The Miami Chief.

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At Last, We Moved.

The Chief office at last got moved, and we are now located directly in front of the Survant Hotel. We are pretty well straightened out and have most of the new machinery installed. Also a large shipment of new type has arrived and we are now splendidly equipped to put out anything in the printing line We have plenty of room in our new place and the added machinery and type fixed up about right.

The Harvest Edition Gets Biger Aud Better

The big illustrted editon of the Chief gets bigger and better all the time. We have secured quite a large number of photos and are sending them away to get cuts made. We still have some for a few more pictures and if you have somthing that will look good in the edition, bring it in at once and we will be glad to have it.

NOTICE

About church photos

We have had made real nice cuts of each church in town and the pictures also including the parsonages. If anyone wants any of the pictures, they can be procured at 25c each, by telephoning the Chief Office or dropping a card to G. A. Hutton, Canadian.

Very Big Mistake

The following report was published in the Amarillo News of July 13th:

"Reports come from Miami, Roberts county, that several harvest hands are down with typhoid fever as a result of drinking lake water."

Just where the report came from we know not; we are sure the News was not responsible for the error, but someone reported same to them. There is not one case of typhoid fever in the county that we can possibly locate,and if any hands are having to drink lake water we do not know of it. There are plenty of fine wells from which to get good water in Roberts county.

Wheat Cuttting Is Nearing An End

The many waving wheat fields in this country are now about a thing of the past. Wheat cutting is practically over, there being now only a very limited number of acres uncut. There are now at least a half dozen threshers going and wheat has begun to come in in a hurry. There will be more threshers started as soon as they can get ready.

Plowing will begin as soon as the shock wheat is removed from the fields, and this will not be very long, as the threshers are threshing bundle stuff and passing up the headed wheat in order to remove the grain and get the ground ready for plowing

Over The Plains

J. F. Vickers and wife, of Pampa, came in last week from an eight months trip looking for a new location, and now they say the Panhandle looks good to them.

We note from the exchanges that a lot of stealing is being done over the Panhandle. Stores are broken into and several horses have been stolen.

A land deal was closed at Dalhart last week consisting of 679,000 acres, valued at over four million dollaas and requiring over $4.000 worth of revenue stamps.

ORDINANCE NO. 26

An ordinance prohibiting the breeding of any horse, jack, bull, boar, ram or any other livestock within the limits of the original townsite of the city of Miami, Texas, and prohibiting the keeping of a jack within the limits of the original townsite of the city of Miami, Texas.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Miami Texas:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to breed a horse, jack, bull boar, ram, or any other livestock within the limits of the original townsite of the city of Miami, Texas.

Section 2. It shall be uulawful for any person to keep a jack within the limits of the original towsite of the city of Miami, Texas.

Section 3 Any person who shall violate any of the provisions

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It is reported from Amarillo that the Rock Island railroad has appropriated three million dollars for improvements on their road in the Panhandle.

Hon. Morris Sheppard has signified his intention of coming to Wellington this year and making the people a talk.

We note the statements from the banks generally over the Panhandle show up the country in a splendid way. There is still plenty of money in the Panhandle

Mrs. J. S. Tucker, a well-known lady of Ochiltree, died at her home last week after a long illness.

The Shamrock baseball team played Canadian at Canadian this week. The first game on Tuesday resulted in a victory for Shamrock of 4 to 1 At the present writing we have not learned how the second game terminated

Rev. Rollins of McClean and Rev. Taylor of Canadian began a protracted meeting at Shamrock Sunday.

At a meeting of the city council of Lubbock last week they ordered three miles of new sidewalks.

R. S. Riggs, once teacher of the Miami Band, has recently organized a 20-piece band at Lockney.

Rev. Frank Norris, the well-known Baptist pastor of Fort Worth, spoke in Plainview last week.

The Brown Motor Company's building at Plainview was burned last week from the explosion of a gas engine.

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ROBERTS COUNTY DEPOSITORY

J. M. Oakes, of Plainview, has recently been chosen as clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals.

The brick work has been finished on the new $17,000 school building at Lockney.

It is reported that the Higgins Flouring Mill will open operations in the next few days.

The Clarendon News reports their races the first of this month to be the best they ever had.

Annual Mid-Summer
Clearance Sale!

It is our usual custom to have a Clearance Sale twice a year. We do this to keep our stock clean---to kee pfrom carrying over odds and ends---to rid our shelves of the season's goods while they are new, and to give the trade a semi-annual feast of bargains. Our prices always move the goods. They will do it this time. Our store is crammed and jammed full of goods that you want and need and use every day and our doors for the next two weeks are thrown wide open to you. Bigger than ever before. The last sale we conducted was the biggest we have had since we've been in business, but we expect this one to surpass all records.

45c Corset Covers 45c
18c Corset Covers 18c
$1.50 Ladies' Waists $1.00
89c Ladies' Waists 89c

Read This

2 Cards Pearl Buttons 25c
Papers Good Sewing Needles 5c
Thimbles 5c
Lot Oxfords, Children's Misses' and Ladies', to clean up, per pair **$1.00**
Regular $2 00 Grade Crepe de Chine 40-in $1 25
Regular $1.50 Grade Crepe de Chine 40-in 90c
Regular $1.25 Grade Crepe de Chine 40-in 75c
Crepe Voile in all colors 30c
Crepe and Dotted Swiss 20c
Snowflake Voiles and Crepes 17c
Lace Cloth and Voiles 12 1-2c
1-2c Lawns must go at 6c

Embroidery

50 Flouncing, 45-inch, per yard 75c
Flouncing, per yard 18c
to 20c Embroidery 8c
50 Auto Veils 75c

Calico 5c Per Yard

$1.37 and $1.50 Ladies' Muslin Gowns $1.19
$1.00 Ladies' Muslin Gowns 65c
60c Ladies' Muslin Gowns 40c
$1.00 Muslin Petticoats 65c
$1.50 Crepe Petticoats 98c
65c Crepe Petticoats 45c
$1.37 Princess Slips 98c
$1.00 Princess Slips 79c
Children's Muslin Drawers 10c
Children's Unions 18c
1 Lot House Dresses 98c
1 Lot Children's Dresses, worth $1.25. at 98c
1 Lot Aprons, 25c values at 18c
1 Lot Wash Petticoats, while they last 25c
1 Lot Boys' Blouses 20c

100 Pairs Men's Odd Pants

Go in this Sale at 25 per cent Reduction

These patterns range in price from $1.00 per pair ta $6.00 per pair and grade all the way from all cotton guaranteed to all wool guaranteed. There are certainly some bargains here.

25 Men's and Boys' Suits at 25 per cent off IN THIS SALE

Now is the time to get you a Summer Suit

Calico 5c Per Yard

HATS! HATS!

100 Felt Hats at 25 per cenr discount. Staple and Fancy Shapes, no junk.
1 Dozen Men's Silk Hats, $1.25 and $1.40 value 98c
1 Dozen Men's Silk Hats. 65c values 50c
25 Men's Summer Caps—your price is our price
1 Dozen Ladies' Silk Hats. $1.00 value 79

SHOES! SHOES!

All Oxfords. Pumps, Slippers and Summber Shoes must go in this sale if the price will move them.

"It's a Long Way to Tipperary"

and it's a long time till warm weather is over and you will need these goods.

$3.50 Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps $2 95
$3.25 Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps $2.75
$3.00 Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps $2 50

Cheaper ones reduced in same proportion
Men's and Boys' Shoes at a like discount
1 Lot Odds and Ends $1 per pair. See them on display

Jumpers 90c
Overalls 90c
Work Shirts 45c
Underwear ..... 45c and 25c

Sale Begins When You Read This and Closes Saturday, July 31st

OSBORNE'S CASH STORE

The BLACK BOX

by E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

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SYNOPSIS.

Sanford Quest, master criminologist of the world, finds that in bringing to justice Macdougal, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has but just begun a life-and-death struggle with a mysterious master criminal. In a hidden hut in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an anthropoid ape skeleton and a living inhuman creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his room have appeared from nowhere black boxes, one containing diamonds torn from a lovely throat by a pair of armless, threatening hands, both with sarcastic, threatening notes signed by the inscrutable hands. He is arrested for the murder of his valet, Ross Brown, and a Miss Quigg, in his rooms. Laura and Lenora, his assistants, suspect Craig, the professor's valet. Lenora is abducted by the threatening hands, but is rescued. Quest clears himself of the murder charge, but fails to trap Craig. In his rooms another black box appears in the rifled safe and, returning the diamonds a second time, the accompanying note tells him he has no chance against the inherited cunning of ages.

SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

CHAPTER XVI.

Something in the nature of a conference was proceeding in Quest's study. The professor was there, seated in the most comfortable easy-chair, smoking without relish one of his host's best cigars, watching with nervous impatience the closed door. Laura and Lenora were seated at the table, dressed for the street. They had the air of being prepared for some excursion. Quest, realizing the professor's highly strung state, had left him alone for a few moments and was studying a map of New York. The latter, however, was too ill at ease to keep silent for long.

"Our friend French," he remarked, "gave you no clue, I suppose, as to the direction in which his investigations are leading him?"

Quest glanced up from the map.

"None at all. I know, however, that the house in which Lenora here was confined is being watched closely."

The professor glanced across toward the table before which Lenora was seated.

"It seems strange," he continued, "that the young lady should have so little to tell us about her incarceration."

Lenora shivered for a moment.

"What could there be to tell," she asked, "except that it was all horrible, and that I felt things—felt dangers—which I couldn't describe."

The professor gave vent to an impatient little exclamation.

"I am not speaking for fancies," he persisted. "You had food brought to you, for instance. Could you never see the hand which placed it inside your room? Could you hear nothing of the footsteps of the person who brought it? Could you not even surmise whether it were a man or a woman?"

Lenora answered him with an evident effort. She had barely, as yet, recovered from the shock of those awful hours.

"The person who brought me the food," she said, "came at night—never in the daytime. I never heard anything. The most I ever saw was once—I happened to be looking toward the door and I saw a pair of hands—nothing more—setting down a tray. I shrieked and called out. I think that I almost fainted. When I found courage enough to look, there was nothing there but the tray upon the floor."

The professor sighed as he turned away.

"It is evident, I am afraid," he said, "that Miss Lenora's evidence will help no one. As an expert in these affairs, Mr. Quest, does it not seem to you that her imprisonment was just a little purposeless? There seems to have been no attempt to harm her in any way."

"Whoever took the risk of abducting her," Quest pointed out grimly, "did it for a purpose. That purpose would probably have been developed in course of time. However we look at it, Mr. Ashleigh, there was only one man who must have been anxious to get her out of the way, and that man was Craig. Here comes our friend French. I have an idea that he has something to tell us."

They glanced expectantly towards the door as French entered. The inspector, who was looking very spruce and well brushed, wished them a general good-morning. His eyes rested last and longest upon Laura, who seemed, however, unconscious of his presence.

"Now, then, French," Quest began, as he returned his greeting, "take a cigar, make yourself comfortable in that chair and let us have your news. As you see, we have obeyed orders. We are all ready to follow you anywhere."

"It won't be to the end of the world, anyway," the inspector remarked, as he lit his cigar. "I am going to propose a little excursion down Gayson avenue way."

"Back to that house?" Lenora exclaimed with a grimace.

The inspector nodded.

"We have had those boys at the station," he went on, "and we have questioned them carefully. It seems that after they had picked up the ball, a man came out of the side entrance of the house, saw them reading Miss Lenora's message, and shouted after them. The boys had sense enough to scoot. The man ran after them, but had to give it up. Here is their description of him."

The inspector took a piece of paper from his pocket. They all waited breathlessly.

"Had to drag this out of the boys, bit by bit," the inspector proceeded, "but boiled down and put into reasonable language, this is what it comes to: A man of medium height, rather thin, pale, and after running a short distance he put his hand to his heart, as though out of breath. One of the boys thought his nose was a little hooked, and they both remarked upon the fact that although he shouted after them, he used no swear words, but simply tried to induce them to stop. This description suggest anything to you, gentlemen?"

"Craig," Lenora said firmly.

"It is a very accurate discription of Craig," Sanford Quest agreed.

The professor looked troubled, also a little perplexed. He said nothing, however.

"Under these circumstances," the inspector continued, "I have had the house watched, and I propose that we now search it systematically. It is very possible that something may transpire to help us. Of course, my men went through it roughly when we brought Miss Lenora away, but that wasn't anything of a search to count, if the place really has become a haunt of criminals."

"What about the ownership of the house?" Quest asked, as he took up his hat.

The inspector nodded approvingly.

"I am making a few inquiries in that direction," he announced. "I expect to have something to report very shortly."

The professor stood drawing on his gloves. The vague look of trouble still lingered in his face.

"Tell me again," he begged, "the name of the avenue in which this residence is situated?"

"Gayson avenue," the inspector replied. "It's a bit out of the way, but it's not a bad neighborhood."

The professor repeated the address to himself softly. For a moment he stood quite still. His manner showed signs of growing anxiety. He seemed to be trying to remember something.

"The name," he admitted finally, as they moved towards the door, "suggests to me, I must confess—we are going to see the house inspector?"

"We are on our way there now, sir—that is if the young ladies are willing?" he added, glancing at Laura.

"We've been waiting here with our hats on for the last half hour," Laura



The Whole Staircase Suddenly Began to Revolve.

replied promptly. "You've stretched your ten minutes out some, Mr. French."

The inspector maneuvered to let the others pass on, and descended the stairs by Laura's side.

"Couldn't help it," he confided, lowering his tone a little. "Had some information in about that house I couldn't quite size up. You're looking well this morning, Miss Laura."

"Say, who are you guying!" she replied.

"I mean it," the inspector persisted. "That hat seems to suit you."

Laura laughed at the top of her voice.

"Say, kid," she exclaimed to Lenora, "the inspector here's setting up as a judge of millinery!"

Lenora turned and looked at them both with an air of blank astonishment. The inspector was a little embarrassed.

"No need to give me away like that," he muttered, as they reached the hall. "Now then, ladies and gentlemen, if you are ready."

They took their places in the automobile and drove off. As they neared the vicinity of Gayson avenue the professor began to show signs of renewed uneasiness. When they drew up at last outside the house he gave a little exclamation. His face was grave, almost haggard.

"Mr. Quest," he said, "Inspector French, I deeply regret that I have a statement to make."

They both turned quickly toward him. The inspector smiled in a confidential manner at Laura. It was obvious that he knew what was coming.

"Some years ago," the professor continued, "I bought this house and made a present of it to—"

"To whom?" Quest asked quickly.

"To my servant Craig," the professor admitted with a groan.

Lenora gave a little cry. She turned triumphantly towards the inspector.

"All recollection as to its locality had escaped me," the professor continued sorrowfully. "I remember that it was on the anniversary of his having been with me for some fifteen years that I decided to show him some substantial mark of my appreciation. I knew that he was looking for a domicile for his father and mother, who are since both dead, and I requested a house agent to send me in a list of suitable residences. This, alas! was the one I purchased."

Quest glanced around the place.

"I think," he said, "that the professor's statement now removes any doubt as to Craig's guilt. You are sure the house has been closely watched, inspector?"

"Since I received certain information," French replied, "I have had half a dozen of my best men in the vicinity. I can assure you that no one has entered or left it during the last twenty-four hours."

They made their way to the piazza steps and entered by the front door. The house was an ordinary framework one of moderate size, in poor repair, and showing signs of great neglect. The rooms were barely furnished and their first cursory search revealed no traces of habitation. There was still the broken skylight in the room which Lenora had occupied, and the bed upon which she had slept was still crumpled. French, who had been tapping the walls downstairs, called to them. They trooped down into the hall. The inspector was standing before what appeared to be an ordinary panel.

"Look here," he said, glancing out of the corner of his eye to be sure that Laura was there, "let me show you what I have just discovered."

He felt with his thumb for a spring. In a moment or two a portion of the wall, about two feet in extent, slowly revolved, disclosing a small cupboard fitted with a telephone instrument.

"A telephone," the inspector remarked, pointing to it, "in an unoccupied house and a concealed cupboard. What do you think of that?"

The professor shook his head.

"Don't ask me," he groaned.

French took the receiver from its rest and called up the exchange.

"Inspector French speaking," he announced. "Kindly tell me what is the number of the telephone from which I am speaking, and who is the subscriber?"

He listened to the reply and asked another question.

"Can you tell me when this instrument was last used? . . . When? . . . Thank you!"

The inspector hung up the receiver.

"The subscriber's name," he told them dryly, "is Brown. The number is not entered in the book, by request. The telephone was used an hour ago from a call office and connection was established. That is to say, that someone spoke from this telephone."

"Then if your men have maintained their search properly, that someone," Quest said slowly, "must be in the house at the present moment."

"Without a doubt," the inspector agreed.

"I am going to search the front room on the first floor before we do anything else," said Quest. "I think that if you wait here I may be able to show you something directly."

Quest ascended the stairs and entered a wholly unfurnished room on the left-hand side. He looked for a minute contemplatively at a large but rather shallow cupboard, the door of which stood open, and tapped lightly with his forefinger upon the back part of it. Then he withdrew a few feet and, drawing out his revolver, deliberately fired into the floor, a few inches inside. There was a half-stifled cry. The false back suddenly swung open and a man rushed out. Quest's revolver covered him, but there was no necessity for its use. Craig, smothered with dust, his face white as a piece of marble, even his jaw shaking with fear, was wholly unarmed. He seemed, in fact, incapable of any form of resistance.

"Walk out of the room," Quest ordered, "in front of me—so! Now turn to the right and go down the stairs."

They all gave a little cry as they saw him appear, a trembling, pitiful creature, glancing around like a trapped animal. He commenced to descend the stairs, holding tightly to the banisters. Quest remained on the landing above, his revolver in his



He Was Wearing Craig's Clothes.

hand. French waited in the hall below, also armed. Laura gripped Lenora's arm in excitement.

"They've got him now!" she exclaimed. "Got him, sure!"

On the fourth or fifth stair Craig hesitated. He suddenly saw the professor standing below. He gripped the banisters with one hand. The other he flung out in a threatening gesture.

"You've given me away to these bloodhounds!" he cried—"you, for whom I have toiled and slaved, whom I have followed all over the world, whom I have served faithfully with the last breath of my body and the last drop of blood in my veins! You have brought them here—tracked me down! You!"

The professor shook his head sorrowfully.

"Craig," he said, "you have been the best servant man ever had. If you are innocent of these crimes you can clear yourself. If you are guilty a dog's death is none too good for you."

Craig seemed to sway for a moment upon his feet. Only Lenora, from the hall, saw that he was fitting his right foot into what seemed to be a leather loop hanging from the banisters. Then a wild shout of surprise broke from the lips of all of them, followed by a moment of stupefied wonder. The whole staircase suddenly began to revolve. Craig, clinging to the banisters, disappeared. In a moment or two there was a fresh click. Another set of stairs, identical to the first, had taken their place.

"The cellar!" Quest shouted, as he rushed down the stairs. "Quick!"

They wrenched open the wooden door and hurried down the dark steps into the gloomy, unlit cellar. The place was crowded with packing cases and two large wine barrels stood in the corner. At the farther end was a door. Quest rushed for it and stood guard. A moment later, however, he called to Laura and pressed his revolver into her hand.

"Stand there," he ordered. "Shoot him if he tries to run out. I'll search in the packing cases. He might be dangerous."

The professor, out of breath, was leaning against one of the pillars, his arm passed around it for support. Lenora, with Quest and French, searched hastily amongst the packing cases. Suddenly there was a loud crack, the sound of falling masonry, followed by a scream from Laura. French, with a roar of anger, rushed toward her. She was lying on her side, already half covered by falling bricks and masonry. He dragged her away, just in time.

"My God, she's fainted!" he exclaimed.

"I haven't," Laura faltered, trying to open her eyes, "and I'm not going to, but I think my arm's broken, and my side hurts."

"The fellow's not down here, anyway," Quest declared. "Let's help her upstairs and get her out of this devil's house."

They supported her up the steps and found a chair for her in the hall.

The inspector swung open the telephone cupboard and called for an ambulance. Then Quest, who had been examining the staircase, suddenly gave a little exclamation.

"He's done us!" he cried. "Look here, French, this is the original staircase. There's the leather loop. I know it because there was a crack on the fourth stair. When we rushed down the cellar after him, he swung the thing round again and simply walked out of the front door. Damn it, man, it's open!"

They hurried outside. French blew his whistle. One of the plain-clothes men came running up from the avenue. He was looking a little sheepish.

"What's wrong?" French demanded.

"He's gone off," was the unwilling reply. "I guess that chap's given us the slip."

"Speak up," French insisted.

"The only place," the man went on, "we hadn't our eyes glued on was the front door. He must have come out through that. There's been a motortruck with one or two queer-looking chaps in it at the corner of the avenue there for the last ten minutes. I'd just made up my mind to stroll round and see what it was up to when Jim, who was on the other side, shouted out. A man jumped up into it and they made off at once."

The inspector's rubicund countenance was white with fury. His head kept turning in the direction of Laura, to whom the professor was busy rendering first aid.

"If I never take another job on as long as I live," he declared, "I'll have that fellow before I'm through!"

CHAPTER XVII.

The professor roused himself from what had apparently been a very gloomy reverie.

"Well," he announced, "I must go home. It has been very kind of you, Mr. Quest, to keep me here for so long."

Quest glanced at the clock.

"Don't hurry, Mr. Ashleigh," he said. "We may get some news at any moment. French has a dozen men out on the search and he has promised to ring me up immediately he hears anything."

The professor sighed.

"A man," he declared, "who for twenty years can deceive his master as utterly and completely as Craig has done me, who is capable of such diabolical outrages, and who, when capture stares him in the face, is capable of an escape such as he made today, is outside the laws of probability. Personally, I do not believe that I shall ever again see the face of my servant, any more than that you, Quest, will entirely solve the mystery of these murders and the theft of the Rheinholdt jewels. What can we do against men who have revolving staircases and trolley-loads of river pirates waiting for them? You may be a scientific criminologist, Quest, but that fellow Craig is a scientific criminal, if ever there was one."

Quest crossed the room towards his cigar cabinet, and opened it. His little start was apparent to both of them. Lenora laid down the bag which she had just lifted up. The professor leaned forward in his chair.

"What is it, Quest?" he demanded.

Quest stretched out his hand and picked up from the top of the cigars a small black box! He laid it on the table.

"Unless I am very much mistaken," he said, "it is another communication from our mysterious friend."

"Impossible!" the professor exclaimed hoarsely.

"How can he have been here?" Lenora cried.

Quest removed the lid from the box and drew out a circular card. Around the outside edge was a very clever pen and ink sketch of a lifebuoy, and inside, the margin were several sentences of clear handwriting. In the middle was the signature—the clenched hands! Quest read the message aloud:

In the great scheme of things, the Supreme Ruler of the universe divided an inheritance amongst his children. To one he gave power, to another strength, to another beauty, but to his favorite he gave cunning.

They all looked at one another.

"What does it mean?" Lenora gasped.

"A lifebuoy!" the professor murmured.

They both stared at Quest, who remained silent, chewing hard at the end of his cigar.

"Every message," he said, speaking half to himself, "has had some significance. What does this mean—a lifebuoy?"

He was silent for a moment. Then he turned suddenly to the professor.

"What did you call those men in the motortruck, professor—river pirates? And a lifebuoy! Wait."

He crossed the room towards his desk and returned with a list in his hand. He ran his finger down it, stopped and glanced at the date.

"The Durham," he muttered, "cargo cotton, destination Southampton, sails at high tide on the 16th. Lenora, is that calendar right?"

"It's the 16th, Mr. Quest," she answered.

Quest crossed the room to the telephone.

"I want number one, central," he said. "Thank you! Put me through to Mr. French's office. . . . Hello, French! I've got an idea. Can you come round here at once and bring an automobile? I want to get down to the docks—not where the passenger steamers start from—lower down. . . . Good! We'll wait."

Quest hung up the receiver.

"See here, professor," he continued, "that fellow wouldn't dare to send this message if he weren't pretty sure of getting off. He's made all his plans beforehand, but it's my belief we shall just get our hands upon him, after all."

Presently the heard the automobile stop outside and French appeared.

"Anything doing?" he asked.

Quest showed him the card and the sailing list.

The inspector glanced at the clock.

"Then we've got to make tracks," he declared, "and pretty quick, too. She'll be starting from somewhere about number twenty-eight dock, a long way down. Come along, gentlemen."

They hurried out to the automobile and started off for the docks. The latter part of their journey was accomplished under difficulties, for the street was packed with drays and heavy vehicles. They reached dock number twenty-eight at last, however, and hurried through the shed on to the wharf. There were no signs of a steamer there.

"Where's the Durham?" Quest asked one of the carters, who was just getting his team together.

The man pointed out to the middle of river, where a small steamer was lying.

"There she is," he replied. "She'll be off in a few minutes. You'll hear the sirens directly when they begin to move down."

Quest led the way quickly to the edge of the wharf. There was a small tug there, the crew of which were just making her fast for the night.

"Fifty dollars if you'll take us to the Durham and catch her before she sails," Quest shouted to the man who seemed to be the captain.

They clambered down the iron ladder and jumped on to the deck of the tug. The captain seized the wheel. The two men who formed the crew took off their coats and waistcoats.

"Give it to her, Jim," the former ordered. "Now then, here goes! We just miss the ferry."

They swung around and commenced their journey. Quest stood with his watch in his hand. They were getting up the anchor of the Durham and from higher up the river came the screech of steamers beginning to move on their outward way.

"We'll make it all right," the captain assured them.

They were within a hundred yards of the Durham when Quest gave a little exclamation. From the other side of the steamer another tug shot away, turning back towards New York. Huddled up in the stern, concealed in a tarpaulin, was a man in a plain black suit. Quest, with a little shout, recognized the man at the helm from his long, brown beard.

"That's one of those fellows who was in the truck," he declared, "and that's Craig in the stern! We've got him this time. Say, captain, it's that tug I want. Never mind about the steamer. Catch it and I'll make it a hundred dollars!"

"We've got her!" he captain exclaimed. There's the ferry and the first of the steamers coming down the middle. They'll have to chuck."

Right ahead of them, blazing with lights, a huge ferry came churning the river up and sending waves in their direction. On the other



Quest Stood on Guard.

unnaturally large, loomed up great bows of an ocean-going steamer. The tug was swung round and ran up alongside. The man with the beard leaned over.

"Say, what's your trouble?" he demanded.

The inspector stepped forward.

"I want that man you've got in the tarpaulin," he announced.

"Say, you ain't the river police!"

"I'm Inspector French from headquarters," was the curt reply. "The sooner you hand him over, the better for you."

"Do you hear that, O'Toole?" the other remarked, turning around. "Look up, you blackguard!"

A man rose from underneath the oilskin. He was wearing Craig's clothes, but his face was the face of a stranger. As quick as lightning Quest swung round in his place.

"He's fooled us again!" he exclaimed. "Head her round, captain, back to the Durham!"

The sailor shook his head.

"We've lost our chance, guv'nor," he pointed out. "Look!"

Quest set his teeth and gripped the inspector's arm. The place where the Durham had been anchored was empty. Already, half a mile down the river, with a trail of light behind and her siren shrieking, the Durham was standing out seawards.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

KAISER REFUSES DEMANDS OF U. S.

Berlin, July 9.—via London, July 10—The text of the German reply to the American note regarding the Lusitania and other incidents as made public here today, follows:

"The undersigned has the honor to make the following reply to his excellency, Ambassador Gerard, to the note of the 10th ultimo, re the impairment of American interests by the German submarine war. The imperial government learned with satisfaction from the note how earnestly the government of the United States is concerned in seeing the principles of humanity realized in the present war. Also this appeal finds ready echo in Germany and the imperial government is quite willing to permit its statements and decisions in the present case to be governed by the principles of humanity, just as it has done always.

"The imperial government welcomed with gratitude when the American government in the note of May 15 itself recalled that Germany had always permitted itself to be governed by the principles of progress and humanity in dealing with the law of maritime war. Since the time when Frederick the Great negotiated with John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson the treaty of friendship and commerce of September, 1785, between Prussia and the republic of the west, German and American statesmen have, in fact, always stood together in the struggle for the freedom of the seas and for the protection of peaceable trade. In the international proceedings which since have been conducted for the regulation of the laws of maritime war, Germany and America have jointly advocated progressive principles, especially the abolishment of the right of capture at sea and the protection of the interests of neutrals.

"Even at the beginning of the present war the German government immediately declared its willingness in response to proposals of the American government to ratify the Declaration of London and thereby subject itself in the use of naval forces to all the restrictions provided therein in favor of neutrals. Germany likewise has been always tenacious of the principle that war should be conducted against the armed and organized forces of an enemy country, but that the enemy civilian population must be spared as far as possible from the measures of war. The Imperial government cherishes the definite hope that some way will be found when peace is conducted, or perhaps earlier, to regulate the law of maritime war in a manner guaranteeing the freedom of the seas and will welcome it with gratitude and satisfaction if it can work hand in hand with the American government on that occasion.

"If in the political war the principles which should be the ideal of the future have been traversed more and more, the longer its duration, the German government has not guilt therein. It is known to the American government how Germany's adversaries, by completely paralyzing peaceable traffic between Germany and neutral countries, have aimed from the very beginning and with increasing lack of consideration at the destruction not so much of the armed forces as the life of the German nation, repudiating in doing so all the rules of international law and disregarding all the rights of neutrals.

"On November 3, 1914, England declared the North Sea a war area and by planting poorly anchored mines and by the stoppage and capture of vessels, made passage extremely dangerous and difficult for neutral shipping, thereby actually blockading neutral coasts and ports contrary to international law. Long before the beginning of submarine warfare and practically completely interrupted legitimate neutral navagation to Germany also. Thus Germany was driven to a submarine war on trade. On November 14, 1914, the English premier declared in the house of commons that it was one of England's principal tasks to prevent food from the German population from reaching Germany via neutral ports. Since March 1 England has been taking from neutral ships without further formality all merchandise proceeding to or from Germany as well as all merchandise coming from Germany, even when neutral property. Just as it was also the case with the Boers, the German people are now to be given the choice of perishing from starvation with its women and children or of relinquishing its independence.

"While our enemies thus loudly and openly proclaimed war without mercy until utter destruction, we were forced conducting a war in self-defense for our national existence and for the sake of peace of an assured permanency. We have been obliged to adopt a submarine warfare to meet the declared intentions of our enemies and the methods of warfare adopted by them in contravention of international law. Though with all its efforts in principle to protect neutral life and property from damage as much as possible, the German government recognized unanimously in its memorandum of February 4, that the interests of neutrals must suffer from the submarine war. However, the American government will also understand and appreciate that in the fight for existence which has been forced upon Germany by her adversaries and announced by them it is the sacred duty of the imperial government to do all within its power to protect and save the lives of German subjects. If the imperial government were derelict in these, its duties, it woud be guilty before God and history, of the violation of those principles of highest humanity which are the foundation of every national existence.

"The case of the Lusitania shows with horrible clearness to what jeopardizing of human lives the manner of conducting war employed by our adversaries leads. In the most direct contradiction of international law, all distinctions between merchantmen and war vessels have been obliterated by the order to British merchantmen to arm themselves and to ram submarines, and the promise of rewards therefor, and neutrals who use merchantment as travelers thereby have been exposed in an increasing degree to all the dangers of war.

"If the commander of the German submarine which destroyed the Lusitania had caused the crew and passengers to take to the boats before firing a torpedo, this would have meant the sure destruction of his own vessel. After the experience of sinking much smaller and less seaworthy vessels, it was to be expected that a mighty ship like the Lusitania would remain above water long enough even after the torpedoing to permit passengers to enter the boats. Circumstances of a very peculiar kind, especially the presence on board of large quantities of highly explosive materials (word omitted, possibly "dissipated") this expectation. In addition it may be pointed out that if the Lusitania had been spared, thousands of munitions would have been sent to Germany's enemies and thereby thousands of German mothers and children robbed of bread winners.

"In the spirit of friendship, wherewith the German nation has been imbued towards the union and its inhabitants since the arliest days of its existence, the Imperial government always will be ready to do all it can during the present war to prevent the jeapardizing of lives of American citizens. The Imperial government, therefore, repeats the assurance that American ships will not be hindered in the prosecution of legitimate shipping and the lives of American citizens in neutral vessels shall not be placed in jeopardy.

"In order to exclude any unforseen dangers to American passenger steamers, made possible in view of the conduct of maritime war by Germany's adversaries, German submarines will be instructed to permit the free and safe passage of such passenger steamers when made recognizable by special markings and notified a reasonable time in advance. The Imperial government, however, confidently hopes that the American government will assume to guarantee that these vessels have no contraband on board, details of arrangement for the unhampered passage of the vessels to be agreed upon by the naval authorities of both sides.

"In order to furnish adequate facilities for travel across the Atlantic for American citizens the German government submtis for consideration a proposal to increase the number of available steamers installing in passenger service a reasonable number of neutral steamers under the American flag, the exact number to be agreed upon under the same conditions as the above mentioned American steamers.

"The Imperial government believes it can assume that in this manner adequate facilities for travel across the Atlantic coast can be afforded American citizens. There would, therefore, appear to be no compelling necessity for American citizens to travel to Europe in time of war on ships carrying an enemy flag. In particular, the Imperial government is unable to admit that American citizens can protect an enemy ship through the mere fact of their presence on board.

"Germany merely followed England's example when she declared part of the high sea an area of war. Consequently accidents suffered by neutrals on enemy ships in this area of war cannot well be judged differently from accidents to which neutrals are at all times exposed at the seat of war on land when they betake themselves into dangerous localities in spite of previous warnings. If, however, it should not be possible for the American government to acquire an adequate number of neutral passenger steamers, the Imperial government is prepared to interpose no objections to the placing under the American flag by the American government of four enemy passenger steamers for passenger traffic between North American and England. Assurance of 'free and safe' passage for American passenger steamers would extend to apply under the identical pro-conditions to these formerly hostile passenger steamers.

"The president of the United States has declared his readiness in a way deserving of thanks, to communicate and suggest proposals to the government of Great Britain with particular reference to the alteration of maritime war. The imperial government will always be glad to make use of the good offices of the president and hopes that his efforts in the present case, as well as in the direction of the lofty ideal of the freedom of the seas, will lead to an understanding.

"The undersigned requests the ambassador to bring the above to the knowledge of the American government, and avails himself of the opportunity to renew to his excellency the assurance of his most distinguished consideration.

(Signed) "VON JAGOW."

SEC'Y LANSING BUSY ON REPLY

DELAY IN ANSWERING LATEST NOTE WILL NOT INDICATE RELAXATION.

WILL BE FIRM WHEN GIVEN

Field of Negotiations Has Been Narrowed—Washington Government In Its Reply Will Advise Berlin What to Expect.

Washington, July 13—Consideration of the German reply to the American note on submarine warfare overshadowed all else today in the work of state departemnt officials.

Sercetary Lansing spent most of his time preparing data and opinion for the next communication to be sent to Germany and he indicated that very probably he would not go to Cornish, N. H., but that President Wilson would return here at the end of the week.

The sitaution was described in offiical quarters as critical and there was no concealment of the fact that relations between Geramny and the United States had become more strained than at any time in their history.

High officials said the policy of the American government would be carefully worked out and that in order to meet the sitaution firmly the utmost deliberation was required. This information was given out in order that a delay of possibly a week or more in preparing an answer might not be misinterpreted as meaning the United States intended in any way to recede from the position it had taken in the two notes already sent to Berlin.

There was much informal discussion among officials of the contents of the German reply. The trend of their opinion was that the evasion of the American argument in the German notes had narrowed the field of negotiations so that the next communication from the United States must state to some extent the intentions of the Washington government in case its rights are further violated and declare the position it will take with reference to Germany's refusal to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has asked Secretary Lansing if he wishes to see him, and the secretary is understood to have replied that he does, after he has carefully examined the situation. The ambassador is seeking information on the attitude of the American government toward the German reply. After Mr. Lansing has consulted President Wilson it is not unlikely that some intimation will be given to the German ambassador of the seriousness with which the United States government regards the crisis.

PRESIDENT IS NOT EXCITED

Cornish, N. H., July 13.—President Wilson today received from the state department the official text of the latest German note on submarine warfare and immediately began consideration of his reply.

It became known after the president had read the note that he does not look upon the situation as critical, but that at the same time he is not inclined to underestimate the possibilities of the problem presented to him and is determined firmly to uphold the dignity of the United States.

It was said here tonight that there is no present plan for Mr. Lansing to come to Cornish to confer with the president and that the president will not hurry back to Washington. His present plans are to return to the capital the end of this week or the first of next week.

There was every indication that Mr. Wilson will give the situation practically his entire attention until the American reply is framed and dispatched. The note will be largely his own work.

PEACE PARTY TO SEND PETITION

President Will Be Asked to Call Conference of Neutral Powers.

Kansas City, Mo., July 13—At a mass meeting called by the Kansas City branch of the Women's Peace party tonight, a check was made on the treasurer for 250 copies of a petition circulated with the object of forwarding to President Wilson. The petition is to be sent in the hope of influencing the president to call a conference of neutral powers before which the warring powers could lay their grievances. Representatives of all the different religious faiths in the city were included in the list of speakers.

10,000 Return to Work.

Chicago, July 13—Ten thousand carpenters, who had been on strike isnce May 1 returned to work today.

Boy Leaps From Moving Train.

Fort Smith, Ark., July 13—After being told he was on the wrong train, an unknown boy about 18 years old, leaped to his death from an Iron Mountain passenger train near Cherokee Junction today.

Colonel Stops in Chicago.

Chicago, July 13—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt spent an hour here today on his way to the exposition.

SHREWD OLD DADDY

Age Had in No Way Dimmed His Keenness for Bargains.

Son's Really Neat Little Scheme Frustrated, and It Is Not Likely He Will Have a Chance to Work It Again.

Father was very rich and very parsimonious, to use a long word that sounds better than the short one which means the same thing, and the son at times was chagrined because father did not look as well as a man in his station might be considered to have the right to look. Father had retired from business some years before and folks said that under the boy's management it would speedily go to the dogs. They declared:

"The boy's a tiptop fellow, and we all like him, but he hasn't got the nose for profits and deals that made the business for the old man. He doesn't really care whether he makes money or not. That is not the way to get ahead. When we were youngsters without a dollar—" and a lot more to the same effect.

The old man with his nose for profits had accumulated a lot of habits that did not desert him when he retired from business. He was sure, of course, while he had an income that might have made a Wall street broker happy, that it was necessary to care for the nickels, and he spent as little on raiment as decency and the climate would permit. Chaff, advice and sarcasm did not move him a particle.

Now, the most cherished article in his wardrobe was a certain old overcoat, which, like the bag that Henry Ward Beecher carried with him when he went on his lecture tours, "must at some time have been new." The coat now, however, was faded and worn and far from handsome. Every new man at the club was called into a corner and told yarns about the coat and its wearer. Father, for that matter, knew all about this, but he cared nothing for laughs and jibes.

The son tried and tried again to induce the old man to buy a coat. At length he resorted to strategy. One day when the father was confined to the house the son took the coat to a tailor.

"Look here, Mr. Green," he said, "the governor's got to have a new coat, and there's got to be found a way to make him buy it. I think that if he saw a coat for sale that looked like a bargain he would take it, for the sake of the bargain, if not for the sake of the coat. Now you measure this one up, and make a new one to measure, put the new one in the window at a bargain price, get him into the shop and sell it to him. Get what you can out of him for it, and I'll pay the difference."

In a week or so there hung in the window of Green's place a smart new coat. It was marked:

"Bargain—$25."

Father saw it. It fitted. The price obviously made it a bargain. He took it. At the club he was given a regular ovation. Everybody congratulated him. The telephone was kept busy summoning members to "come over and see the new garment." They came and saw and went away laughing and declaring that "they wouldn't have believed it if they had not seen it," as Rip Van Winkle used to say when his wife forgot to scold. The son was delighted, and cheerfully paid the difference in price, a matter of $25.

But the tale had a sequel. On the way home the old man met an ancient friend, a dandified fellow of about seventy. He saw the overcoat also and fell in love with it. Said the old man, his nose for a bargain instantly asserting itself:

"Well, friend, if you like it so well, better try it on. The truth is the cloth is a little too heavy to suit me. As an old friend I'll let you have it at a bargain.

It was tried on up a side street off the thronged thoroughfare. It fitted.

"It's yours for $50," said father. "That's not what I paid for it, but you know, of course, that it's always been a hobby of mine to make people happy by such sacrifices."

The money was paid over.

The next day the son had an interview with Mr. Green. With a bit of anger he said: "See here, when I said a good overcoat, I didn't mean one that any old dandy would covet. Now I'll never be able to put it over the old man again."

Safety First.

"Why did you risk your life to save that man from drowning?"

"He owes me $193."

A woman has more honor than a man—that is, more clothes on 'er.

RICHES FROM NEVADA MINE

From Single Ore Shoot the National Has Yielded Four Million Dollars in Four Years.

Four million dollars in four years is the record which a single ore shoot at National, Nev., has made. The district, prior to 1908, was little known. It lies on the western slope of Santa Rosa range in Humboldt county. The mineral deposits of this range, says the bulletin of the United States geological survey, may be divided into two principal classes, younger gold-and-silver-bearing veins that occur in or near the tertiary volcanic rocks, and much older gold-and-silver-bearing veins that occur in sedimentary and associated granite rocks. In this area the older deposits are but poorly represented and have yielded only a small output, but one of the younger or tertiary veins has been wonderfully rich, yielding much ore averaging $30 a pound. During the early period of activity a few thousand tons of low-grade ore, assaying about $100 a ton, were thrown on the dump of the National mine, but the ore shipped averaged about $30,000 a ton in gold having a value of $10.60 an ounce, the remainder being silver. Cinnabar was found in one of the veins.

Native gold is found principally in the rich shoot of the National vein, the isolated position of which, in a district of quartz-stibnite veins poor in gold and silver, is remarkable. The several veins appear to belong to the same epoch of mineralization, the gold shoot being a local development upon one of the normal stibnite veins. The gold shoot was encountered 40 feet below the surface and has been followed on the dip of the vein for 800 feet, the stope length reaching 250 feet. The ore, which ran $20 to $30 to the pound, occurred mostly in an irregular seam from a few inches to a foot wide.

The Longest Step.

From the powder factory to a life insurance company is about as long a step as a man can take in this world.—Boston Transcript.

They say that marriages are made in heaven, but his satanic majesty seems to have a corner on the brimstone market.

If she is the right sort of woman the same man never says the wrong thing to her more than once.

Builders of the "Big Ditch"

There has just been issued by the Historical Publishing Company of Washington, D. C., a magnificent illustrated history of the construction and builders of the Panama Canal. The editor of this great history is Mr. Ira E. Bennett, with associate editors, John Hays Hammond, celebrated mining engineer; Capt. Philip Andrews, U. S. N.; Rupert Blue, Surg. Gen. U. S. Public Health Service; J. Hampton Moore, Pres. Atlantic Deeper Waterways Ass'n; Patrick J. Lennox, B. A., and William J. Showalter.

One of the most interesting portions of the book is that dealing with the feeding of the immense army of laborers. A few paragraphs concerning one of the foods chosen and supplied by the Commissary Department, are quoted (beginning page 428) as follows:

"Visitors to the canal who were privileged to get a glimpse of the routine inner life will recall a familiar picture of workmen going to their places of labor carrying round yellow tins.

"Often, as they went, they munched a food poured from the tin into the hand. This food, which played no inconsiderable part in 'building' the canal, was the well-known article of diet, 'GRAPE-NUTS.'

"The mention of Grape-Nuts in this connection is peculiarly pertinent. Not merely because Grape-Nuts is a food—for of course proper food was an integral part of the big enterprise—but because it is a cereal food which successfully withstood the effects of a tropical climate. This characteristic of Grape-Nuts was pretty well known and constituted a cogent reason for its selection for use in the Canal Zone. . . . .

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If we would forgive the wrongs of others as quickly as we forgive ourselves for what we do wrong, we would have a better world.

The way threshing machines are coming in here from other parts of the country we judge that Roberts county is the only place in Texas that has a big wheat crop.

"England may now use conscription," says a heading in a paper. Yes, just any way to get her citizens killed. We do not believe in making people go to war if they do not want to.

We have seen more busy people in this county the past month than we ever saw before. It looks liko every one has more work than they can do in six months and they only have two weeks to get it done.

When you tell a man you will do a thing, better do it or you are just an ordinary, every day, common—well, some people always could find a good excuse for not doing things they promise to do.

Title, wealth, social standing will not help easea fellows conscience when he goes wrong. We all go wrong, and are sorry for it, but it hurts the conscience of the rich as well as the poor.

If you are a knocker on everything that comes up, or are always with the minority of people on all questions, better go have an examination for an unregenerate, incapacious compoi mentis.

The Mobeetie News has suspended publication for lack of patronage. Editor Liggett will look for another location. Arrangements are being made for the Miami Chief to take the subscription list; however, it is not definite yet. We'll tell you later.

Discouragement is one of the hardest things on the common people, When a man meets with reversals he gives up too quick. If you are in business, farming or doing anything else, don't quit because you make a failure, or a dozen failures—success will come to the man who never gives up. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

The Miami Chief is having a new home built and expects to move in this week, Mr. Waggoner gives his people a good, newsy payer.-Lucknev Beacon

Thanks, Sister Smith, for the compliment. We always do our best, but that has not been very good since we have been moving.

A new law which went into effect June 20th provides that all hotels and restaurants, cold drink stand and saloons must sterilize in boiling water the dishes, forks and spoons they use in serving people, and the water must be changed every two hours. The law carries a penalty of $5 to $100.

We are truly glad to see so many farmers building granaries and preparing to hold their wheat until they can get the top price for it. Many of our farmers last year lost several hundred dollars by selling their wheat too early, but this year dozens are building granaries and preparing to hold their wheat for top prices.

Posters are out for another show in town next week. However, the advance man failed to call on the Chief for an ad, and we have found that shows that do not patronize the local papers are usually punk. We cannot say for this one—never heard of it before—but it has always been our experience that a show that is afraid of newspaper advertising never gives very much performance.

Idle gossip among people and about people and things is one of the greatest damnations that is against the human race Women are often accused of this and men are often just as bad. A tale starts on somone or somthing, and it is wonderful how it could grow just passing two or three times. Just mere imagination from semone and that with no foundation somtimes grows in a very short time until it is told for the truth and cold facts even seen with human eyes, and yet it may be as far from the truth as heaven is from hell. The old saying to "Believe nothing you hear and not one half you see" is as good today as it ever was.

With the greatest harvest we have ever gathered why should not we do somthing for our town and country. We need a few miles of sidewalk in our town, we need a dozen or more sidewalk crossings, our main street needs claying and a larg number of our streets need some road work done on them, and many of our roads are in bad condition and if we ever intend to do anything for ourselves, now is the opportune time. The way to get them is for some individual to take hold and go to work. the rest will follow.

Our water work system is about to fall, by the way. on account of the property valuation of our town. The assessed valuation of Miami, according to the assessors rolls is about $200,000. and with the bond allowance we can vote it is not sufficient to put in the system, however plans are on foot to fix this some way. Our valuation is not near high enough, it should be at the very least three times that amount, and if it was we could raise sufficient funds for our system. We trust that this may be remedied either by the city council raising the valuations, or that there is some way around by which we may get the water and light plant.

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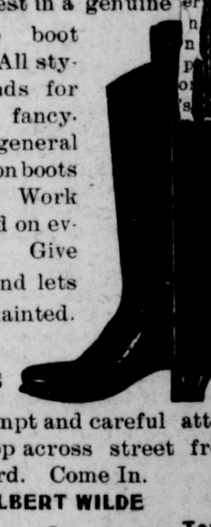
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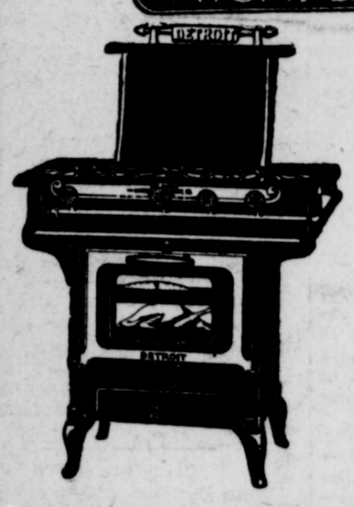
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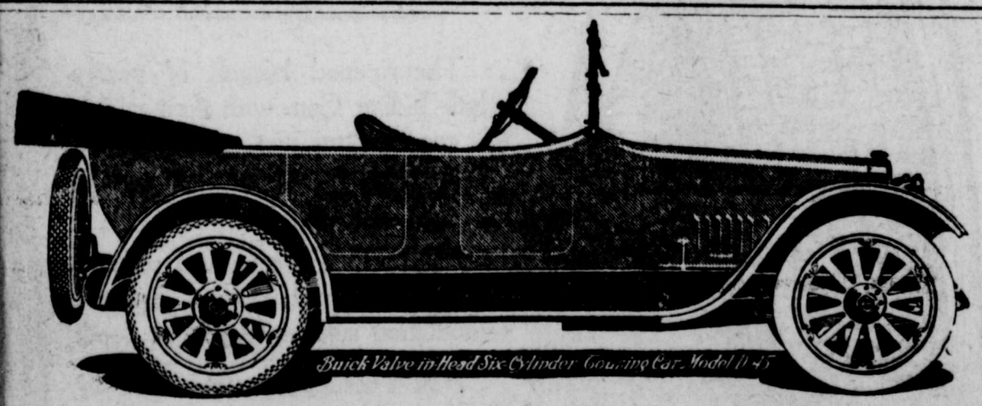
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Euel and Otis Webster were in Tuesday after harvest supplies.

A. E Gething was transacting business in the Metropolis Tuesday

Miss Musa Carter of Amarillo is a guest of Aurelia Robertson.

Dr Kelly reports the arrival of a new girl at the Barton home this morning.

J. R. Webster went to his farm yesterday to see to the threshing of his wheat.

Jim Wells spent first of the week on his farm building a new wheat grnary.

Dr. Lowery of Amarillo spent Sunday in Miami, in interest of his school.

Dr. Reynolds a dentist has came to Miami for permanant location, should business justify.

Little Chas. Kuehn came in this week from a months visit at Canadian.

Mrs. Will Goffuett left this week with her two sisters for Memphis where she will visit a short time.

Mrs Mooby of Limestone county is here this week visiting Mrs. H. P Chisum.

Mrs. John Cunningham made the round trip to Canadian yesterday evening.

Tommie Higgins of Cheyenne Oklahoma is spending his summer vacation at the Osborne ranch

Mrs. Hattie Plamons and daughter Miss Connie of Canadian were in our city Sunday and Monday visiting relatives.

Our Hotels have certainly been running over lately. It seems that the traveling public are coming this way.

G. M. Moon spent first of the week on his farm in Green Lake country threshing his bundled stuff.

G. M. Flemming of Denton Texas came in this week with a big threshing outfit and will go to work

Miss Lala Mae Scott of Wheeler is hern this week visiting Miss Pearl Christopher.

C. E. Henninger and family have moved down from Hoover and he will take a position with the Cozart Grain company at this place.

Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church met at the church yesterday afternoon and had their business and will meet there next Wednerday evening at 3 o'clock.

Miss Mammie Bergman our popular postal clerk left yesterday for her home in Hereford for a weeks visit. Miss Mary Nelson is filling the vacancy in the postoffice.

S. C. Osborne and wife left last night for a two months trip to Georgia, their old home, and which place they have been away from near 20 years.

Mrs. Garrett Fogle of St. Albans W. Va. who has been here for a few weeks with her son left last week. The boy is now about well and is out. Mrs. Fogle ordered the Chief to follow.

B. F. Teepe of Canadian was a business visitor in Miami yesterday,

Mrs. B. R. Stine of Pecos is visiting at the R. R. McGregor home.

Dr. Gunn reports the arrival of a boy at the Wheeler Paris home on the 5th.

Mrs. Smith of Southern Texas is visiting her sister Mrs. W. H. Dial this week.

Mrs. J. A. Meade has been on the sick list this week. She is able to be out now.

Miss Velpha Burber of Oklahoma City is visiting at the George Lard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Darlington of N. M. are here this week visiting Mr and Mrs. Edd Lard.

T. R. Saxon and wife and Mrs. Olive left Tuesday by auto for a months visit to Colorado.

Frank Jackson has captured a new 6 cylinder Buick which will be delivered August 1st.

Mrs. Minnie Smith of Pilot Point came in this week and is visiting at the J. L. Davis home.

W. H. Rhodes came in Tuesday from Wichita. He will be here a few days looking after business matters.

Mr. Barton of the Mickel ranch has moved to town and will live in the Saxon residence while they are away.

Mrs. Ladd of Wellington wife of the former editor of the Chief was in our city last week visiting friends.

Miss Clara Baily of Childress passed through Miami last week en route to Mobeetie for a visit with her brother Robert.

Cashier O. P. Jones and Woods Baxter of Shamrock were in our city a short time last week Mr. Jones once lived here.

C. E. Harriss renewed this week for the Chief another year. Also Grandpa Weckesser renewed. They both paid on the first Chief published in Miami.

Missionary Notes The Bible study conducted by Missionary society was unsually interesting the lesson was from Luke 22. Our ice cream supper has been postponed. Next meeting to be at church next Wednesday.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lomax a number of friends enjoped an ice cream supper at an early hour Saturday evening. The attendance was good and the crowd consisted mostly of young folks. At an early hour singing and games amused them. They departed at a late hour declaring a good time.

Philip Cook, an old time citizen of Miami but late of Bayside came in this week and is visiting with friends and looking after business Mr. Cook states that he and his family are making it fine at Bayside and that he likes that place.

Homer Tolbert Mgr. of the Cozart Grain Co. at Codman was a business visitor in the city Tuesday and reports that wheat is coming in lively up that way. He also stated that the south road into Codmon had been opened and could now be traveled.

The Home Economic Club held ts regular meeting at the club room Thursday afternoon with the vice president presiding. The principal business was the adoption of a constitution and the following extracts may be of general interest Article II Object. The object of the club shall be first: more efficient handling of household problems. Second, sending the assistance of organized effort to whatever may promote the public good. Third the promotion of socialibility among the members. Article II section 7, Absence from three consecutive meetings without a plausible excuse shall be equivilent to a resignation The Club motto chosen was "charity for all and malice toward none" and a parlimentary drill occupied a part of the program. The Club is to be congratulated on the excellant parlimentarian Mrs. Harry A. Nelson, who insists that the meetings shall be according to the most approved rules of order.

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Mrs. W. I. Whitsel was in from the ranch this week shopping and looking after business matters.

O. C. Elliot was over Tuesday from his ranch. He reports a very fine fruit crop.

Mrs. Brown and daughter, Miss Fannie Fern Pope of Pampa visited at the J. A. Mead home this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Archie Cole of Mobeetie spent Tuesday night at the Dr. Kelly home in Miami.

Reports are that Mr. and Mrs. "Mut" Fulton are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl.

Little Dona Locke has been on the sick list this week but is reported better today.

Quite a few Miami people went to Canadian Tuesday to witness the ball game between Shamrock and Canadian.

The Miami Ball team went to Canadian Sunday and were taken to a good cleaning. The score will be announced as soon as the scoreman has time to total same.

W. L. Mathers and wife returned last week faom their trip to the big Fair. They say they never had a finer trip or saw more interesting things.

The Miami Ball team hvae recently had their ball diamond scraped ond improved. They arelooking for some good games in the near future.

L B. Cross from his big ranch near Mendota was in our city Tuesday. Mr. Cross thinks he has the finest ranch in the Panhandle, and he sure has a good one.

Joe Bennett, known among the boys as "English" was operated on last week for appendicitis. Drs, Kelly and Gunn of Miami and Caylor of Canadian did the work. He stood the operation fine and will be up in the usual course.

Editor L. L. Ladd of the Wellington Leader, and former editor of the Chief for about four years and Joe M. Griffin of Shamrock were in our city yesterday, Mr. Ladd reports things in his country in splendid condition.

The Constitutional Amendments.

ELECTION JULY 24th

The five proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas are to be voted upou Saturday, July 24th (this month) As to the merits of this addition to the constitution it is hard to tell which should and which should not be carried.

Resolution No. 1, giving voters the privilege of voting in any state election in a precinct other than their own, would be a good thing for many traveling men who are away from their homes on election day; however, it would leave a fine a fine opening for election frauds, and we believe that the less possibility or opening for wrong there is in our laws the better it is, and consequently are opposed to this amendment.

Resolution No. 4, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed 50 cents in any county or subdivision of a county, is undoubtedly a good thing. It does not impose the tax, but places people in a position to get the tax if they need it and want it. We believe in letting people vote on and get things they need and want.

Resolution No. 9, authorizing the legislature to provide a law to create a students' loan fund in each county in connection with the schools is meeting with both approval and disapproval over the state. If this carries it would mean that there wonld be a fund provided to be loaned to students who were not able to school themselves, and the repayment would be left to the honesty of the student.

Resolution No. 34, providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the University of Texas and fixing its location in Travis county, and about a dozen other provisions too long to enumerate nere, is generally approved over the State.

Resolution No. 3, provlding that the supreme court of this state shall consist of a chief justice and four associate justices, we believe, should be voted for.

Resolution No. 10, to authorize the issuance of bonds for public improvements and levying a tax to pay interest and sinking fund on same, is undoubtedly a good thing for the southern part of the state, but just yet the Panhandle has not needed any improvements on its rivers and harbors. However, we would favor giving it to the pdople who need it.

The full amendments may be found in the Chief if you can find a copy of the paper of the first of May or the last of April.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH OF GOD—Meets to practice singing every Friday evening at 7 p. m. Bible lesson every first day of the week at 10 a. m. Preaching on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Ennis is to have a new, large and modern flour mill right soon.

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Contract has been let for 35 blocks of paving in Clarksville.

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Six steel bridges have recently been erected in Falls county.

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Gail school district No. 1 has let the contract for a $12,000 school building.

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Contract is to be let soon for a $15,000 brick school building at Littlefield.

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Gainesville is to have one of the largest free storage warehouses for cotton in Texas.

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Contracts for the construction of two one story brick business houses in Temple have been awarded.

A new cotton concentration plant with a capacity of approximately 25,000 bales is to be built at Galveston.

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One of the most complete and modern laundries in the state has just been completed at A & M. college.

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Quitman is erecting a new $10,000 school building That city will add to and renovate the jail also, at a cost of $7,000.

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The Texas building at the Panama-Pacific exposition is now completely furnished and is open for the reception of visitors.

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The Farmers' and Merchants' bank, a private institution, has been organized at Mertens with a capital stock of $10,000.

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Sherman's new public library building, which cost $20,000, is completed and the furniture and 5,000 volumes of books will be moved in next week.

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Contract for the erection of an athletic building and grand stand at Baylor university, Waco, has been let. The cost will be about $7,000.

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The contract has been let for the construction of a new modern brick school building to be completed in time for the opening of the fall term of school at Brownwood.

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The plans and specifications have been accepted for the handsome three story building to be erected by the Laredo National bank and also the two adjoining buildings.

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The Dallas postoffice is one of the very few big offices of the country to show an increase in receipts for June over June of 1914, according to the assistant postmaster.

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Cut off from their supplies of candy from Germany because of the war, Filipinos have turned to the Chicago market for their confectionery. The first consignment to the Filipinos consisted of 1,800,000 chocolate drops.

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The state warehouse department announced the granting of permits to four more bonded warehouses to organize. The granting of these permits makes a total of 31 warehouses legalized under the recent law.

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Major W. M. (Buck) Walton, 83 years old, formerly attorney general of Texas, and for years recognized as one af the greatest criminal lawyers in the state, died at his residence in Austin, heart failure being the cause of death. It was in 1866 that Major Walton was elected attorney general of Texas, but he was removed by military authority in 1867 as one of the obstacles in the path of reconstruction.

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The Barnaby mills, gingham manufasturers at Fall River, Mass., have shut down. About 1,000 employes will be affected.

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James A. Lawless, a pioneer citizen of the Itasca valley and a large property owner, has donated a valuable block of land in the heart of the business part of Itasca for a park. The deed specifies that the city is to improve and beautify the land and forever use it for the purpose for which it is given.

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The Texas wheat crop is estimated at 20,000,000 bushels. Cutting has practically been completed, nad there is much more holding than usual. Thrashing is general all over the state. Provisions for holding in local warehouses are general.

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The commissions' court has sold the McKinney and Farmersville road bonds. The Farmersville district had $200,000 worth of bonds and the McKinney district $375,000 worth, making a total of $575,000

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At a meeting of the stockholders of the G. B. R. Smith Milling company in Sherman the directors were authorized to raise the capital stock of the company from $100,000 to $200,000.

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The Godley independent school district has issued bonds to the amount of $15,000 to be appropriated for the construction of a three-story magnicent administration building. The bonds have been sold, and the order for material has recently been placed

GEN. DIAZ, EXILED MEXICAN RULER DIES

DEATH COMES IN MODEST APARTMENT, WITH ONLY WIFE AND SON PRESENT.

RULED MEXICO FOR 35 YEARS

Resignation as President Was Tendered May 25, 1911, After Bargain for Peace With Madero.

Paris.—General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, died Friday night. General Diaz's wife, Senora Carmen Romero Rubio Diaz, and their son, Colonel Porfirio Diaz Jr., and the latter's wife were at the bedside when the end came.

General Diaz had been in failing health since reaching Europe in 1911 after his resignation from the presidency of Mexico, following the successful Madero revolution.

Tragedy of His Death.

Two tragic circumstances marked the death of the exiled ruler. Owing to the troubled state in Mexico it has been judged impossible to send the body home with all that ceremony which would have befitted one of the greatest figures in Mexican history, and further, Col. Porfirio Diaz Jr. has tried in vain to inform his sisters, who are now in Mexico, of the death of their father.

Not less tragic, perhaps, is the fact that not one of those whom Gen. Diaz raised up to be his assistants in governing Mexico and who prospered and grew rich in the shadow of his greatness were with him when he died.

General Diaz lived here in the greatest simplicity, occupying a modest apartment in striking contrast to the great houses and retinue of servants maintained by some of his friends who left Mexico with him.

Gen. Diaz announced on May 25, 1911, his resignation from the presidency of Mexico, after having been master of the country for 35 years.

The revolution led by Gen. Francisco I. Madero Jr. had brought about the aged president's reported pledge early in 1911 to resign his office in a bargain for peace.

EXPLOSION IN CAPITOL BUILDING

Public Reception Room is Wrecked. None Reported Injured.

Washington.—A tremendous explosion, believed to have been caused by some kind of bomb or infernal machine, wrecked the public reception room on the east side of the capitol building shortly before midnight Friday. No one was injured.

Part of the ceiling and side walls of the room were shaken down, a huge mirror and a crystal chandelier shattered and the doors blown open. One of the doors led into the offices of the vice president, and is said not to have been opened in 40 years.

The report could be heard for a mile and in a few minutes a crowd of excited people had gathered on the east plaza. In the meantime lights had been switched on and excited officials were rushing back and forth on two floors of the great building.

GERMAN AGREEMENT IS NEAR.

Believed Two Countries Will Settle Differences in Informal Discussion

Washington.—Indications in official quarters are that difficulties between the United States and Germany over submarine warfare may be solved in informal diplomatic discussion prior to the final drafting of the German reply.

The seriousness of the issue between the United States and Germany has so impressed officials in Berlin that they are undertaking to learn through Ambassador Gerard informally exactly what modifications of the submarine campaign will satisfy the American demand for the protection of its rights without reducing the effectiveness of the submarine as a weapon against Germany's enemies.

Ambassador Gerard has had several conferences with high German officials in which various suggestions have been made.

Major Walton Dies at Austin Home.

Austin, Texas—Major W. M. (Buck) Walton, 83 years old, formerly attorney general of Texas, and for years recognized as one of the greatest criminal lawyers in the state, died at his residence in this city, heart failure being the cause of death. Major Walton left an unfinished letter in which he had expressed premonition of death. It was in 1866 that Major Walton was elected attorney general of Texas, but he was removed by military authority in 1867 as one of the obstacles in the path of reconstruction.

Thirty Zinc Mines Closed by Strike.

Joplin, Mo.—Thirty big mines of the Web City-Carterville district have shut down as a result of a strike by miners. More than 2,500 men are out of employment, and the week's production of zinc ore will be reduced at least 2,000 tons, it was estimated. Operators declare they will not attempt to resume operations for at least two weeks. It is expected that most, if not all, of the heaviest producers of the Joplin district will join the Webb City operators and close their mines

BECKER LOSES APPEAL TO GOV. WHITMAN

NEW YORK EXECUTIVE DECLINES TO COMMUTE SENTENCE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Whitman has declined to commute the death sentence of Charles Becker, the former New York police lieutenant, convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. Simultaneously Martin T. Manton, Becker's counsel, announced he would take no further legal steps in behalf of his client.

In order that other counsel for Becker may have an opportunity to appeal to the federal courts, however, if desired, the governor granted the convicted man a reprieve of two weeks, beginning July 12, to the week beginning July 26. When Mr. Manton left here after the conference with the governor, in which he made his final appeal for Becker's life, he did not know if the case would be taken to a higher court or what attorney, if any, would appeal for the convicted man.

Only a write issued by a federal court will act now as a stay. A mere appeal will not have that effect. Mr. Manton, who retires from the case, never has been of the opinion there was much hope of the federal courts interferring. There are a few points on which it is expected an appeal on constitutional grounds might be taken, but they are considered of minor character.

Mrs. Becker did not appeal to the governor in her husband's behalf.

$1,000,000,000 TRADE BALANCE.

Excellent Showing Made by United States Despite European War.

Washington.—A billion-dollar trade balance—the greatest in American history—in a year which has seen commerce depressed by 11 months of world war, is the commercial record of the United States. Official announcement was made at the department of commerce that, with the cuosing of the fiscal year, it was certain the billion-dollar mark had been passed.

"The figures for 11 months ending May 31," it was announced, "show a favorable balance of $983,117,479. As 13 ports which ordinarily handle 90 per cent of the country's foreign trade show for June an export balance of approximately $60,000,000, it is now known that the excess of exports over imports has at this date exceeded $1,000,000,000, surpassing by nearly $400,000,000 the highest record heretofore made."

The showing was considered all the more gratifying because it was made despite the paralysis of ocean shipping and the stagnation in the cotton market which depressed America's second most valuable crop.

The movement of gold between the United States and the outside world, which at the beginning of the war was a subject of great concern, has been reversed in overwhelming ratio and represents payments for American exports.

HUERTA WEEPS IN EL PASO CELL

Says He Feels Deeply Hurt by Treatment Received from Americans.

El Paso, Texas.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta wept when he talked of the deep hurt, as he characterized it, he had received from Americans. The prisoner sat on the edge of his iron cot and in bitter tones expressed his indignation and surprise that his word should not have greater weight.

"I gave them my word of honor that I would not attempt to leave El Paso," he cried. "And I gave bail, and yet I am forced to occupy this cell. There is one thing no man can say, and that is that I have ever broken my word."

Huerta spent Independence day in his cell with Gen. Ignacio Bravo except for a 30-minute walk in the corridors of the building.

Huerta reiterated his assertion that he had broken no laws of the United States, and declared his willingness to face trial. He insisted that he, like Orozco, might have eluded the men set to guard him, but that he was detained by the word he had given.

Germans Attacked by British Airmen.

Berlin.—A great British airship attack was directed against the German position in a German bay of the North sea on the morning of July 4. The attack, the announcement adds, failed. German airships, sighted at dawn off Terschelling, an island off the Netherlands, the advancing British naval forces. They were forced to retreat. One British hydro-aeroplane which succeeded in rising in the air was pursued by German aeroplanes, but it escaped by flying over Dutch territory.

High Water Drives People from Homes

Hico, Texas.—Rain early Sunday morning caused a number of families residing in the lower part of the city to flee from their homes fearing danger from high waters. Several dwellings were flooded following a downpour amounting to over four inches. Considerable lightning accompanied the rain. Capt. J. C. Hutchingson's residence was set on fire by lightning, but was not badly damaged. Hogs, chickens and small live stock were washed away, fences were blown down and swept from their places.

INFORMATION EASY TO GIVE

Daddy Happily in Possession of Knowledge as to Where One Vacuum Was Located.

The good man had just been informed by the only person who could possibly possess the information that he hadn't an ounce of sense, that he had never had an ounce of sense, and that there was not the remotest chance that he ever would have an ounce of sense.

Having been assured on these points, the good man turned to his paper, only to be interrupted by his young son and heir:

"Father," said the boy, "what is a vacuum and where can I find one?"

"My boy, replied the good man, "if we are to assume that your mother is qualified to speak on the subject, I possess the only real vacuum in the neighborhood, and, for your further information, it is situated just between my collar and the glossy open space where I used to grow hair."

"You mean your dome?"

"Yes, my son, that is the family vacuum."

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Police Would Get It.

The talk of parents at home about conditions in the police department made a deep impression on the mind of a twelve-year-old boy who was before Judge F. J. Lahr in juvenile court for stealing a bicycle. The court had lectured the boy and his three companions on the disgrace of stealing and finally asked the boys what they thought of stealing.

"Now, suppose everybody were to steal," the court suggested, "and then what do you think would become of all of our property?"

"Oh, the police would get everything," was the boy's quick response. —Indianapolis News.

Natural Procedure.

When telling the story of the Pilgrim Fathers to the children of a primary grade in a large city the leader tried to impress upon them the fact that the country was barren at that time. Later they were told of the planting, the harvest, the great feast, and the thankful attitude of those early settlers. Finally she asked:

"What did the Pilgrims do after the great feast?"

After a moment's silence a little girl said, "They went by the moving pictures."

Lesser Evil.

"I see they are having fresh earthquake shocks in California."

"Yes; criticized as it is, I prefer our ground rent system to the one they have out there."

Many a man has thought he had found good company because its promoter was good company.

It's a Picnic Getting Ready for a Picnic

If you choose

Spanish Olives Pickles Sweet Relish Ham Loaf Veal Loaf
Chicken Loaf Fruit Preserves Jellies Apple Butter
Luncheon Meats Pork and Beans

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Chicago



ANYWAY, SHE HAD THE KISSES

Avowal of Dancer's Nationality Came Altogether Too Late to Affect Ardent Frenchman.

It happened in a big cafe in the Paris boulevards, close to the opera, and the time was the evening of the day on which Italy declared war against Austria, says the New York Evening Post. Into the cafe came Mlle.—well, we will call her simply Mlle. Ravissante—but she has a South-of-Europe sort of name and is a famous dancer. In she floated lavishing smiles right and left. Somebody leaped up and cried Viva l'Italie, and as the young woman passed by his table seized her and gave her a hearty kiss. At once joy was unconfined. The dancer was toasted, cheered, kissed again and again. When she managed at last to disengage herself from the patriotic embrace of the company, she asked timidly:

"But why?"

"Mademoiselle," said one of the most ardent, "it is that we salute in you the Latin sister who has come back to us, faithful to the ties of blood and ancient sympathy. Once more, Vive l'Italie!"

"It's lovely of you," replied Mlle. Ravissante, "perfectly lovely of you—and I adore all brave men—" smiles were shed about her like sunshine—"only I suppose I really ought to tell you that I'm not an Italian, but a Spaniard!"

Temporary Reverse.

Fogarty (a moderate drinker)—I'll bet ye th' Rooshians are beginning t' feel th' loss iv vodka.

Flaherty (warmly)—Don't ye lose any slape over it. Mar-rk me wur-ruds, they'll retake it ag'in before long.—Puck.

Insects and Crops.

It has long been a belief of the Apache Indians that the appearance of insects in early spring indicates a good crop.

When a man's sins find him out they are apt to hang around until he comes in again.

It's a poor mule that won't work both ways.

Boldness is adorable in a man, but deplorable in a woman.

Red Cross Ball Blue, made in America, therefore the best, delights the housewife. All good grocers. Adv.

Sometimes a man goes to church on Sunday rather than spend the day at home.

And many a man whom the world calls great isn't even in the near great class from his wife's point of view.

YOU OWN DRUGGIST WILL TELL YOU Try Murine Eye Remedy for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Granulated Eyelids; No Smarting—just Eye comfort. Write for Book of the Eye by mail Free. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago

Equipped.

"Who's going to umpire the ball game?"

"Let's get Bliggins."

"Why, he'd make a good umpire. He hasn't any popularity to lose."

Good Fortune.

"I found a four-leaf clover on my lawn today," said Mr. Crosslots.

"I suppose you think that's lucky."

"I do. I'm lucky to find anything in that lawn except dandelions and ragweed."

Easily Pleased.

"Guess I'd better order a few going-away gowns," said she brightly.

"Nix on the going-away gowns, my dear," said her husband gloomily. "I can't afford to take you anywhere this summer."

"All right," was the cheerful response. "Then I'll just order a few staying at home gowns."

His Preference.

A gentleman in delivering one of a series of addresses excused himself one evening for being unable to speak on several points, the mice, he said, having destroyed part of his notes. Later, while visiting in the neighborhood, he asked one man:

"Were you at any of my lectures, Rooney?"

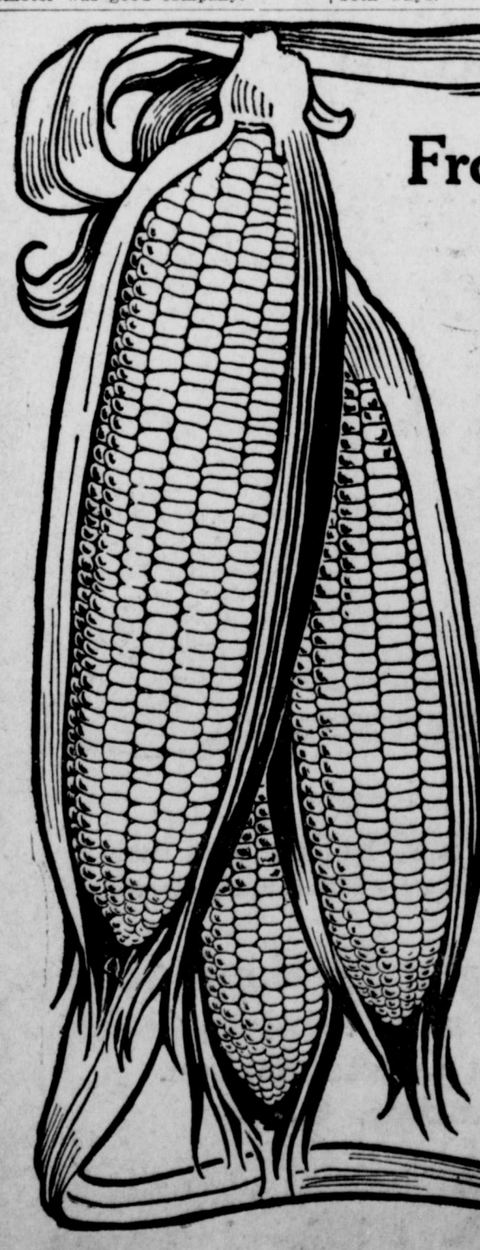
Rooney—Indeed I was, yer honor, all of them.

Lecturer—Which one did you like best?

Roney—The one the mice was in, yer honor!

From Corn to Toasties

—a capital evolution



The ripened kernels of pearly white Indian Corn with their succulent goodness, are cooked, then rolled into thin, wafery bits, and toasted to a golden brown.

Add a little cream and sugar—perhaps some fresh berries—and the combination smacks wondrous good.

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MAKES AN IDEAL POULTRY HOUSE

Design That Is Thoroughly Practical, and the Fowls Will Flourish in It.

HAS LARGE SCRATCHING SHED

Main Part Devoted to That Purpose, Though the Hatching and Brooder Rooms Are Apportioned Due Space—Open Front Is Good Feature of Building.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1827 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Keeping purebred poultry requires better buildings than were considered necessary for mongrel fowls so common a few years ago.

Poultry associations are responsible for the wholesale breeding of valuable fowls, because the shows they have held and the gospel the members have preached has penetrated into every section of the country.

The result is that a good many different kinds and sizes of poultry houses have been designed and built, many of which are thoroughly practical.

One of these is a combination poultry house having a hatching room and a brooder room besides the regulation winter scratching floor, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The main part of the building is devoted to the scratching shed, but the other compartments are valuable accessories.

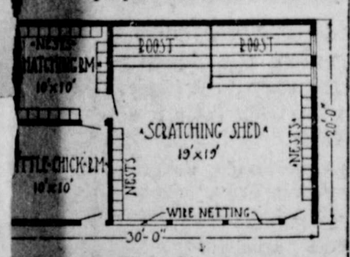
This building has a good solid concrete foundation and a concrete floor. The scratching shed is built with three



large openings in the front or south side, instead of windows. These openings are covered with wire netting. If necessary, thin cotton may be used over the wire. Inside there is a large scratching shed 19 feet square. In the back part of this room the roosts are supported by hanging wires suspended from the roof, so that the whole floor space may be covered with straw and used for scratching purposes.

The roosts and nest boxes are all made easily removable, to be carried outdoors at housecleaning time, so that all the walls and the ceiling may be sprayed with whitewash or crude oil.

The nest boxes, roosts and all other chicken-house furniture are treated to the same kind of a bath, after taking them outside, and they are left to dry in the sun for several hours before being put back into place in the house. This is done frequently in warm weather and occasionally during the winter. The climate or length of the warm season has a good deal to do with the proper disinfection of the



Floor Plan.

poultry house to keep it in proper condition.

The hatching room is provided with extra large nests, to make room for a layer of sod in the bottom and plenty of straw to make the nests comfortable. Sod holds moisture, so the eggs will hatch better. There are 28 of these nest boxes. They rest on the floor and occupy all the wall space, leaving the center part of the room for the attendant to move about and visit each hatching box every day.

It is a comfortable sight to see the ladies attending to business as close neighbors in these different little boxes. Rather close attention is required, however, by the poultry woman during the incubation season, because occasionally one of the hens wanders from home, and that is what makes trouble.

These nest boxes during the fall and winter are used for the laying hens up to the time when incubation should begin. After the brooding season in early spring the same room comes in handy to shelter an extra hen or two of chickens when the other room—the regular brooder room—is overcrowded.

From the hatching room the hens with their little broods are transferred to the brooder room in front. There they are furnished with separate brooder coops, where they can nurse their little families until they are old enough and strong enough to go into one of the colony houses.

All the furniture in the hatching room and brooder room is made removable, for easy cleaning, the same as the movables in the large room. This is a very important provision in any poultry house, because it is occupied for months at a time by a large number of hens and chickens, so that it is absolutely necessary to conduct the details of the business in such a way as to discourage little insects that are disposed to make themselves troublesome.

The general construction of the building above the concrete foundation is of wood, built in the usual way, except that great care is taken to have the inside woodwork as smooth as possible, so it may be easily treated with disinfectants to destroy all forms of life that are not profitable.

The roof of the building is of the usual gable-end pattern, with a rainy weather pitch. In making the roof the rafters are first covered with roofing boards, then with building paper and shingles. The underside of the collar beams and the lower part of the rafters are ceiled with tongue and groove ceiling, carefully fitted at the purlin joints and at the plates to prevent openings that might form a lodgment for lice or mites.

The whole interior is thoroughly well painted with three coats of thin white lead paint, carefully rubbed into the grain of the wood, which makes the inside of the house light and clean. It is easy to care for fowls, even though the house may be crowded, when provision is made to keep the place clean without unnecessary labor.

The success of a poultry house depends on little things, and there are a great many of them. The needs of a houseful of poultry are numerous, but simple when the business is well understood.

A good poultry man or woman is not likely to neglect well-bred fowls in a well-built house, because there is a great deal of pleasure in knowing that they are well cared for, and it is not difficult to do.

TURNING SMOKE INTO STEAM

Leading Railroad Has Recently Installed a New Device, Which Is Said to Be a Success.

Due, it is said, to agitation which nearly forced the electrification of the system, the New York Central railroad at Englewood, Ill., has installed a smoke consumer which washes the smoke before it is permitted to escape. Asbestos conduits are suspended over the stalls of the engines, connecting with the smokestacks. These collect the smoke and carry it through a pipe to a large fan, which forces it into a concrete tank which contains hot water to the depth of 18 feet. When the smoke emerges it is steam. The coloring matter has been taken out—tar and soot—and a little moisture added which forms steam instead of a colorless gas. This steam is then permitted to escape. The residue, when skimmed off the water, looks like black lard. It is taken from the tank and stored in barrels. Although this waste contains 80 per cent of pure carbon, which is the active principle in coal, it cannot be used as fuel, according to the Technical World, because it is divided into such small particles that if an effort were made to burn it an ordinary draft would carry the most of it up the smokestack. It is said that it can be used in the manufacture of paint, and some such use will probably ultimately be found for it. Nine barrels of the black substance which formerly lodged in neighboring lace curtains is being collected daily.

New Use for Cocoanut Oil.

Recently cocoanut oil has been used as the basis for the manufacture of a "condensed milk" said to be chemically indistinguishable from condensed cow's milk, and claim is advanced that an excellent cocoanut oil "cheese" will shortly be placed on the market. Cocoanut lard is highly appreciated by Mohammedans, whose religion forbids them using any product derived from the hog.

A Painful Memory.

"If I should ask you to earn your breakfast, what would your reply be?" said the housewife.

"Dat would depend, mum, on de job an' de meenu," answered the tramp. "I made a deal like dat wid a lady onct an' after I'd chopped wood fur an hour she handed me a couple of cold battercakes."

COULD NOT STAND ON FEET

Mrs. Baker So Weak—Could Not Do Her Work—Found Relief In Novel Way.



Adrian, Mich. — "I suffered terribly with female weakness and backache and got so weak that I could hardly do my work. When I washed my dishes I had to sit down and when I would sweep the floor I would get so weak that I would have to get a drink every few minutes, and before I did my dusting I would have to lie down. I got so poorly that my folks thought I was going into consumption. One day I found a piece of paper blowing around the yard and I picked it up and read it. It said 'Saved from the Grave,' and told what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for women. I showed it to my husband and he said, 'Why don't you try it?' So I did, and after I had taken two bottles I felt better and I said to my husband, 'I don't need any more,' and he said 'You had better take it a little longer anyway.' So I took it for three months and got well and strong."—Mrs. ALONZO E. BAKER, 9 Tecumseh St., Adrian, Mich.

Not Well Enough to Work.

In these words is hidden the tragedy of many a woman, housekeeper or wage earner who supports herself and is often helping to support a family, on meagre wages. Whether in house, office, factory, shop, store or kitchen, woman should remember that there is one tried and true remedy for the ills to which all women are prone, and that is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It promotes that vigor which makes work easy. The Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

WAITED LONG FOR PROBATE

After Twenty years Son Produces Father's Will—Testator's Instructions Had Been Obeyed.

Undiscovered for nearly twenty years after his death, the will of Johann Michael Muller has been offered for probate at Baltimore by his son, John G. A. Muller. The testator died March 13, 1896, having made his will on May 31, 1889.

The paper, yellow and musty with age, left all Mr. Muller's property to his wife Elizabeth Barbara Muller. She died April 30, 1915, and her son was appointed administrator of her estate. He had known of the existence of the will for several months prior to his mother's death, but since all the property had been enjoyed by Mrs. Muller as her husband had desired, it was not thought necessary to probate the will at that time.

The son says the property will now be divided between his two brothers and himself, since his mother died intestate. The exact value of the estate has not been determined, but it is made up almost entirely of parcels of real estate.

AN EASY WAY TO GET RID OF UGLY PIMPLES

Bathe your face for several minutes with resinol soap and hot water, then apply a little resinol ointment very gently. Let this stay on ten minutes, and wash off with resinol soap and more hot water, finishing with a dash of cold water to close the pores. Do this once or twice a day, and you will be astonished to find how quickly the healing resinol medication soothes and cleanses the pores, removes pimples and blackheads, and leaves the complexion clear and velvety.

Resinol ointment and resinol soap stop itching instantly and speedily heal skin humors, sores, burns, wounds and sunburn. Sold by all druggists.—Adv.

Tommy's Prize.

"Well, Tommy, I suppose you are entitled to something nice as a reward for graduating from the public school," said the friendly aunt. "What has your father planned for you?"

"He says I can help take care of the garden during the summer vacation," said Tommy, "and every time I think of it I wish I had failed in my examinations."

The War Zone.

"Have a piece of this old English cheese?"

"Why, it looks like Swiss cheese; it's full of holes."

"Yes, I know; it got riddled coming over."

On the Farm.

Stella—You have been running.

Bella—Yes, the milk condenser chased me.

Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

Sounds Like a Stadium Piece.

He—Have you ever seen the nebula of Andromeda?

She—No; where was it played?

It isn't always the high flyer who roosts at the top.

BIG INCREASE OF FARM PRODUCTS

Province of Alberta Shows Increase of Over 20 Millions.

Figures just compiled by the publicity branch of the provincial department show that last year, notwithstanding that quite a third of the province was affected by the drought to a very serious extent, the total value of agricultural products actually produced in the province showed an increase of over twenty million dollars over that of the previous year. Although southern Alberta had a bad year agriculturally, the province as a whole experienced a period of great prosperity, due principally to mixed farming, which is becoming more general with each succeeding year.

The value of mixed farming, in fact, was never better illustrated than last year as the value of the animals slaughtered and sold alone equaled the value of the spring wheat crop, without taking into consideration the value of the butter, milk, cheese, poultry, vegetables, and other by-products of the farm.

Oats was the banner grain crop, 1,147,382 acres being seeded, and producing 34,397,117 bushels, or 30.15 to the acre. Sold at an average of 50c per bushel, these yielded a revenue of $17,198,558. Comparatively little winter wheat was produced, the yield being a little short of one million bushels, but the spring wheat crop amounted to 15,102,083 bushels, the yield per acre being 15.26. At an average of $1.35 per bushel, the value of the spring wheat crop was therefore $20,387,812. The total production of barley was 7,847,640 bushels, which, at 55c per bushel, yielded a revenue of $4,316,202.

Other productions were as follows: Flax, 207,115 bushels, $310,672.00; rye, 261,843 bushels, $196,392.00; speltz, 42,707 bushels, $32,030.00; hay, 200,000 tons, $2,500,000; potatoes, four million bushels, $3,000,000; turnips, three million bushels, $750,000; carrots, 360,000 bushels, $180,000; mangolds, 640,000 bushels, $320,000; animals slaughtered and sold $20,000,000; butter and cheese, $1,500,000; milk, $3,000,000; wool clip, 1,300,000 pounds, $100,000; fish, $195,000; game and furs, $600,000; horticultural products, $150,000; poultry and products, $2,650,000.

The total of the agricultural products is given as $78,516,891, as compared with $58,098,084 in 1913.

The statistics also show that the value of the live stock in the province at the end of the year was $110,044,630, this being an increase of $7,762,845 over the previous year. There were 609,125 horses, 750,789 swine, 501,188 sheep, 192,905 dairy cows, 165,035 other cows, 190,923 beef cattle and 533,020 other cattle.—Advertisement.

Fooling the Enemy.

Rain was falling steadily as the weary cyclist plodded on through the English mud. At last he spied a figure walking toward him through the gloom.

Gladly he sprang off his machine and asked the native:

"How far off is the village of Poppleton?"

"Just ten miles the other way, sir," was the reply.

"The other way!" exclaimed the cyclist. "But the last sign post I passed said it was in this direction."

"Ah," said the native, with a knowing grin, "but ye see, we turned that there post round so as to fog those 'ere Zeppylings!"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Wrong Document.

The "Tommy" on leave from the front had been given a free railway pass to take him home to see his people, and utilized part of his brief holiday to get married. On the return journey, when the ticket inspector asked to see his pass, he produced by accident his marriage certificate.

The inspector handed the paper back with a glimmer of a smile.

"This is a ticket for a very long and wearisome journey, young man," he said, "but not on this line."

Berlin Society.

"What are you wearing that long face for, professor?"

"Reason enough, doctor. I've just been to call on my old friend Privy Councilor Schulze—and what should I do but leave my bread ticket instead of my visiting card."

Limitations.

Jack—I hear that you have quit the literary game.

Jill—Yes; I despaired of ever writing up to my publishers' printed estimate of my work.—Life.

The Result.

"Sire, the allies' aviators have dared to bombard us."

"Ha! Then they shall Karlsruhe it."

Jitneys are seriously affecting street railway revenues in Vancouver.

A man's "for ever" is just about as long as a woman's "five minutes."

Exceptional Luck.

A vehement argument, in which two racehorse players were defending their judgment, was overheard last night.

"Why, nobody but a sucker would have played that horse," said the first.

"Well, he won, didn't he? You can't get away from that. How about this bank roll?"

"Well," said No. 1, as he looked rather longingly at the money; "well, all I've got to say is this: Most any old blind hog will dig up an acorn some day."—Louisville Times.

Not in It.

Oldboy—I suppose your many admirers are getting jealous of me?

Miss Liveleigh—Oh, no! On account of your age they all think you are calling on mother.—Judge.

Magic Washing Stick

This is something new to housewives—something they have wanted all their lives, but never could get before. It makes it possible to do the heaviest, hardest washing in less than one-half the time it took by old methods, and it eliminates all rubbing and muscular effort. No washing machine is needed. Nothing but this simple little preparation, which is absolutely harmless to the finest fabrics—white, colored or woolen. It makes the hardest task of the week a pleasant pastime—a delightful occupation. You will be delighted at the clean, spotless, snow-white clothes that come out of the rinsing water; and all without any effort on your part. The Magic Washing Stick does it all—and remember, without injury to the most delicate goods, colored or white, woolens, blankets, lace curtains, etc. Contains no acids, no alkalies, no poisonous ingredients to make its use dangerous. 15 washings 25 cents.

Sold by all Druggists and Grocers everywhere. If yours doesn't handle it, show him this ad—he'll get it for you. Or send 25c in stamps to A. B. RICHARDS CO., Sherman, Texas.—Adv.

When a man's sins find him out they are apt to hang around until he comes in again.

The Effects of Opiates.

THAT INFANTS are peculiarly susceptible to opium and its various preparations, all of which are narcotic, is well known. Even in the smallest doses, if continued, these opiates cause changes in the functions and growth of the cells which are likely to become permanent, causing imbecility, mental perversion, a craving for alcohol or narcotics in later life. Nervous diseases, such as intractable nervous dyspepsia and lack of staying powers are a result of dosing with opiates or narcotics to keep children quiet in their infancy. The rule among physicians is that children should never receive opiates in the smallest doses for more than a day at a time, and only then if unavoidable.

The administration of Anodynes, Drops, Cordials, Soothing Syrups and other narcotics to children by any but a physician cannot be too strongly decried, and the druggist should not be a party to it. Children who are ill need the attention of a physician, and it is nothing less than a crime to dose them willfully with narcotics.

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LOVE OF ART NOT REQUIRED

Man's Insensibility to the Beautiful Understood When He Revealed His Life's Occupation.

As they passed the soldiers' monument in the public square of a small town, he turned to his right hand companion and said:

"Pretty bad, eh?"

"What's pretty bad?"

"Why, this monument. Awful, isn't it, to put those things up all over this fair land? No art in 'em."

"I rather like 'em."

"Rather like 'em, eh? I suppose you think that pile of chimneys over there is pleasing to the eye?"

"Not bad."

"What do you think of those frightful advertising chromos on the landscape?"

"Pretty good."

"You'd like the interior of a New York theater—I believe."

"Splendid."

"Ever hear of art?"

"Never."

"Do you mean to say, sir, that some of the sublimest notes of the human heart meet no response in your bosom? Have you no taste, no judgment, no sense of anything harmonious? Are you lost to the fitness of anything at all? Great heavens, sir! Where did you come from? Who are you?"

"I, sir, am the heartless wretch who arranges the deathbed scenes in the moving picture shows."—Life.

Modernizing the Roundup.

Each year seems to give the automobile a new hold on life. The war brought it to the forefront in a new field. The soldier of the present day seldom makes long forced marches like Sherman's march to the sea. He travels by motor car. As a result, the automobile casualty list is tremendous; the average life of a car in the battle line is estimated at thirty days. But it is not only the war zone that has lost part of its picturesqueness through the use of the automobile. The latter has begun to rob the annual cattle roundup of some of its thrills by replacing the horse. This year has seen the ubiquitous car with a cowboy at its wheel on our western prairies, discouraging the cattle from attempts to escape from the ever-narrowing circle in the roundup. Many a steer which has given a cow horse a run must feel disconcerted when it bucks up against the four-wheeled steed.—Wall Street Journal.

No Sale.

"Can I interest you in a set of the 'Secret Memoirs of the Court of Louis XIV?'" asked the book agent.

"No, you can't,' answered his intended victim. "I'm all fed up with that kind of reading. I'm a court stenographer, and I've just finished transcribing the testimony in a sensational divorce case."

His Reason For Thinking So.

Williamson — What books have helped Hooker most?

Henderson—The ones he borrowed from me, I suppose. He never returned them.—Judge.

Point of View.

Blox—Bilkins has the clearest head of any man I know.

Knox—I see where you are right. There is absolutely nothing in it.

The Past Tense.

"Did I understand you to say the woman Dubbins married is well off?"

"No; she was."

But there are as good compliments in the social swim as ever were fished for.

Hard on Her.

"This ten o'clock closing is a nuisance," observed a shawled lady to her neighbor.

"Well, what difference does it make to you, seein' you never drink?"

"Why, once my 'usband always come 'ome at eleven after we was all in bed, and glad he was to get any bits of supper left for 'im. But now he's in at ten, and the trouble I 'ave to get anything he fancies you can't imagine."

Quite Another Place.

"Did the policeman catch this man in flagrante dilictu?"

"No, he caught him in a saloon."

When farmers laugh at a town man it generally is because of his inability to hitch up a horse.

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of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than $5 00 and not more than $100.00.

Section 4 This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council and its approval by the Mayor thereof and its bublication as requirey by law.

Passed by the City Cohncil of the City of Miami, Texas, on the 30th day of June, 1915, and approved by the Mayor of said City on the same day.

[Seal]

Roy Trowbridge, Mayor.

Attest:

J. W. Wells Secretary.

ORDINANCE NO. 28.

An ordinance prohibiting any person spitting upon a sidewalk within the limits of the City of Miami, Texas.

Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Miami, Texas:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to spit upon a sidewalk within the limits of the City of Miami, Texas.

Section 2. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be oadinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than $5 00 and not more than $100.00.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Passed by the city council of the City of Miami, Texas, on the 30th. day of June, A, D. 1915.

[Seal]

Roy Trowbridge, Mayor.

Attest:

J. W. Wells, Secretary.

ORDINANCE NO. 27.

An ordinance reguiaing any person who shall become infected with diptheria, smallpox, or scarlet fever to immeniately report same to the city health officer.

Be it ordained by the City Conncil of the City of Miami, Texos:

Section 1. Any person whe shall become infected with diptheria, smallpox or scarlet fever shall immediately report same to the city health officer of the city of Miami, Texas.

Section 2. Any doctor who shall call upon any patient who is infected with diptheria, smallpox or scarlet fever shall immediately report same to the city health officerof the City of Miami Texas.

Section 3, Any person who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed $100

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this the 6th day of June, A. D. 1915.

[Seal]

Roy Trowbridge, Mayor.

Attest:

J. W. Wells, Secretary.

ORDINANCE NO. 29.

An ordinance licening, regulating or prohibiting theaters, circuses, the exhibitions of common showmen and shows of any kind, and the exhibition of natural or artificial curiosities, caravans, menageries, and musical exhibitions and performances.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Miami, Texas:

Sec. 1. Any owner, manager or person in charge of any theater, circus, exhibiton of a common showman or of a show of any kind, and the exhibitor of any natural or artificial curiosity, caravan, menagerie and musical exhibition or performance or the manager of any medicine show who may desire to give an exhibition or performance within the limits of the City of Miami, Texas, shall pay or cause to be paid the sum of $10.00 (ten dollars) for the first day they may give any exhibition or performance, and $5.00 (five dollars) for each day thereafter that they shall give any exhibition or performance: said license fees to be collected by the marshal and paid over to the city treasurer.

Sec. 2. The City Marshal is hereby given power and authority to regulate or prohibit any of the above mentioned exhibitors, owners or managers or persons n charge from giving a public exhibition or charging admission thereto when said exhibition or peformance is obscene or contrary to the laws of the State or contrary to the public good or where said owner, manager, exhibitor or person in charge has failed to comply with Sec. 1 of this ordinance.

Sec. 3. In case any section or or portion of any section of this ordinance should be held void, the court holding same void shall separate same from the remaining portion.

Sec. 4. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than $1.00 (ten dollars) and not more than $100.00 (one hundred dollars.)

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this the 30th day of June, A. D. 1915.

[Seal]

Roy Trowbridge. Mayor.

Attest:

J. W. Wells. Secretary.

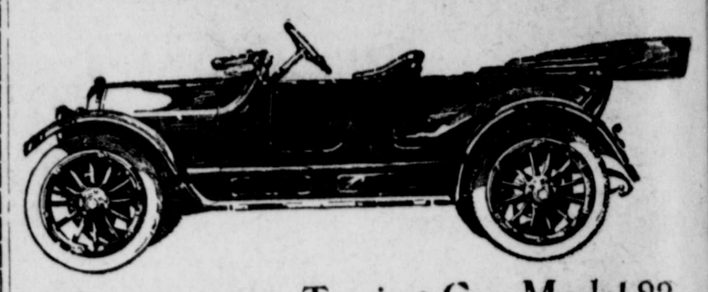
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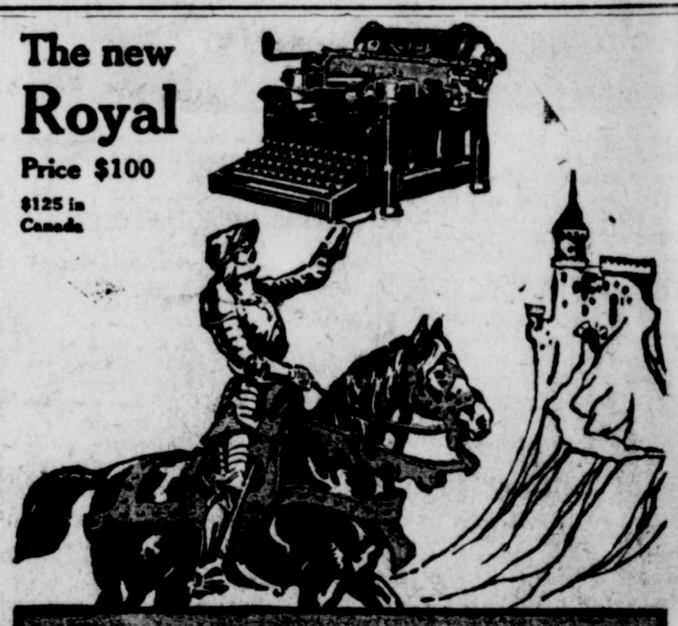
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