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Extending Trade Territory.

H. B. Crowder and C. L. Gaultney, of the Lou Community came in Tuesday with seven bales of cotton for which they received from 13.10 to 14.25, there being considerable difference in the grades of the bales. Both of these men expressed themselves well pleased with Tahoka as a cotton market, and also as a trading point. They say it looks like Tahoka had just about gotten the Lou trade turned this way. Most of the Lou people have traded principally with Big Springs heretofore, but they say Tahoka is becoming a successful rival of the "big town" to the south of us. Tell your neighbors at Lou, gentlemen, that we will treat them right.

Mr. Small is here visiting his son George Small and family.

Misses Mae and Leah Black and Miss Iva Cowan were in from the Midway community Tuesday evening to attend the Box Supper.

LOST—A pocket ledger with a note and some pictures in it. Finder kindly leave at this office.

H. F. Addison, of N. Nexico was in Tahoka Thursday on his way to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother in Scurry county. Mr. Addison used to live in the Lynn community, but has been away for five years. He says that Tahoka is certainly a fine growing town.

H. P. French, of southwest of town passed through Tahoka Tuesday with two wagon loads of household plunder for H. C. Hickerson, who is moving to his new place north of town, the Tom Cade farm.
Wednesday morning Mr. French hauled out lumber to Mr. Hickerson's old place, where he will live the ensuing year.

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!!
FIREWORKS!!!!
At Parkhurst & Black's Store.

Ed Baldridge was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. John Stokes, of Gail, was here last week visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. E. Stokes, and her niece, Mrs. Ira Doak and children.

Miss Ella Dillard, who is teaching in T—bar District No 1 is the guest of Miss Mabel Shook during the Institute.

Miss Marie Gooch, of T—bar district No. 2, is staying with Mrs. Stokes this week while she is attending the Teachers' Institute.

Unsurpassable.

W. T. Petty showed us some pickled peaches Thursday that Mrs. Petty put up from fruit grown in their own orchard, that cannot be surpassed anywhere. It just makes one's mouth water to see such good eating. The fruit was extra fine, and Mrs. Petty is justly celebrated as a cook and housewife.

Tom Doak was in Tahoka Wednesday.

Clay McGonagill, of Carlsbad, N. M. spent several days this week with his cousin A. R. McGonagill and family of Tahoka. Clay has been to Muskogee, Okla., to attend the big roping contest which took place there a few days ago. He has the blue ribbon for Texas and won second money at Muskogee. He is one of the finest men with a horse and rope that it has been the good fortune of some of us to see.

Milton Moore has bought the Tahoka Tailor Shop and has cleaned and straightened things up and is now ready for business. He has had considerable experience in his line, and you know that "practice makes perfect." He says that a tailor-made suit either for your son, your daughter, your wife, or yourself is the nicest Christmas present you can get. He will pay special attention to cleaning and pressing both ladies and gentlemen's suits. Try him.

A. J. Herrington, of Colorado, Mitchell county, was here to attend the "Sheriff's Sale" published in The News last month.

G. B. Coughran, Sheriff of Mitchell county, a nephew of G. W. Coughran of this place was a Tahoka visitor Tuesday.

George Embry, of the northeast part of the county was in Tahoka Tuesday. He reported his wife, who has been so sick, doing nicely.

Ed Thomas, of Monument, New Mexico, spent Monday night with his aunt, Mrs. H. C. Smith of East Tahoka. Mr. Thomas had just returned from Kansas City, where he went with three cars of New Mexico cattle he shipped from Tahoka last week.

Prof. J. B. Walker is here this week attending the Institute and visiting his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble, of the west part of the county, were in town Tuesday.

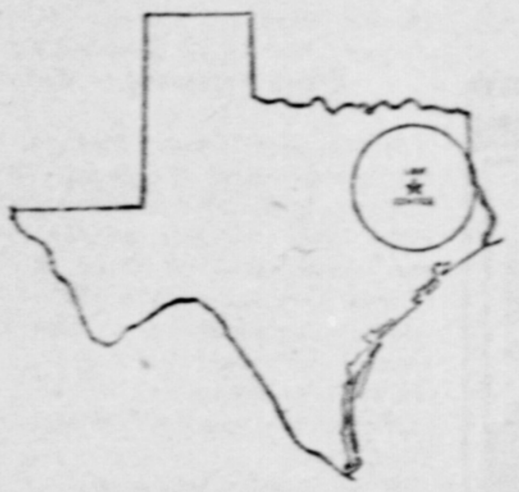
G. S. Grant, teacher of the New Home school is in town this week attending the Institute.

LAW CENTER OF TEXAS DISCOVERED

The Commercial Secretaries Prepare Map and Present Statistics on Legislation.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 1, 1910.

The approach of the Thirty-second Legislature and the possibility of another deluge of laws, has prompted the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association to locate, as far as mathematical analysis will permit, the storm center of legislative disturbance. The Association has prepared a map showing the "Law Center" of Texas and finds it to be about 15 miles west of Palestine. During the 30th Legislature, the law center rested near Rusk, but it traveled on its westward journey along the right-of-way of the Texas State Railroad and the 31st Legislature leaves the center near the county line of Anderson and Freestone counties, as shown by star in the map below.



The method employed in developing the Law Center is similar to the method used by the United States Census Bureau in locating the center of population, viz., by placing the number of bills introduced by each representative in their respective districts and developing the state center, according to Latitude and Longitude.

PROLIFIC LAW-GIVERS.

Draw a circle of 100 miles around the law center and we have located a colony of perhaps the most prolific law-givers on earth. Out of 1379 bills introduced in the Thirty-First Legislature, 1011 bear the signatures of one or more representatives within the circle. Its Governors have wielded the scepter during 35 years of our state-hood. The Constitutional convention was dominated by representatives from within this section. The circle contains 12 per cent of our area and has furnished 85 per cent of our laws.

OUR CONSTITUTION.

The Constitutional convention which adopted our present Constitution met at Austin, November 24th, 1875, and there were 89 delegates present, and 47 of them were from the territory enclosed within the circle. The convention was composed of men of heroic mold and our Constitution is a model of statecraft, but unfortunately for future generations, the framers of our Constitution were unable to make it "foolproof" and most Legislatures have had among them a batch of political joy-riders who desired to plunge into the highways of greatness by revolutionizing our basic principles of government, and we have had to frequently depend upon the Supreme Court to preserve our Consitutional rights.

OUR GOVERNORS.

Since the adoption of our Constitution in 1875, we have had ten Governors and seven of them came from the district enclosed in the circle and these seven administrations have given us a total of 3,000 laws. The present administration to date has added 663 laws to our statutes. Smith county leads all counties in the state in the number of Chief Executives. This county has given us three Governors who have held the scepter 11 years. The Governor is largely responsible for quantity and quality of laws passed, at least to the extent of exercising the veto power.

Since our statehood, the area under discussion has given us some of the most splendid Governors that ever presided over a free people and who have followed the tenets of Thomas Jefferson and it has also given us administrations noted for monumental vanity and pride of authorship of laws.

OUR LAWS.

It must be said to the credit of the law givers of this section that they were impartial, generous and at times have even been neglectful of their own interests in framing legislation, appearing to be satisfied with the glory of passing laws, regardless of how those laws affected their own welfare. This legislation has, in some instances, been constructive; some of its laws are as purposeless as a cat chasing its tail, and still others bitter and merciless and the absence of business acumen is the predominating feature of thier legislative creations.

This section of the state possesses the most fertile land on the globe but it has probably never occured to its law-makers that our basic vocation should be encouraged by legislation and experimental and demonstration farms have, by common consent, gone to other sections of the state. It has most valuable mineral deposit of proven quality and quantity but little legislation has been attempted to encourage mineral development. Its surface is covered with forests and its farms yield products for the factory, but it has never asked for a law promoting manufacturing; in fact, the records show repeated effort on the part of its representatives to strike down its native industries and it has given capital frowns that would touch the heart of a pawnbroker.

EAST TEXAS REPENTS.

But East Texas has repented and she now regards a smoke stack with as much sacredness as a church steple. She has not only repented, but has actually promised restitution by giving us a Governor who has given the people his word for it that he will develop the state's resources and his words fit him like feathers on a duck; and she has sent her very ablest men to the 32nd Legislature to co-operate with the next administration in the upbuiling of the state.

In defense of East Texas it must be said that she has merely ridden on the crest of a wave of legislative unrest which has engulfed the entire country and Texas is the first state in the Union to recover her equilibrum, and to make our position all the more impregnable, the Law Center is passing beyond the danger zone and is rapidly journeying westward and the skill of the west combined with the courage of the east will give us a legislative combination that will make Texas the best governed state in the Union. No state can offer to capital the gilt-edge security from legislative discrimination that the state of Texas can and none can compare with us in opportunities for investment.

Presiding Elder To Preach.

Rev. J. E. Stephens, the Presiding Elder for this district, will be in Tahoka and will preach at the Methodist Church Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend; Methodists especially are urged to be present.

Dan McDonald, proprietor of the Palace Meat Market, brought in a bale of cotton with him when he came in from the ranch Tuesday.

Inspected And Complimented.

Tuesday was Postmaster McLoud's busy day sure enough this week. He always has a busy day on Tuesdays, as it is then we get all the Sunday papers and the mail that accumulates in the offices on Sundays, but this week Post Office Inspector Kinzell, of Abilene dropped in on him, and to make it even worse he had another man with him that he was putting onto the inspecting business.

Mr. Kinzell complimented Mr. McLoud on the state of his office, so he did not feel quite as tired as he might have.

The T—bar boys hauled out 300 bushels of cotton seed from the Wells & Welcher Gin Tuesday, for which they paid 30 cts. per. bushel. They hauled out 275 bushels some time since that they paid 26½ cts. for. Tom Preston, the foreman, says that they will feed cotton seed meal cake mostly this winter.

Mrs. Hussey and children are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hussey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M Clayton.

Drew Wilson, of Snyder, came in Wednesday evening and will spend a short time in Tahoka. Mr. Wilson used to live here and his friends are glad to welcome him for even so short a stay.

Miss Nannie Campbell, of the West Point school, is in Tahoka attending the Institute. She is stopping at the hotel.

We will pay highest cash prices for furs of all kinds. Wells & Welcher. 17tf

D. T. Rogers tells us that he finished the carpenter work on Dr. E. H. Inmon's fine new residence Tuesday morning

We will pay 35 cents per doz. for fresh eggs now. We can get cold storage eggs delivered in Tahoka for 27½ cents per dozen, so it will not pay you to hold them for a higher price. They have reached the limit.—Wells & Welcher. 17tf

Mr. Hill, of the Sulphur Draw country, was in Tahoka Wednesday to receive a car load of cotton seed meal cake.

Dan Sparks, of Fluvanna, spent Tuesday night in Bigham & Son's wagon yard on Lockwood street.

T. C. Leedy, our nursery man, received 1,000 Concord grapes last week and is busy setting them out on his place in the south part of town. He will set out between 600 and 700 for himself and sell the rest.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Don't fail to see our mammoth stock of Christmas Goods. We have some thingsuitable for everybody. We want you to see our nice line of watches, rings, bracelets, stick pins, and infact everything in the way of Jewelery, cut glass and silver ware. Come and do your Christmas shopping before every thing has been picked over and you have to take seond, or maybe third choice. Come early, avoid the rush. Our toy department is just what the children are looking for. We guarantee satisfaction in everything we sell.

Remember We Are Headquarters For Christmas Goods

We wish every one of our numerous customers the joys of the season

Remember ⁂ The ⁂ Place

THOMAS-BROTHERS-&-CO.

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TAHOKA - - - TEXAS

AN EASILY CONQUERED DISEASE.

When cholera was last in Europe, nothing very definite had been learned as to its real nature. It was still regarded as a contagious disease, which was—and of any disease still is—the same thing as confessing ignorance as to how its infection passes from the sick to the well, and against it there could be used only general measures of sanitation and isolation. Even these were enough to keep the ravages of the epidemic, except in a few special centers of filth and ignorance, within limits small indeed in comparison with the dreadful mortality that used to follow the appearance of cholera anywhere. Now the malady is among those most thoroughly understood, and though not much progress has been made as to the curing of victims once stricken, the infection agent and the avenues of infection have been found, and the latter can all be be easily and effectively closed to anybody who knows and will use a few simple measures of prevention, says the New York Times. He who eats and drinks nothing that has not been subjected for some time, at least, to the heat at which water boils—and nothing that has been contaminated between consumption and the application of the heat—will not have the cholera, even though people are dying of it all around him.

Statistics are always more or less interesting and especially is this true of those statistics based upon the figures now being given out by census estimators and the government census bureau, says the Manchester Union. Aside from speculations as to the possible growth of one municipality or another, it is interesting to note the status of the native-born American in connection with the birth and death rates and even a most casual investigation will disclose figures little short of alarming. According to the estimates of competent authorities the population of the United States should be found this year to be in the vicinity of 90,000,000 souls. Deduct from this the immense flood of immigration which, since 1900, has closely approximated 9,000,000, and the increase in population meanwhile to have been something like 14,000,000, as far as native-born Americans are concerned. This is an increase of but six per cent. over the figures of the former decade, as against 21 per cent. for that just preceding. Thus it is seen that the rate of internal increase has fallen off fully fifty per cent.

The octopus is a creature of more or less dreadful reputation. And now a gentleman who modestly describes himself as "a genius and an inventor" comes forward in a letter to Major General Wood, chief of staff of the army, proposing to put the octopus idea into effect as a method of destroying an enemy's warships. He says he can construct a diving boat with wings or extensions on the octopus principle. In a battle the boat would dive under an opposing vessel, come up underneath, wrap the wings around the craft, octopus fashion, and then sink again, carrying down the ship and drowning all hands. It seems delightfully, not to say tragically, simple. But the probability is that the scheme is much more likely to go up than the invention is to take warships down.

We are beginning to hear stories about mistakes in the census. Down east an old maid, in a moment of irritation, gave to the enumerator the name, age and color of her tomcat, and the cat's description has gone to Washington to be included in the census alongside the Adamses and Quincys. Out in Indiana a sensitive woman has hanged herself because she misinformed the census man, as to the company with which her husband is connected. If every bit of misinformation which gets into the census should lead to somebody's death, how busy the undertakers would be! And if Uncle Sam does include a few tomcats in his totals, nobody need complain except those who do not like cats.

A New Jersey court has ruled that a man must be sober to be entitled to secure a marriage license in that state. Most of the middle-aged bachelors will contend that it is useless to expect sober men to apply for marriage licenses.

The British are putting the letters "U. S. A." on mail intended for Union of South America. But the matter presents no problem except in theory. Mail so addressed will naturally be sent to these United States of America, and people writing to United South Africa who want their friends to get their letters will spell it out.

Human targets seem to be quite the rage for amateur marksmen these days.

Universal Mind

Gradually Drawn to Believe Matter Is Term

By E. E. FOURNIER d'ALBE

WE ARE gradually and inevitably drawn to the conclusion that mind is everything and matter but an expression of the universal mind. A table, a house, or a machine is the embodiment of some human mind. A stone is the embodiment of some mind at present inaccessible to us, of some will at present inscrutable.

Matter signifies existence, life independent of ourselves, but subject to our will under certain conditions, just as men are to some extent. Motion means change or experience. Inertia means habit. The ether means, perhaps, the all-embracing, all-connecting oversoul of the universe. Radiation means perchance the intercommunication of smaller minds.

Here we enter upon that virgin field where, I believe, the science of the future will blossom forth. In entering upon it a new perspective opens out, a perspective infinitely more glorious than the starry host visible to our human eyes. We breathe a higher and purer air, an air of freedom, of infinite life and power and greatness, unfettered by the shackles of our earthly existence. Many of the sons of men, in all ages, have caught glimpses of such a higher existence. It is open to all of us, and, I believe, destined for all. But its possibility and prospect need not draw us away from the present phase prematurely. Like devotees of chess or football, we descend into the arena and consent to be bound for a time by more or less absurd restrictions. We play the game. And that game has always been played and will always be played. It is a necessary discipline and liberal education.

Of one thing we may be certain—no universe exists which is entirely unconnected with this of ours. We know that the fruit of our slightest act goes thundering down the ages, that nothing is ever effaced, that everything of infinite and eternal consequence. And if it leaves a permanent mark on the material universe it will affect also all invisible universes. This reflection may give a new zest to our present form of existence. To pierce into the innermost recesses of nature, to mold natural forces to our will, to make life happy and glorious for ourselves and our kind, to assert our supremacy over disease and death, to conquer and rule this universe in virtue of the infinite power power within us, such is our task here and now.

It is being more and more consciously taken in hand by the human race, a race which, since its earliest origins, has numbered about a billion individuals. The aggregate lives of these individuals cover a vast variety of experiences and circumstances and the record of these experiences is embodied in our own physical organisms and other records more or less permanent. The human race has hurled itself against the fastnesses of nature and captured them one by one. The way has been a record of blood and of tears.

But in the new generation the wounds are healed and the tears are dried and the battle is renewed.

Harm From Too Much Fresh Air

By LOIS FULLER
Chicago

For several years past I have been what my friends termed a "fresh-air crank," but lately I came to the conclusion that this fresh-air craze can be overdone as well as underdone, and especially that the value of night air is greatly overestimated.

My mother is a scholar of the old school and she has always contended that the air after sundown is of very little value— in fact, that it often does more harm than good, especially when it is damp, as that of Chicago occasionally is.

Last spring I had a slight attack of bronchitis. It would begin with a wheezing, which would keep up all night. After three nights of suffering my mother persuaded me to try sleeping with my bedroom window shut. Before that I would have it wide open, winter and summer. I closed the windows and that night I was entirely free of the wheezing.

I tried this several times afterward, starting with the window open, but would always have to get up and close it to get relief. Since last spring I have slept with the window closed more or less and never felt better.

Of course I believe in thoroughly airing the rooms during the day and letting all the sunshine possible in, but I believe that the dampness from the lake and the dew does no one any good and perhaps some harm, especially to those with nose or throat trouble.

Telephone Cheaper Than Telepathy

By THOMAS H. WATSON

Mental concentration and force of direction are more to be sought in telepathy than determination, which sometimes mounts only to stubbornness. A suggestion given to a subject at such a time that there are no conflicting thoughts will go far toward creating an involuntary auto-suggestion for the desired end, especially when the end sought is the object desired by the subject.

Should the subject's line of thought be so intense or continued as to become an accepted fact a suggested change in that line may be so opposed as to remain below the threshold of consciousness. If there is at any time existing between operator and subject a condition of mental rapport then will the suggestion be received.

So in the case of Ceres, if the error that her friend is about to commit is an act that the friend does not consider wrong it will take more than a single suggestion to remove the desire to act. Some logical reason must be used, as the suggestion will be analyzed and the reason for the change must be so clear and the suggestion so forcibly received that all opposing suggestions will be overruled. Abstration is to be sought as much as concentration, and when you arrive at a mental condition where you can voluntarily exclude all wandering thoughts practise suggestion. But don't use your suggestions solely for your own gain or think that your mental emanations are supreme, for other minds consider theirs worthy of notice.

If, after several attempts at telepathy, you fail to influence your friend, try telephony. It is much easier and only costs a nickel.

MICHIGAN'S FOOTBALL SQUAD

Strong and Powerful Eleven.

Michigan's close game with the Michigan Aggies, in which the Wolverines were victorious, 6 to 2, should not be taken too seriously, as the Aggies have one of the strongest teams in years this season and in Hill the farmers have a player who continually can keep his team from being scored upon by his beautiful punting.

The game demonstrated one thing, and that is that Michigan has a strong defense, one that will be mighty hard for Pennsylvania, Syracuse and Minnesota to penetrate. If Coach Yost is satisfied with this defense he surely will develop an offense which will be equally effective. Followers of football should not take this contest or the one with Case as criterions of Michigan's strength. Yost is going to have a strong and powerful eleven and he is sure to have a team which will make things exceedingly interesting for Michigan's opponents.

Whatever use Michigan may make of the changes in the rules this year, it is certain that the opportunities offered by the rule allowing unrestricted direct passes is to be taken full advantage of by the Wolverine eleven.

Yost himself doesn't say that he is going to use the direct pass exclusively, and probably he won't. But it is a good bet that the big majority of the plays upon which he pins his faith in the Notre Dame, Minnesota and Pennsylvania games will be plays in which there is no middleman—in other words, plays in which the quarterback is the man who calls the signals, and nothing more.

The Wolverine leader always has been strong for crossbucks and straight bucks by the halfbacks, and under the new code the chances for success of those plays seem to have increased immeasurably.

MAKE-UP OF ALL-STAR TEAM

Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Mordecai Brown Among Those Relegated to Bench.

Relegating Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Mordecai Brown to the bench of oblivion, but naming five Cubs and two Sox as the peers in their respective positions, E. C. Patterson, in Collier's Weekly, picks this All-Star baseball team with the following comment:

Catcher—Kling.
Pitchers—Coombs, Walsh, Johnson, Cole, Ford.
First Base—Chance.
Second Base—LaJoie.
Shortstop—Tinker.
Third Base—Lord.
Outfielders—Cobb, Speaker, Schulte.

As a catcher Kling has no equal today. It is a mistake, however, to give him credit for the work of the Chicago pitchers. It should be borne in mind that Chance selects his pitchers and also takes them out of the game. Heaven knows, most of them, except Cole, have been taken out many times this season!

All hats off to Chance as a manager and first baseman, for intelligence and baseball brains. Lajoie needs no comment. Wagner has not played the game this year in the field, at the bat, or on the bases that Tinker has. I hope my prediction will not come true, but I think "Honus" has seen his best days. Lord, at third, has given the White Sox new life. The outfielders are fast and furious at the bat, on the bases, and in the field.

Take the five pitchers named, and with batting behind them they will win a pennant for any league, any time, and any season. If you will stop to analyze it, the teams that they represent would not be anywhere near where they are today in the race without the services of these pitchers, excepting Walsh, and he is the champion hard luck pitcher of the year.

GIVE SPALDING "GOLD BRICK"

Baseball Presented to Him by President Murphy Is Not Genuine, Declares Thomas Foley.

Some one has "gold-bricked" Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Cubs, and depended on the flight of time to cover his footprints.

The other day Murphy presented to A. G. Spalding, one-time champion pitcher, the ball which was used in Spalding's great game against the Chicago White Stockings, at that time managed by Thomas Foley, one of the oldest billiard magnates. How Murphy got the ball is a mystery, for the ball used in that game was burned when Foley's billiard hall, in Chicago, was destroyed in the great fire of 1871.

Foley, to use his own words, was "breathless" when he read a story to the effect that Murphy had given Spalding the old ball. Foley had clung to that ball with great care up to the time it was burned, as it was proof that his club had beaten the greatest pitcher at that time in the world, and says he knew positively that the ball was lost in the fire of 1871.

Fight Club for Winnipeg.

A number of Winnipeg sporting men soon will organize a club similar to the National Sporting club of London. Before leaving for Chicago the other day Harry Gilmore, who has been asked to organize the club, had a long conference with members of the grain exchange, who are leaders in the scheme, and on his return to the city he will take up the matter.

DROP KICK BEATS CHICAGOS

Toe of Quarter Otto Seller Gives Illini First Victory Over Maroons in Nine Years.

Playing with grim determination and struggling against an impregnable defense, Chicago went down to defeat the other day on Illinois field 2 to 0 in the first victory of the Orange and Blue eleven over the Maroon since 1901. Otto Seller, the doughty Illinois quarter, in making a beautiful drop kick from the forty yard line in the first quarter was all that kept the game from resulting in a tie, although Illinois outplayed and outgeneraled Chicago throughout one of the most bitterly fought struggles between these ancient rivals in recent years.

Otto Seller.

The wildest scenes occurred at the call of time at the end of the final quarter. Revolvers were shot off and the cannon roared. The playing field was one mass of wildly shouting persons who seemed unable to control their happiness. Everything that possibly could be done to celebrate victory was done and finished in a manner which seldom has been witnessed. Hats were torn, women's hats were thrown in the air, stands broken, and what took place that night will be remembered for some time.

Numbers on Football Players.

That football players should be numbered as are track athletes is the belief of many Michigan university athletic authorities. An agitation was begun the other day to place numbers on the players as they take part in a regular contest and print the numbers with the players' names in the program.

By this means it would be possible for the spectators to identify individual players and keep track of the numerous substitutions made possible by the new rules. The scheme has been used at Ohio State for several years with marked success.

LOOK TO YOUR
When Suffering From
Headaches and Urinary

They are probably the
of your misery. To keep
must keep your kidneys
is no better kidney
remedy
Doan's
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was so full of gravel I
the urine. I passed several
large as a pea. I rapidly
under the use of Doan's
and was soon well and
Remember the name—
For sale by all dealers.
box. Foster-Milburn Co.,

The Key to Germany

Capt. Charles King, the
praised, at the Milwaukee
German element in Milwaukee
ulation.
"I know a soldier," said
"who met the kaiser last
lin.
"'You have a thorough
of our best thought and
the kaiser. 'Have you ever
Germany before?'
"'O, yes, sir,' said the
"'What cities have you
Berlin and Hamburg?' asked
ser.
"'No, sir,' said the
waukee.'"

What About Him

The talk had gone back
the youthful socialist had
nouncing that no man ought
living by cheating, and we
to him, and agreed that it
ful when men and women
the truth, but tried to make
ing by deceiving people.
landowners, financiers, we
of them who cheat the pub
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tion," said the young man.
quiet voice from a woman
the corner of the sofa.
the conjurer?"—London

Lovemaking and Pract

The only way to become
at lovemaking is to practice
was the information handed
handful of hearers by the
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a lecture on "The Science
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the philosopher, "and if you
arouse love in others it
only by giving them love.
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is the great question of today
of making love. It needs a
of study and a great deal
tice."

Cheering Up the Gu

"Remember, Henry," said
er who had arranged with
"we're not hiring you—you
one of our party."
"What's on your mind?"
guide.
"Well, you see, in case any
pens we don't want to be
with this new employers'
law," admitted the cautious
Puck.

Take as much pains to
we ought not to have lear
retain what we ought not to
Mason.

THE FIRST TASTE
Learned to Drink Coffee Whe

If parents realized the fact
fee contains a drug—caffeine
especially harmful to child
would doubtless hesitate
the babies coffee to drink.
"When I was a child in
er's arms and first began
things at the table, mother
give me sips of coffee. As
used coffee exclusively
never knew there was
drink but coffee and water.
"And so I contracted
habit early. I remember
young the continual use of
affected my parents that
roasting wheat and
ground it in the coffee-mill
stitute for coffee.
"But it did not taste right
went back to coffee again
long before Postum was
of. I continued to use
was 27, and when I
work, I began to have
Especially after breakfast
nervous I could scarcely
correspondence.
"At night, after having
supper, I could hardly
rising in the morning
and nervous.
"A friend persuaded
Postum. My wife and I
it at first, but later when
and strong it was fine.
not give up Postum for
we ever tasted.
"I can now get good
from nervousness and
recommend Postum to all
ers."
Read "The Road to
pkgs.
"There's a Reason."
Ever read the above
one appears from time
are genuine, true, and
interest.

THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE

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SYNOPSIS.

Miss Innes, spinster and guardian of Gertrude and Halsey, established summer headquarters at Sunnyside. Amidst numerous difficulties the servants deserted. As Miss Innes locked up for the night she was startled by a dark figure on the veranda. Unseemly noises disturbed her during the night. In the morning Miss Innes found a strange link cuff-button in a hamper. Gertrude and Halsey arrived with Jack Bailey. The house was awakened by a revolver shot and Arnold Armstrong was found shot to death in the hall. Miss Innes found Halsey's revolver on the lawn. He and Jack Bailey had disappeared. The link cuff-button mysteriously disappeared. Detective Jamieson arrived. Gertrude revealed she was engaged to Jack Bailey, with whom she talked in the billiard room a few moments before the murder. Jamieson accused Miss Innes of holding back evidence. He imprisoned an intruder in an empty room. The prisoner escaped down a laundry chute. Gertrude was suspected. A negro found the other half of what proved to be Jack Bailey's cuff-button. Halsey reappears and says he and Bailey left in response to a telegram. Gertrude said she had given Bailey an unloaded revolver, fearing to give him a loaded weapon. Cashier Bailey of Paul Armstrong's bank, defunct, was arrested for embezzlement. Halsey said Armstrong wrecked his own bank and could clear Bailey. Paul Armstrong's death was announced. Halsey's fiancee, Louise Armstrong, was found at the lodge. The lodgekeeper said Louise and Arnold had a long talk the night of the murder. Louise was prostrated. Louise told Halsey, that while she still loved him she was to marry another, and that he would despise her when he learned the whole story. It developed that Dr. Walker and Louise were to be married. A prowler was heard in the house. Louise was found at the bottom of the circular staircase.

CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

"I was not sleeping well," she began, "partly, I think, because I had slept during the afternoon. Liddy brought me some hot milk at ten o'clock and I slept until 12. Then I wakened and—I got to thinking about things, and worrying, so I could not go to sleep.

"I was wondering why I had not heard from Arnold since the—since I saw him that night at the lodge. I was afraid he was ill, because—he was to have done something for me, and he had not come back. It must have been three when I heard some one rapping. I sat up and listened, to be quite sure, and the rapping kept up. I was cautious, and I was about to call Liddy. Then suddenly I thought I knew what it was. The east entrance and circular staircase were always used by Arnold when he was out late, and sometimes, when he forgot his key, he would rap and I would go down and let him in. I thought he had come back to see me—I didn't think about the time, for his hours were always erratic. But I was afraid I was too weak to get down the stairs. The knocking kept up, and just as I was about to call Liddy, she ran through the room and out into the hall. I got up then, feeling weak and dizzy, and put on my dressing-gown. If it was Arnold, I knew I must see him.

"It was very dark everywhere, but, of course, I knew my way. I felt along for the stair-rail, and went down as quickly as I could. The knocking had stopped, and I was afraid I was too late. I got to the foot of the staircase and over to the door on to the east veranda. I had never thought of anything but that it was Arnold, until I reached the door. It was unlocked and opened about an inch. Everything was black; it was perfectly dark outside. I felt very queer and shaky. Then I thought perhaps Arnold had used his key; he did—strange things sometimes, and I turned around. Just as I reached the foot of the staircase I thought I heard some one coming. My nerves were going anyhow, there in the dark, and I could scarcely stand. I got up as far as the third or fourth step; then I felt that some one was coming toward me on the staircase. The next instant a hand met mine on the stair-rail. Some one brushed past me, and I screamed. Then I must have fainted."

That was Louise's story. There could be no doubt of its truth, and the thing that made it inexpressibly awful to me was that the poor girl had crept down to answer the summons of a brother who would never need her kindly offices again. Twice, now, without apparent cause, some one had entered the house by means of the east entrance; had apparently gone his way unhindered through the house, and gone out again as he had entered. Had this unknown visitor been there a third time, the night Arnold Armstrong was murdered? Or a fourth, the time Mr. Jamieson had locked some one in the clothes chute?

Sleep was impossible, I think, for any of us. We dispersed finally to bathe and dress, leaving Louise little the worse for her experience. But I determined that before the day was over she must know the true state of affairs. Another decision I made, and I put it into execution immediately after breakfast. I had one of the unused bedrooms in the east wing, back along the small corridor, prepared for occupancy, and from that time on Alex, the gardener, slept there. One man in that barn of a house was an absurdity, with things happening all the time, and I must say that Alex was as unobjectionable as any one could possibly have been.

The next morning, also, Halsey and I made an exhaustive examination of the circular staircase, the small entry at its foot, and the cardroom opening from it. There was no evidence of anything unusual the night before, and

"My Home Is in Englewood," the Doo tor Began.

had we not ourselves heard the rapping noises, I should have felt that Louise's imagination had run away with her. The outer door was closed and locked, and the staircase curved above us, for all the world like any other staircase.

Halsey, who had never taken seriously my account of the night Liddy and I were there alone, was grave enough now. He examined the paneling of the wainscoting above and below the stairs, evidently looking for a secret door, and suddenly there flashed into my mind the recollection of a scrap of paper that Mr. Jamieson had found among Arnold Armstrong's effects. As nearly as possible I repeated its contents to him, while Halsey took them down in a note-book.

"I wish you had told me this before," he said, as he put the memorandum carefully away. "We found nothing at all in the house, and I expected little from any examination of the porch and grounds. But as we opened the outer door something fell into the entry with a clatter. It was a cue from the billiard room.

Halsey picked it up with an exclamation.

"That's careless enough," he said. "Some of the servants have been amusing themselves."

I was far from convinced. Not one of the servants would go into that wing at night unless driven by dire necessity. And a billiard cue! As a weapon of either offense or defense it was an absurdity, unless one accepted Liddy's hypothesis of a ghost, and even then, as Halsey pointed out, a billiard-playing ghost would be a very modern evolution of an ancient institution.

That afternoon we, Gertrude, Halsey and I, attended the coroner's inquest in town. Dr. Stewart had been summoned also, it transpiring that in that early Sunday morning, when Gertrude and I had gone to our rooms, he had been called to view the body. We went, the four of us, in the machine, preferring the execrable roads to the matinee train, with half of Casanova staring at us. And on the way we decided to say nothing of Louise and her interview with her step-brother the night he died. The girl was in trouble enough as it was.

CHAPTER XVII.

A Hint of Scandal.

In giving the gist of what happened at the inquest, I have only one excuse—to recall to the reader the events of the night of Arnold Armstrong's murder. Many things had occurred which were not brought out at the inquest and some things were told there that were new to me. Altogether, it was a gloomy affair, and the six men in the corner, who constituted the coroner's jury, were evidently the merest puppets in the hands of that all-powerful gentlemen, the coroner.

Gertrude and I sat well back, with our veils down. There were a number of people I knew: Barbara Fitzhugh, in extravagant mourning—she always went into black on the slightest provocation, because it was becoming—and Mr. Jarvis, the man who had come over from the Greenwood club the night of the murder. Mr. Harton was there, too, looking impatient as the inquest dragged, but alive to every particle of evidence. From a corner Mr. Jamieson was watching the proceedings intently.

Dr. Stewart was called first. His evidence was told briefly, and amounted to this: On the Sunday morning previous, at a quarter before five, he had been called to the telephone. The message was from a Mr. Jarvis, who asked him to come at once to Sunnyside, as there had been an accident there, and Mr. Arnold Armstrong had been shot. He dressed hastily, gathered up some instruments, and drove to Sunnyside.

He was met by Mr. Jarvis, who took him at once to the east wing. There, just as he had fallen, was the body of Arnold Armstrong. There was no need of the instruments; the man was dead. In answer to the coroner's question—no, the body had not been moved, save to turn it over. It lay at the foot of the circular staircase. Yes, he believed death had been instantaneous. The body was still somewhat warm and rigor mortis had not set in. It occurred late in cases of sudden death. No, he believed the probability of suicide might be eliminated; the wounds could have been self-inflicted, but with difficulty, and there had been no weapon found.

The doctor's examination was over, but he hesitated and cleared his throat.

"Mr. Coroner," he said, "at the risk of taking up valuable time, I would like to speak of an incident that may or may not throw some light on this matter."

The audience was alert at once.

"Kindly proceed, doctor," the coroner said.

"My home is in Englewood, two miles from Casanova," the doctor began. "In the absence of Dr. Walker, a number of Casanova people have been consulting me. A month ago—five weeks, to be exact—a woman whom I had never seen came to my office. She was in deep mourning and kept her veil down, and she brought for examination a child, a boy of six. The little fellow was ill; it looked like typhoid, and the mother was frantic. She wanted a permit to admit the youngster to the Children's hospital in town here, where I am a member of the staff, and I gave her one. The incident would have escaped me, but for a curious thing. Two days before Mr. Armstrong was shot, I was sent for to go to the Country club; some one had been struck with a golf-ball that had gone wild. It was late when I left—I was on foot, and about a mile from the club, on the Clayburg road, I met two people. They were disputing violently, and I had no difficulty in recognizing Mr. Armstrong. The woman, beyond doubt, was the one who had consulted me about the child."

At this hint of scandal, Mrs. Ogden Fitghugh sat up very straight. Jamieson was looking slightly skeptical, and the coroner made a note.

"The Children's hospital, you say, doctor?" he asked.

"Yes. But the child, who was entered as Lucien Wallace, was taken away by his mother two weeks ago. I have tried to trace them and failed."

All at once I remembered the telegram sent to Louise by some one signed F. L. W.—presumably Dr. Walker. Could the veiled woman be the Nina Carrington of the message? But it was only idle speculation. I had no way of finding out, and the inquest was proceeding.

The report of the coroner's physician came next. The post-mortem examination showed that the bullet had entered the chest in the fourth left intercostal space and had taken an oblique course downward and backward, piercing both the heart and lungs. The left lung was collapsed, and the exit point of the ball had been found in the muscles of the back to the left of the spinal column. It was improbable that such a wound had been self-inflicted, and its oblique downward course pointed to the fact that the shot had been fired from above. In other words, as the murdered man had been found dead at the foot of a staircase, it was probable that the shot had been fired by

some one higher up on the stairs. There were no marks of powder. The bullet, a 38 caliber, had been found in the dead man's clothing, and was shown to the jury.

Mr. Jarvis was called next, but his testimony amounted to little. He had been summoned by telephone to Sunnyside, had come over at once with the steward and Mr. Winthrop, at present out of town. They had been admitted by the housekeeper, and had found the body lying at the foot of the staircase. He had made a search for a weapon, but there was none around. The outer entry door in the east wing had been unfastened and was open about an inch.

I had been growing more and more nervous. When the coroner called Mr. John Bailey, the room was filled with suppressed excitement. Mr. Jamieson went forward and spoke a few words to the coroner, who nodded. Then Halsey was called.

"Mr. Innes," the coroner said, "will you tell under what circumstances you saw Mr. Arnold Armstrong the night he died?"

"I saw him first at the Country club," Halsey said quietly. He was rather pale, but very composed. "I stopped there with my automobile for gasolene. Mr. Armstrong had been playing cards. When I saw him there he was coming out of the cardroom talking to Mr. John Bailey."

"The nature of the discussion—was it amicable?"

Halsey hesitated.

"They were having a dispute," he said. "I asked Mr. Bailey to leave the club with me and come to Sunnyside over Sunday."

"Isn't it a fact, Mr. Innes, that you took Mr. Bailey away from the clubhouse because you were afraid there would be blows?"

"The situation was unpleasant," Halsey said evasively.

"At that time had you any suspicion that the Traders' bank had been wrecked?"

"No."

"What occurred next?"

"Mr. Bailey and I talked in the billiard room until 2:30."

"And Mr. Arnold Armstrong came there, while you were talking?"

"Yes. He came about half-past two. He rapped at the east door, and I admitted him."

The silence in the room was intense. Mr. Jamieson's eyes never left Halsey's face.

"Will you tell us the nature of his errand?"

"He brought a telegram that had come to the club for Mr. Bailey."

"He was sober?"

"Perfectly, at that time. Not earlier."

"Was not his apparent friendliness a change from his former attitude?"

"Yes. I did not understand it."

"How long did he stay?"

"About five minutes. Then he left by the east entrance."

"What occurred then?"

"We talked for a few minutes, discussing a plan Mr. Bailey had in mind. Then I went to the stables, where I kept my car, and got it out."

"Leaving Mr. Bailey alone in the billiard room?"

"My sister was there."

Mrs. Ogden Fitzhugh had the courage to turn and eye Gertrude through her lorgnon.

"And then?"

"I took the car along the lower road, not to disturb the household. Mr. Bailey came down across the lawn, through the hedge, and got into the car on the road."

"Then you know nothing of Mr. Armstrong's movements after he left the house?"

"Nothing. I read of his death Monday evening for the first time.

"Mr. Bailey did not see him on his way across the lawn?"

"I think not. If he had seen him he would have spoken of it."

"Thank you. That is all. Miss Gertrude Innes."

Gertrude's replies were fully as concise as Halsey's. Mrs. Fitzhugh subjected her to a close inspection, commencing with her hat and ending with her shoes. I flatter myself she found nothing wrong with either her gown or her manner, but poor Gertrude's testimony was the reverse of comforting. She had been summoned, she said, by her brother, after Mr. Armstrong had gone. She had waited in the billiard room with Mr. Bailey until the automobile had been ready. Then she had locked the door at the foot of the staircase, and, taking a lamp, had accompanied Mr. Bailey to the main entrance of the house, and had watched him cross the lawn. Instead of going at once to her room, she had gone back to the billiard room for something which had been left there. The cardroom and billiard room were in darkness. She had groped around, found the article she was looking for, and was on the point of returning to her room, when she had heard some one fumbling at the lock at the east outer door. She had thought it was probably her brother, and had been about to go to the door, when she heard it open. Almost immediately there was a shot, and she had run panic-stricken through the drawing room and had roused the house.

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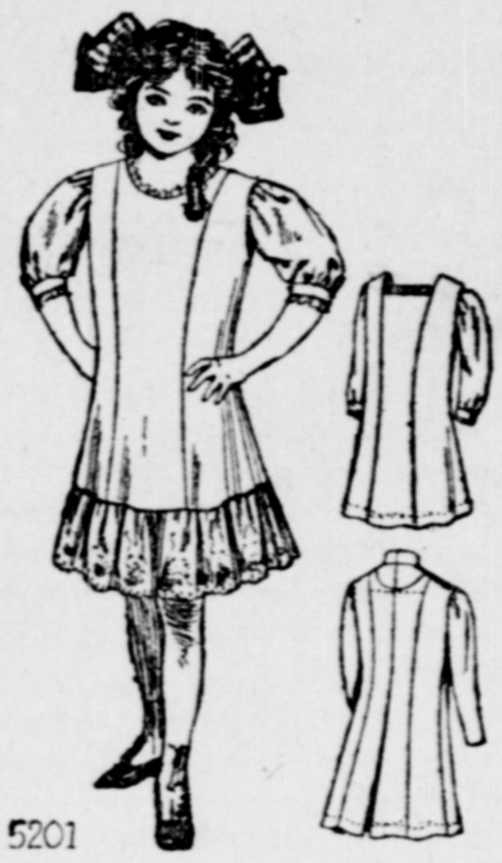
Practical Fashions

CHILD'S PRINCESS SLIP.



A princess pattern is one that can be put to many uses and always with good results. It may be made in dress materials and with the addition of trimming down the seams, and in yoke effect a dress that may be worn on many occasions. If made of lawn with an embroidered ruffle and with the neck cut out in round or square outline a pretty party dress will be made, or if made of silk or colored lawn and worn under the dress of sheer material another very handsome dress will result. This dress is cut on the usual long lines, a front, two side-fronts, two backs and two side-backs. The neck is perforated for round or square neck, and the sleeves are made in two styles; one the plain two-seam sleeve and the other in the bishop style either long or short and gathered to a band.

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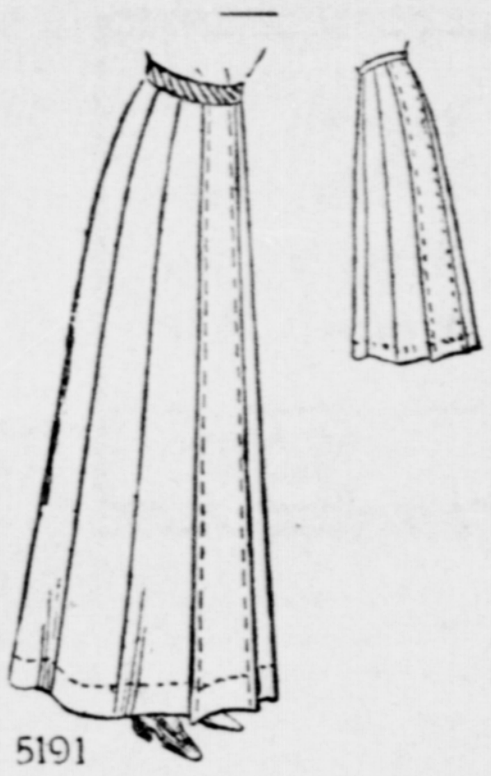

The plain skirt with a number of gores is still sought for by many women; it gives more long lines and entirely disposes of all fullness, two very desirable qualities. In this one the front and back gores have a tuck at each side and form a panel; the rest is perfectly plain. The lower edge measures 2½ yards. The closing is at the left side of the back. The skirt is designed for instep length if desired. This skirt will be very stylish if developed in any of the heavy mannish materials, serge, homespun, cheviot, etc. The pattern (5191) is cut in sizes 22 to 32 inches waist measure. To make the skirt in the medium size will require 3½ yards of material 44 inches wide, or 2⅞ yards 50 inches wide.

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The Hard Task.

It is easy to draw up rules of life, but few people can live up to their own rules.

Worthy of Emulation.

The Romans had three simple cardinal principles: "Live an honest life, don't hurt anybody by word or deed, and give everybody his due," and these principles might be applied with advantage to modern conditions.

His Lot.

"In the critical times upon which he has fallen it behooves the police to be vigilant and not let the enemy catch them sleeping at their post." "In other words, a policeman's lot is not a happy one."

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"'Well, I would like to have your vote, Zeb. I have known you for so many years.'

"'Well, I jist want to ask you a question, Mr. Odell, befo' I give mah vote to you. Are yo' for electric lights in dis town?'

"'Well, Zeb, I am for all modern improvements,' said Odell, with a slight flourish.

"'Well, sah, I cain't vote for you,' said Zeb with firmness. 'Yo' done forget dat I is a lamp lighter.'"

Laying the Foundation.

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Mr. Bigham and Lonnie have bought the feed and coal business owned by Bob Majors and have decided to remain in Tahoka.

Mrs. Tura Robinson and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McLoud, of Tahoka. She will probably remain for the holidays.

Johnnie Slover, who was operated on for appendicitis a couple of weeks ago continues to improve.

WANTED -A good milch cow to winter. See D. A Parkhurst or Mrs Parkhurst at the Confetionery.

American Yacht First Ship To Enter Panama Canal

On November 23rd the American yacht, Victor II, owned by Commodore Harry brown, of Pintsburg, with chief engineer Geethals, entered the Panama Canal and went up as far as the Gatum dam and returned.

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THE PRICE OF BUTTER.

The discussion given to the subject of cost of living has directed more or less attention to the federal olemargarine tax and the price of butter. People who are in favor of repealing the present olemargarine law have taken advantage of the situation to loudly condemn as "undemocratic and un-American" this 'burdensome tax on a pure, wholesome and nutritious food product."

They conveniently forget to explain that over 97 per cent of the olemargarine put upon the market is taxed at only one-fourth cent per pound They do not explain that only oleomargarine that is artificially colored is taxed at ten cents per pound.

Even if it were all taxed at ten cents per pound it would have absolutely nothing to do with the price of butter after the latter reaches thirty cents a pound retail. It costs about fourteen cents a pound to produce the very best grade of oleomargarine. Add to this a ten cent tax and the cost of production would be twenty-four cents. The product could be retailed at thirty cents at a handsome profit to manufacturer and retailer.

Looding at the question from any view point t is clearly seen that the oleomargarine law has absolutely nothing to do with the price of butter

The dairy interests of the country are not enjoying any benefit through oleomargarine legislation except as the integrity of the industry is maintained. In this every honest citizen should feel a keen interest. He should also understand that the effort put forth by the manufactures of oleomargarine to secure legislation which will make it easy for men to comit fraud in selling oleomargarine is not inspired for love of the "poor man who wants a cheap substitute for butter".

The whole mav thus be summed up: oleomargarine is now made to taste and smell something like butter, thus making it easy to commit fraud.

Every good citizen should be interested in effective pure food legislation and the oleomargarine law is just such legislation—no more, no less.

The National Dairy Union,
E. K. Slater, Secy.
St. Paul Minn.

In a cattle train "smashup" near Aroya, on the Texas and Pacific, 100 head of Mexican cattle escaped and the railroad officials had to hire cowboys to round them up.

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A. B. Rosser, D.
(which means some big
Odd Fellow parlance),
ter, T. M. Munger, W.
and G. C. Keck went
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and organized an Odd
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Merrell, C. A. Burrus,
Glaugh, J. W. Anders
A. Darden, and four
whose names we failed

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County Herald.

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G.C. King, of south
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Does She Need New Furs?

Now is the time to select that set of **FURS, LATEST STYLE,** for the girl's Christmas gift. She will appreciate the present more highly if you buy it early and thus have a chance to pick the prettiest

W. S. Posey, cashier of the Lubbock National Bank, was in Tahoka the first of the week.

Assay On King Solomon

A little girl tell the word what she knows about King Solomon in the following essay: King Solomon was a man who lived ever so many years ago, and in the country which he governed he was the whole push. He was an awfully wise man and one day a couple of women came to him each holding on to the leg of a baby and nearly pulling it in two, both claiming it, and King Solomon wasn't feeling right good, and he said: "Why couldn't the brat have been twins and stopped all this bother?" And then he called for his sword and was going to cut the brat in two and give each one a piece of it, when the one who was the real mother said: "If I can't have a whole baby I don't want any." Then Solomen told her to take the baby and go home and wash its face for he knew it was hers, and he told the other woman to go chase herself. King Solomon built Solomon's Temple and was the father of all Masons. He had 700 wives and 300 lady friends, and that is why there is so many Masons in the world. My papa says that King Solomon was a warm member and I think he was the hot stufi myself. That's all I know about Solomon —Ex.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Lynn County, Greeting: You are Hereby Commanded to Summon Tom Morman, a transient person whose place of residence is unknown, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 64th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 64th Judicial District, to appear at the next term of the Justice's Court of Precinct No. One, Lynn County, to be holden at Tahoka, Texas, in said Lynn County, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 22 day of November A. D. 1910, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 92, wherein G. W. Small, is Plaintiff, and Tom Morman is Defendant, and said petition alleging that the Defendant, Tom Morman, is indebted to the said Plaintiff, G. W. Small, on an open account to the amount of $80.50 for feed sold and delivered to the Defendant by the Plaintiff at various times from January the 1st, 1910, until June the 4th, 1910.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, Joe L. Stokes, Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. One, Lynn County.

Given under my official Signature, at office in Tahoka, Texas, this the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1910

Joe L. Stokes, Justice of the Peace,
Precinct No. One, Lynn County,
Texas. 15-18

Notice Of Intention to Apply For Special Law

NOTICE of intention to apply to the Legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1911, for the passage of an act authorizing the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to lease that portion of the railroad of The Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company extending from Coleman, Texas, to Sweetwater, Texas, or to authorize The Pecos & Northern Texas Railway Company to contract with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company for the operation by the officers of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company of said railroad from Coleman to Sweetwater.

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Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company,
By E. P. Ripley, President.
The Pecos and Northern Texas Railway Company,
By E. P. Ripley, President.

Do You Wanr An Acident Policy?

For a few weeks a special Policy will be offered to the readers of this paper by a Half Million Dollar old line Company, that has one hundred thousand dollars deposited with state insurance departments.

No 1 Policy is for $5,000 accidental death, $2,500 for loss of hands, arms, legs, etc., $1,250 loss of hand or foot, $500 loss of eye, $100 emergency relief if hurt or taken sick away from home and—$25.00 per week paid for accidental injuries or sick. Total cost Ten Dollars Per Year. No medical fees, no extra assessments.

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Address ______
Occupation ______ Want
Policy for $ ______ Member of following fraternal orders ______
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Age ______ Height ______
Color of hair ______ Color
eyes ______ Beard or
mustache ______ In case of
death pay to ______

Joke on An Editor.

A good joke on an editor who went one evening to report a party at a home recently blessed with a new baby. He met his hostess at the door and after the usual salutations he asked after the baby's health. The lady, who was quite deaf and suffering with the grippe, thought he was asking after her cold and answered that although she usually had one every winter, this was the worst one she ever had; it kept her awake at night a good deal and at first confined her to bed. Then noticing that that the newspaper man was getting nervous she taid that she could tell by his looks that he was going to have one just like hers, and asked him to go in and sit down. —Abilene Farm Reporter.

Read The News ads.—It pay

Don H. Biggers, of Lubbock, was in Tahoka Saturday on business. Mr. Biggers had recently been to Stamford and remarked that everything was very quiet in that counfry.

M. M. Anthony, of south of town, had his photograph wagon here this week.

Wade In, Girls!

Yes, wade in at once and do your Christmas shopping while the stores have full stocks f which to choose. If you p wading in till just a fe before Christmas the C CREEK may be runni shallow.

To save money, read the a

Tahoka Saddle Shop

G. R. MILLIKEN Prop.

Saddles, Harness,
Fancy Belts Made
Repairing Done

Come, Look, Buy

Jus Received, A Full Line Of The
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Let us put new rubber tires on your buggy
New boxes and spindles for Buggies and wagons
always on hand. Prices Reasonable

FOR CASH

North of Square, Tahoka, Texas

Stocking the Stocking

It is wise to begin buying stock for the **STOCKING OF THE STOCKING** just as soon as the stores lay in **STOCKING STOCK.**

Already the stores are **STOCKED** with **STOCKING STOCK.**

STOCK UP for Christmas.

Aren't They Cunning, Now?

Don't wait until the last moment when the children are going upstairs to bed, wondering what Santa Claus will bring them — don't wait until then to buy gifts for the little ones. You can get a much wider choice right now than later in December. **BUY NOW.**

WE ARE BETTER PREPARED

now, to furnish home grown trees than ever befre
Varaties adopted to West Texas and
The Plains. Get wise, if you want the best, write

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For over half a century the Singer Sewing Machine has caused the housewife to smile instead of frown when waiting upon her husband because she is not tired down running a cheap sewing machine. There's a Difference.

E. W. HANCOCK

SELLS THEM ON TWO YEARS TIME--WRITE TO HIM AT LAMESA, TEXAS.

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South of the Pubic Square, Tahoka, Texas

We do all kinds of Tin, Pipe and Repair Work, Stove Pipe and Oven Drums.

When in need of anything in this line call on us. Prices that will please.

Yours for business,

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North of the square, Tahoka, Texas.

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Horse Sense

"Neigh, neigh!" says Old Charley. "Don't put off your Christmas shopping until somebody else has bought the **VERY THINGS YOU WANT** and you have to take the leavings. It is just **COMMON HORSE SENSE** to buy Christmas goods early."

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Read The News advertisements.

Out In the Cold Cold Snowstorm!

Don't wait until Christmas eve to buy those gifts for friends and the gewgaws for home decoration. If you do you are likely to be left out in the cold. In that event you won't feel as sweet as this little girl looks.

Why not do your Christmas shopping now?

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We positively have only 50 subscriptions to this fine semi-monthly farm paper to dispose of in this way, and the first calls will get them. Do you want one?

Samale copies of the Southern Agriculturist may be had at this [illegible] free of charge. 15tf

COSTLY KISSES AT CHRISTMAS

At a Christmas dinner given every year to the old folks of Hanley, the capital of the potteries district in England, a quaint ceremony is regularly observed.

At the conclusion of the meal one of the oldest of the women guests advances to the platform and kisses the mayor on both cheeks. His worship gallantly returns the salute, and the exchange of kisses continues until all the more venerable dames present have been thus honored.

In large business establishments where the assistants live in, a great deal of kissing goes on at Christmas time. Some of the more daring spirits among the male "hands" have been known to make bets with one another as to the number of different girls they would kiss between Christmas eve and New Year's eve.

In a certain London drapery house two or three seasons ago one of these "horrid males" made a record by saluting seventeen different damsels. But he found the game was not worth the candle, for, in addition to a scratched face and a pretty severe pommeling at the hands of a victim's sweetheart, the rash youth found his services dispensed with.

At another great emporium one Christmas indiscriminate kissing created so much trouble that more than a dozen young men were dismissed. Ever since in this particular establishment even the introduction of a sprig of mistletoe during the festive season has been enough to insure instant dismissal.

A girl who appeared with a sprig of it in her blouse was ordered to put on her things and leave at once. A playful young man who merely pretended to kiss a young lady assistant was hurried off the premises with his hat and overcoat in his hand.

The Lancashire factory maid has a little kissing custom all her own that is sacred to Christmas. At this special period she will kiss an overlooker or any other male "hand" in the expectation that she will be rewarded with a shilling for her temerity.

Woe betide the ungallant worker who fails to part with the coin. He will find his coat sleeves sewed up or nailed to the wall. If the girl herself does not do this her fellow workers will.

Some of the more venturesome have been known to "get their employer round the neck" and kiss him, but the risks are great. If he takes the liberty kindly he will part with a sovereign; if otherwise he will part with the kisser. In one instance the master was so furious at being kissed that he closed his works until New Year's day, thus mulcting the hands in a week's wages.

SHE WILL KISS ANY MALE "HAND."

A ludicrous story is told of a young Japanese engineering apprentice in connection with the Christmas custom of kissing. He was serving his time in the north of England and was astounded when a waitress at the dining rooms which he regularly frequented kissed him under the mistletoe.

On its being explained to him that a present was expected in return, he suggested a pair of gloves. The damsel, however, had heard that he was immensely wealthy and gently hinted that something for her neck would be more acceptable. When the present arrived next day she conjured up visions of a pearl necklace as she tremblingly undid the parcel. Then was disclosed to her disappointed gaze a Jap's idea of "something for her neck." It took the shape of a bar of soap.

It is interesting to recall a strange Christmas kissing custom that in times gone by was regularly observed at a certain London hostelry. This was a house known as the Pied Bull in Clerkenwell, the landlord of which was under an obligation to bestow on every [illegible] who came in before noon and kissed him a given measure of ale.

If records can be relied on "mine host" had no lack of lady customers on the festive morn.—Tit-Bits.

HIGGINBOTHAM---HARRIS CO

Want to figure your bill for
Lumber, Sash, Doors, Shingles, moulding, Eclipse Wind mills, Stock Tower, Piping and Fittings of all kinds, Lime, Brick, Cement, Posts and Wire.

Geo. Small, Manager

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The - Banner - County
OF THE
Great South Plains

Lynn County Is All Right And Tahoka Is Still Growing

We will make from one-fourth to a bale per acre cotton this year. Every farmer in Lynn County will have grain and feed stuff to sell

What county in Texas can beat it!

Jack Alley can sell you bargains in Lynn County and North Tahoka lots are the best and closest in. Come and see, we are on the Santa Fe railroad.

JACK ALLEY.

TAHOKA, Lynn County, TEXAS

FIRST DOOR NORTH OF THE HOTEL

THE RIGHT STORE

On The Wrong Side Of The Square

We want the public to know that we have an entire New Stock of Groceeris at Our Cash Store, and we have cut and recut our prices until we have got them down to bedrock as you will find out if you will just come in and let us price them to ou.

We have a fine line of shoes that we bought at right prices and we are selling at even better prices. Also an extra fine line of hats and shirts at right prices.

All we ased is for you to come in and get our prices on them. You will be sure to buy.

Our Cash Store.

Carter Bros., Props.
PHONE NO. 42
N. E. Corner Square

Great Cash Sale On Dry Goods

Opens December 15 --- Closes December 25

E. W. Hancock's mammoth stock of Dry Goods will go on the market at greatly reduced prices. Now is the chance to lay in your supply of clothing, and it will pay you to come to this sale to do so as our entire stock will be discounted from 20 per. ct. to 50 per. ct., and goods will be arranged on counters and shelves with the discount allowed written in plain view so that you can see how much you can save on every thing by simply walking through the Store. You cannot afford to miss this chance to save your money.

E. W. HANCOCK, **POST CITY, TEXAS.**

Remember Date 15 to 25 Come And See

Have now in stock all the latest color designes, in wall paper and paint,
If you have any decorative work to do we would like to figure your bill.
Painting and paper hanging done.

D. A. Parkhurst & Co. Props.

Hall Robinson's new residence is taking shape and beginning to look like the pretty house it is going to be. It is on one of the prettiest locations in North Tahoka.

Miss Maud Nevels of Lubbock accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Outhouse, came in Saturday to visit at the home Miss Maud's brother, W. D. Nevels. The ladies returned home on the train Monday morning.

Mr. Weathers left last week for Hunt county to visit his daughter and bring her back with him to see the folks before they move to Oregon Mr. Weathers intended the visit to be a surprise, but thought better of it and wrote a card telling where he had gone.

Miss Annie Nettles, of New Home is the guest of the Misses Lowe this week.

Miss Maggie King left Monday morning for her home in Denton county, in answer to a telegram telling of the sudden death of her sister. She reached her destination sometime Tuesday.

Mr. Nevels came down from the ranch Saturday to visit his son, W. D. Nevels.

Dr. Upton left last week to look up a location better suited to their health than Lynn county. Mrs. Upton has started a restaurant in the building where the Art Store was situated.

Mr. Stedum, the telephone man has been putting in some improvements at Post City.

Mrs Bob Majors who went to Post City for the benefit of her health is doing nicely and hopes to be entirely recovered before long.

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WE ARE AGENTS FOR THE GENUINE

Niggerhead Coal

and the prices are at the bottom.
Stop at our wagon yard when in Tahoka.
We pay highes cash prices for Hides.
Call and See Us

Tahoka Grain & Coal Co.

L. S. MAST, Mngr. S. W. Corner Square,

Buy Your Grain In Tahoka.

Watch For Santa Claus

He Will Arrive

betwee the 15th and 19th of this month and make his headquarters at the Tahoka Mercantile Company's store where he will greet you each day till Christmas.

We will be glad to have you come and see us, you ar welcome wheth you buy or not. Don't forget.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are yours anxious to please,

Candy! Candy!! Candy!!!

700 lbs., prices from 8 1-2c to 60c.

New Brazil Nuts, per pound,	20c
New English Waluts, per lb,	25c
New Juubo Pecans no. 1, " "	25c
" " " " 2, " "	20c
Paper Shell Almonds " "	25c
Fancy Dates, 2 lb.	25c
LynnCountyPenuts (fine) " "	25c
New Calif. Figs, per package	10c
4 bbls. of imported Malaga grapes per pound	25c

20 boxes Washington Naval Oranges, (prices ranging from 20c to 60c per dozen.)

Fancy Olives in bulk and bottles.

Bulk Pickles sour and sweet.

Rockford Honey (fancy) per lb. 20c

All kinds of California dried fruit.

Just received 275 cases caned goods.

Now is the time to buy your winter supply.

Santa Claus

is sure to make his headquarters at our store.

The time for Christmas shoping is short, come early and make your selections. We have many useful articles suitable for Christmas Gifts, such as table linen, drawn work, cut glass, silk mufflers, hand bags, fancy neckties, fancy haif hose, fancy suspenders, medallions, yard pictures, Bibles, Testaments, fancy dishes, 25 dozen handkerchiefs for ladies, all styles cuff and collar boxes, cuff buttons, watch chains, fancy belt pins.

Tahoka Mercantile Company

The ONLOOKER
by WILBUR D. NESBIT

The Old Song

The brain that dreamed the magic strains
 Is dust these many, many years,
Yet still the music swells and wanes
 And works its spell on him who hears;
The melody is clear and sweet
 With dulcet gladness in each tone;
Of haunting swing and rhythmic beat
 Are murmured chords that sing alone.

The hand that wrote the olden rhymes
 These many, many years is dust;
The sword it held in olden times
 A century ago was rust—
But here today as fair as then
 We have the song that holds the heart
Which throbs again, and yet again,
 Because of this undying art.

And they who wrote this song, they gave
 The world no conquest of their hands.
They caused no battle flags to wave,
 They trampled through no alien lands.
Their fame came not through women's tears
 Nor through the heaping of their gold—
And yet through all the bygone years
 The simple song their fame has told.

So sing it softly, when the night
 Flings shadows from the drowsy west,
For all its measures, shadow-light,
 With comfort and tenderness are blest,
And it may be to some fair star
 Will float an echo of some strain
To tell the two who hide afar
 They did not write their song in vain.

Fishing.

The devil, we are told, is the father of lies. Fishing, therefore, must be the father of the devil, or else some intimate family friend.

Fishing is not an art; it is not a sport; it is usually an unaccomplished act.

The essentials to fishing are a pole, a line, and an eliminated conscience.

Also the person who desires to take up fishing as a means of occupying his time for a day or so must have so much hope that he has to carry most of it in condensed form.

Some people fish by casting the line hither and yon, then working the reel and swearing.

Others cut out the casting and the reeling-in and double up on the profanity.

The mystery about fishing is not why you do not catch anything, but why, when you move from an apparently fishless spot, the other man can row in there and immediately catch a whale.

Jonah for years was suspected of being merely a fisherman.

Quite Different.

He chides her, sarcastically, for turning about to look at the women they have passed.

"You cannot resist the temptation," he says, "to see what they are wearing."

"Not so," she replies, in defense. "I merely turned about to see if they had turned about to see what my new dress was made of."

Just So.

Lives of toothless men remind us
 We must munch our meals on time
Or the lift boys also will find us
 Fletcherizing as we climb.

Time Works Changes.

"Where is my husband?" asks the woman of her brother-in-law, who has come to visit them for the first time in 15 years, and who has taken the husband out with him to dinner.

"He's still seeing the town," explains the brother-in-law. "He said a while ago that he had no idea the town had grown so much in 15 years, and that while he was about it he would see it all."

Feared Pneumonia.

"I don't see why you insisted on coming out here in our spring clothes on such a blustery, raw day."

"But think of everybody reading about you and I being the very first people to appear in light garb."

"Reading it? Where?" "On our tombstones?"

Wilbur D. Nesbit

INDIANS COME TO DANCE IN AUTOS

"WELCOME, TWO BITS," GREETING OF KIOWA BILL, TRIBAL COUNCIL HOST.

RED MEN CHARGE GATE FEE

Ghost Dance, With Frequent War-hoops, Features of Big Three-Day Meeting Near Hobart, Oklahoma—Great Attraction for Pale Face.

Hobart, Ok.—"Welcome, Two Bits," was the greeting Kiowa Bill gave the white visitors who gathered at his farm to witness the ceremonies attending the council and ghost dance of the Cheyenne and Kiowas during their fall visit. A good sprinkling of the Indians present made the trip from their homes in automobiles.

Kiowa Bill is a crafty business man and he knows the value of his chieftainship and also of Indian ceremonials. The gathering at his farm was to last three days and provisions cost money, so he proceeded to make the show self-sustaining. Beef was the chief article on the menu and often there was not time enough to cook it.

The visitors found as much attraction in the personality of those gathered for the council, as in the proceedings themselves. The Indians still take these councils quite seriously, or at least appear to.

Lone Wolf, in his clerical garb, was there. Wolf represented the Kiowas in the opposition to the opening of the Kiowa-Comanche country in 1901 so persistently that he lost standing with the authorities. It was concluded that he was more of a spokesman for wealthy cattlemen than for his tribesmen and the government has since ignored him, dealing with his tribe through others. He is a Baptist clergyman and always appears in civilian dress, which becomes pretty badly soiled when he squats in the circle with Komalty, Kiowa Bill, Little Wolf, Prairie Chief, Little Calf and the other wise men.

The Indian Ghost Dance.

The long pipe and many grunts are the most apparent features of this council, which sometimes lasts as long as the night session of a state convention.

The ghost dance, however, enlivened things. When time came for the dancers to take their places, it became evident what had been going on in the tepees. The participants appeared in full glory of feathers, war paint, blankets, buckskin garments, beads and gaudy trinkets. These Indians justified any colored picture of a painted red man that has ever been printed.

All dancers, squaws and braves together, join hands and form a circle around a group of a few of the oldest and wisest of the chiefs. The latter sing or chant a tribal song. Their voices are pitched in a shrill, high key, which might be compared to the "treble" of the early-day white folks class meeting, and the song usually ends with a war whoop, which is a bit disquieting to timid spectators. Occasionally the dancers join in the chant and also in the whoop, especially when the dance is given by the light of a campfire and there is a better opportunity of impressing white folks.

The dance is given in five-minute rounds, between which the Indians walk about and converse with each other much as at a fashionable ball.

Conversation with white visitors is limited to the younger Indians, those who have attended school. The older ones, when addressed, answer "No savvy," but if the person speaking has something of interest to the Indian to impart and will continue talking, he usually finds that the brave understands all that he cares to.

Grasshoppers Ate His Coat.

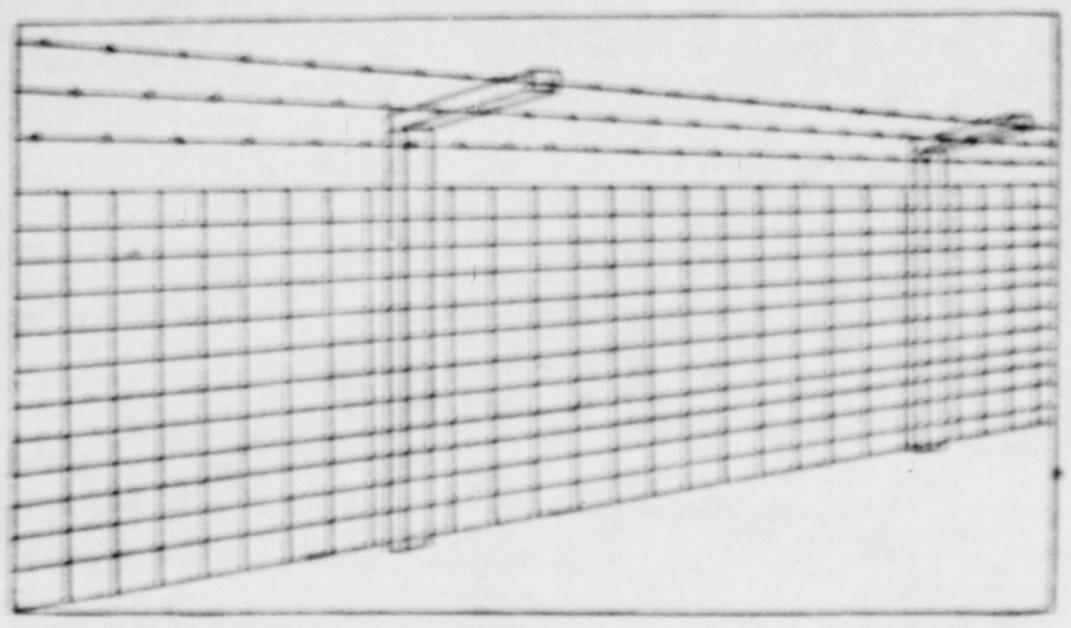
Washington, Pa.—Recently Oscar West of Venetia attended a Sunday school picnic. He doffed his coat, rolling it into a bundle and placing it in a grassy place. When he was ready to start home and went to get his coat he found it literally eaten up by the hoppers.

FENCE PREVENTS WOLVES FROM DEVOURING SHEEP

Best Protection Against Destructive Beasts Is Woven Wire Fence With Barb Wire Stretched Across the Top.

In answering a query as to the best method of preventing wolves from destroying a sheep flock, the Wisconsin Agriculturist publishes the following:

Many bells on a flock of sheep will no doubt do good service toward keeping wolves off though they would not be proof against attacks from the bolder animals. A few well trained shepherd dogs would serve the purpose better and would make very serviceable animals in other respects in helping to attend to large flocks. The best protection against wolves for the flocks, however, would be wolf-tight woven wire fence, with barb wires stretched at the top so as to prevent the wolves from getting over and into the sheep pastures. Such a fence must also be built close to the ground to prevent the wolves from digging their way through underneath. A barb wire stretched tightly along the ground line will be very serviceable in this respect. The woven wire fence should be at least as high as any farm fence ordinarily in use is, and pieces of 2x4's should be nailed or spiked to the tops of all the posts projecting outward from the field enclosed for sheep pasture at an angle of 45 degrees to the upper parts of the posts. The pieces of 2x4's should be 18 to 20 inches long and to them the barb wires should be stapled. The fence thus made will prevent the wolves from getting over as they cannot get over the projecting barb wire arrangement even though they manage to get up the woven wire to its top. The accompanying illustration shows clearly how the fence is built. Such a fence is of service to any sheep farmer who wishes an efficient means of protecting his flocks against sheep-killing dogs as well as against wolves.



Wolf and Dog Proof Fence for Sheep.

High Prices for Horses.

We may well doubt the prediction that the automobile will soon put the horse out of business and reports from every section of the west show that well-bred animals are selling at $250 to $500 per pair.

COMFORT FOR FARM STOCK

Should Be Fed at Regular Times and Never Roughly Handled by Being Chased by Dog or Left in Cold.

(By A. D. WILSON, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)

One of our good dairy farmers, living in Carlton county, who is also a Farmers' Institute lecturer, Mr. F. B. McLeran, in talking on "Care of Dairy Cattle," always emphasizes the importance of making the stock comfortable. He says that if they are made uncomfortable by being fed at irregular times, so that they spend a great deal of their time expecting to be fed, the discomfort shows in lower production. If they are made uncomfortable by having a poor bed, by being roughly handled, by having a dog set on them, or by being left out in the cold or allowed to go thirsty, these conditions result in decreased production. He emphasizes the fact that one of the great advantages of weighing the milk every day, from each cow, is that it gives one a quick check on any condition that brings about discomfort to his animals. If any cow shows a dropping off of her milk flow, as a rule a little observation will show that she has been made uncomfortable in some of the ways mentioned above; and, knowing these facts, the farmer is able to check these unfavorable conditions quickly.

One of the points that Mr. McLeran especially emphasizes is the importance of not allowing the cows to stay out in the winter when they are uncomfortable. He states that a good way to determine this is to take off your coat and go out in the yard with the cows, stand around and act just as the cows do. When you begin to feel uncomfortable and feel like going into the house, put the cows in the barn.

Autos on the Farm.

Some people have an idea that the farmer will not be able to properly care for his machine, but my experience has been that the farmers who have called for licenses have been fully conversant with the workings of their machines—in fact, many farmers are better informed on mechanics, gasoline engines and the like than the average city man who applies for a license. There is another view held by many city people which is wrong, and that is that the farmer will be content with a small horsepower motor car, says a writer in Baltimore American. As a matter of fact, when a farmer gets a car he wants it so constructed that he can use it for pleasure and for business, and that is the reason that they generally want their cars to have 40 horsepower or better. Time and help are the two things now at a premium on the Ohio farm, and, as an auto saves both, there is an increasing interest in the subject. I feel certain that the present fall and spring will be by far the best selling time for farm autos ever seen.

HOW ENGLISH RUN DAIRIES

Cows Are Not Soiled to Any Great Extent but Pasture Is Depended Upon for Entire Summer Feed.

In England cows are not soiled to any great extent but pasture is depended upon for the entire summer feed. They say over there that it takes two acres to keep a cow going as she should.

Early in August the cows are turned on the aftermath of the meadows and later changed back and forth between the pastures and the meadow.

When taken off the pastures in late summer the cows are fed a little cotton seed cake but they do not get much grain at any time.

In the winter they are fed roots—40 to 70 pounds per day, about 12 pounds of straw, half as much hay and about eight pounds of meal and oil cake mixed.

The barn yards are paved with cobble stones to keep the cows out of the mud and the manure is saved under sheds. Not a thing is wasted.

There are very few creameries in England and the butter on the market is all farm butter but it is of fine quality, generally a great deal better than our farmers make.

The prices for milk for the year averages about $1.50 per 100 pounds, after the freight is paid.

COMFORTABLE FARROWING PEN

The brood sows must have dry and reasonably warm quarters. The accompanying illustration gives us a fairly good idea of one style of a litter pen. It is roomy and its long panel doors when opened admit of plenty of light and air. This style of a pen is handier for the attendant than are the triangular shaped sheds. These pens can be more easily cleaned and bedded.

Many Goats in Country.

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"I suppose that is how he happened to get into a stew."

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"Kin by Marriage."

A caller was talking to a small Harlem girl who is extravagantly fond of her mother. She likes her father well enough, but he is far from being first in her affections. The caller, knowing the situation, asked the child why she didn't love her father as she did her mother.

"Oh, you see," she explained, loftily, "he's only kin to us by marriage."

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His Defense.

It was shortly after midnight, and the colonel had caught Rastus red-handed.

"Well, Rastus, you old rascal, you," said he, "I've caught you at last. What are you doing in my henhouse?"

"Why, Marse Bill," said the old man, "I—I done heerd such a cacklin' in dis yere coop, dat I—I thought mebbe de ole hen done gone lay an aig, an' I—I wanted ter git it fo' yo' breakfus' while it was fresh, suh."—Harper's Weekly.

Not Easy.

Pat was a married man—a very much married man. He had married no fewer than four times, and all his wives were still in the live. According to Pat's own account before the court where he was tried for bigamy and found guilty, his experiences were not altogether satisfactory. The judge, in passing sentence, expressed his wonder that the prisoner could be such a hardened villain as to delude so many women.

"Yer honor," said Pat, apologetically, "I was only tryin' to get a good one, an' it's not aisy!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

All About It.

To appreciate fully this scrap of dialogue, quoted from London Punch, one should see the two old characters engaged in it. Apparently they parted satisfied, one that he had imparted some real information, the other that he had received some. Said one man:

"D'you recollect old wot's-'is-name?"

"'Im with the collar?"

"Aye!"

"Wot about 'im?"

"'E 'ad to go down"—jerk of the head—"you know—they give 'im wot you call it—didn't arf git it, I don't think!"

"Really?"

"'Adn't you 'eard, then?"

"I did 'ear somefink, but no details, not afore now."—Youth's Companion.

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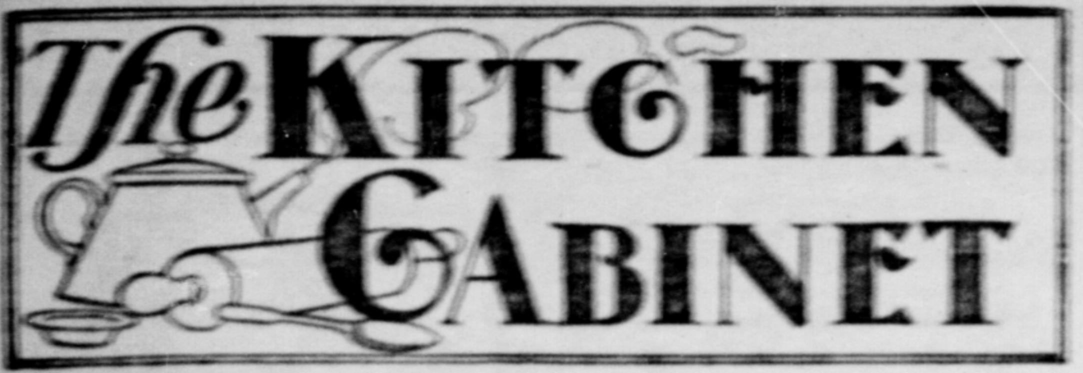

The KITCHEN CABINET

TIS better to be lowly born,
And range with humble livers in content,
Than to be perk'd up in a glistering grief
And wear a golden sorrow.

Simple and Dainty Desserts.

What to have for dessert is the question that arises several hundred times a year. Pies and puddings, like the poor, are "always with us," but are less wholesome than simpler desserts and fruits. Toast a few marshmallows cut in quarters and serve with a few almonds in whipped cream. A most delicious frozen dish is made of two lemons, two oranges, two cups of sugar and two cups of cream; freeze as usual. Gelatine jellies are great favorites, easy to make and so light that they make an ideal dessert after a hearty dinner.

Jellied Prunes.

Pick over and wash half a pound of prunes and soak several hours in cold water to cover, then cook in the same water until tender. Remove the stones and cut in quarters; to the prune water add enough boiling water to make two cupfuls; soak half a box of gelatine in half a cup of water and stir over the heat until dissolved; add one cupful of sugar and a quarter of a cupful of lemon juice; turn into a mold, stirring occasionally to prevent the prunes from sinking. Serve with sugar and cream.

Figs and Lemon Sauce.

Soak figs several hours in cold water, then cook in water to cover until plump; add a fourth of a cup of lemon juice to the water when nearly done. Drain the figs and serve in a glass dish, with the juice slightly thickened with cornstarch. Chill and serve with whipped cream, flavored with lemon rind.

Banana Cantaloupe.

Soak two tablespoonfuls of gelatine in half a cupful of cold water. Beat the whites of two eggs slightly, add a fourth of a cup of powdered sugar and three-fourths of a cup of scalded cream; cook over hot water until it thickens; add the soaked gelatine and two-thirds of a cupful of sugar; strain into a pan set in ice water, add four mashed bananas and one tablespoonful of lemon juice. Stir until it begins to thicken, then fold in the whip from three cups of cream. Line the melon mold with lady fingers, trimmed to fit the mold, turn in the mixture and spread evenly and chill.

BE STRONG!
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.
—Maltby Babcock.

Prepare for the Winter.

During the fruit season there are many delicacies that may be overlooked in the time of preparation, because the recipes could not be found or are completely forgotten. Here is a nice confection which may be easily made and which is very dainty:

Tomato Figs.—Take six pounds of tomatoes and three pounds of granulated sugar; select small yellow or red tomatoes; put them in a colander and plunge into boiling water for half a minute, remove the skins carefully, not to break the tomatoes. Cover the bottom of a porcelain-lined kettle with a portion of the sugar, put in a layer of the tomatoes, the remainder of the sugar and another layer of tomatoes. Cook slowly until the sugar has penetrated the center of the tomatoes; lift carefully with a large fork and spread the tomatoes carefully on granite plates and let them dry in the sun, bringing them in each night. Sprinkle while drying with granulated sugar. When perfectly dry put in layers with waxed paper between each.

An Aster Luncheon.

Aster means star, so an appropriate centerpiece of tin made in the form of a star and filled with delicate lavender and pink asters with ribbons of the same color radiating to each place, where they are attached to star shaped place cards decorated with hand-painted stars makes a very attractive table.

The menu may be carried out without regard to the color scheme. A pretty custom and one which it is hoped will become popular is the reading of an interesting story by the hostess or a friend as the entertainment. Let the noble art of conversation not be entirely forgotten over the bridge table.

Those who entertain simply can entertain often and thereby are not setting an example of extravagance to be followed by a greater one at the next entertainment. Entertainers are always looking for something original for entertainment. Why not have a dinner or luncheon and with something else than bridge whist.

Pumpkin Marmalade.

Cut eight pounds of yellow pumpkin into small pieces; mix nine pounds of sugar with the pieces and allow to stand 12 hours. Peel six oranges and six lemons and boil this rind for two hours, changing the water two or three times. Chop the rind, add it to the juice of the oranges and lemons; mix it with the pumpkin and cook slowly three hours. Put in glasses and keep in a dark place.

Candy for a yellow luncheon may be colored with saffron. Small patties of fondant may be colored, then drop with a teaspoon on a buttered paper. Another attractive way of serving ice cream is in the spun sugar nests, any color may be used. These nests may be made at home after a little practice, but they may be purchased at five cents each from the confectioner.

IT SEEMS not unreasonable to consider marriage on its practical side as a business partnership in which the woman as well as the man is to contribute; but if she brings no knowledge of household affairs, and no equivalent for it, the partnership on its business side is unfair.

—Salmon.

The Children's Sunday.

To many parents, what to do with the children to keep them happy on Sunday, is a problem. It should be the day of all the week most enjoyed; but much depends on how Sunday is observed, whether the child looks forward to the day with joy or dread.

Children in the home mean self-sacrifice on the part of the parents, but aren't they worth it? After the usual church services are attended, and by-the-way, the wise parents of today take all their children to church as soon as the mother is able to go with them. A child thus reared will belong in the church and never have to be urged to go. One has to remember that children are without judgment, and their little wants must be met. A cooky and a pencil will often be all that is necessary for its contentment.

Let the children have an hour with you of their own on Sunday afternoon; it may mean the giving up of a nap or a call, but keep the time for them. Talk over things that have troubled, then read some interesting book closed the previous week at a most interesting point, and keep the book just for Sunday reading.

Let the children have some games and toys kept only for use on Sunday. A Noah's ark may be an unending source of amusement; talks on the different animals, their homes and habits, teach geography and nature study. Let them use pencil and paper with Bible names to make words, or teach them to spell their names with Bible verses. These may be memorized.

Very young children show in a short time the general knowledge gained by the thoughtful companionship of parents. There are several Bible games suitable for different ages that may be used occasionally to vary the program.

Another way to interest children is to allow one to suggest what to have for the Sunday supper, and let them all have a hand in getting it ready.

These suggestions may be varied to suit individual needs, and parents with a little thought can originate countless helpful ways of spending the Sabbath as it should be spent, in quiet and with reverence.

BLESSED are the mirthful, for mirthfulness is God's medicine—one of the renovators of the world.
—Beecher.

Now good digestion wait on appetite,
And health on both.
—Macbeth, Act I, Scene 4.

Helpful Hints.

Use salt and sour milk to clean brasses.

Remnants of fat, either cooked or uncooked should always be saved, fried out and clarified if necessary.

Carpets are greatly freshened by washing with water in which a tablespoonful of ammonia is added to six quarts of water. After a thorough sweeping wipe with a cloth wrung as dry as possible.

To keep chipped ice in the sick room, suspend a flannel bag in a bowl, put the ice in the bag and keep tightly covered. See that the bag is high enough to be out of the water, as the ice melts and ice will last nearly all night.

Try putting the pumpkin through the meat chopper before cooking. It is easily done and it needs little water to cook and in a short time is tender. If put in the oven to stew it need not be watched as carefully as if cooked on top of the stove.

Before removing the ribbon from underwear, sew a piece of tape to the end of ribbon, then draw the ribbon out of the garment from the opposite end, which will draw the tape in, then the ribbon may be removed from the tape, and when the garment is washed the ribbon may be quickly put back in the same manner, as the tape is left in during the washing.

Nellie Maxwell

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Church Utility.

Richard, aged five, was being interviewed in regard to his school work.

"And where do you go to Sunday school?" was next asked.

"To the Episcopal," he replied.

"What have you learned there?"

"'Honor thy father and thy mother,'" he said. "And do you know, I went down to the Methodist church the other day and they were teaching the same thing there!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

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If you would be pungent, be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.—Southey.

Some people treat the sermon as a table d'hote dinner, picking out the things that will not agree with them.

If you wish beautiful, clear, white clothes use Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

An ingrowing conscience drives many a man into sin.

SWELLING THE HOTEL BILL

Hotel Keeper's Method of Taxing Traveler Had at Least the Merit of Novelty.

One of the things which help swell the traveler's expenses, both in this country and abroad, is the "extra." It may or may not be charged in the bill, but it is sure to be paid for. Probably even the most generous traveler, however, will have some sympathy for the gentleman in the following story who was made to pay liberally for a certain annoying privilege.

During his stay at the hotel the weather had been very hot.

"Charles," said the landlord to the clerk who was making out the bill to be presented to the departing guest, "have you noticed that the gentleman in number seven has consulted the thermometer on the piazza at least ten times every morning during his stay?"

Charles replied that he had.

"Well," said the landlord, "charge him the price of one dinner a day for the use of the thermometer."—Youth's Companion.

Getting a Reputation.

There is a desk in the senate particularly convenient as a place from which to make speeches. It is next to the aisle and almost in the center of the chamber, and affords an opportunity for the speaker to make everybody hear.

At least a dozen senators, according to the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Star, have borrowed this desk when they had special utterances to deliver to the senate. This led, not long ago, to a mild protest from its legitimate occupant.

"I am perfectly willing to give up my desk," said he, "but I am afraid people will think that the same man is talking all the time. I don't want to get the reputation of constantly filling the senate with words."—Youth's Companion.

Why the Boy Gave Thanks.

Alan had played the entire day with little brother without an impatient word. After saying his customary prayer that night, his mother suggested that he add: "I thank God I was not impatient with little brother today." This he did with much fervency; after which he remarked that there were some other things he would like to thank God for, and forthwith he closed his eyes and said:

"I thank God I offered my candy to father before taking any myself.

"I thank God I offered my candy to mother before taking any myself.

"I thank God I offered my candy to little brother before taking any myself.

"And I thank God there was some left."—Lippincott's.

Procrastination.

"I heard a tale the other day of a postponing chap, who thought he'd buy a wheel so gay, but—'they will be cheaper, perhaps.' And so he dallied year by year, the cheapest wheel to buy; but long before the cheapest year, that yap he had to die! And so, by putting off the day, we miss the wine of life; and some there are in just that way who thus will miss a wife! Get busy now, you timid swain, procrastinate no more, for time is surely on the wane, and you a bachelor! Some wait too long to make a pick of husbands or of wife, and then some take a broken stick and make a mess of life."—H. B. Benedict, in Judge.

His Point of View.

"John, dear," queried the young wife, glancing up from the physical culture magazine she was perusing, "what is your idea of a perfect figure?"

"Well," replied her husband, "$100,000 may not be perfection, but it's near enough to satisfy a man of my simple tastes."

His Luck.

"I know a man who is always up against it."

"Who is he?"

"The paper hanger when he has to fix a new wall."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM

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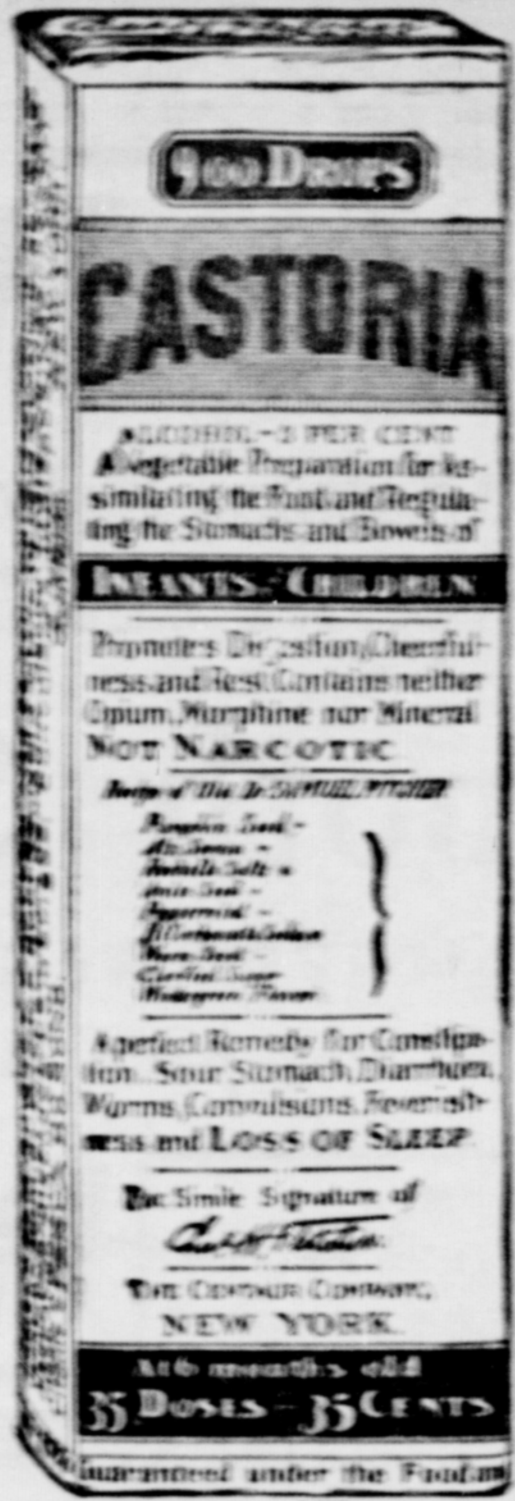

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Miss Nena-bell Donaldson entertained her little friends at her home Friday, Dec. 2nd in honor of her thirteenth birthday. The guests gathered promptly at seven o'clock and spent the evening in games of all kinds. Miss Nena-bell favored the company with several selections on the piano. She is quite a musician and the little folks appreciated the treat accordingly.

A number of presents and rememberances were received by the little hostess.

At half past ten refreshments were served. Apples, candy and cake were a welcome diversion after an evening so full of fun and pleasure. About thirty little guests were present and enjoyed the evening to its fullest extent.

Miss Exa Donaldson helped with the entertaining and is to be congratulated upon the success of her efforts to assist the charming little hostess.

Judge Perryman was the guest of honor by special invitation and enjoyed the evening immensely.

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Mass.

Prof. J. P. Hatchett, of Lynn, is spending the week in Tahoka with his brother, Boss Hatchett, and attending the Institute.

C. B. Morrison, of Pride, was in Tahoka Thursday with some sweet potatoes.

Mrs. J. M. Millman and baby Orville, went to Lubbock on the train last Friday morning to visit Mrs. Millman brother, Oillie Wilkerson and family.

Judge James R. Robinson, of Lubbock, is in Tahoka on legal business this week.

Sheriff Edwards has moved his office from the north east corner room in the court house to the north west room, formerly occupied by the county treasurer, McMill Clayton, who will office with the county clerk J. W. Elliott. The tax assessor, F. E. Redwine and C. M. Whipp the abstracter will occupy the old sheriff office for the future.

Santa Fe Claim Agent Miller, of Amarillo, came down on the Wednesday evening train and stopped at the Tahoka Hotel. He is here to adjust a claim by B. H. Black against the Company for tearing down his fence.

Prof. Nunnaley, who has just finished the school term in district 11, will begin the Draw school Monday. Prof. Nunnaley is in Tahoka this week attendig the Teachers' Institute.

Miss Meda Clayton, of Morgan is spending Institute Week with home folks.

Miss Linnie Babston, of Three Lakes, is visiting Mrs. A. S. Coughran during her stay in town for the institute.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Franklin, of Draw, were visitors in Ta-

TAHOKA IS THE SOUTH PLAINS COTTON MARKET

The cotton figures for Lynn county might not look very big to an East Texas citizen, but if you will compare them to the cotton reports of other Plains counties or even compare these figures with an East Texas county in proportion to population, and our cotton crop for this season will show up well with most of them.

The Wells & Welcher gin here in Tahoka has already turned out 380 bales of cotton this season, and the Luke Riley gin about 16 miles south of Tahoka has turned out 225 bales, making 605 bales ginned in this county, and the men operating these gins expect to make it at least 800 bales. This is an excellent showing for the population and a dry year. The farmers have done so well with their cotton this year that many are planning large acreage next year and are already beginning to prepare the land for their cotton so as to conserve all the moisture they have this winter.

Tahoka, as a cotton market has been everything this year that any one could possibly wish. We have not only bought every bale ginned in the county, but our buyers have bought something like 100 bales more than has been ginned here

Coleman Wells, of the general merchandise firm of Wells & Welcher, has bought 430 bales for his firm, paying the top of the market for every pound of it.

H. M. Larkin, of the general merchandise firm, The Fair, had bought 250 bales up to Wednesday noon and he went to Lamesa on the evening train expecting to buy 35 or 40 bales at that place Thursday. And he has also paid top notch prices.

When one figures that over $50,000 has been paid in Tahoka for cotton and that most of this money was, or will be spent right here among our merchants, one can begin to realize what it has meant for these two firms to make a cotton market of Tahoka this year.

Keep it up and help Tahoka grow.

68 Eventful and Useful Years.

The fifth of December Judge Perryman celebrated his 68th birthday. The Judge has profited by every milestone he has past along life's highway and his life is rich with experience of all kinds. Younger people never spend an hour in his company without gleaning some useful information.

ton county, Georgia the 5th day of Dec. 1842. He lived in Georgia until the Civil War, when he enlisted in the 10th Georgia regiment as a private, serving four years and rising through all the ranks to that of Major. The Judge was wounded and at home on a furlough when the end came at Appomattox

Miss Mattie F. Miller, of Deuce of Hearts is visiting the Misses Lowe and attending the Teachers' Institute this week.

J. P. Allen, of Pride, spent Wednesday night in the Plains Wagon Yard in Tahoka. He brought up some cotton and of course got a good price for it. He stated that he had lost at least $10 this year by not knowing what a good cotton market Tahoka was. One dollyr spent in subscribing for The News would have saved him $9 of this loss. Also he found it cost less to spend the night in the yard here than in other towns, and the prices our merchants made him on goods were very interesting, so much so that he told us he expected to make this his trading point in the future.

Alabama, where he lived about ten years, moving from there to Texas in 1876, living in Runnells county nine years, in Coke county sixteen years, and he has been living in Lynn county six years.

G. W. Perryman was the first County Judge of Coke county, and the first District Attorney of the 51st or San Angelo District, and is now serving his second term as County Judge of Lynn County.

The Judge has one of the finest individual law libraries in the West. He is well read, has a good memory, and has had a vast amount of practice and

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