the envelope, the padded end of the plunger strikes it and affixes it to the paper, the spring controlled plunger resuming its normal position as soon as the hand is removed.



One Movement of the Plunger Sufficient.

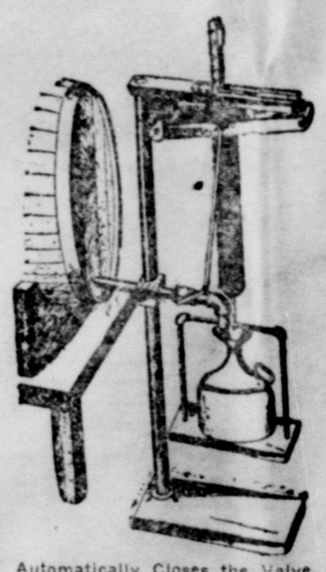
Willis E. Newton of Oakland, Cal., is the inventor.

Testing New Railway Brake.

What is known as the Steiner distance brake for railway lines has created so much interest in Germany that representatives of five roads have made a test of its claims recently, with the result that an extended trial of the brake is to be given upon the regular train service. This new invention may be said to be an improvement upon the air brakes now in use. It is so connected with the air brakes of a train that when the front wheels of a locomotive pass over a danger or halt signal upon the tracks, it will automatically apply the brakes, at the same time opening the whistle valve. The apparatus worked with perfect satisfaction, even at the great speed of 83.75 miles an hour, but because of the extraordinary strain to which it was subjected an important part thereof was broken.

Liquid Measuring Device.

The absent-minded grocery clerk measuring a quart of molasses or vinegar for a curtomer and failing to close the faucet until another quart or so was wasted would soon make away with the profits of the business. We are not prepared to say whether it was this condition of affairs or accidentally hearing the expression "slower than molasses in January" which is responsible for the invention of this automatic valve cut-off. In the one instance it will save waste, while in the other it will save time, as the clerk can go about his business with the assurance that when the proper quantity has issued from the faucet the valve will be closed without any effort on his part. In this invention there is a suspended platform, on which the jug or other receptacle is placed beneath the faucet. The platform is supported at the lower end of a vertical rod, and the latter has a spiral spring controlling its downward movement. At the top of the rod is a notched gauge, which can be adjusted to operate at any desired point. The jug is placed on the platform and counterbalanced; then the gauge is set, the valve opened and the valve rod hooked to a hinged bar, which is depressed by the gauge. It is obvious that as the liquid flows into the jug and the weight increases the vertical rod will fall gradually until the gauge strikes the hinged bar. As the weight of liquid still further increases the bar will descend and operate the valve closing rod.



Automatically Closes the Valve.

The inventor of this valve closing device is Charles Simon, of Avilla, Ind.

A Simple Explanation.

It has been noted that vessels may float down stream faster than the water. The explanation is that both the water and the floating object are being pulled down hill by gravity, but the water is much more retarded by friction.

Science and Invention.

No species of flower shows more than two of the three colors, red, yellow and blue.

The greatest searchlight in the world is one just completed by Schickert of Nuremburg, Germany, which has 316 million candle power.

That fishes and frogs may have tuberculosis has been demonstrated in the Pasteur institute in Paris. This is no cause for alarm, however, for they are found only in the intestinal organs, would be killed in cooking anyway, and bacilli reared in a cold blooded animal could not thrive if transferred to man.

It is a curious fact that flies will not pass through netting, even though the meshes be quite large, unless there is a source of light, as from a window, behind it. Thus, in rooms with windows only on one side a net over the window will absolutely keep the flies out, although the meshes of the net may be an inch apart.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

SOME OF THE LATEST DICTATES OF DAME FASHION.

Outdoor Costume of Serge for the Little Girl—Pretty Breakfast Gown—New Style Turban—Revival of the Pinafore.

For the Little Girl.

Outdoor costume of serge for little girl, the skirt forming box plaits at the hem, and with box-plaited bolero to correspond. The bolero has no collar, but is finished with a shaded strap of embroidery, over which a loose collar may be added for occasional dressy effect.

Revival of the Pinafore.

New models for pinafores are as chic as can be. The revival of the style is welcomed by all but those who fuss over laundry bills.

For children the full gathered pinafore hung from a shallow yoke is a favorite model. The yoke is cut either square or round, but in either case is well hidden under revers of the material trimmed with lace or embroidery. Berthas are sometimes substituted for the revers, but wherever the yoke is exposed it is elaborately trimmed with needlework or is contrived of all-over embroidery or lace inserts. Few of the new aprons have sleeves.

Older girls wear brete'le aprons with shoulder straps and a tiny bib in front intersecting the straps. One of these aprons has bretelles of embroidered bandings, joined by a beading to a ruffle of embroidery to match. The little bib is made of alternate rows of banding and beading, and the waistband is of the banding.

The Kitchen

The old-fashioned stamped brass cornices for windows have been revived. These are now considered more desirable than the universally used pole.

Careful housewives always have extra covers of heavy muslin over the ticking of their pillows and mattresses, which are taken off at stated intervals and laundered.

To make shrimp salad take equal quantities of chopped canned shrimp and celery cut in small pieces; add a a little chopped parsley and chives and mix with salad dressing.

After scaling fish and picking ducks, geese, etc., did you ever try rubbing them well with a damp cloth dipped in cornmeal? Try it; you will be surprised to see how nicely it cleans them.

A good layer of newspapers underneath a carpet will prevent all danger from moths, which have a strong objection to printer's ink and will not come anywhere near it to lay their eggs.

New Style Turban.

New style turban in tan and heliotrope. The plumage is in shaded lavenders and heliotrope.

Corn Starch Meringue.

Scald one pint of milk, add two scant tablespoonfuls of corn starch mixed to a smooth paste with cold milk, stir until smooth and thick, cover and cook for half an hour. Beat together the yolks of three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt; add to the corn starch and stir for five minutes, then flavor and turn into a pudding dish. Cover with a meringue made by whipping the whites of the eggs to a stiff, glossy froth, with three tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar; dust with a little more sugar and put into a moderate oven until pale brown. Serve cold.

A Toilet Hint.

Oatmeal for the face and hands wet with water soon sours, but prepared in the following way it will keep any length of time: Take three cupfuls of oatmeal and five of water—or less quantity in the same proportion; stir well and let it stand over night in a cool place; in the morning stir again; after awhile stir thoroughly and strain; let it stand until it settles, then carefully pour off the water and add enough bay rum to make the sediment as thick as cream, or thinner if preferred. Apply to the face with a soft cloth; let it remain until nearly dry, then rub briskly with a soft flannel. Shake the mixture well before using.

CLEANINGS

Gold tissue, veiled in white chiffon, forms exquisite ball gowns.

Women as well as girls wear the coil of hair so low on the back of the neck that it rests on the shoulders.

Colored veils are conspicuous by their absence. Milady seems to care for nothig but a black or white veil or a combination of the two.

The matched sets of turn-over collar and cuffs will be as popular the coming season among tailored neckwear as they have been this summer.

Chiffon veils ornamented with chenille velvet, hand embroidery and Mexican drawn work are on view, but they are not nearly so popular as the self-edged plainer sorts.

A sash of mousseline chiffon or liberty silk is a charming finishing touch. It sholuld be gracefully draped around the waist and is best with either no loops or only one.

Pretty Breakfast Gown.

For wear at the breakfast table—the newest design for a morning coat that complies with the prevailing desire for long lines.

Made of any of the delicate silky wool materials now to be had, or of Liberty satin or louisine silk, it is a pretty addition to a woman's wardrobe.

The Secret of Good Coffee.

Most Americans boil coffee in a pot over a hot fire, but that is not the right way to make it. Nobody makes better coffee than the old negroes of the West Indies. They are famous for it, so if you want good coffee try their way.

Put the coffee in an enameled pot, pour the boiling water on it, cover it up, and then let it just come to the boil again. Do not let it stand, but strain it at once through a clean bag made of flannel. The quantity of coffee used should be one tablespoonful to each breakfast cup.

Never use condensed milk with coffee unless you want to spoil it. Always serve and drink it hot.

Informal TALKS.

To get a nice polish on eyeglasses moisten with alcohol and polish as usual with chamois. By this means all grease is removed.

Stained flower vases can be cleaned by adding to a lather made of soap powder some vinegar. Shake till all stain is removed.

As centerpiece a small fernery will be inexpensive and it adds greatly to the attractiveness of a table. Do not select too high a dish or too high a plant.

To destroy crickets place a little ginger cordial in a saucer on the hearth at night. This will attract the crickets, which will die after having partaken of it.

If you allow house plants, or rather the pots containing them, to stand in saucers containing water that has drained through the pot rotting of the roots will result.

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SOME MERRY QUIPS MEANT TO CAUSE A SMILE.

No Danger of a Surfeit of Ice Cream with Him—The Parrot's Advice to the Ostrich—Advantage of Having Strong-Minded Wife.

An Artistic Revolt.

"So you have quit smoking cigarettes?"

"Yes," answered the sad-looking man; "forever and ever."

"Did you find they were undermining your health?"

"No."

"Wife object?"

"No."

"What cured you of the habit?"

"The pictures they give away with them."

Not Yet.

"They're saying you're just like all the other members of the house," remarked the newly elected legislator's close friend. "They say you have your price."

"That's a lie," declared the new member.

"I thought so."

"Yes. I haven't got it yet but I have hopes."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

Trouble in the Choir.

The soprano, who was to sing a solo next entitled "On Angels' Wings," was observed to be fidgeting and fussing as if in great perturbation of mind.

"What is the matter, Miss Hygee?" asked the leader.

"I can't find it anywhere," she said. "I've lost my 'Angels' Wings'!"

"If she has she'll never get another pair!" snapped the alto, under her breath.

His Fatal Blunder.

"I have always made it a rule," remarked Miss Thirtyodd, "never to allow a day to pass without adding something to my store of knowledge."

"How very clever," rejoined Mr. Blunderleigh. "One never gets too old to learn, you know."

And now Mr. Blunderleigh wonders why Miss Thirtyodd always happens to be out when he calls.

In Pleasant Fields.

"Yes," mused the person who lets out an occasional audible thought, "he certainly makes hay while the sun shines."

"What haymaker do you refer to?" asked his friend, who was afflicted with the rubber habit.

"Why, the man who marries a grass widow," replied he of the clamorous thoughts.

All a Mistake.

First Pasha—What's this? Our men have been trying to assassinate a mere vice consul. I thought they understood they were to shoot nothing under a full consul?

Second Pasha—It was all a mistake. Anyway, they missed him.

First Pasha—Well, that's some consolation.

Henpeck's Consolation.

Cadleigh—Pardon me, but it must be pretty tough to be married to a strong-minded woman.

Henpeck—Oh. It has its advantages. When my wife thinks she hears burglars down stairs she won't trust me to go down and investigate. —Catholic Standard and Times.

Not So Effeminate.

Cholly—Yaas, I'm going in for cwicket and golf and all that sawt of thing, y' know; they're such manly sports, y' know.

Miss Pepprey—The idea! You're becoming positively mannish, aren't you? —Philadelphia Press.

Up Against It.

The tramp was beginning quite hungry to feel, so he asked the lady to give him a meal, at a farmhouse where he did stop. The kind-hearted female took him to the shed, and getting the ax, she feelingly said: "Pray, sir, help yourself to a chop."

A Difference in Necks.

Ostrich—Yes, I have a great deal of trouble getting collars high enough.

Parrot—That's strange. Why don't you patronize my haberdasher; he always suits me?

Not Guilty.

"Like the rest of my sex," said the mermaid, "I suppose I open my mouth a good deal, but——"

"But what?" interrupted the lobster.

"I never put my foot in it," continued the belle of the sea, as she plunged into the surf.

A Cautious Compliment.

"How do you like my new fall hat?"

"Is it all paid for?"

"Yes."

"It's perfectly beautiful."—Detroit Free Press.

Got the Luck.

A superstitious Ozark county young man tried recently for luck to kiss the bride before the groom could do it. He is now nursing two black eyes and a broken nose. He got the luck, all right.—Kansas City Journal.

Only One American Vessel.

The great port of Hamburg, according to the last annual report received, ships with a registered tonnage aggregating 8,689,000 tons and but one vessel bearing the American flag entered during the year.

Patient Pole.

The United States government has given Commander Robert Peary three years in which to discover the north pole. It is some satisfaction to know however, that if it isn't discovered in that time it will not wander away.

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1897	854,986	269,795	438,292	1,563,073
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TURKEYS—No demand.	
DUCKS—Per dozen	3.25
EGGS—Per dozen	16⅔c
BUTTER—Per pound, yellow	15c to 20c

Grain and Hay.

PRICES PAID TO FARMERS.

HAY—Johnson Grass, ton	$7.00
Prairie Texas, ton	7.50
Prairie Territory, ton	$7.50 to $8.00
Alfalfa	15.00
BRAN—Per cwt.	.80
CORN CHOPS—	1.10
CORN SHELLED—Per bushel,	.50
OATS—Per bushel	.45
WHEAT—No 2	.72 to .73
No 3	.70

Vegetables.

CABBAGE—Per pound	3c
TURNIPS—Per pound	2c
POTATOES—Per bushel	90c
SWEET POTATOES—Per bushel	$1.00
TOMATOES—Per pound	4c
LIMA BEANS—None, bushel	$1.40
CUCUMBERS—Per doz	25c

Seeds.

SELLING PRICE.

ALFALFA—100 pounds	$15.50
MILLET—Prime, 100 pounds	1.05
Fancy German	1.15
Pearl or Cattail	12.50
KAFFIR CORN—Per bushel	.65
DWARF ESSEX RAPE—100 pounds	6.00
CANE—Early Amoer	1.30
Orange	1.30
Red Top	1.50
TURNIPS—Purple top, 100 lbs	22.50
Rutabaga	20.50
OATS—Tenn. Winter Turf, bushel	.75

Hides.

PRICES PAID SHIPPERS.

Heavy Dry Beef	12½c
Heavy Dry Fallen	11½c
Lights	9½c
Dry Salt	10½c
Green	6½c

Provisions.

FROM THE STORE.

BACON—Standard	11½c
Extra	10½c
Dry Salt Standard	10½c
Dry Salt Bellies	12½c
Bacon Bellies	13½c
HAMS—Medium	13c
Large	14½
LARD—Leaf, in tierces	11c
50-pound cans	11½
10-pound cans	12c
Compound, tierces	9c
10-pound cans	11c

Sugar and Molasses.

SELLING PRICES AT STORES.

SUGAR—Granulated, pound	6c
Cut loaf and powdered, pound	7c
Yellow	5c to 5½
MOLASSES—Sorghum, gallon	40
Reboiled molasses	55
Table syrup, gallon	65
Louisiana Ribbon Cane	60

Staple Groceries.

SELLING PRICES.

COFFEE—Roasted, pound	12½
RICE—Fancy, full grain	8½
Choice	8
Prime	6c
FLOUR—High Patent	$2.10
Fancy Patent	2.70
Third, or Straights	2.00
SALT—No. 1 fine, bbl	2.50

NEXT WEEK AT GREENWALL'S.

All aboard for Carnival week! This is to be the gala week, and Greenwall's opera house will have its doors open every night, with matinees daily except Tuesday. The big week opens Monday matinee and night with the engagement of Mr. Tim Murphy and a capable company of players including Miss Dorothy Sherrod, in his latest and greatest success, "The Man from Missouri," a comedy of social life in Washington. Monday night the curtain will not rise until 9 p. m. To follow this we are to have the Gognon-Pollock company for a four nights engagement, commencing Tuesday night. Matinees are to be given Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Opening bill Tuesday night, "Sheridan Keene, Detective." Change of bill at each performance, and to close Saturday matinee and night when Broadhurst and Currie present Dan Mason and Charles Mason, the two emperors of Germany, in their latest success, "Rudolph and Adolph."

Cheap Rates to the Panhandle.

For the purpose of enlarging the public's knowledge of the true conditions holding in Northwest Texas (the Panhandle) "The Denver Road" has put in effect round-trip party home seekers rates to points along its line. These rates are upon a basis of one fare for the round trip for parties of five or more persons traveling together on one ticket, and carry the privilege of stop-overs at pleasure at all points north of and including Vernon, Texas; passengers being allowed a limit of 30 days in which to return.

In view of the fact that the Panhandle is enjoying the most rapid growth of any section of Texas, for which there is ample reason, this move upon the part of "the Denver Road" is a wise one and will doubtless result in the splendid agricultural and business opportunities of that section becoming better known and appreciated within a very short period of time. This section of Texas abounds in resources, and land, being still available at very low prices, is now being rapidly taken up.

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$28.40 to Chicago and return, account International Live Stock Exposition. Tickets on sale Nov. 28, 29 and 30. Final limit for return Dec. 7.

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OPPOSED TO TWO PHONES

SAN ANTONIO MERCHANTS ADVISE AGAINST TWO EXCHANGES.

Special Meeting of Dallas Grocers Called to Consider the Matter.

From the Daily Times-Herald, Dallas, Friday, Sept. 25.

At the last meeting of the Dallas Retail Grocers' association, held about a week ago, the question of having two telephone exchanges in Dallas was taken up and discussed at length. Manager J. E. Farnsworth was invited to make an address at the meeting and he accepted. The question was considered from every standpoint and it was finally decided to write to the San Antonio Retail Merchants' association and ask the members opinion of the two telephone exchanges now in use there.

The following letter has been received by J. E. R. Chilton, secretary of the Dallas association:

"San Antonio, Sept. 11, 1903.—Mr. J. E. R. Chilton, Merchants' Retail Credit association, Dallas: Dear Sir—In reply to your favor of the 4th inst., would say: In meeting assembled last night the Retail Merchants' association of San Antonio placed itself on record as being very much opposed to having two telephone companies in a city. We formerly paid $5 per month for one 'phone, and now pay $8 per month for two 'phones—$5 for the old 'phone and $3 for the new—an increase in our expense account of $36 per annum with no apparent increase in business, receipts or convenience. Would advise you to profit by our loss.

"Your letter was read in open meeting and I was instructed to write as above. Yours very truly,

"RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF SAN ANTONIO.

"F. W. McAllister, Sec'y.

A GLITTERING PRODUCTION.

Ringling Brothers Present Jerusalem and The Crusades.

Jerusalem and the Crusades is the subject of a magnificent spectacle produced by Ringling Brothers with their famous shows this season. There are 1,200 people in the cast, a ballet of 300, and a singing chorus of 200. The music is original, and is rendered by superb grand pipe organ, the only portable one ever made, and a selected band of fifty soloists. The scenic embellishment is gorgeous in the extreme, painted by the greatest American artists, and the 2,000 costumes worn by the vast company are of Parisian make and design. The days of chivalry, 'when knighthood was in flower,' are reproduced with faithful portraiture of splendid men and women, and their exhilarating pastimes and enjoymens. All the pastimes of the middle ages are exemplified in thrilling action by dueling experts of skill and strength. Jousting tilts, sword combats, spearing contests, acrobatic exploits, equestrian trials, riding accomplishments, and many other exciting sports of the chivalric age, are illustrated in whirling tourneys. The radiant costumes and blazing jewels of royalty, its courtly dignitaries and smiling favorites; the imperial purple and sparkling gems of ecclesiastical rank; the glitter and clatter of armored soldiery, the charm of dancing girls with garlands, singing maidens and devout matrons; the shield and helmet emblazonry of mounted knights; the prismatic coloring of the swirling scenes, animated by ever going and differing throngs; the majestic music of a soul stirring grand organ, blending harmoniously with fifty solo instruments; all these brilliant features, and many more of fascinating importance, enthrall the senses of the spectator, and make this production the most munificent and attractive ever offered the American public. The grand pageant in honor of the departure of the Crusaders on their holy mission is a processional display in which are presented more interesting historical types, more beautiful costumes, more elaborate scenic decorations, more novel and enjoying features, and more men, women and children, and horses, than ever seen in a huge spectacle at any other time in the history of the world. In the grand street parade show day morning tableau floats, bearing national types and characteristic scenes from all over the world, will be a novel and attractive feature. All the people with the great shows will participate in this free display of the wonders with the circus, and the costuming is the richest ever attempted. Forty elephants, 650 horses, 108 cages, lairs and dens, 12 bands, 20 camels, 40 jolly clowns, troops of gaily accoutred soldiery, lady riders in Easter-like finery, children's chariots, fairyland pictures, aristocratic whips, and a multitude of other distinctive features will be illuminating factors in the largest and grandest circus pageant ever organized.

This show of Ringling Brothers will exhibit at Fort Worth, Friday, Oct. 23, and give performances in the afternoon at 2 o'clock and evening at 8 o'clock. Reserved seats, numbered, and admission tickets will be sold at the down-town ticket office show day at the same prices charged in the ticket wagons on the show grounds.

Murder Statistics.

The number of murders a million inhabitants is, in England, 5.13; in Germany, 5.45; in France, 11.55; in Austria, 15.42; in Italy, 76.11, and in Spain, 44.70.

Swimming in Dead Sea.

The human body being lighter than the water of the Dead sea, swimming in it is not difficult the head alone tending to sink in the water.

Small Freight Cars.

The carrying capacity of the average German freight car is ten to fifteen tons. Cars of double that capacity are to be tested.

Lock 131 Feet High.

The lock to be placed in the Danube-Oder canal will be 131 feet high, and the highest in the world.

Millions for Precious Stones.

Americans imported $25,412,776 worth of precious stones last year.

A Close Call.

First Tramp—Wot are yer so happy about?

Second Tramp—I caled at a widder's house fer something to eat and the woman 'most killed me with a club.

"Don't see nothin' in that ter smile over."

"I wos jus' thinkin' wot an escape I had. She might a-took a fancy to me and married me."—New York Weekly.

Served Him Right.

Brownovich—I hear that Greening's wife is leading him a merry pace.

Smithinski—She's his third wife, isn't she?

Brownovich—Yes.

Smithinski—Well, I haven't any sympathy for a man who doesn't know when he's got enough.

Disgraced.

First New Yorker—"What has become of Delancy? I haven't seen him for an age."

Second New Yorker—"O, he was run over by a street car in Philadelphia."

First New Yorker—"What a disgrace!"—Smart Set.

Not With Him.

Charlie—I knew a girl once what nearly died from eating too much ice cream.

Jane (cuttingly)—How did you happen to hear about it?

Captain Kidd's Mistake.

Captain Kidd looked angry.

"And to think," he muttered, "that I've spent all these years pacing a quarter deck when I could have won the money with a poker deck more easily."

Percelving that he was a back number old pirate, he sorrowfully consigned his treasure to its grave.

His Specialty.

"I tell you," said the small merchant, "these numerous strikes are simply ruinous."

"Well," replied the stranger, "the more strikes there are in my business the better I like it."

"What?"

"Yes; I'm a baseball pitcher."

Quite Appropriate.

She—I rather like that new restaurant. The uniforms the waitresses wear are so pretty.

He—Neat, are they?

She—Oh! positively fetching.

He—Well, a fetching uniform does seem appropriate for a waitress, sure enough.

Fireworks.

"There is going to be a fireworks display at one of the near-by summer resorts," said the host.

"My dear sir," answered the visitor from Kentucky, "I get enough of politics when I am at home. I don't want to see or hear anything that reminds me of an election."

Another Sherlock Holmes.

"Have you any evidence against the prisoner?"

"None," answered the detective.

"Then why did you arrest him?"

"It's a great idea of my own. When the real criminal sees an innocent man in trouble, maybe he'll come forward and confess."

Unfortunate.

Moneybags—How did your banquet go off, Banklurk?

Banklurk—Not as well as it might, you know. The toastmaster called on a gentleman who had lost an arm and a leg to answer to the toast "Our Absent Members."—The New Yorker.

Thoughtful George.

"George, dear," asked the fair female in the hammock scene, "was you ever in love before?"

"Sure," answered the masculine portion of the sketch. "You don't think for a minute that I'd practice on a nice little girl like you, I hope."

Asked and Answered.

"Look here," said the bartender in a wet goods emporium to a liberal patron of the lunch department, "what do you want for a nickel, anyway—the earth?"

"Not guilty," replied the hungry party; "it's two-thirds water."

Declined with Thanks.

Oldbeau—Miss Buddington—er—Clara, from our first meeting I have loved you. May I hope that you will some day return my love?

Miss Buddington—Certainly, Mr. Oldbeau. As I haven't any earthly use for it, I'll return it at once.

A Come-down.

"Riner's poems have been getting into the magazines lately."

"Yes, I've been predicting that. His stuff has been deteriorating of late."

Backward.

"I understand your husband is of a retiring disposition."

"Ye-es, but usually not before 3 a. m."—Houston Chronicle.

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SPREAD OF COMMON SENSE.

Directors of Paris Schools See a Grave Evil.

One of the medical inspectors of schools in the city of Paris, which district is suffering from an epidemic of diphtheria, has discovered that infection among the school schildren is principally spread by pencils. These pencils, which are municipal property, are in certain schools distributed to the scholars every morning and collected at night. In this way one child is constantly getting a pencil which has been previously used by another child. When it is remembered that children habitually put their pencils in their mouths, it is easy to see how diphtheria spreads. The inspector has sent in a report to the authorities asking that each child should have a pencil of his or her own for the future

FIGS AND THISTLES.

A man can only see himself right in God's light.

Perfection is a glorious prospect but a sad boast.

The evil heart gives pain in pleasure, the good one pleasure in pain.

There is always room for improvemen in the life that has no room for love.

Difficulties unsolved will not keep you out of the Kingdom; but duties neglected will.

The people who get no satisfaction out of the church are those who are giving it no service.

The question for the Christian is not whether a thing is practicable, but whether it is right.

Many a reform has failed because it put all its stream into resolutions and saved none for the rascals.

He who expects to win the world's applause while he purifies its ways had better look for other business.

When the church is run on the principles of this world how can it hope to have power with another world?

It is an old trick for the rich to fill their ears with theological cotton when the poor are crying for bread.

If you would have your life hidden with Christ you must give up the hope of its being heralded by the world.—Ram's Horn.

LITTLE THOUGHTS.

It may be hard to be good—it is not hard to be kind.

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty overtakes it.

Those who complain most are most to be complained of.

An approving conscience is better than an applauding world.

Want of care does us more damage than want of knowledge.

The eye of a master will do more work than both his hands.

Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship.

A minute ahead of time is better than a second behind time.

Genius has always received more applause than it has money.

Persistent people begin their success where other end—in failure.

While a blacksmith may have many virtues he must have at least one vise.

A friend whom you have to buy will not be worth what you pay for him, no matter what that may be.

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