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...N A BRILLIANT VICTORY

...iral Lord Beresford Asserts There Was No Failure in the British Strategy.

London.—The British admiralty issued a statement saying there is the strongest grounds for the belief that the British navy in the battle with the Germans off Jutland last week had accounted for a total of 18 German men-of-war and that there was nothing to add to or subtract from the original announcement of the British losses.

The statement gave the British losses as two battleships, two dreadnought battle cruisers, four light cruisers, nine torpedo boat destroyers and a submarine.

The pessimism which prevailed as a result of the admiralty's original statement of losses, which now is considered to have been needlessly candid and conservative in underestimating the extent of the German losses as compared with those of Great Britain, has been greatly lessened by the latest announcement.

Battle Cruiser Lutzow Lost?

A dispatch from Copenhagen says rumors are current in Hamburg that two additional German warships other than those announced in the German communication—the battleship Westfalen and the battle cruiser Lutzow—were sunk in the battle. A wireless dispatch received here from Berlin said the German admiralty admitted the loss of the Westfalen. The admiralty statement declares that the German losses in the fight were not only relatively, but absolutely, greater than those of the British.

"Brilliant Success."

Admiral Lord Beresford in an interview, while contending strongly for the view that there was no failure in the British strategy and that Vice Admiral Beatty won a brilliant success, though it was dearly bought, declares that the only mistakes made were by the admiralty in allowing the Germans to get first in the field with the news of the battle, or as he puts it, with "impudent fabrications." Otherwise, said Lord Beresford, no fault can be found with the admiralty.

Attempts to Break French Lines.

The regions of Vaux and Damloup, northeast of Verdun, have been the scenes of further futile attempts of the Germans to piece the French lines. All the attacks were set at naught by the French fire, except a fight attack between Damloup and Fort Vaux, where the Germans obtained a foothold in French trenches. From these, however, they were immediately driven out by a counter-attack.

The Canadian troops and the Germans have been battling fiercely on the Ypres salient. The German guns opened up several days ago, deluging the Canadian positions and the surrounding territory with shells. Then the German infantry advanced along an extended front of almost two miles, capturing trenches. In a series of two counter-attacks the Canadians regained most of the lost ground and reorganized their positions.

The Italians in the region of Arsiero are holding the Austrians from further advances in the desperate struggle that is going on in this region.

Two Zeppelins Reported Destroyed.

Esbjerg, Denmark.—Two Zeppelin dirigible balloons are reported by fishermen returning to port to have been destroyed. On one airship all the crew are said to have perished. The Avis Lavaig stated that fishermen arrived from where they saw a Zeppelin in flames as the result of the gunfire and that the air vessel was destroyed 40 miles off the Thyboroin canal. Fishermen arriving at Hingkjobing say they saw another Zeppelin destroyed some miles from there.

Texas Growing By Leaps and Bounds

Washington.—Texas, famed as an agricultural state, is now growing by leaps and bounds as a manufacturing commonwealth, according to a census bureau statement on the growth of Texas industries during the five-year period from 1909 to 1914. The value of the output of Texas factories—the supreme test of industrial growth—made a gain of $88,380,000, or 32 per cent; the amount of capital invested increased $66,668,000, or 30 per cent, and the salaries and wages increased $10,404,000.

More Marines to Santo Domingo.

Washington.—Several hundred additional marines have been ordered to Santo Domingo to reinforce Rear Admiral Caperton's command, which is protecting foreign lives and property and aiding the island government in overthrowing the Arias revolution. The marines will be taken from New Orleans and probably will number 500 or 600. There are already more than 2,000 marines in Haiti and Santo Domingo, establishing a policing system similar to that in Haiti.

MISS IRIS FORD



Miss Iris Ford, one of the reigning favorites in London society, is among the women of the empire who have undertaken menial tasks as their contribution to the defense of the country. She is a helper in one of the remount depots established by the war department for the care and training of horses destined for service at the front.

GERMAN ATTACK FAILS TO BREAK FRENCH LINE

AFTER REPEATED ATTEMPTS REINFORCEMENTS ARE FORCED TO RETREAT IN DISORDER.

HEAVY ARTILLERY IN USE

Desperate Fighting Between Austrians and Italians Along Adige and Brenta Rivers.

London.—Again the Germans have tried but ineffectually to breach the French line near Fort Vaux northeast of Verdun. In fighting characterized by Paris as being of unprecedented violence the Germans threw attack after attack against the French line, but the French guns tore great holes in their ranks and threw them back. In addition reinforcing battalions were caught by the French guns as they essayed to throw themselves into the fray and were forced to retreat in disorder northeastward upon Dieppe.

At one point, however, in the sector of Damloup, east of Fort Vaux, the Germans captured a portion of the village, the other parts of which are occupied by the French. East of the Meuse around Hill 304 and Le Morte Homme both sides are engaged in heavy artillery duels.

On the Russian front the Germans again have brought the Ikskul bridgehead under bombardment and at several other points along the line are using their big guns on the Russians. An infantry attack near New Zeelbourg was put down by the Russians.

Rome reports desperate fighting between the Austrians and the Italians between the Adige and Bretna rivers.

Constantinople says the Russian center in the Caucasus region has been forced to retire twenty kilometers in the face of Turkish attacks and that the Turks repulsed a surprise attack on the Turkish left wing.

Carranza Would Take Over Orient.

Chihuahua.—The Mexicon de facto government is considering taking over the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway in order to bring into use half a million ties stored at the western terminus of the road, it was announced officially here. Another reason given for the proposed move is to expedite the repair of the trunk line railroads of Mexico by having facilities to transport the necessary timber from the wooded sections of the country.

Wilson to Take Stump.

Washington.—Although President Wilson so far has made no plan for he and several members of his cabinet, as well as Democratic leaders of the senate and house, are expected to make a number of speeches dealing with the campaign issues. Secretary Lane already has planned to speak in several places and Secretaries Baker, McAdoo, Wilson, Daniels, Redfield and Houston probably will also take the stump.

Raise 3,600,000 Pounds Daily.

London.—According to an official statement by the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, the deficit for 1916-17 will be made good by borrowing an amount estimated at 1,323,105,000 pounds. This will involve raising by loans an average of more than 3,600,000 pounds daily.

4 Bodies Found in Rock Island Wreck

Waterloo, Iowa.—Four bodies have been recovered from the debris of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train wrecked near Packerd, Iowa. The wreck was caused by a cloudburst, causing the waters in Flood creek to undermine the abutment of a bridge, letting the day coach of the train fall into the creek. About 45 persons were in the coach, and it is expected more than ten will be found to have been killed or drowned.

NEW CARRANZA NOTE DECIDEDLY OFFENSIVE

REPLY THAT WILL BE SENT WILL PROBABLY CONTAIN A SEVERE REBUKE.

TROOPS TO STAY IN MEXICO

Administration is Determined Regardless of Threats to Decline to Withdraw Punitive Expedition.

Washington.—General Carranza's note demanding withdrawal of American troops from Mexico has brought no change in the determination of President Wilson to maintain the present troop disposition until the ability of the de facto government to police its side of the border has been demonstrated. It was stated authoritatively that General Pershing's force would remain where it is until that time arrived.

A reply will be made to General Carranza, but the form it will take has not been determined. The reply probably will point out that Major Langhorne's detachment projected nearly 200 miles into Mexico in pursuit of the Boquillas raiders without encountering one Carranza soldier or official, and that while such a situation prevails, no steps toward withdrawal will be taken.

Carranza's Note Offensive.

While official comment is withheld, it is understood that the tone of the document is regarded as decidedly offensive and certain portions of it, such as the thinly veiled accusation that the president is playing domestic politics in retaining the troops in Mexico, may draw a sharp rebuke. It is doubtful, according to authorities on the international correspondence of the United States, if the government ever has received a communication couched in as offensive terms and containing as many apparent violations of the ordinary uses of diplomatic courtesy as this 12,000-word arraignment of its good faith and honesty of purpose.

Not a Pressing Matter.

The Mexican note was sent by messenger, requiring a week in transit, and was further delayed after its arrival here. Officials feel there can be no question of urgency in a communication so handled and will not treat it as a pressing matter. As a matter of fact, the new note caused hardly a ripple in administration circles. No new orders went to General Funston, beyond a request by officials of the general staff for detailed information as to disposition of Carranza troops. In view of the note's open threat of an attack on Pershing's column, it was thought wise to give attention to the military problem, although no doubt is felt as to the complete security of the American force under any circumstances.

ENLARGED NAVAL BILL PASSES.

Carries $269,900,000, or Many Millions More Than Before Considered in Congress.

Washington.—The second of the big preparedness measures, a naval appropriation bill larger than any ever before considered in congress, passed the house almost unanimously. It carries a building program for the year next of five battle cruisers, four scout cruisers, ten destroyers, 50 submarines and 130 aeroplanes; provides for a government armor plate plant; authorizes an increase of nearly 17,000 enlisted men and appropriates a total of $269,900,000.

Only four negative votes were cast by Representatives Browning, New Jersey, and Graham, Pennsylvania, Republicans; Randall, California, Prohibitionist, and London, New York Socialist.

With passage of the bill the house completed the major portion of its share in the preparedness program.

Brandies Nomination Confirmed.

Washington.—Louis D. Brandies' nomination to the supreme court, bitterly fought by Republicans for five months, was confirmed by the senate. The vote was 47 to 22. Three Republicans who voted for Brandies were Senators La Follette, Norris and Poindexter. Senator Newlands was the only Democrat who voted against him. Mr. Brandies will be the first Jew to occupy a seat on the supreme bench.

3 German Ships Torpedoed by Brits.

Berlin—Swedish newspapers report that three German steamships have been torpedoed by a submarine, probably in Swedish waters, and that no warning was given, says the Overseas News agency. Six men perished. A British torpedo was found near Skelberviken and the Swedish press considers it certain that the ships were torpedoed by a British submarine.

80,000 Dead of Starvation.

Washington.—A committee of Syrians from New York appealed to President Wilson and Counselor Polk to seek permission from Turkey and the entente allies to get food to Mount Lebanon, an autonomous Turkish state, where they said 80,000 persons already had died of starvation. The delegates told the president virtually all of the inhabitants of Mount Lebanon were christians and for that reason the Turkish government had treated them with unusual severity.

LIEUT. COL. DEROSEY CABELL



Lieutenant Colonel Cabell of the Tenth cavalry is chief of staff of General Pershing's command.

GERMANS WIN FIRST GREAT NAVAL BATTLE

BRITISH ADMIT LOSS OF THREE BATTLE CRUISERS, 3 CRUISERS, EIGHT TORPEDO BOATS.

NORTH SEA SCENE OF FIGHT

German Losses Include Battleship Pommern, Three Cruisers and Several Torpedo Boats.

London.—Picking its way from its base in the Kiel canal the German high sea fleet on Wednesday afternoon emerged into the North sea and off the coast of Jutland engaged the British fleet throughout the afternoon and night in what probably was the greatest naval battle, so far as tonnage engaged and tonnage destroyed is concerned.

When the battle ended Great Britain had lost the battle cruisers Queen Mary, Indefatigable and Invincible, the cruisers Defense, Black Prince and Warrior and eight torpedo boat destroyers, while the German battleship Pommern had been sent to the bottom by a torpedo and the cruiser Wiesbaden sunk by the British gunfire. In addition several German torpedo craft were missing and the small cruiser Frauenolb had last been seen badly listed and was believed to have gone to the bottom. These losses have all been admitted by Great Britajn and Germany.

Aside from Great Britain's conceded losses Germany claims that the British battleship Warsprite, sister ship of the Queen Elizabeth, and one of the largest and most powerful ships afloat, had been sunk; that the battleship Marlborough, a vessel of 25,000 tons, had been hit by a torpedo and a submarine had been destroyed. Great Britain also added to Germany's acknowledged losses with the claim that one dreadnought of the German Kaiser class—vessels of 24,700 tons, and carrying a complement of 1,088 men—had been attacked and destroyed by British torpedo craft; that another battleship of the same class was believed to have been sunk by gunfire; that one battle cruiser had been blown up and two others damaged, and that a submarine also had been sent to the bottom.

Great Britain's admitted loss in tonnage was 114,810 for six battle cruisers and cruisers. That of German, not including the tonnage of the Wiesbaden, of which vessel there is no record, was 15,172. The tonnage of capital ships sunk by the Japanese in their fight with the Russians in the battle of Isushima in May, 1905, aggregated 93,000. Twenty-one Russian craft were destroyed in this fight, including six battleships and four cruisers. The remainder of the sunken craft comprised coast defense and special service vessels and torpedo boats.

That the casualties in the fighting off Jutland were heavy is indicated by the fact hat of the crew of some 900 on the indefatigable only two men are known to have been saved. Full details of the fight, in which Zeppelins are declared to have taken part, are being gathered by the British admiralty and pending their receipt the censor is withholding permission to correspondents to send out stories from London.

Five locations have been made near Marlow, Okla. for test wells to be drilled within 30 days.

Thirty Subs Added to Naval Program

Washington.—Determined Republican efforts to enlarge the building program of the naval appropriation bill as reported from the naval committee resulted in the adoption by the house, as a committee of the whole, of an amendment increasing the number of submarines from 20 to 50. Proposals to provide for six battle cruisers instead of five and to add two dreadnoughts and two scout cruisers to the program were defeated after a lively fight.

POLICY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE INDORSED

PREPAREDNESS PARADE IN DALLAS HAS 20,000 PERSONS IN LINE.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO FOUR

Awning Gives Way During Parade, and Causes Injury to Fourteen Other Persons.

Dallas, Texas.—The last vestige of doubt as to the faith of the people of Dallas and North Texas in President Woodrow Wilson and their hearty approval of his policy of preparedness was swept away Tuesday afternoon when an army of 20,000 men, women and boys marched in the spectacular preparedness parade and more than 100,000 men and women and children lined the sidewalks the entire route of the parade and cheered the marchers.

It was distinctly a patriotic procession—all other elements were eliminated.

Many uniformed organizations were in line, giving an unmistakable military flavor. A score of bands furnished patriotic music, which, together with the lavish display of the national colors, inspired patriotism in every breast—of the spectators as well as of the marchers.

At 4:30 o'clock practically every business house in the city closed its doors. Men stopped their daily routine tasks and the rush of business ceased for two hours while the entire citizenship consecrated itself to the cause of preparedness. The gigantic procession required practically two hours to pass a given point, and was on the streets of Dallas for nearly two and a half hours. During that time practically every inhabitant of the city either took part in the parade or witnessed it from some vantage point down town. Low excursion rates brought a number from out of town.

Four Killed When Awning Falls.

The only mishap to mar the continuity of the procession came when the awning of a building on Main street above the postoffice gave way with the weight of spectators and crushed a number of persons underneath it, resulting in the death of four and more or less serious injury to 14 others. Confusion prevailed for a moment only. Spectators rushed to the assistance of the injured and the paraders, their way blocked by the confusion, immediately drew a line and stopped the procession, keeping all in line.

All of the dead and seriously injured were caught under the heavy wooden structure and the ton or more of brick and mortar which fell. The awning collapsed just after the preparedness parade began, and the victims were spectators on the side walk watching the parade.

The dead: Mrs. F. E. Allen, 55 years of age, of Birmingham, Ala., who was visiting here; Mildred Butler, 11 years old; Al Lott, 50 years old, who was chief engineer of the Dallas fire department, and A. E. Cannon, 65 years old.

Mrs. Allen and Mr. Cannon were killed instantly, and Mildred Butler died a few minutes later in a nearby drug store. Mr. Lott died 45 minutes after the accident at a sanitarium. His body was the first reached by firemen from the Central station, who were among the first rescue workers.

Loses Daughter and Mother.

Mrs. O. F. Butler, whose hip was broken, is mother of the dead child and a daughter of Mrs. Allen, who was killed. Mrs. Ray Ferguson and Rosine Butler, two of the injured, are her nieces. The family had gathered at that place to view the parade.

Pershing Prepares for Any Emergency

San Antonio, Texas.—Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American punitive expedition in Mexico, advised Major General Funston that he was making several shifts in his forces so that he might be able to act quickly in any emergency. From other sources the department commander heard that the attitude of the Carranza commanders in Chihuahua, where some 20,000 troops of the de facto government have been massed, is "none too friendly" and that the Mexican garrison at Juarez, across the river from El Paso, had been reinforced with troops and several field pieces.

$40,500 Fire at Graham.

Graham, Texas.—Damage estimated at $40,500 was caused here by a fire which destroyed the office and sheds of the Young County Lumber company, the Morrison & Smith Lumber company and damaged the livery barn of J. W. Carlton.

Rangers Kill Francisco Dominguez.

Presidio, Texas.—Francisco Dominguez, notorious Mexican bandit, was killed in an encounter with two Texas rangers near Pulvo, Texas, 25 miles from here, according to a report to the military authorities by the rangers. An older brother is said to have escaped into Mexico. The encounter took place when the rangers attempted to serve warrants on the brothers, charging them with the murder of an American in the United States

JAMES J. HILL IS DEAD

Great Railroad Man of Northwest Left Fortune Probably Worth $250,000,000.

St. Paul, Minn.—James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and most widely known figure of the northwest, died here Monday morning as the result of an infection due to bowel trouble.

The funeral was held Wednesday, interment being in a private mausolem erected at North Oaks farm, five miles northwest of St. Paul, long the summer home of the empire builder.

James J. Hill's wealth has been estimated at from $100,000,000 to $500,000,000. He was probably worth between $200,000,000 and $250,000,000. The greatest portion of his wealth was in the stocks and bonds of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads.

Cotton Crop 77.5 Per Cent Normal.

Washington.—The cotton crop of the United States showed a condition of 77.5 per cent of a normal on May 25, the department of agriculture has announced in its first condition report of the season, awaited with interest by cotton, textile and other interests. That condition compares with 80 on May 25 last year, 74.3 in 1914. Until the official report estimating the area planted to cotton this year is issued on July 1 no calculation will be made as to the probable size of the crop.

Railroads Will Aid Military Training.

Dallas, Texas.—A resolution adopted by general managers of several of the larger railroads of Texas shapes to a great extent the policy that will be followed out by the carriers in support of military preparedness in Texas. All the lines represented at the general managers' bi-monthly meeting will permit a certain numoer of their employes to attend the military encampment at Fort Sam Houston, beginning June 12 and ending July 8. The men will be kept on full pay and their positions held for them.

Intangible Assets of Texas Lines.

Austin, Texas.—The state tax board has completed the preliminary valuations of the intangible assets of the various Texas lines and will hold a final hearing in Austin June 19 to hear protests, if any, against the appraisements made. The total is approximately $161,000,000, against about $159,000,000 last year, a difference of about $2,000,000. Most of the railroads usually object to the intangible values and the I. & G. N. is litigating last year's valuation, but that did not deter the board from adopting values this year.

Hearing on Gasoline Prices June 12.

Washington.—The federal trade commission has announced that it would hold hearings June 12 and 13 to give the interests concerned an opportunity to explain the rise in the price of gasoline. The commission is investigating the price increase under a senate resolution. A report will be submitted within a few days after the hearings. The commission sent letters to refiners, jobbers, pipe line companies and crude oil producing concerns throughout the country, asking them for any information they might care to present in addition to that already uncovered.

G. O. P. Fails to Agree on Candidate.

Chicago.—There have been numerous conferences between party leaders but so far no agreement on candidates has been reached and there was no development that accurately indicated which candidate is likely to be nominated for president by the Republican national convention. On the surface the fight appears to be between Roosevelt and Hughes, or Roosevelt against the field, and there was a marked increase in activity at the headquarters of the various "favorite son" candidates.

20 Persons Killed in Venezuela Riots.

Willemstad, Curacao.—Twenty persons were killed or wounded in an outbreak at Maracaibo, Venezuela, against General Garcia, who has been appointed president of the state of Zulia, succeeding temporary president Aranguren. Troops fired on citizens who tried to prevent Garcia landing from the steamer Merida, which had taken him to Maracaibo. The action of the troops quelled the disturbance. Many prisoners were taken, including Senor Aranguren, whose popularity led to the outbreak against his successor.

$60,000 Fire at Seymour.

Seymour, Texas.—The Seymour Compress and Ice company plant burned here, together with about 240 bales of cotton. Total loss about $60,000, partially covered by insurance.

Texas Aviator With French.

Paris.—Accounts of the recent aviation exploits of Sergeant Albert Hall of Galveston, Texas, a member of the Franco-American flying corps, show that on Monday, May 22, he was engaged with several German machines on the Verdun front and narrowly escaped being put out of action by damage to his propeller before he brought down a German machine near Malancourt. The aeroplane forced to earth was one of the fastest of the German machines.

ONE'S GIFTS TO GOD

Only Those Which Are Most Precious Are Acceptable to Our Heavenly Father.

One of the qualities which makes an offering acceptable to God is that it shall cost the worshiper something. Offerings are not acceptable merely because they are expensive; they must meet other conditions as well, but he who contemplates rendering any worship or service to God may well count the cost.

Before the temple was erected on Mount Moriah that mountain was the probable scene of two sacrifices made to God. On that summit Abraham is supposed to have built the altar on which Isaac was about to be offered when God interposed and accepted a substitute. The father of the faithful as good as offered God that which was most precious to him, and was accepted as if that offering had been made. Long after, David had occasion to offer a burnt offering upon that same mountain, and he uttered this resolution, "I will not offer unto the Lord that which costs me nothing."

Two persons were publicly commended by the Lord for their gifts, and both of them were women. One had cast into the treasury of the temple a very small sum, two mites, which make a farthing. The other had given a box of ointment which was very precious. Both of them seem to have given all they possessed. The offerings were appreciated because of their expensiveness, but their expensiveness was not to be estimated only by their intrinsic value.

Lack Proper Spirit in Giving.

The tendency of the present day seems to be to offer to God that which is costly. Members of the church, in determining the amount of money they shall devote to religious purposes, generally fix upon a sum that will not deprive them of a single thing they care to have. They contribute what they can give without feeling it. They expect God to be satisfied, and even gratified with an offering which costs them nothing.

That tendency is not confined to financial offerings. Some have been known to excuse themselves for frequent absence from the morning church service by the fact that they have occasion to be up late the night before, and it is hard to rise early on the Sabbath morning when that is the only morning of the week they can sleep late. Some of them add as an additional reason that it is not easy to sit through a long service when the sermon is not very interesting. They are absent from the evening service and from the midweek prayer service because in the press of business and social engagements they want an evening to spend with their families or for quiet reading. Their excuses can be boiled down into one simple statement: Because it would cost them something, they will not give these things to God. They forget that the thing which costs nothing is not worth giving.

The reason why more of the members of the church are not willing to be active in the Sabbath school is that it would cost them something in time and effort and personal ease. The reason why more are not willing to seek out those who are careless and try to win them back to the church and a place in its service is because it costs too much. The fact must be faced that the thing given to God at small cost to the worshiper is held cheaply by him who receives such worship. The gift which he appreciates is the gift which means a real sacrifice and expense to the giver.—The United Presbyterian.

KEEP THE LIGHT UNDIMMED

Christian Must Remember That Neglect May Work Injury to Himself and Others.

Some years ago a steamer was coming up the Firth of Clyde on a stormy night. Careful watch was kept and all was going well, till suddenly a dim, flickering light appeared right over her bows. In another instant the steamer went crashing into a ship lying at anchor. Several lives were lost and much damage was done. What was the cause of the accident? The anchored ship had allowed her light to grow dim for want of oil. It was only neglected. This is like what many Christians do; they forget to read the Word, to meditate upon it, and to watch with prayer; therefore their light is almost out, to the injury of themselves and others.

"Ye are the light of the world." Christ's churches are golden candlesticks planted in a dark world. They are to hold forth the word of life. O Christians, watch and pray, and see to it that your lamps are trimmed and burning, and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord.—The Light-Bearer.

Secularization of the Ministry.

The greatest peril that could befall the country would be the secularization of the ministry. There is a company of men who need to deliver their full force upon the spiritual and eternal. The amelioration of hard physical conditions is a good thing; but if you secularize the clergy by absorbing their thought and energies in mere matters of physical comfort or even of cultural improvement, you will destroy the one power that can ever hold human life to higher levels.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have purchased the Tweedle feed store and wagon yard from Robt. Brown, and will operate the same in the future.

I have had many years experience in this business, and will appreciate your business.

I will buy your hides, furs, pelts, chickens and eggs at the highest market prices.

I have charge of the Doran hotel, and have fitted it up with good, clean beds; so when in town come around and get a good bed.

Try me once.

S. S. SNOWDEN

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Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

They said that Joe Bailey couldn't come back, but he did.

Remember, you pay for good roads whether you get them or not. If the tax collector doesn't get you, the repair man will.

Love didn't prevail at San Antonio. It was Bill Poindexter. But Love made Jim Ferguson and Joe Bailey come across and be friends.

England expects every Frenchman to do his duty.—N. Y. World

Past events leads one to conclude that England has not been disappointed in her expectations.

Senor Don Carranza is very much troubled over the question of getting Mr. Wilson to move the American troops out of Mexico. He has asked that they be removed, but he was told that when Mexico demonstrated her ability and willingness to keep Villa and his cutthroats at home, our troops would be called home, but not till then.

War news comes to us like this: Berlin, June 5.—German fleet sunk about 'steen British warships. London, June 5.—British fleet won a glorious victory by sinking several crack German warships. Sterling City, June 5.—British and German liars are still struggling for supremacy. Germans get in the first big one, but when the British came back, the Germans were forced to take on stimulants. The contest is still on.

The Texas delegation of Democrats which goes to St. Louis to nominate Woodrow Wilson will not try to embarrass him with national prohibition and woman suffrage planks. Mr. Wilson believes that these questions should be left to each state to settle for itself. While he is a prohibitionist and woman suffragist, he is not willing to surrender States Rights to get them. Woodrow is opposed to a monachical form of government.

The San Angelo Daily Standard, ever mindful of its readers, sends its Sunday issue to Sterling by motorcycle. We have no Sunday's mail, and heretofore we have had to wait until Monday night or Tuesday morning for the news. The enterprise is a great boon to the people of Sterling, and we hope that our people will continue to show their appreciation by their patronage of this good paper. The Standard's news dispatches are fresh off the wires, and are just the thing for the busy man.

"Gooseneck Bill" McDonald, the negro republican leader of Texas, is a delegate to the Republican convention in Chicago to select a Republican candidate for president. "Gooseneck" went along to add color and odor to the convention, for a republican convention without the familiar color and coon odor would be a lonesome place. "Gooseneck" is there to fight against Mr. Roosevelt, who dined with a nigger while president. In this, Mr. "Gooseneck Bill" portrays true nigger nature: that if you make him your social equal, you lose his respect and in time he will consider himself above you. It was a wise negro who said: "No decent white man will eat wid a niggah, and no decent niggah will eat wid a white man."

Several pairs of quail, both blues and bob whites, are nesting in the nooks and cranies of this town. Out of the hundreds of people who pass these domicils, not one, so far as we can learn, has been mean enough to disturb them. The fear of skunks, hawks, and other enemies, no doubt, has been the cause of these birds making their nests near the abode of man. They have put their lives, and that of their young in our care, and it would be a low-down act to betray the confidence of such innocent creatures. There are men and boys in the world who are skunks enough to kill them on sight, but we feel sure they do not live in Sterling. But if they are here, we want it distinctly understood that they are not our friends. The sheriff is a sworn and bonded friend of these quails; and and the one who kills one of them out of season, stands a mighty good show to go to jail.

PASSOVER AND PENTECOST MEETINGS.

The first annual passover and pentecost meetings in Sterling City begin tonight (Friday) at the tabernacle at 8:30. Mrs. L. Nobles and her daughter, Mrs. Grace Tyler, from Concho county, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King, from Coke county, have arrived and will help in the meetings. Others are expected later. All subjects not pertaining to the salvation of the SOUL, MIND and BODY, will be eliminated, and due courtesy extended to all. Abuse of people and institutional organizations never won a soul to Christ.

Those desiring to meet with the visiting members will find them at the Doran hotel. JAMES.

A. L. Springer Withdraws

We are authorized to withdraw the name of A. L. Springer as a candidate for the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 3.

Mr. Springer has recently sold his ranch interests and moved out of the precinct, and would therefore, not be qualified to hold the office were he elected.

Mr. Springer thanks his many friends for the interest and support they have tendered him in behalf of his candidacy, and assures them that they shall not be forgotten for this.

China Valley News

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bugg, accompanied by Jas. Walraven, left for Christoval last Monday to try the healing qualities of the mineral waters of that place.

Miss Maggie Walraven is visiting friends and relatives in Carlsbad and San Angelo.

John Brannan has returned from Christoval much improved in health

John Robertson's place was visited by a small cyclone, the other day, which scattered the shed, chicken house, and other outbuildings to the four winds, but did no damage to his residence.

Dave Walraven returned from Carlsbad the other day with a load of furniture. I declare, it do continue to look suspicious.

Earnest Bugg attended Tradesday at Sterling last Monday; and brought back one of the new road drags, and says he is going to do some much needed work on the San Angelo road as soon as it rains.

Mrs. Martin Brown has gone to Frost, Tex., for a month's visit with relatives.

S. M. King and family are back on their ranch again.

Hubert Ogilvy is up and about again, fully recovered from his accident.

Quite a number of the Valley folks dropped in on M. Odom last Saturday night and ate ice cream.

Rev. Tate preached for us last Sunday.

Thos. Ogilvy is wrestling with a new Ford.

Walter Gressett is looking after the Bugg ranch during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bugg.

D. D. Davis is in Christoval.

J. W. Wood is just as proud of his new buggy as a boy with a red wagon. He says, "no auto" for him.

New Work Pants

We have just received an excellent selection of work pants—kinds that you probably have not seen before. And the quality and price is just right.

Summer Goods

We have the most up-to-date line of seasonable summer wear that was ever brought to a town of this size, and the prices cannot be surpassed.

LET US SHOW YOU

C. W. Workman

STRAYED:—About April 1st, from H. H. Allen's pasture, a sorrel, yearling mare mule, sheared in the winter. Last seen in the Wade pasture. $2.50 for information leading to recovery; $5 for return to above pasture, or $10 for delivery at my ranch 3 miles west of Sterling City.—B. Allen.

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Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out.

10-17-13pd W. J. Mann

We have 563 miles of railroad to each 100 square miles of territory. Texas has 37 miles of railway track to every 10,000 inhabitants.

There are 1,916 locomotives, 1,286 passenger coaches and 45,894 freight cars in service on Texas roads.

The railroads of Texas are long enough to reach across the United States five times.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Bible study meeting, June 11, 1916; Company A. Matt. 7

President in charge.

Leader: Otis Workman.

Scripture Lesson: Matt. 7: 1-27.

Responsive reading by Noble Ballou and Holly Glass.

"Censorious Judgment Condemned." (Matt. 7: 1-5)—Mae Austin.

"Encouragement to Prayer." (Mat. 7: 7-11)—Jessie Claire Shortt.

"The Golden Rule." (Mat. 7: 12)—Harold Durham.

"The Necessity for Carefulness." (Mat. 7: 13-19)—Joe Graham.

Song: "Make Me a Channel of Blessings."

"Doing versus Hearing." (Mat. 7: 21-27)—Louise Lowe.

Special song by Eddie Hooker

At the Baptist church, 7:30, p. m.

E. F. Atkinson has announced in this issue as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner of precinct No. 2.

Mr. Atkinson has served several terms in this capacity, and has made a splendid commissioner. He is level headed, courageous in his convictions, and strictly honest. With these splendid qualities we commend him to the voters of precinct 2.

Dr. T. R. Boger, dentist, of San Angelo, being unable to complete work he has on hand, will be in Sterling anntther week at the Central hotel, and will be glad to see anyone who wants first class dental work. Dr. Boger has had 26 years' experience in dentistry and guarantees all work.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Tom Green county, Texas, on the 11th day of February, 1916, by the Clerk thereof, on judgment rendered in Cause No. 2810 on the Docket of said Court, entitled E. K. Aly versus Wm. Gallia and A. J. Lewis, for the sum of one hundred, seventy-seven and 99-100 dollars, ($177.99) and dated December 14th, 1915, with interest thereon from the said 14th day of December, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, in favor of E. K. Aly, Plaintiff, and against Wm. Gallia and A. J. Lewis, defendants, which said judgment is a foreclosure of plaintiff's vendor's lien as said lien existed on the 4th day of March, A. D., 1914, against Wm. Callia and A. J. Lewis, and each of them, on the following described property and land situated in Sterling county, Texas, towit:

Lot No. Eight, in Block No. Nine (9), in the town of Sterling City, in said Sterling county, Texas; and which said order of sale was directed and delivered to me, the undersigned Sheriff of Sterling county, Texas, on the 13th day of May, 1916, have on this, 31st day of May, A. D. 1916, levied on the above described real estate, as commanded in said order of sale, and will sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, before the Court House door of Sterling county, in Sterling City, Texas, on the first Tuesday in July, same being the 4th day of said month, 1916, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of enforcing the payment of the sum of One Hundred, Seventy-seven and 99-100 dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 14th day of December, A. D. 1915, and all costs of suit and the further costs of executing said order of sale.

Witness my official signature at my office in the town of Sterling City, Texas, this 31st day of May, A. D. 1916. Dee Davis,

Sheriff of Sterling county, Tex.

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Temperance Rally and Declamation Contest at the Tabernacle Tuesday, June 13th, at 8:30 p. m. Don't fail to attend:

PROGRAM.

1. Music - - - Orchestra
2. Invocation - - Dr. Everitt
3. Opening Address - - Prof. D. C. Durham.
4. Song - - - Contestants
5. "Vote As You Pray, Brother." Ralcigh Workman.
6. Temperance Town—Six Citizens
7. Pictures From Life—Joe Emery
8. Song. Mary's Vote. Glee Club.
9. The Orphan's Prayer. Tom Hill
10. Music - - - Orchestra
11. The Angel in the Saloon - - Harold Durham.
12. Quartette - Messrs. Douglas, Mathis, Everitt and Everitt.
13. A Boy's Plea for Prohibition. Floyd Payne.
14. Song—For Molly and the Baby Glee Club.
15. Music - - - Orchestra
16. Presentation of Medal - - - Rev. J. D. McWhorter.
17. What can I do to help make Texas a White State. Discussion—Led by Dr. Everitt.

Benediction—M. Black.

No collection.

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Delineator and Everybody's, to same address $2.00. Save $1.00.

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W. R. McENTIRE & SON

KNOW THY STATE

THE PROPER SILO FOR TEXAS USE.

By H. G. Harvey.



It is of vital importance that every farm in Texas be equipped with a silo but it is equally important that the proper materials be used in its construction. Approximately 57 varieties of silos have been given a fair trial by the farmers of Texas in their diligent effort to systematize agriculture in this state and in some instances our farmers have paid dearly for their experience. A silo not adapted to the climatic and other natural conditions which exist in Texas is worse than no silo at all and the farmers of this state who contemplate erecting silos should study carefully their construction and adaptability to Texas conditions and select the kind best suited to their needs.

Some of the leading silo authorities of this state have been requested to state their views as to the best and most serviceable silo for Texas use and their opinions will appear in this paper from time to time. When asked to address the farmers of Texas on the subject of tile as a silo material, Mr. H. G. Harvey of the Texas Kalamazoo Silo Company, of Fort Worth, which has constructed all kinds of silos in every Texas locality, said in part:

"I consider the Tile Silo the only proper silo for Texas use. For absolute permanency and best results we recommend only silos made of Texas tile for successful operation in this state and our approval is based upon 12 years of testing and investigation.

The Tile Silo possesses every feature of every other silo without one drawback. Its peculiar construction affords a double air space and perfectly takes care of all atmospheric and temperature changes that come suddenly and unexpectedly in Texas.

The Tile Silo will withstand all internal strain with a good margin of safety besides and provides a construction that is frost and fire proof. It never requires any paint. The hoops never require tightening. It needs no anchoring against the wind. Its weight is sufficient to hold it and the surface is so smooth that there isn't the slightest toe-hold for the wind. It will practically never deteriorate in quality and it is absolutely indestructible. The Tile Silo is the most practical one for the Texas farmer to consider. It is the best material for silo construction for Texas conditions, Texas climate and Texas needs.

Because of the peculiar conditions in this state the Tile Silo is absolutely adapted to successful operation in Texas. Constructions that are marvelously successful in other parts of the country may fail utterly in Texas due to climatic conditions unfavorable to the habits of the material of which they are built. We did not solve the silo question in Texas until we began constructing a Tile Silo made from Texas clay."

TEXAS FACTS

CATTLE.

There are 6,238,000 head of cattle in Texas, which are valued at $185,648,000. Of this number 5,173,000 are beef cattle and valued at $137,084,000, while 1,035,000 are milch cows, which are worth $48,564,000.

At one planting a seed of Texas cotton will multiply 1,600 times.

To plant the Texas cotton crop requires the services of 500,000 persons. 1,000,000 cultivate it and 3,000,000 persons are kept busy 4 months gathering it.

It costs $15,000,000 to pick the Texas cotton crop, $12,000,000 to rin it and $3,000,000 to compress it.

The average cotton production of the world is 13 bales per 1,000 population, and the average for Texas is 1,000 bales per 1,000 population.

Texas has more cotton gins, compresses and cotton seed oil mills than any other state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 22, 1916:

FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF 113TH DISTRICT
Charles B. Metcalfe.

FOR JUDGE OF THE FIFTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS:
J. W. Timmins (re-election)

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY:
J. A. Thomas
Shelby Cox.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
Jeff D. Ayres
A. R. Pool
Pat Kellis

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR
B. F. Roberts
R. M. Mathis
C. J. Dunn
L. F. Clifton

FOR COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK
D. C. Durham
B. A. Austin

FOR TAX ASSESSOR
W. E. Allen
H. Q. Lyles, Jr.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
R. B. Cummins
M. C. Mitchell

FOR COMMISSIONER AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT NO. 1:
J. A. Jackson
A. V. Patterson
Henry Davis

FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2:
E. F. Atkinson

FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3:
M. Odom

FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4:
J. S. Johnston

WE WANT TO SELL—Our property in San Angelo, or trade it for property in or near Sterling City.—S. Kellogg, Sterling City.

FOR SALE: A new phone box in good order, together with 100 lbs. of phone wire at a bargain. J. E. Davis, Sterling City, Texas. 2t.

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R. M. Mathis, Prop.

ATTENTION, LADIES.—On Thursday afternoon of each week, special attention will be given to ladies' work at my barbershop in the First State Bank building. Try us for a massage or shampoo.—R. M. Mathis

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Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution. p11-20-15 E. F. Atkinson

...d Jean Libbey's ...ALKS ON ...ART TOPICS

...BY THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER SYNDICATE

...CKLESS MARRIAGES.

...ee not! This heart I know
...ng loved was never framed;
...ning in its depths doth glow
...ge, too restless, too untamed.

...wonder how it can help ...the Lord's patience to see those people who were never intended to be mated rushing into the holy bonds of matrimony only to live miserably unhappy ever after. A youth meets a pretty miss in her early teens, admires her and, imagining the strange fluttering at his heart to be love, which he has heard so much about, proposes marriage after scarce half a dozen meetings. He ...earn enough to more than ...self decently, but for all that, ...sent, they rush for a mar...nse and are speedily made

...uthful bride, fully as foolish ...uth she has wedded, has not ...d where the bread and butter ...me from, and they face the most pitiable example of a ...marriage. How they manage ...r ever so short a while upon ...gs can better be imagined ...cribed. It's a case of living ...d to mouth. Meanwhile they ...er and poorer. The girl has ...ght up shirking work, find...lief amusement in flirting and ...movies. That she is expect...t after marriage—cook, wash, ...and scrub—appalls her. If ...ne comes into their home ...ore upset than ever. She ...thing whatever of how it ...e cared for. She could not ...garment for it or herself and ...gether if her life depended

...ke up to the conclusion that ...e is not the rosy dream they ...t was going to be. With hard...ance and admiration take ...lf in the close bond which ...love develops, they can and ...the future bravely. Baby ...dded stimulus to their ambi...scination has worn itself out ...together only for the sake ...ld who has tied the heart...f both together in an un...knot.

...alone can bring wisdom. It ...is brought to the realization ...after all, is the homemaker, ...k can be avoided by her ...ver a new leaf, studying ...nd practicing it.

...girl who aspires to the re...y of becoming a wife should ...from girlhood up to be fit... She should know the great ...doing her own marketing, ...ritious foods wisely, and the ...nt science of cooking and ...the left-overs. She should ...to make her own clothes. ...ss bent over them, patient...in every stitch, will be apt ...re of them.

...young married couple that ...ed the wedded state with ...thimbleful of sense in el... have developed into ... ...r, exemplifying the old saw ...or beginning often turns out ...the long run."

...and maidens in their early ...tread the path they are en...o enter. Young men should ...of the gravity of taking a ...e they are able to support ...rtably. Young girls should ...owed to wed until they are ... to take full charge of a ...their own. But what's the ...eing? Young men and wom...eir heads completely when ...love. So there you are.

...ES DADDY DANCE.

...de has crusted o'er with ice
...rt where youth still burns
...the world deems all forgot
...the past returns.

...ng man who stoutly main... it is quite ridiculous for ...to insist upon going to the ...e that he does and trip the ...atic toe as merrily as he ...mething to learn about old ...young hearts.

...a youth to realize that the ...ddy feels quite as young at ...his son does? It may not ...dignified for the white... to hop about a glazed ...bewildered fly upon a win... but he knows why he is ...Not so much that he hopes ...od figure with young wom... it is mightily important to ...not only to keep his avoir...w, but to keep the rheu...ges out of his joints and ...om his back.

...is never so old that his ...not beat the faster when ...starts up a good old fa...r. The present seems to ...him and in imagination he ...the boys again, valiantly ...the favor of the prettiest ...ball. Daddy is as nimble ...w as he was then, he as...lf. He was the idol of ...ies when he used to tread ...es of the stately minuet, ...s in a gayer mood, cavort ...e merry Highland fling, or ...musk.

...-tangled dances bother him ...he does not intend that ...down him. The pleasantest ...s of his life are connected ...es of the dance. It was at ...ot beheld the girl he was to love and wed. He cut out a rival at that selfsame ball, but was miserable all the long hours of the night that followed because he must submit to that rival seeing her home.

It was to invite her to another ball that he first called upon her. At that dance, with his arm folded more closely about her waist than the requirements of the steps demanded, he whispered his love for her in her ear. A dance followed their wedding feast and they went to balls until their growing family provided another way for them to spend their evenings.

If daddy is a bit clumsy at tangoing and can get any of the girls who are good natured enough to forego the pleasure of waltzing with a spruce young fellow whose handclasp brings the warm blood to both heart and cheek and dance with him, who should have the heart to say him nay?

The man who enjoys dancing never grows old. He could give old Ponce de Leon tips on finding the fountain of youth and clinging tenaciously to youth and its joys.

IF EVERYONE KNOWS YOU.

To thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not be false to anyone.

To be well and favorably known in a community is the greatest passport to favor a young man can possess. The average person thinks it is the easiest thing in the world for a young man of good looks and good manners to select a sweetheart and woo and win her. Nothing is further from the truth. The falling in love part is easy enough—it is a custom that goes on exactly the same in all ages and all time—but to become the lover of the girl who has caught his fancy is often a most difficult feat to accomplish.

The day of the foolish virgin is wellnigh past. Girls of today have hearts just as tender, but they do not wear them on their sleeves. They have brains and weigh a man carefully in the scale of judgment before they admit him to their friendship, such as exchanging bows or a pleasant word or two if they are brought into contact. If a young man asks permission to call, that is quite a different matter. If he bears a good name, is well spoken of by his employer and associates, he may be accorded the privilege of spending an evening now and then with the young lady he admires.

If, on the other hand, he bears a reputation discreditable—such as associating with undesirable young men and girls far advanced on the downward path—is seen drinking, betting, hobnobbing with corner loafers, is heard to make insulting remarks about women, the average father would sooner see a scorpion enter his door than have such a social leper call on his innocent daughter.

It is not true that this is a "man's world," that he can go ever so far along the road of folly and turn over a new leaf when the occasion suits him, wed a pure, fair maiden and live happily ever after. A man thoroughly bad cannot treat the best women in the world with deep and sincere respect from the first to last during courtship. No matter how carefully he may be on his guard neither to do nor say aught that might cause her dismay, there is more than apt to be some word carelessly spoken which will give a thoughtful girl an insight into his true character. If everyone speaks ill of a man, it should be demanded of him that he clear up such imputations ere aspiring to the friendship, let alone the love, of a girl worthy of a noble mate in marriage.

Let a man give himself a bad name and it will cling to him tenaciously, refusing to be shaken off or purged away. It is the most difficult thing in the world to make youths believe this or cause them to value an excellent reputation. When a girl weds an acknowledged scapegrace, whom everyone knows to have all the faults in the calendar, with the avowed purpose of reforming him, she has given herself a gigantic, I may say impossible, task to accomplish. Where one woman succeeds, a million fail. There is no process by which a bad egg can be made good again.

American Efficiency.

We hear so much about German efficiency that we are apt to forget American efficiency. Let it not be forgotten that the first essential of efficiency is the conception and initiation of practical and constructive ideas. In this regard the United States has led and still leads the world. Indeed, not a few of the inventions which have made warfare so "efficient" have sprung from American minds, just as inventions which have done most in stimulating agricultural and manufacturing progress have come from this side of the Atlantic. The Germans have excelled in applying important ideas and important inventions to the various departments of economic activity. The American bent is to initiate; it does not always excel in the painstaking work which must follow the launching of a great idea. Yet there are scores of examples ready to hand in this country of a surpassing efficiency not only of conception and initiation, but of systematic achievement as well.—Financial America.

The Discharge.

Under the blazing sun of an Oriental July day the workmen were building the now famous tower of Gabbis.

Leapold Boroo, the eminent master builder, hurrying thither and yon mopping his forehead with a large plantation leaf came on two workmen seated on a pile of masonry matching shekels.

"What's this?" yelled Boroo. "Don't you know we're three days behind in the work as it is? You're fired, both of you! Here, take your pay and go!"

And he gave them each a week's wages and kicked them off the masonry and the premises. Then he hunted up Maxim Gork, the foreman, to give him a piece of his mind.

"But," said Gork, "these men were only looking for a job."

Mr. Boroo's further remarks have been judiciously deleted by the censor, who has thus demonstrated that a censor occasionally has some sense.

Birds of Prey That Help the Farmer

by Edward B. Clark

Most hawks and owls are beneficial. Uncle Sam wants to protect them—why not assist him in his good work?



MARSH HAWK

RED TAILED HAWKS

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BARRED OWL

BARN OWL

HAMLET said that he knew a hawk from a handsaw. Perhaps it is better to know one hawk from another.

Counter to the general belief, most of our North American hawks are beneficent in their lives. In the course of a year they do much more good than harm, and yet they are shot ruthlessly on sight. It would profit the man with a poultry yard and a farm to study the habits of hawks a little and to learn to discriminate between the friend and the foe to his interests.

Let us take first the hawks ordinarily known as hen hawks or chicken hawks. The hawks commonly called by these names rarely kill any chickens. But the trouble is that they get the blame for the bad deeds of birds that "sneak in" to the poultry yard, do their killing and make their escape while the big bird soaring in plain sight against the heavens is charged with being the culprit and receives the present of a charge of shot if opportunity offers.

Take the red-tailed hawk for instance. He is known to the scientist as Buteo borealis. In the West the soaring "chicken hawk" almost invariably is the redtail. About once a year perhaps the redtail will pick up a chicken, but for the rest of the time he contents himself with a diet of frogs, snakes, crawfish, insects, and small mammals, mostly of an injurious habit of life. The number of field mice that a red-tailed hawk in the course of a month will catch and devour is almost incredible.

The good that this "chicken hawk" does so far outweighs the harm that it is a living shame it is hunted so ceaselessly. If there ever was a creature in the world about whom there are a thousand mistaken thoughts that creature is the red-tailed hawk, the commonest of our "chicken hawks."

Ordinarily one thinks of birds of prey as being exceedingly bold. Some of them are. But the redtail is on pretty nearly every occasion an arrant coward. He is meekly submissive to the assaults of the kingbird, and he is a perfect poltroon in the face of an attack from a crow. I have seen a crow buffet a red-tailed hawk for half an hour, the hawk making absolutely no attempt to defend himself and apparently being afraid to leave its perch on a fencepost for fear that the crow would get a greater advantage while in flight. As a rule the courageous hawks are the injurious hawks.

There is another hawk similar in its habits to the redtail. It is fairly common in many parts of the United States and particularly so east of the Mississippi river. It is called the red-shouldered hawk, and with the redtail it shares the ignominy of being known wherever it appears as a chicken hawk. Like the redtail it occasionally kills a chicken. But it dearly loves rats, mice, tree-girdling rabbits, frogs, and insects. The red-shouldered hawk soars, and soars, and soars, and when it is seen against the sky the shotgun is brought out and an attempt is made to kill the friend that is looking for field mice, gophers or something else, and with its thoughts far removed from the chicken coop.

In a suburb of Washington, D. C., a friend of mine has a country place where he raises large numbers of chickens. This friend is a bird lover and he has many species of American birds dwelling at his doorstep. Back of his house he has about twenty acres of woodland, and in these woods lived two pairs of red-shouldered hawks.

My friend asked me if he should kill the hawks in order to save his chickens. I told him to leave the hawks alone and he did so for a long time. Finally on one unfortunate day one of the red-shouldered gentlemen descended on the poultry yard and made off with a pullet. Death was decreed for the hawks and soon they were killed.

Within a few weeks the chickens began to disappear, or, at any rate, were found dead with their lifeblood gone, and in some cases partly devoured. The weasels were at work. After the hawks were killed the weasels multiplied in great numbers and took their heavy toll of roosters, hens and little chicks of uncertain sex. My friend was sorry that he had killed the hawks.

Then there is the sparrow hawk, known to the scientist as Falco sparverius. This is the smallest of the hawks of North America, and it has a range all over the United States. The sparrow hawk almost unquestionably is the most beautiful, as it is the smallest, of our birds of prey. This little hawk is unfortunately named. It was dubbed sparrow hawk long before the day of the English sparrows in this country. It was so called because it occasionally captured and killed some of our native American sparrows, which, for the most part, are beneficent birds. Lately the sparrow hawk when it does any bird killing at all, turns its attention largely to English sparrows, and thereby adds to the services which it otherwise renders. The sparrow hawk lives mostly on small injurious mammals, insects, grasshoppers, caterpillars, and the like. It should be said, however, that fully 25 per cent of the food of the sparrow hawk consists of field mice, house mice and shrews.

A pair of sparrow hawks have a nest, or at any rate a resting place, back of a big bronze eagle which spreads its wings near the roof on the face of the state, war, and navy building in Washington directly across a narrow street from one end of the White House. These two sparrow hawks hunt the White House grounds daily. It may not be the same pair, but two sparrow hawks have been abiding back of the state department eagle for a good many years.

When Theodore Roosevelt was president he searched the grounds around the White House every once in a while to discover what he could in the way of wild life. Next to birds, he was particularly interested in field mice. Occasionally he lamented the fact that he could not find more species of the little mammals than he did in the White House yard. I always have thought that the reason was to be found back of the eagle on the state department front. The two sparrow hawks kept the lawns pretty well clear of the minor rodents.

The marsh hawk, Circus hudsonius, is one of the most beautiful birds of prey in the United States and one of the most useful. The adult male has a bluish slate body, streaked with white, and becoming pure white just above the tail and underneath. The underparts are lightly specked with reddish brown. The adult female and the young are rusty in color, with a good many streaks.

Marsh hawks, as their name suggests, haunt the wet places, but frequently they are seen flying low over the dry fields and the prairies. Perhaps one cannot do better than to quote Vernon Bailey on the subject of the marsh hawk. He writes:

"The intelligent farmer usually recognizes the value of this hawk and the fact that it almost never touches his poultry. He sees it skimming over his meadows and diving into the grass for mice, and wisely lets its live; but nevertheless he would be surprised if he could figure out how many dollars it saves him during the year."

It is virtually impossible within the scope of a comparatively short article to give anything like a full list with descriptions of all the beneficial hawks in the United States. They form a feathered legion. Let us, however, take one or more of these birds of prey for a little advisory discourse. The Swainson hawk, Buteo swainsoni, is distributed from the far arctic regions way southward to the Argentine Republic. In the United States, it is fairly common from the western ocean to Wisconsin and Illinois, and occasionally it is found in the East.

Major Bendire, the army ornithologist, wrote of this hawk, which he studied for a long time:

The food of Swainson's hawk consists almost entirely of the smaller rodents, principally striped gophers and mice, as well as grasshoppers and the large black cricket which is very common, as well as destructive, in certain seasons, and the bane of the farmers in eastern Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and other localities in the Great Basin, destroying and eating up every green thing as they move along. I cannot recall a single instance where one of these birds visited a poultry yard. From an economic point of view I consider it by far the most useful and beneficial of all our hawks."

Now for something about a few of our beneficial owls. Everybody knows, or ought to know, the little screech owl which sits at the entrance to its hole in a hollow tree and utters its querulous, curious cry. This little bird has two upstanding tufts of feathers which serve to distinguish it from a less common but very much similar owl of which something will be written further on. Of owls which are not described here at length, among the most useful are the barred owl, the long-eared and the short-eared owls.

The screech owl is one of the best mousers in the world. It also is a great destroyer of insects. It starts its hunting about sunset and it journeys round and round the buildings in the country looking for its favorite quarry. It kills thousands upon thousands of mice every year. Dr. A. K. Fisher, the government's expert in all matters pertaining to hawks and owls, says of the little screech owls that their economic relations are of the greatest importance, "particularly on account of the abundance of the species in farming districts; and whoever destroys them through ignorance or prejudice should be severely condemned."

It was the barn owl, or a species closely allied to it, of which Gray wrote in his "Elegy," "the moping owl doth to the moon complain." Sometimes the barn owl is called the monkey-faced owl because its countenance does look a trifle like that of the monkey. In recent years the barn owls have been decreasing in numbers because of the mistaken belief that they kill poultry. The trouble is that barn owls frequently live in barns or in other structures reared by man, and because they are seen therefore about the poultry yards frequently the impression is given that they are chicken thieves. The barn owl, however, is one of the most beneficial of all our rapacious birds. It dearly loves rats and mice, and one barn owl is worth a dozen cats as a ratter and mouser.

There is a little owl commonly called the "saw-whet," which is an interesting and beneficial creature. At first glance one might think that the saw-whet owl is a screech owl, but on taking a second look it will be seen that the saw-whet lacks the ear tufts or feathered horns that are worn by its little cousin.

The saw-whet owl gets its name from the fact that its note sounds like the whetting of a saw. It can be readily understood, therefore, that this bird is not much of a musician. It is a great mouser, and like most of the other owls, seems to prefer these small rodents to almost any other article of diet.

The saw-whet owl raises a large family each year. It keeps the father and mother exceedingly busy to get enough mice to feed the offspring, but they keep at the hunting work for hours at a time and probably deny themselves many a mouse morsel in order that the young may get enough to eat.

It is an easy matter for a person to get from the government full knowledge of the habits of the beneficial hawks and owls of the United States. The biological survey of the department of agriculture has the records in the case, and it will be glad enough to furnish information to persons seeking it. Uncle Sam wants to save most of his hawks and owls.

Why not help him do it?

RULES EASILY UNDERSTOOD.

The "Little Citizens" committee of the Bella Vista playground in Oakland, Cal., asked to draw up rules and regulations on conduct of the grounds, submitted the following series:

"No cigarettes. They're no good. Any boy found smoking will be shown the gate.

"You've got to keep paper and trash off the grounds. If you eat here, do it decent and take the refuse away with you. If you don't, look out for trouble.

"Small children must be given a chance all the time. If any boy takes anything away from a little kid, he'll get his.

"Say 'thanks.' It don't hurt you, and being polite ain't a crime."—From the Playground.

TRAVEL MADE SAFE.

The terrors of the desert will have no fears for the transcontinental tourist making the trip by auto over the Lincoln highway. It is planned to run a double copper telephone wire along the Lincoln highway from Salt Lake City to Ely, and thence to Reno. Cut-in stations will be established one mile apart along the way, and by means of these stations no traveler could ever become stranded at a greater distance than a half mile from a telephone station from which he could call for relief. A traveler will be able to procure an instrument at either end of this route by paying a small deposit on it, just sufficient to insure its return in proper condition when he reaches the station at the other end of his journey.

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

June 5, 1915.

French made, important gains north of Arras and in Labyrinth, and retook Souchez sugar refinery.

Left wing of Austro-Germans threatening Lemberg checked by Russians.

Fierce battle on Isonzo at Tolmino.

German Taube bombed Calais.

June 6, 1915.

French made further big gains but were repulsed on Lorette slopes.

Austrians defended Tolmino desperately.

Italians failed to cross Isonzo near Sagrado.

Zeppelin raided east coast of England; 24 killed.

June 7, 1915.

Germans lost more ground to the French at Neuville-St. Vaast and the Labyrinth.

Teutons crossed the Dniester.

Italians made general advance across the Isonzo from Caporetto to the sea.

Austrians retook Freikofel from Italians.

Turks beat allies near Sedd-ul-Bahr.

Sub. Lieut. Warneford destroyed Zeppelin in duel 6,000 feet in air.

Italian dirigible bombarded Pola.

June 8, 1915.

French made advances scuth of Arras and in the Labyrinth.

Teutons pushed back Russians in East Galicia.

Secretary of State Bryan resigned, disapproving president's policy toward Germany.

German submarine sank six more vessels.

Austrian aeroplane bombarded Venice.

June 9, 1915.

French gained at Neuville-St. Vaast and the Forest of Le Pretre.

Austro-Germans took Stanislau.

Italians captured Monfalcone.

Allies landed more troops at Sedd-ul-Bahr, Gallipoli.

Second American Lusitania note sent to Germany.

British destroyed German submarine.

German submarine sank British steamer Lady Salisbury.

June 10, 1915.

Germans took French trenches near Souain and Les Mesnil.

Russians forced Germans to retreat in Baltic provinces and advanced in Galicia.

Teutons in Bukowina crossed the Pruth.

Italians occupied Podestagno, north of Cortina.

Two British torpedo boats and many other vessels sunk by German submarines.

Germany insisted the W. P. Frye case go before a prize court.

June 11, 1915.

Russians defeated Mackensen's army and hurled Linsingen's army across the Dniester.

Italians took Ploeken.

Fierce fighting for Goritz and along the Isonzo.

Severe fighting near Maidos, Gallipoli.

Garua, German West Africa, surrendered to Anglo-French force.

Turkish cruiser Midulli sank Russian destroyer in Black sea.

WORTH KNOWING

Children from sanitary homes advance more rapidly in school than those from dirty premises.

Quicksilver is 13½ times heavier than water.

Every square mile of sea is estimated to contain about 120,000,000 fish.

The 12 countries having the least blindness are as follows: Belgium (before the war) had 43 blind persons to every 100,000 of the population; Canada, 44; Netherlands, 46; Saxony, 47; New Zealand, 47; Western Australia, 50; Hongkong, 51; Prussia, 52; Denmark, 52; Germany, 60; New South Wales, 60, and the United States, 62.

Except that of China, San Marino has the longest national hymn.

Extensive asphalt beds have been uncovered in Honduras.

The United States public health service has trapped 615,744 rodents in New Orleans in the past 18 months.

The failure of the mortality rates of measles and whooping cough to show a reduction during the last 15 years is due to the fact that they are highly communicable in their early stage, when diagnosis is most difficult.

An induction balance has been devised for the purpose of locating buried shells in the soil of the former battlefield, so that the farmer may go over it safely with the plow.

Educational Scheme.

"I'm in favor of this proposition to have graphophones in the public schools."

"Are, eh?"

"Yes, it will give the history a chance to repeat itself."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Undaunted.

"The local police department states that it is not prepared to make thumb print tests."

"What's to be done?"

"Oh, it is still prepared to deduce."

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

The Chamber of Commerce of Buffalo, N. Y., has gone on record as opposed to tag days.

Competition of American linoleum factories is every year decreasing Scotland's export to this country.

In a Paris aerodynamic laboratory for testing model aeroplanes wind speeds up to 71 miles an hour are produced by ingenious machinery.

A Vienna statistician figures that the Austrian infantry has fired 1,500,000,000 cartridges and the artillery 12,000,000 shells since the beginning of the war.

After ten years of work and an expenditure of nearly $15,000,000, India recently completed the greatest irrigation project it yet has undertaken.

There are nearly forty thoroughfares in London with unmistakably German names.

An Egyptian nobleman's tomb, built 4,500 years ago, and preserved in its entirety, has been placed on exhibition in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Bohemia is preparing to buy blooded mares in North and South America, as soon as opportunity arises and to dispose of them at auction to breeders and farmers in various parts of the empire.

After an exhaustive series of tests a group of Chicago engineers decided that proper fenders on automobiles will reduce the number of persons run over when struck to 2 per cent, and the number of seriously injured to 25 per cent.

Navigators say that the highest tide in the world is in the Bay of Fundy, between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The tide there sometimes rises to the height of 71 feet, and the increase is occasionally as much as a foot every five minutes.

"Khi-iu-hou" is said to be monkey language for "retreat," which may be true, though, as a matter of fact, the words, in sharp staccato, sound remark...

HELP FOR WORKING WOMEN

Some Have to Keep on Until They Almost Drop. How Mrs. Conley Got Help.

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DO YOU SMOKE TOBACCO?

Then you'll find some savory whiffs of fact in this article—Social history of the "divine weed"



MANY are the dreams which wooers of Lady Nicotine have seen floating in the genial vapor which curls upward from their pipes and cigars, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch; but none of them could have more fascination than the quaint and curious lore upon the subject of the weed which has been compiled by an English writer, G. L. Apperson, and published under the inviting title of "The Social History of Smoking."

Everyone knows that tobacco was one of the gifts of the New World to the Old, and that Sir Walter Raleigh made smoking fashionable in England in the days of Queen Elizabeth. For the next 50 years the smoking of pipes not only became general among all classes, but a thing of highest fashion, held in the light of an art. In those days it was not said that a man smoked tobacco, but that he "drank" or "sucked" tobacco; and the smoker was called a "tobacconist." The gallant of those days had no hesitation about smoking in the presence of women, and a character in Chapman's play, "All Fools," praises himself as different from others:

"And for discourse in my fair mistress' presence.
I did not, as your barren gallants do,
Fill my discourses up drinking tobacco."

One of the strangest things about Shakespeare's works, says the author, is the fact that nowhere does he mention the word tobacco. The conclusion is drawn that Shakespeare did not smoke. His contemporaries, Spencer and Ben Jonson are different. Spencer invoked the plant as "Sovereigne weede, divine tobacco," and from Jonson's comedies can be gathered a perfect compendium of "tobacco drinking" as one of the most important social phenomena of the age. He reveals that a singular feature of the enthusiasm for tobacco in the early years of the seventeenth century was the existence of "professors of the art" of smoking.

The tobacco sellers were mostly apothecaries and some of these took pupils and taught them the "slights," as tricks with the pipe were called. These included inhaling, and sending out the smoke in globes, rings, and so forth. Shift, a professor of the art in Jonson's "Every Man Out of His Humor," puts up a bill in St. Paul's in which he offers to teach any young gentleman newly come into his inheritance "to entertain the most gentlemanlike use of tobacco, as first, to give it the most exquisite perfume; then to know all the delicate sweet forms for the assumption of it; as also the rare corollary and practice of the Cuban ebolition, euripus and whiff, which he shall receive, or take in here at London and evaporate at Uxbridge, or farther, if it please him."

"Taking the whiff," says the author, "may have been either a swallowing of the smoke, or a retaining it in the throat for a given space of time; but what he meant by 'Cuban ebolition' or 'euripus' is perhaps best left to the imagination."

If one contemporary writer may be believed, some of these early instructors in smoking professed to be able to teach the secret of emitting smoke not only from the nose but from the ears; but a healthy skepticism is permitted here.

There is a tradition that Queen Elizabeth herself once smoked—with unpleasant results. Campbell, in his "History of Virginia," says that Raleigh having offered her majesty some tobacco to smoke, "after two or three whiffs she was seized with nausea, upon observing which some of the earl of Leicester's faction whispered that Sir Walter had certainly poisoned her. But her majesty, in a short while recovering, made the countess of Nottingham and all her maids smoke a whole pipe out among them." The queen evidently had no desire to monopolize the novel sensation caused by smoking. An old writer, in a "Life of Raleigh," says that tobacco "soon became of such vogue in Queen Elizabeth's court that some of the great ladies, as well as noblemen therein would not scruple sometimes to take a pipe very sociably."

Many royal ladies of our time have had the reputation of being confirmed smokers, says Apperson. Among them may be mentioned Carmen Sylva, dowager queen of Roumania, the Dowager Tzarina of Russia, the late Empress Elizabeth of Austria, King Alphonso's mother, formerly queen regent of Spain; the Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy, and former Queen Amelia of Portugal. It is, of course, well known that Austrian and Russian women generally are fond of cigarette smoking. On Russian railways it is not unusual to find a compartment labeled: "For women who do not smoke."

Queen Victoria, who detested tobacco and banished it from her abodes as far as she could, once received a present of pipes and tobaccos. She had sent to the king of Dahomey a basket tent, a silver pipe and two silver trays. That dusky old reprobate replied that he hoped the next gifts would include a carriage and pair and a white woman, both of which he would appreciate very much; but sent in return some native pipes and tobacco for the queen to smoke.

A curious feature of tobacco manners among fashionable smokers of the Elizabethan period was the practice of passing the pipe from one to another, after the fashion of a loving cup. In a play of 1614, one London gallant says to another who is smoking: "Please you to impart your smoke?" "Very willingly, sir," says the smoker. Number two takes a whiff or so and courteously says: "In good faith, a pipe of excellent vapor!"

The rich young swell carried about with him an elaborate tobacco apparatus, often of gold or silver. It included a tobacco box, tongs with which to lift a live coal to light his pipe, a ladle "for the cold snuffle into the nosthrill," a priming iron and as large a collection of pipes as his means could afford and his pockets could find room for. Sometimes the tobacco box was of ivory, and occasionally a looking glass was set in the lid, so that when the beau opened it to take out tobacco, he could also have a view of his delectable person.

However, tobacco had many enemies, and of these the most influential was Queen Elizabeth's successor, James I, author of the famous "Counterblaste to Tobacco." One of his most restrained denunciations of "tobacco drinking" was this: "A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the blacke stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is bottomlesse."

Through the royal example of James and of his son, Charles I, smoking gradually sank into a decline insofar as it was a fashionable practice, which continued until well into the last century. Thence arose the curious fact that the pleasure-loving cavaliers were not smokers, while the Puritans, sour as was their hatred of nearly every joy, were mighty "drinkers of the weed." The finds of pipes on the sites of the camps of the parliamentary armies have been numerous. It is not known whether Cromwell smoked; but Milton smoked a pipe at 9 p. m. every day before retiring. However, in some cases the Puritans contrived to introduce their religion even into pipe-smoking, for an old chronicler tells of a Presbyterian minister so precise that "he would not so much as take a pipe of tobacco before that he had first sayed grace over it."

But the Puritan colonists in New England were more strict. The famous Connecticut "Blue Laws" forbade anyone under the age of twenty-one to smoke, and no one of any age could smoke without a license from the court and a physician's certificate that tobacco would be useful for him.

Under the restoration smoking became unfashionable, the pipe being ousted from the stylish world by the snuff box, although it still continued universally popular among humbler folk. Smoking was regarded as "low" or provincial until well into the reign of Queen Victoria. When the prince regent died in 1830, he left not a cellar of wine but a "cellar of snuff," which was sold to a tobacconist for $20,000. Lord Petersham, famous among dandies, made a wonderful collection of snuffs and snuff boxes, and was fastidious in his choice of a box to carry. Once when a light Sevres snuff box which Lord Petersham was using, was admired, the noble owner replied, with a gentle lisp: "Yes, it is a nice summer box—but would certainly be inappropriate for winter wear."

The revival of smoking in the fashionable world, where tobacco had so long been in bad odor except in the form of snuff, was due to the introduction of the cigar, imported into England from Spain and the Spanish colonies. British officers possibly brought the cigar back with them from the peninsular wars. Only a few of the daring persons ventured to adopt the cigar at first, and between 1824 and 1830 there was only a wretched smoking room at the Athenaeum club in London, Doctor Hawtree, on behalf of the house committee, announcing that "no gentleman smokes." To add further odious touch to his hideous dwarf, Quilip, Dickens made him a cigar smoker; Lord Rawdon, in "Vanity Fair," was significantly a smoker of cigars.

However, in the bohemian set, including authors and poets, smoking was common. Carlyle was a great smoker, and the story is familiar that one evening he and Tennyson sat for hours in solemn silence smoking their pipes, one on each side of the fireplace; and that, as the visitor arose to go, Carlyle, bidding him good-night, said: "Man, Alfred, we hae had a graund nicht; come again soon." In the course of a trip to Italy with friends, Tennyson found he could not obtain his favorite brand of tobacco, packed up his portmanteau and returned home, breaking up the party. Charles Lamb remarked that he hoped his last breath would be inhaled through a pipe and exhaled in a pun.

The cigar was aided in reviving the habit by the introduction of the first wooden pipes in England in 1859, and the first cigarettes in about 1860. These seem astonishingly recent dates, but the author vouches for both. The word "briar" has no connection with the prickly thorny briar of England, but is derived from the French term, "bruyere," meaning the white heath plant from the roots of which the pipes are made.

Laurence Oliphant, a man both of letters and fashion, is generally credited with having first introduced cigarettes into English society. They became fashionable in about 1870, and had a revolutionary effect on smoking among women. Those of the lower classes had frequently been pipe smokers, but in society the ladies, perhaps for physical reasons, never took up either pipe or cigar to any extent. The cigarettes offered them a milder and more delicate means of sharing man's delight in the weed.

"In the twentieth century," the author says, "tobacco is once more triumphant. The cycle of 300 years is complete. Since the early decades of the seventeenth century, smoking has never been so smiled upon by fashion as it is at the present time."

NICKNAMES OF THE WAR

War nicknames are a curious study. Probably there never was a war which did not give rise to some comic or offensive designation for the enemy. "Picts" (painted people) and "Lombards" (longbeards) remain as isolated monuments of the Roman soldier's play of fancy. The French in the early centuries called us "tails," for some rather mysterious reason. On more obvious grounds we have been known since the days of Joan of Arc as "godlams," the one epithet to which our gallant allies have remained faithful throughout the centuries. We on our side have chiefly exercised our wit on the supposed passion of all Frenchmen for frogs. The nature of a war, indeed, can generally be traced in war nicknames.

There is nothing opprobrious in "Ruski," and something positively caressing in "fuzzy-wuzzy," the English nickname for the brave but misguided Soudanese. "Guppy" suggests good-natured contempt. The Boer "rooinek" and "Brodrick" are familiar, but not insulting.—London Tit-Bits.

Nugget of Truth.

It is much easier for a bad man to live down to his reputation than it is for a good man to live up to his—as well as more usual.

Thriving Industry.

Enlightened foreigners traveling through this country have often marveled at the number of middle-aged women who patiently devote years to the study of acting or painting or music without showing any signs of advancement. The most tireless persistency, cheered by an unfailing optimism, is exhibited by those students of singing, who are "preparing for grand opera," but who have never been heard to sing. Formerly these naive ones were the exclusive prey of those Italians who are the acknowledged masters in the varied arts of craft and guile that are closely allied with the profession of teaching. An instructor of this kind is also an actor, whose face wears the mask of polite indifference and boredom until his prospective pupil lifts her voice, then swiftly ecstasy illumines his features. "Why, oh, why," he cries, "did you not come to me before? To think that such a magnificent voice as yours should be ruined by bad instruction! It will take years to rebuild it. Well, if you have patience the world will acclaim you as the new Adelina Patti." Of late this method of instruction has become a home industry, our native teachers having improved on the Latins by stipulating that the pupil must not permit even her most intimate friends or nearest of blood kin to hear her sing. Thus, the fact that she has a voice like that of a crow can be kept secret until wisdom comes to her. Then the lessons will cease automatically.

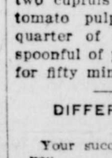
The KITCHEN CABINET



SOME FISH DISHES.

Only slaves die of overwork. Labor is neither cruel nor ungrateful; it restores the strong though we give it a hundredfold and unlike your financial operations the revenue is what brings the capital. Put your soul into your work, and joy and health will be yours.—Martin Luther.

For those who are not able to get fresh fish, the canned flakes are easy to prepare and very good eating.



Fish Flakes With Bacon.—Boil potatoes in salted water until tender; add two cupfuls of canned fish flakes, a fourth of a teaspoonful of pepper and a beaten egg. Take up by the rounding tablespoonful, shape lightly and fry in deep fat to a delicate amber color. Roll slices of bacon into cylinders, run a toothpick through each to hold it in place and fry until well cooked. Serve a bacon roll with each fish ball.

Fish Flakes on Toast.—Make a white sauce by melting two tablespoonfuls of butter and when bubbling hot add two tablespoonfuls of flour, mix well and add a cupful of milk, a fourth of a teaspoonful of pepper and two cupfuls of flakes. Turn out on buttered toast and serve with grated hard-cooked egg sprinkled over the fish.

Fish Flake Salad.—Mix together three tablespoonfuls of olive oil, two of vinegar, a teaspoonful of grated onion, a half teaspoonful of paprika, and pour over two cupfuls of flaked fish; let stand an hour or two in a cool place. Turn upon a bed of crisp lettuce just before serving. Garnish with slices of pickled beets cut in various forms.

Fish Flakes Mexican Style.—Simmer together one and a half cupfuls of tomatoes, half a green pepper, chopped, one slice of onion, and a fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Put through a sieve and add two cupfuls of fish flakes, a tablespoonful of butter and heat thoroughly. Serve with boiled rice.

Fish Casserole.—Take a large can of fish flakes or two cupfuls of any cooked white fish, two small onions, sliced, two green peppers, shredded, a fourth of a cupful of melted butter, two cupfuls of boiled rice, a pint of tomato pulp, a teaspoonful and a quarter of salt, a fourth of a teaspoonful of pepper, combine and bake for fifty minutes.

DIFFERENT EGG DISHES.

Your success and happiness lie in you.

External conditions are the accidents of life, its outer trappings.—Bishop Fallows.

At this season of the year when eggs are plentiful no menu is complete without eggs served in some form. This is the time to revel in sponge cakes, angel foods, omelets and such dishes, using numbers of eggs which we have denied ourselves during the scarcity of eggs. The following dishes may prove suggestive.



Lucanian Eggs.—Prepare a cupful of cooked macaroni, a cupful and three-fourths of white sauce, a half cupful of grated cheese, three-fourths of a cupful of buttered crumbs and salt, paprika and onion juice to taste. Hard cook five eggs in the shell and when cool cut in eighths. Put a layer of macaroni in a buttered baking dish, add half of the white sauce, all of the cheese and a teaspoonful of onion juice, and half of the eggs, repeat with another layer of macaroni, eggs and white sauce and cover with the buttered crumbs. Bake until the crumbs are brown. To make the white sauce use three tablespoonfuls of butter, three of flour, a half teaspoonful of salt, paprika to taste and one and three-fourths cupfuls of milk; cook until smooth and thick.

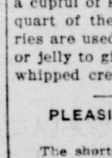
Supper Dish.—A simple and appetizing hot dish to serve for a supper dish is prepared by spreading slices of bread with butter, place in a baking dish and pour over a pint of milk, mixed with two beaten eggs, a dash of salt and red pepper and a half a cupful of grated cheese. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake until firm.

Mexican Scrambled Eggs.—Roast a dozen green peppers, peel, remove seeds and chop, then boil until tender in a very little water and season well with butter. Beat six eggs, add salt and the peppers and stir for a moment in hot butter. Serve hot.

SHORTCAKES WE LIKE.

Learn to consume your own smoke. If you have misfortunes, pains, diseases, losses, keep them to yourself. Bury them. Those who know you have them, will love and admire you infinitely more for your suppression. A stout heart and persistent cheerfulness will be more than a match for all your troubles.—Orison Swett Marden.

The best shortcakes are made without sweetening and without eggs. The dough should be handled as little and as lightly as possible. If made in one large cake they are split much easier if they are patted thin, brushed with melted butter and another thin layer placed on top. When baked these layers separate without rough edges or are not as apt to soak when the berries are added. If liked as individual cakes cut out with a large biscuit cutter. These may be prepared as the larger ones were, or split and spread with butter and berries.



A good recipe for shortcakes is the following: Take two cupfuls of flour, one-half teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, three tablespoonfuls of lard and three of butter, a half cupful of cold milk. Mix and sift the dry ingredients, then with two knives cut in the lard and butter, then add the milk and roll out lightly.

Any fruit mixture makes a good filling. Crush a few strawberries, enough to make a good layer on top and between the crusts, then put a few whole or halved berries for a garnish on top. Serve with whipped cream.

For a change sometime crush a cupful of berries and mix them with a cupful of cream, sweetened well; put on as usual and garnish with sliced berries.

Pineapple Shortcake.—Cut the pineapple in small cubes and stew until tender, with sugar to taste. Cool and chill on ice. Strain off the juice to use in pudding sauce, and to the fruit add whipped cream. Pile between and on the top of the cakes and garnish with a candied cherry or cranberry.

Raspberry and Currant Shortcake.—These may be made of the canned variety, but are not nearly as good as the fresh. Mix with the berries, if fresh, a cupful of strained currant juice to a quart of the berries. If canned berries are used add a little currant juice or jelly to give a flavor. Garnish with whipped cream.

PLEASING COMBINATIONS.

The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be; all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them.—Socrates.

There are such lovely colors in the fruits and vegetables which we put upon our tables that with a little taste and study of color combinations many artistic results may be obtained. We should be as careful about putting colors that clash, together in a dish of food, as we should in combinations of colors in wearing apparel.



As the eye is an important organ to please in regard to food, it is quite necessary that we prepare our food so that it appeals to the sight. Sameness and monotony are relieved by a touch of color in the garnish and dullness is relieved by contrast in the courses.

Few cooks ever make the mistake of serving the same food repeated in some other form in the meal, for example serving tomato soup and tomato salad; this occurs, however, oftener than it should.

A beet salad cut in small cubes, dressed with a boiled or a mayonnaise dressing that has been tinted with pink coloring, using some of the beet water or a little vegetable color, is a most pleasing and appetizing dish.

A small crescent of lemon and a spray of parsley makes a most dainty garnish for a whitefish. For the fish course at dinner a crescent of potato rolled in chopped parsley furnishes the bit of vegetable that is always tasty with the fish. Another way to use lemon and parsley is to cut a thin slice, leaving on the colorful yellow peel and in the center of the slice heap a little finely minced parsley. Use these slices as a garnish on the platter with the fish.

Nellie Maxwell

WORTH KNOWING

China is said to be the only country besides America in which the alligator can be found.

Scientists now tell us that it is not heat that causes sunstroke. They lay the blame to the sun's invisible violet rays.

When the war began General de Castelnau, the French commander, had eight sons in the army. He has five left, the others having been killed in action.

If you can't afford a new spring overcoat, cheer up! Joshua C. Nickerson of Pittsfield, Mass., has one that he has worn for 55 years.

A remarkable case of filial devotion is that of a man who has recently made good a deficit in his father's accounts as treasurer of St. Johns, New Brunswick. The shortage was discovered nearly 30 years ago, after the treasurer's death. The son, who has been a trusted employee of a life insurance company in New York city for many years, has now cleared his father's memory by sending the sum of $10,000 to the municipality.

The snowy top of Mount Everest in India is plainly visible to the unaided eye from points 107 miles distant.

At a voltage of 78,000 a Swedish hydroelectric company will transmit 150,000 horse power a distance of 150 miles.

The production of tungsten ores in the United States during 1915 broke all records. It was equivalent to about 2,165 short tons of concentrates, carrying 60 per cent of tungsten trioxide, and was valued at more than $2,000,000.

Commodore George Hayes, Liverpool's foremost sea captain, is dead at his home in Liverpool, aged sixty-eight. Commodore Hayes was called in shipping circles "the best-known man in South America." He had made 122 voyages to South American ports. For many years he was commodore of the Pacific Steam Navigation company's merchant fleet. He navigated his ships two and a half million miles, taking them 4,000 times into different ports.

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Former Waste to Be Utilized.

Among the recent patents in England, is a process for removing solder, tin and chemicals from old and galvanized articles and for reclaiming the base metals. The invention is a South Wales tinplate worker and has already obtained contracts for several municipalities for cleaning down refuse such as tin cans, containers and similar metallic products.

Horse Has Ragtime Habit.

A horse has an ear for music. A Cleveland horse has a preference for ragtime. When he heard the music of a popular song from a phonograph the other day in a store he forged right across the sidewalk, dragging a Wells-Fargo express wagon after him.

The wagon became wedged in the door, and the animal, unmindful of the screams of women and the curses of clerks, set his ears forward and listened to the song, allowing himself to be led away by Joseph Davis, the driver, only when the phonograph had been shut off.

Wants to Develop Her Soul.

Defying paternal authority and scoffing present-day methods of education, Miss Violette Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Stitt Wilson, the former Socialist of Berkeley, has withdrawn from the University of California. She has announced that it was her intention to develop her own soul and that she intended to get an education from life and not one the whole significance of which lay in a college diploma. Miss Wilson registered in letters and sciences at the university last fall, but after a few months decided that her studies were hampering rather than assisting her mental growth, and despite the wishes of her parents left the classroom.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Respectfully,
Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg

NOTICE: The following books are missing from the pubic library:

"The Winning of Barbara Worth."
"The Long Shadow."
"The Mistress of Shenton."
"The Woman of the Twilight."
"The Crown of Wild Olive."
"The Perch of the Devil."
"The Prince of Graustock."
"Marth and Cupid."
"He Comes Up Smiling."
"Twenty Years After."
"Missing of the Tenderfoot."

Please look over your books and if you find any of the above books belonging to the library bring them in immediately. LIBRARIAN.

FOR SALE—Fine turkey eggs. $1 for 10. Also one bronze gobbler and 5 hens—fine stock. O. K. feed yard. Phone 92. 2t

PENTECOST.

The fulness of Pentecost will come some time between the 5th and 9th of June, and will be followed by public meetings in the tabernacle Friday night, June 9th, at 8:30 o'clock. Speakers from a distance will be present and help in the meetings. Some of the genuine element of those who speak in other tongues are expected. You are most cordially invited to attend these meetings. JAMES.

A DIVINE COVENANT.

God Almighty gave Eve to Adam with the pledge that she would be his helpmeet and with this order of companionship, civilization has towered to its greatest heights. In this relationship, God has blessed woman and man has honored her and after four thousand years of progress, she now proposes to provoke God to decoy man by asking for suffrage, thereby by amending an agreement to which she was not a party.

Woman, remember that the Israelite scorned a divine covenant, and as a result wandered forty years in the wilderness without God. Likewise man should remember that it is a dangerous thing to debase woman by law. Rome tried lowering woman's standard and an outraged civilization tore the clothes off the backs of the human race and turned them out to roam in the world naked and unashamed.



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LOCALS

FIELD SEED—I have a lot of fine field seed of all kinds—maize seed, feterita, kafir, red top cane, amber, and other seeds. Ben Findt.

Judge and Mrs. Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace Hill and daughter, Miss Evangeline, left Tuesday for a visit to friends and relatives at Goldthwaite.

Miss Mae Sullivan, who has been attending Simmons College, at Abilene, during the past session, returned home Monday evening.

Let Snowden fill your next order for cow feed.

Shelby Cox, of San Angelo, candidate for District Attorney, was mingling with the voters here last Monday.

Miss Serena Black, who has just completed her sophomore year at Daniel Baker college, returned home last Sunday.

Miss Lillian Eddins, of Pecos, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Tweedle.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowell, of Stiles, were among the visitors who attended the dance last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cavitt, of Waryalley, were among the visitors to our town last Monday.

R. P. Brown and R. M. Mathis motored to San Angelo last Tuesday.

R. P. Brown, last Saturday, sold to Thos. Ogilvy and H. K. Dunn, each, a five-passenger Ford automobile.

The best cow feed on the market at Snowden's. Have him deliver your next order.

Mrs. E. B. Butler left Wednesday morning for Midway, Texas, and other points, to spend a season visiting friends and relatives.

W. A. Jackson left Wednesday for Austin and other points on business.

Hal Knight, who has been a student at the Daniel Baker College for the past scholastic year, returned home last Sunday.

"Cotton Picker" rode the "Blue Filly" last Monday to a finish. Out of 17 men to "ride at" the "Blue Filly," "Cotton Picker" is the second man to keep his seat without "pulling leather." We give "Cotton Picker" credit for being a fine rider.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Paramore and daughter, Miss Nellie, are visiting Mr. Paramore's father, J. H. Paramore, at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Roberts are visiting Mrs. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bryson, at Brady.

Marion Mitchell has been employed by the county to tend the trees in the Court house yard. The trees are showing a marked growth under Mr. Mitchell's care and it is to be hoped that this will be continued.

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Dr. T. R. Boger, detist, of San Angelo, being unable to complete the work he has on hand, will be in Sterling City, at the Central hotel, another week, and will be glad to to see anyone who wants first-class work. Dr. Boger has had 26 years' experience in dentistry, and guarantees all work.

Judge and Mrs. Patterson left last Monday for Mills county, where they will visit their sons and families for about a month.

Mrs. L. Nobles and her daughter, Mrs. Grace Tyler, arrived last Tuesday night from Concho county, to be in attendance and help in the revival meetings which begin tonight (Friday) at the tabernacle.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King, of Edith, arrived yesterday to attend and help in the revival meetings to begin tonight (Friday) in the tabernacle.

J. L. Glass left last Monday for Kansas City to look after some real estate which he owns near that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McCabe and children were over from Coke county last Monday, visiting Mrs. McCabe's parents, Judge and Mrs. B. F. Brown.

W. L. Foster, last week, sold to I. H. Spikes, of Benjamin, Tex., 676 2-year-old steers. We learn the price paid was around $50 per head. These cattle were shipped to Mr. Spikes' ranch, near Benjamin, last Saturday.

Miss Ida Conner, of Eldorado, is the guest of Miss Gladie McKnight.

Dr. J. D. O'Barr and family, of Konohassett, left last week for Ledbetter, where they expect to make their home. The Doctor has recently sold his cattle, consisting of about 500 head, to Preston Ratliff, at $75 per head. He also sold his farm at $12.50 per acre, and leased his pasture lands.

Jeff D. Ayres is transacting legal business in Fort Worth this week.

J. B. Cole returned last week from an extensive prospecting tour through the Panhandle country.

Dee Davis was among the visitors to San Angelo this week.

Miss Elma Lane, who has been attending Baylor College at Belton, during the past session, returned last Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Springer, of Brownwood is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Potts.

Miss Nita Hill, of Midland, is the guest of Mrs. Sterling Foster.

Jas and Chas. Atkinson and sister, Miss Love, were in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Barton, who had been visiting their sons in Glasscock and Reagan counties, returned to their home at San Angelo this week. Joel Barton accompanied them, returning Tuesday.

R. P. Brown has secured the agency for the Maxwell automobiles. He is now in a position to give his friends choice between a Ford and a Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Askey, of San Angelo, are visiting their son, Joe Askey. Joe brought his parents up in his automobile.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Hon. Elihu Root
On Woman's Sphere



The question of Woman Suffrage is an issue before the American people. Twelve states have adopted it, four more states vote upon it this fall and it is strongly urged that it become a platform demand of the national political parties. It is therefore the privilege and the duty of every voter to study carefully this subject. Hon. Elihu Root, in discussing this question before the Constitutional Convention of New York, recently said in part:

"I am opposed to the granting of suffrage to women, because I believe that it would be a lose to women, to all women and to every woman; and because I believe it would be an injury to the State, and to every man and every woman in the State. It would be useless to argue this if the right of suffrage were a natural right. If it were a natural right, then women should have it though the heavens fall. But if there be any one thing settled in the long discussion of this subject, it is that suffrage is not a natural right, but is simply a means of government, and the sole question to be discussed is whether government by the suffrage of men and women will be better government than by the suffrage of men alone.

Into my judgment, sir, there enters no element of the inferiority of woman. It is not that woman is inferior to man, but it is that woman is different from man; that in the distribution of powers, of capacities, of qualities, our Maker has created man adapted to the performance of certain functions in the economy of nature and society, and woman adapted to the performance of other functions.

Woman rules today by the sweet and noble influences of her character. Put woman into the arena of conflict and she abandons these great weapons which control the world, and she takes into her hands, feeble and nerveless for strife, weapons with which she is unfamiliar and which she is unable to wield. Woman in strife becomes hard, harsh, unlovable, repulsive, as far removed from that gentle creature to whom we all owe allegiance and to whom we confess submission, as the heaven is removed from the earth.

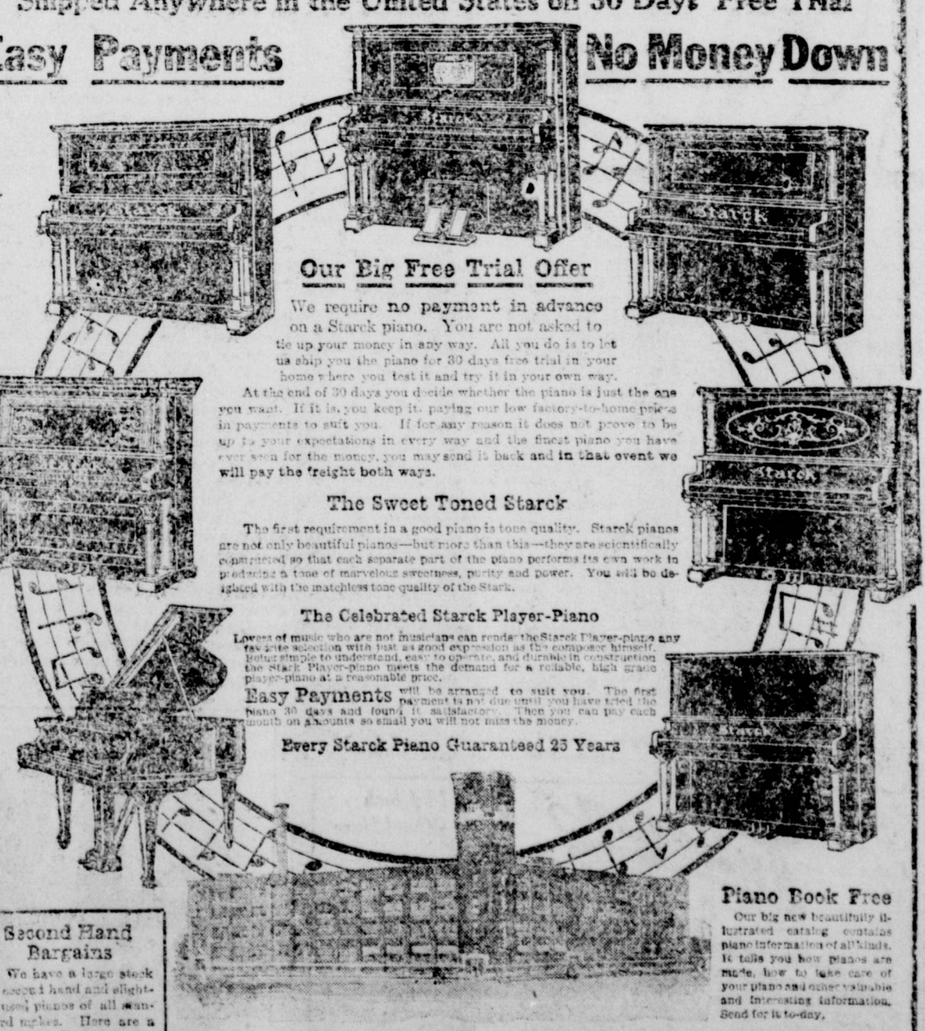
The whole science of government is the science of protecting life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the divine distribution of powers, the duty and the right of protection rests with the male. It is so throughout nature. It is so with men, and I, for one, will never consent to part with the divine right of protecting my wife, my daughter, the women whom I love, and the women whom I respect, exercising the birthright of man, and place that high duty in the weak and nerveless hands of those designed by God to be protected rather than to engage in the stern warfare of government. In my judgment, this whole movement arises from a false conception of the duty and of the right of both men and women.

The time will never come when the line of demarcation between the functions of the two sexes will be broken down. I believe it to be false philosophy; I believe that it is an attempt to turn backward upon the line of social development, and that if the step ever be taken, we go centuries backward on the march towards a higher, a nobler and a purer civilization, which must be found not in the confusion, but in the higher differentiation of the sexes."

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Sufficient for Amusement.

"My poor woman," said the settlement worker, "what can I do to relieve your distress?"

"Can you sing, ma'am?"

"Why—er—a little."

"I wish you'd sing some of the new ragtime songs, ma'am. Me and my husband ain't been to a cabaret in two years."

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For ivy poisoning apply Hanford's Balsam. It is antiseptic and may be used to kill the poison. Prompt relief should follow the first application. Adv.

Only Meter She Knew.

Hub (with newspaper)—I see that the French have gained 200 meters from the enemy.

Wife—Two hundred meters! I suppose the Germans made another of their gas attacks.

Their Species.

"Strange how the snakes a man sees when he has been drinking multiply."

"Maybe it is because they are adders."

Following Suit.

"These are dreadful times. Everything is high."

"Yes, I notice even the mercury has been going up."

For sprains make a thorough application of Hanford's Balsam, well rubbed in. Adv.

Fortunate is the locomotive engineer who leads a wreckless life.

What is Castoria

CASTORIA is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhœa and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

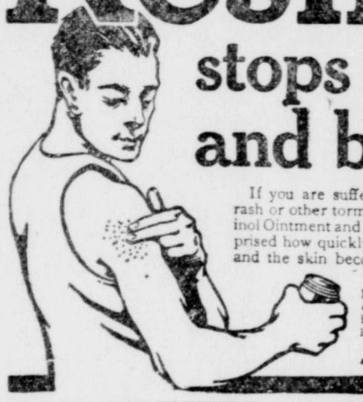
The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has born the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC

Sold for 47 years. For Malaria, Chills and Fever. Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic. 50c and $1.00 at all Drug Stores.

Resinol



stops itching and burning

If you are suffering with eczema, ringworm, rash or other tormenting skin-eruption, try Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap. You will be surprised how quickly the itching and burning stop and the skin becomes clear and healthy again.

Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap have been prescribed by physicians for over twenty years. Sold by all druggists, for free trial size of each write to Resinol Chem. Co., Baltimore, Md.

Resinol Shaving Stick makes daily shaving easy for tender-faced men.

We Three.

Sentry (at Remount Camp)—Halt! Who goes there?

Weary Voice—One friend and two mules.

LOOK YOUNG AND HANDSOME AGAIN BY DARKENING YOUR GRAY HAIR WITHOUT DYES.

While it is no disgrace to have gray, streaked or prematurely gray hair, it is unnecessary in this day and time. Simply shampoo your hair and scalp with Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer. After doing this a few times not a trace of gray can be seen, but all your gray hair and entire head of hair will have become so evenly dark, soft, fluffy and healthy that no one would suspect you had applied Q-Ban. It is no dye, but a ready-to-use liquid, absolutely harmless. Big bottle sent prepaid for only 50c by writing Q-Ban Laboratories, Memphis, Tenn., or sold by druggist. Be careful not to accept substitutes or harmful dyes, but insist on having Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer.—Adv.

One can't blame a liar for doubting nearly every tale he hears.

Girls Quickly Led to the Altar.

For the fifth time in two years John Engelsberg, proprietor of a cabaret in Panama city, has come to New York for more cabaret girls. Owing to the scarcity of girls on the isthmus and the attractiveness of the singers none of the four previous assortments have remained true to their art, and single, for more than six months.

In the Train.

"Oh, conductor, that cigar has fallen on my dress and it is smoking!"

"Smoking is not allowed in this car, madam, so I will have to put you out."

Disagreeable and Dangerous Trouble is Diarrhoea, but a speedy and certain cure is found in Mississippi Diarrhoea Cordial. Price 25c and 50c.—Adv.

A man with a grouch never misses an opportunity to advertise it.

For galls use Hanford's Balsam. Adv.

A word to the unwise is also sufficient—if it be the right word.

Biggest Car For Price

Pullman $740

114-inch Wheel Base

DEALER WANTED for the fastest selling popular priced car on the market. Two, Three and Five Passenger models. Write for our proposition to dealers. While established dealers are preferred, experience is not absolutely necessary. Pullman dealers are backed by a substantial organization, a splendid factory and a powerful advertising campaign. Let us send literature and details.

SPECIFICATIONS:—114-inch wheel base; 32 H. P. four-cylinder motor; Batavia non-skid tires on all four wheels; cantilever rear springs; complete electric starting and lighting equipment; Dixie high-tension magneto; honeycomb radiator; full floating rear axle. C-H Magnetic Gear Shift, $125 extra.

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The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery—Their Care and Cultivation



Showing the Beauty of a Lawn Rightly Planted and Cared For.

THE BEAUTY OF A FINE LAWN

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

The question of whether to sod or seed is of primary importance. A solid greensward is immediately secured if we sod. The objections to sodding are many. Good sod is not always procurable. It requires an extra amount of labor to sod. If the grounds are very large it is not practical.

If, however, sodding is decided upon, the ground should first be leveled and smoothed to the proper grade. The surface should then be stirred and pulverized to a depth of an inch or more and suitable fertilizers worked in.

It is well to spread rich dirt from the creek bottom or woods over the surface. It will give the sod a quick start and give new life to the original soil.

It is not essential to cut the sod more than an inch thick, or just deep enough to include all the underground stems, but the thicker the sod is the better.

It is not necessary in laying the sods to lay them flush against each other as grass will sprout from the sides and the spaces allow for expansion in settling and leveling. As soon as the sods are laid give the entire lawn a complete wetting, then go over the surface with a roller to level it.

A good home-made pounder for the lawn can be made by nailing a board a foot or two square to the bottom of a piece of 4 by 4-inch scantling. Place a handle at the top and go over the lawn pounding it down flat and even. You will not hurt the sods by pounding if the surface is thoroughly soft from a heavy rain or a thorough watering.

A good lawn may be made from seeding. It takes much longer to produce a permanent grassy lawn. The seed must be sown thickly and worked thoroughly and evenly into the soil. It is a good idea, if trees and shrubs do not interfere, to plow the ground or spade it fine, smooth and compact before sowing the seed. Be sure the soil has been made rich with decomposed manure or very rich soil hauled in from some other place.

Seed at intervals of about six weeks from early spring until late summer in the yard with open and tree sheltered spaces. Keep the surface mowed clean and short so that the young grass will have a chance to grow.

After grass gets to be two or three inches high there is little danger of killing it by frequent mowings. If for no other reason than to keep down the weeds mowing is essential. Mowing also helps to level the lawn the mower acting as a light roller. The clippings from the lawn make a good mulch for young plants. No matter what the weather, wet or dry, do not neglect to mow your lawn if you wish it to be the thing of beauty it can be if cared for.

TABLE DECORATIONS

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

We cannot all have flowers for the table if we are dependent on the greenhouses in our neighborhood for the supply. The cost is out of all proportion. But flowers we ought to have and can have at a very nominal cost in time and money if we are willing to take care of a few plants in the home.

The best all-round plant for a decoration for the table is asparagus plumosus. Its foliage is far daintier than any other fern. It can easily be made to grow in the bushy, compact form which a plant designed for use on the table should have.

Pinch off the ends of the young fronds when they have made a growth of 12 or 18 inches. This causes the lower side branches to spread out broadly and thus breadth is secured where there would be little if the plant were allowed to train itself.

Long stem flowers can be thrust through its filmy green foliage if added beauty is needed, but there are few ferns comparable to this filmy, lacy fern.

This plant requires a soil of garden loam made light with sand. Water moderately. For its successful culture sunshine is not necessary.

Keep the red spider from injuring it, and shower several times a week. Nip off the end of each shoot and make the plant spread out well.

Pots of Roman hyacinths and lilies of the valley and narcissus make charming adjuncts to the breakfast table. Few plants can be kept on the table day after day without becoming unhealthy. Have a shelf in your window and give the flowers a change, using one only for a day or two and changing to something different. This gives them all a fair chance at the sunshine and light.

Several types of begonia make successful plants for the table. The Gloire de Lorraine, whose flowers literally cover the plant, are of an exquisite pink which artificial light seems to make more vivid.

LITTLE GARDEN NOTES.

Always plant the best—not the cheapest seed you can get for flowers or vegetables.

The garden should be near the house and surrounded with a good, woven wire netting or a hedge of shrubbery, to keep out fowls and other garden pests.

If the garden must of necessity be on a stiff, clayey soil mix all the coal ashes and sand obtainable with it; they will mellow it up wonderfully.

Bonemeal is excellent for vines and fruit trees, and three or four ounces may be applied to the square yard. As soon as a crop of any kind appears above ground it needs cultivation, both to kill the weeds and to admit the air to the roots of the plants.

In transplanting any plants, let it be done in the evening, if possible, or on a dark day. Press the soil firmly about the roots and water well. If after the water disappears, dry earth is covered over the wet, it will prevent baking of the soil about the roots when the sun comes out next day.

FOR ROSE MILDEW.

For rose mildew spraying with sulphide of potassium, using one ounce to three gallons of water, is much more effective than the old-fashioned method of dusting the foliage with flowers of sulphur.

For Blight in Pansies.

Stir lime and sulphur into the soil when blight attacks pansies. Remove the affected plants and burn them. If the blight continues best make a new bed elsewhere. Spread lime and sulphur freely on the old bed and stir it well into the soil.



If You Desire a Particularly Attractive Centerpiece for Occasions, Arrange Flowers in a Low Flat Bowl, as Illustrated.

FRECKLES

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.

Simply get an ounce of othine—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.—Adv.

Poverty renders the doctor's visits scarce.

Marriage may be either an eye-opener or an eye-blackener.

A HINT TO WISE WOMEN.
Don't suffer torture when all female troubles will vanish in thin air after using "Femenina." Price 50c and $1.00.—Adv.

Impossible.

Dr. Emdee—You're suffering from dyspepsia. What you need to do is to be cheerful before and after each meal.

Mrs. Haightwork—How can I? I get the meals and have to wash the dishes.

YOU MAY LOOK YOUNG

By Keeping Your Complexion Young With Cuticura. Trial Free.

The Soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal. These super-creamy emollients do much to keep the skin clear, fresh and youthful, as well as to keep the hair in a live, healthy condition and the hands soft and white.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Both Sides of the Picture.

"Be cheerful. You can always look about you and see people worse off than you are."

"That's true. And when the bill collectors come dunning me I can always tell them of a lot of people that have more money than I, but the trouble is they won't go to them."—Detroit Free Press.

Freddie's Funny Thought.

"Pa, what's it mean to 'follow your nose?'"

"It means to go the way your nose points."

"Then if our pug should try to follow his nose, I guess he'd turn a back somersault."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Only Then.

Coster (to parish visitor, who has been commiserating with him on the loss of his father)—"Yes, mum, 'e were a splendid father to us and no mistake. Yer see, mum, there was 11 of us, and I never knowed 'im raise 'is 'and to one of us—'cept as it might be in self-defense."—London Punch.

Pleasure.

"I put through a big financial deal last week," remarked Mr. Dustin Stax.

"I thought you said you were going on a pleasure trip."

"Could there be any pleasure greater than putting through a big financial deal?"

Sensitive.

Assistant (to old lady who has handed in a badly spelled telegram)—What's this word, please?

Old Lady—Never mind that, miss; it's none of your business. They'll know at the other end.

Forward as Home.

Schoolteacher—I'm sorry to say, Mr. Jones, that your boy is very backward in his studies.

Jones—That's strange! At home in conversation with me he seems to know it all.—Boston Evening Transcript.

CALOMEL SICKENS! IT SALIVATES! DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPAT

I Guarantee "Dodson's Liver Tone" Will Give You the Best Li and Bowel Cleansing You Ever Had—Don't Lose a Day's Wo

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver.

If you are bilious, feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working. You'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee th will clean your sluggish liver b than nasty calomel; it won't make sick and you can eat anything want without being salivated. druggist guarantees that each spoo will start your liver, clean your bo and straighten you up by morning you can have your money back. dren gladly take Dodson's Liver T because it is pleasant tasting doesn't gripe or cramp or make sick.

I am selling millions of bottles of son's Liver Tone to people who found that this pleasant, vegetable er medicine takes the place of dan ous calomel. Buy one bottle on sound, reliable guarantee. Ask druggist or storekeeper about me.

A woman's tongue is mightier than a man's fist.

Wounds on man or beast should be healed by Hanford's Balsam. Adv.

The Way of It.

"Well," said the advertising poster man to his assistant, "we've struck a case of paradoxical luck."

"How's that?" asked the other.

"Here's a wall to our progress, and we will soon be up against it."

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES
One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder for the feet. Shaken into shoes and used in foot-bath, Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight shoes feel easy, and gives instant relief to corns and bunions. Try it today. Sold everywhere, 25c. For FREE trial package, Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

More Businesslike.

"You never encourage mud-slinging in a campaign."

"No," replied Senator Sorghum; "if you're going to throw something, throw a rock."

Jaybird Robs Mail Box.

Anniston federal officers are wondering if they must begin a search for a jaybird guilty of robbing the mails.

A postman placed a letter in the box of Dave Young, Twenty-first and Mobile streets, and then long came a jaybird and took it out. If the jaybird can be identified, the case may come before the next session of the federal grand jury.—Anniston (Ala.) Dispatch to Atlanta Journal.

Things Are Not as They Seem.

The unpronouncable names of the Mexican and European war zones have nothing on the name of City Engineer Jeup. His mail has come addressed to every name from Mr. B. Gee Up to Mr. B. Jesus, but it remained for an Indianapolis teacher to spend a year in digging out his identity.

For months she had heard a fellow teacher speak of her brother-in-law, Mr. Yorp. During the recent viaduct trouble his opinions on the matter were quoted frequently. For months this teacher had also read of Mr. Jeup, the city engineer.

Finally, when the viaduct troubles had reached their climax, she scanned the papers eagerly every evening to see how much longer she would have to walk across. Engineer Jup held exactly the opinions of Mr. Yorp.

Suddenly light burst on her befuddled brain. Rushing up to her teacher friend, she asked eagerly, "How does your brother-in-law, Mr. Yorp, spell his name?"

"Jeup," came the answer with a mild look of surprise.

Eureka! Mr. Yorp, the brother-in-law, was Mr. Jup, the city engineer. But the name was Yoip. Of as in oil. Can you pronounce it?—Indianapolis News.

Some women like hand-pai china only when it matches their plexions.

A good bluffer is a man who keep the other fellow from findin that he is afraid to fight.

FITS, EPILEPSY, FALLING SICK
Stopped Quickly. Fifty years of unique success of Dr. Kline's Epileptic Medicine lasting results. LARGE TRIAL BOTTLE FREE KLINE COMPANY, Red Bank, N. J.

Wrong Direction.

"Did the girl's father put his down when you told him you w to marry her?"

"No; I would have much pref it if he had, but he put it up."

IMITATION IS SINCEREST FLATT but like counterfeit money the i tion has not the worth of the ori Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dress It's the original. Darkens your h the natural way, but contains no Price $1.00.—Adv.

Its Equality.

"Fishing is a sport in which and poor can meet on a com level."

"That's right; in fishing it is so much a man's assets which c as his ile-abilities."

This Way to the Top.

Believers in democracy may encouragement in the fact, as rec announced, that every one of twelve directors of one of the successful dry goods companies New York city started as a cash office boy or driver, and worked way up by sheer merit.

Tommy Learns to Eat Frogs.

From the French comrades Br soldiers in Macedonia have learne appreciate the value of frogs as a plement to the bill of fare. The legs served on toast make an exce savory.

The men enjoy the sport of cat the frogs with bits of meat tied to end of a string. The sport, be providing a welcome addition to cuisine, helps to reduce the stren the froggy chorus, whose carols night hideous.—London Globe.

The Jar.

John D. Rockefeller was cong lated by a New York reporter on recent gift of $1,275,000 to educa

"It must be a fine feeling," said reporter, "to give away millions

"You get used to it," said Mr. Ro feller. "To stop giving is what jar me. I'm afraid I'm like the tired business man whose wife the first day of his retirement:

"'Father, what's the matter? look so worried.'

"'Well, no wonder I'm worried,' he. 'I've never before had nothi worry about.'"

"Daddy, I jus' got to have Grape-Nuts



No wonder children are fond of **Grape-Nuts** food. Its crisp, attractive form and delicious barley sweetness appeal wonderfully to the child's taste.

Grape-Nuts is made of Nature's finest food grains—wheat and barley. It is ready to eat direct from the sealed packet—convenient, economical, easy to digest, richly nourishing—the most perfect cereal food ever devised.

But above all, this food makes children sturdy and helps them to get big A's in their studies. For bounding health and vitality every boy and girl should have a daily ration of **Grape-Nuts** with cream or good rich milk.

"There's a Reason"