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MRS. CAYLOR ENTERTAINS AT 42

On last Saturday evening one of the most pleasant social gatherings of the season was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cayloy on Hill Street.

The gentlemen present were Messrs. Godfrey, Jackson, Mathews, Glenn, A. T. Tyler Jr. Griffen, Huffman, Edwards, Hammonds, Wilson, Smart, and Dr. Standifer. The ladies were Misses. Atterbury, Kate Mahon, Nell Mahon, Richardson, Blackwell, Walker, Ellis, Reaves, Denton, Neely, Jones and George. Mrs. Caylor was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Standifer and to say that they entertained royally would put it mildly. The double doors from dining room also from dining room to living room were thrown open, giving plenty of room for the guests.

Forty two was the principal game of the evening, while choice music was rendered to the delight of all present. We did not learn who was champions in the forty two game but from the smile on Mr. Tylers face we judge that he must have held a good hand.

After spending a pleasant evening and thanking the host and hostess, the guest took their leave hoping that the time would not be long when they would have the pleasure of another such occasion.

Planning The Year's Work.

A system carefully planned and thoroughly worked spells success on the farm, as well as in any other business. The farmer who objects to the practice of a system on the farm and who taboos keeping accounts and following the rotation system simply does not realize the possibilities of his business. While our forefathers may have had no plans outlined on paper, those who were most successful had a well thoughtout plan in mind, even though such plans were less needed in the early days.

The first step is to determine the operations which will be followed during the coming year. Decide what crops and live stock you will produce to sell. Taking these as a basis, decide what feeds will be necessary to finish the stock, fertilizers to grow the crops and labor to handle both.

Almost any farmer can figure out to a reasonable certainty what he can expect in the way of average yields, average gains on live stock and average increase of flock and herds. Always take average and not the high or low production. The quibler who says what will happen in a bad year must bear in mind that the bad year comes to the man without a plan, and hits him harder than the fellow who has his scheme all outlined.

Live stock operations are the easiest to estimate. The feed that a heard of hogs will consume can be estimated closely except in the case of pasturage.

A little experience will give light in this connection.

The amount of feed required for a heard of cows which should be purchased at local market or produced on the farm is not difficult to estimate.

In planning for a cropping system the rotation comes in for due attention because upon it depends the maintaining of fertility and the proper balance of the various crops and field from year to year. The type of rotation will depend fully upon the locality and soil conditions, as well as the system of farming followed, and general surgesition are of little value in this connection. Study the methods or the most successful farmer in your neighborhood, and you can usually determine what succession of crops is most profitable.

By mapping out the year's work ahead, the need of extra labor can be foreseen and arranged for. Jobs may be done in season as one will know in advance what is necessary to do. The whole farm business will seem easier because it is kept clearly in mind.—J. C. M., Tippecanoe Co. Ind.

Joe Strayhorn, of Snyder was in Spur Monday on business. Mr. Strayhorn stated to the reporter that Spur was the largest town to its age that he had ever seen, and that while he had heard much of the growth of Spur that the half had not been told. Mr. Strayhorn has many friends in this country who would be glad to see him locate here. He has been in Scurry county for 21 years and has done his part in the development of Snyder and Snyder country, and knows the needs of West Texas as well as any man to be found.

EXTINCT VOLCANO THEIR HOME

Remarkable Abode and Still More Remarkable Industry of People of Saba.

Saba, in the West Indies, is one of the most extraordinary places in the world.

By courtesy it is called an island, but it is really nothing more than the summit of an extinct volcano sticking up out of the sea. Inside the crater live the only inhabitants of Saba. They live there because there is nowhere else for them to live, the outside slopes being nearly as steep as the sides of a house.

The place belongs to Holland, and the people are all Dutch. Nevertheless, they speak English as their native tongue. They call their crater own Bottom, because it is situated on top of a mountain.

Although surrounded on all sides by the sea, they often spend weeks without seeing it, for that involves a long climb up to the rim of the crater. Still less frequently do they touch salt water, because to do so they must, in addition, climb downward for a distance of 1,500 feet by a precipitous rock-hewn path, known as the Ladder.

It is, however, in regard to their staple industry that these Dutch people who speak English, and who live aloft in a volcano in a summit city called Bottom, reach the extreme of topsy-turvydom. One might imagine them making balloons or kites, or, in fact, anything but what they make, which is ships.

Not ocean-going liners, of course, but good, serviceable schooners and luggers, whose reput is great all over the Windward islands. The ships, when finished, have to be hauled up to the rim of the crater and then lowered over a precipice into the sea.—Stray Stories.

EDWARDS GIVEN 5 YEARS AT DICKENS

The jury in the Dock Edwards murder trial returned a verdict Monday, after deliberating from Saturday night to Monday, finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and assessed his punishment at five years in the state penitentiary.

Edwards was charged with killing R. L. King, the tinner of Spur, at this place during Christmas. R. L. King was killed with a scantling, receiving a lick in the back of his head.

This trial has been heard promptly, the affair having occurred about the 23 of December. The case was promptly taken up by the grand jury, the trial beginning Wednesday of last week.

We understand that an appeal to higher court will be taken by the defendant and will probably be some time before the case is finally disposed of.

B. W. Baker and wife left Spur Monday for Los Angeles, California to visit his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were married Christmas at Lubbock, and since all of Spur people are new citizens Mr. Baker took his friends and acquaintances. He played the part of an old married man, this avoiding congratulations and other incidentals of newly wedded couples. However, at this late time the Texas Spur joins his friends in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Baker and wish them a long married life, may all their troubles be little ones. Mr. and Mrs. Baker expects to spend ten days or two weeks in Los Angeles after which they will make their home in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Phillips, of Lubbock passed through Spur Saturday on their way to Rotan. Mrs. Phillips recently returned from an extended visit in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips formerly lived at Rotan, only recently moving to Lubbock where Mr. Phillips is engaged in the Drug business. They are pleased with this section of country and doubtless will make their permanent home here although the drug business and home is retained at Rotan.

C. B. New has secured a leave of absence for about three weeks and will make a trip to San Antonio and other points in southern Texas. Just what his business is we did not learn, but he says that he don't care if his friends take a guess. Mr. New is a nice gentleman and has made many friends here and the Texas Spur joins them in wishing him success in his business transactions, whatever it may be.

Deck powers returned this week from Dallas where he purchased a new fountain and other fixtures for an up-to-date cold drink business. Deck Powers is one of the best business men in his line of the country. He knows how to do business, how to fix for it and how to get it.

Sunday afternoon, W. P. Davis and the Editor drove out south of Spur. We noted six or seven new farm houses along the route and farmers preparing to cultivate new land. The country is developing rapidly and will continue to do so until every acre of agricultural land is tilled. Some people may think that this kind of talk is newspaper boost for the benefit of the land men. We have no land for sale and the only reason we don't get at least one hundred and sixty acres of this land is because we haven't got the money to buy with. Nobody will lose any money by buying land here. It will continue to increase in price until it gets beyond the reach of the poor or even pretty well fixed men.

In going from Spur to Stamford over the Stamford & Northwestern railway, one will notice a considerable little jag of cotton yet in the fields. The season of this country are naturally later than farther east, but this year the season was extremely late on account of little rain the earlier part of the season. At present the crop prospects for this year is very bright and with the high prices received last year for farm products all farmers should be in pretty good shape.

Borber & Hancock are expecting this week a car load of shelf hardware, queensware and etc. Their house is being enlarged, also canvased and papered, and when their new fixtures and goods arrive they will have one of the most attractive places in town.

R. R. Morrison came in from Rotan Monday to look after his business here.

TRAIN CHILDREN FOR FARM

Trade Schools Have Been Found Good, Why Not Include Teaching of Agriculture?

Prof. Paul Hanus of the Harvard summer school told 500 teachers who are students in the school about the need of the trade school as an extension of the public school to save millions of American children from the calamity of starting in life as unskilled laborers. Starting so, the professor said, means no career.

"All their lives they must be underlings, except in rare instances." The same day or the next, Secretary Wilson was saying in Washington.

"While the population of the United States has been steadily increasing through the usual additions at home and from immigration, the cultivated area of the country is decreasing. Thousands of acres formerly raising products that made the food of the country have gone back to pasturage. The farmers simply cannot get the men to raise crops."

It is by no means a bad idea to teach farming to some of the prospective unskilled laborers. As it is, in the east at any rate, the farmer's boy is apt to see his best chance in learning to be some sort of a mechanic. Skilled labor is everywhere needed.

The problem for the boy of 14 or 15 who expects to work with his hands is to give him the skill to work to advantage. To that end the experts in public education now advocate the establishment of trade schools to give a vocational training to children who now leave the public school at 14. Very well; the plan looks good. But please include farming in the vocations for which training is to be given and try to make that look better as compared with the rival employments.—Harpers Weekly.

PROSPECTORS ARRIVING DAILY

Almost daily people are coming to Spur, and after a view of the town and the present situation may decide to locate and become permanent citizens. There is no town and no section of the country which offers more and better inducements to the general public than Spur and the Spur country, and especially is this fact impressed with respect to the agriculturist and farmer. The surrounding is already demonstrated to be rich and productive and is now settling up rapidly with farmers and substantial citizens who are making improvements and clearing up lands for this year's crop. The Spur farm lands are being sold on easy terms and at a low price considering eastern land prices, and since it is practically all agricultural land and will produce stuff in as great variety and abundance as any lands of Texas, there is little reason why those who farm here should not own their own homes. Every citizen should own his own home. The home is the very foundation of the universe, and every citizen of both town and country should strive to own a home regardless of price and profit.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

This week the Texas Spur is authorized to announce Isaac O. Newton for District Attorney of this, the 50th Judicial District.

Mr. Newton lives at Seymour, Baylor county, and is the son of Judge S. T. Newton, one of the foremost men of the district and prominent in political affairs.

Isaac O. Newton is a graduate of the State University of Austin, and has practiced his profession as an attorney in this district a number of years, has been successful as a defender of the laws and is a lawyer of exceptional ability.

The Newton family are old timers of the country and are among the most prominent and highly respected citizens.

Isaac O. Newton was raised in the district and is well known to the old settlers and citizens, and there is no doubt but that if elected to the office of District Attorney he will be a capable prosecutor and ably defend the laws of the country.

Give his candidacy due consideration before the election to be held in Nvoember.

Mr. Sandlin, a citizen of Matador, was in Spur last week. Mr. Sandlin stated that he was here with a view of locating a confectionery business and will probably locate at an early date. He said that Matador had a railroad boom on at this time and had good prospects of securing a railroad. However, he said he could move to a railroad town much quicker than a railroad could build into one.

Bob Halep, of Matador, was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

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O. Hubbard returned Sunday from a trip to Dickens.

W. L. Brazelton left Spur Monday on a business trip to Waco.

P. H. Miller made a business trip the latter part of last week to Jayton.

Sam McCombs of Luzon is in Spur looking after his telephone business here.

Baxter scoggins was in Monday from his Kent county ranch after supplies.

Mrs. Deck Powers returned this week from a visit of several days to relatives at Waco.

J. M. Bennett returned last week from a ten days business trip to Southern Texas.

The Texas Spur was misinformed last week in that the Spur Drug Company changed owners.

Will Brazelton came in Sunday from Waco and other points East where he had been to spend the holidays.

Miss Alice Richardson was called to Crosbyton Monday on business. She will return in a few days to Spur.

J. L. Clingan purchased this week the interest of Mr. Douthit in the secondhand store. he retiring to look after other matters.

C. L. Love, manager of the J. A. Lambdin store at this place, was called to Stamford Saturday, one of his children having been scalded in some manner, but is now out of danger.

C. M. Buchanan was in Spur last week from his place north of Dickens. Until recently Mr. Buchanan has been a citizen of Spur, but says he will make a crop this year where he now lives.

G. L. Barber returned the first of the week from Rotan where he spent several days on business. He reports everything moving along smoothly at Rotan and considerable trading going on in property, etc.

Jack Maben came up Monday from Rotan, returning Tuesday. On account of sickness in his family, Mr. Maben will only be

in Spur at intervals to look after his insurance business here.

B. E. Morgan, of Munday, was in Spur this week looking over the town and says that he will probably locate here at an early date. He came in and had the Texas Spur sent to his address before leaving Monday Morning.

Sid Benson, one of the oldest Spur hands was in town Monday transacting some land business. Mr. Benson resigned his position as windmill man and thinks that he will go to El Paso county and engage in the stock business

Rev. Hodges left Spur Monday for Aspermont after spending Saturday and Sunday in the city. Rev. Hodges is missionary of this Baptist association and reports that the church here will probably secure a pastor by the Second Sunday which is the regular appointment of the Baptist denomination.

D. W. Stiles, Tax assessor of Garza county, come in from Post City Saturday night and is stopping with his brother-in-law, Matt Howell. Dave is an old timer here having worked on the Spur ranch years ago. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the rapid growth of Spur.

T. J. Williams, of the city, has our thanks for two subscriptions to Texas Spur, he is sending the paper to his father at Rochester and taking a years subscription for himself. The Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow, every day we add new names to the list and which fact is appreciated. We will do our very best at all times to publish a readable paper and appreciate all the assistance we get to that end.

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THE STORE OF QUALITY.

EASTMAN
Kodaks

Chas. Wayson, traveling salesman for Jack Frost Baking Powder was in Spur Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Wayson has many friends here among the business men he having been with the Radford Grocery Company for about ten years.

Rev. Stewart was here this week from Dickens looking after the affairs of the Methodist church at this place. The tabernacle which he used for church purposes has been complete and is now being used throughout the week days by the Spur school as a school room.

There will be preaching at the Methodist tabernacle Sunday at eleven o'clock and at night, and Sunday school at 9:45 P. M. each Sunday.

Prof. Eubank, a traveling lecturer, was here this week and addressed the public on the streets of Spur. Mr. Eubank's theme is the methods of handling penitentiary prisoners. He was a prisoner himself for five years, knows what and how penitentiary methods are. He wants the lease law of prisoners abolished and is making great headway in his efforts.

Misfortune often puts us wise to our own carelessness.

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WANTED A DIFFERENT KIND

"Eatin' Aigs" This Time, the Request
Made by Boy to the Mortified
Grocer.

The following good story, which illustrates the fact that fools and children tell the truth no matter how painful the consequences, is told by George A. Markham, probation officer in the Buffalo police court.

A dull-looking boy came into a small grocery store and stood in the middle of the floor awkwardly twisting his fingers until the attention of the grocer was attracted to him. The vendor of cabbage and canned goods finally approached him and rubbing his hands, inquired:

"Well, my good fellow, what can I do for you?"

"Ma sent me down to get some aigs."

"What kind of eggs do you wish?" inquired the grocer.

"I want eatin' aigs," exploded the lad.

"You don't quite understand what I mean," said the grocer as those present smiled. "What I meant was—What priced eggs do you wish, the 32 cent kind or the 35 kind?"

"I knowed what you meant," responded the little fellow, "but the last aigs we got wa'n't eatin' aigs."

Cardboard Takes Qualities of Metal.

An eighth-inch disk of cardboard revolved on the shaft of an electric motor of highest speed gets stiff, owing to the rotary tension, which makes it behave like metal, and it can no longer be bent. If struck with a hammer a sound emits like that from bronze. It easily saws a cigar box in two, similarly as a disk of soft iron, when rapidly rotated, cuts through heavy armor plate. Centrifugal force does many other strange things. Among others, when a small chain is looped around a high-speed rotary drum the chain can be shoved off the drum to the ground, where it bounces up and when struck acts like a ring of solid metal.

Forsakes the World.

Determined to get away from all influences of home, relatives and friends during her novitiate of three years, so as to minimize all probability of her changing her present purpose to devote her life to the church, Bernadette Inwalle, the beautiful young daughter of Henry Inwalle, mayor of St. Bernard, left Thursday for Namur, Belgium, where she will enter the convent of Notre Dame.

Her father and mother are heart-sick at the thought of losing their only daughter for all time, but, convinced that she would be unhappy if they should try to prevent her from carrying out her resolve they have acquiesced in her determination.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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BOYISH FEAT WON GENERAL

Exhibition of Courage Determined
Youngster's Vocation to Be
the Army.

In his "Memoirs of Eighty Years," Dr. Gordon Hake, who was a nephew of Gen. Charles Gordon, tells how he won the approbation of his uncle, later celebrated as the hero of Khartoum. It was by a boyish feat which he learned in his school days. Most boys feel a vaulting ambition at that age, but too few of them in later years fulfill its aims.

I may mention here, in taking leave of my boyhood, that there was a bath at Islington called Peerless pool, to which in summer the boys of the school were sent to bathe.

It was a large mass of water, oblong in shape, with a wide promenade. There we would spend a whole afternoon, sent there by the authorities when the half-holiday was at hand.

There, to excite the wonder and applause of the other boys, I punished myself by taking the longest run to the water's edge that was obtainable within the inclosure, and by leaping somersault-fashion into the air to a great height and reaching the water in a seated posture.

In doing this I inflicted on myself a punishment equal to that of being flogged.

Being somewhat sheepish at the age of 15, I did not stand very high in the estimation of my uncle, Gen. Gordon, while staying with him at Woolwich; but one day he took me down to the Thames to bathe.

There was a platform, probably for the soldiers to jump from into the water. This afforded me a long run, and I resolved on performing my feat.

My uncle was perfectly amazed at it, and often alluded to it with surprise in later years. After this display of my pluck, he was much in favor of my going into the army.—Youth's Companion.

St. Pierre Still Desolate.

"There is absolutely no truth in the report printed recently in a number of American newspapers that St. Pierre, Martinique, is being rebuilt," said Chester W. Martin of the American consular service, stationed at Bridgetown, Barbados, to the Washington Herald.

"I visited St. Pierre not long ago," said Mr. Martin, "and the only houses that I saw there were two houses which were put up by the French government and are used by the gendarmes. The French government has cleared up and excavated the scene of desolation and laid bare the streets; but there is no intention of rebuilding so far as I am aware."

Apropos of Taxes.

Apropos of New York's 1909 assessment rolls, Lawson Purdy, president of the department of taxes, told a reporter a story about Gladstone.

"Gladstone had no great scientific knowledge," he said, "and at a dinner, when Faraday described an important new scientific discovery, the premier showed indifference.

"After all," he said, hiding a yawn behind his hand, "what use will it ever be?"

"Why," said Faraday, "there's every probability, sir, that some day you'll be able to tax it."—Washington Post.

Poor Grade of Parents.

A rather cute method of getting rid of their six children was adopted by a Blairgowrie (Scotland) laborer and his wife. The man left his home recently and several days later his wife and family went to Dundee, where the wife by her own labors managed to maintain them for a time. Getting tired, however, she applied for relief for herself and family and obtained an order for the poorhouse. Handing over the youngest child to the eldest daughter, she told her to take the whole family to the poorhouse gate and ring the bell. The child did so and they were taken into the institution, with the result that the whole family became chargeable to the parish. Husband and wife were meantime enjoying themselves, free from incumbrances. The husband was, however, apprehended as he was leaving work and will be tried for non-support of his family.

A Miracle of Science.

Aeroplaning is another miracle of practical science—another impossibility shown to be possible—another dream of centuries realized, but realized in a manner which none but this generation could have understood. Will the history of the steam locomotive repeat itself? The actual maximum speed on railroads is no higher to-day than it was 60 years ago, though, of course, the train loads are very different. Will it be so with the aeroplane?

TO MEET IN ACTIVE VOLCANO

Crater of Kilauea, Will Be Scene of
Initiation Ceremonies of the
Mystic Shrine.

One of the most unique initiation ceremonies ever attempted by the Mystic Shrine is being arranged to be held in the crater of the active volcano, Kilauea, on the Hawaiian islands, by Aloha temple in November, when the ceremonial session of the temple will be held, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The significant feature of the occasion will be that the candidates will nearer approach the real walk over "hot sands" than any of the initiates on previous ceremonies of the lodge.

Potentate Charles G. Boekus of Aloha temple, arrived in the city on the liner Manchuria for the purpose of making arrangements for the local Islam temple, of which William Crocker is potentate, to be present at the ceremonies. The ceremonial session will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon. An immense tent will be erected on the edge of the volcano to accommodate the guests. The party, with the candidates, will descend into the pit of the volcano, where the ceremonies will be held in view of the seething mass of burning lava below.

A Novel Thief Catcher.

The mystery surrounding many petty thefts in a Richmond (Ind.) power works was solved recently in a novel manner. For weeks employees had been missing money from their pockets, some person having rifled their clothing in the dressing room, while the men were at work.

One of the men hit on a clever scheme to detect the thief. A high-tension electric light wire was connected with a bunch of keys and fastened to a pocket-book. This was placed in the pocket of one of the coats that hung on the wall. Several days passed before development, but one night the men heard a loud cry in the dressing room and on investigation found a young man unconscious on the floor. He had touched the live wire in the pocket of the coat. There have been no thefts at the works since.

Impressions of New York.

"What impressed me most when I visited New York," says Harry Furniss, the well-known English cartoonist, in his "Reminiscences" in the Strand, "was the number of chiropractors' advertisements. They confronted me everywhere. Huge gilded models of feet outside the chiropractors' establishments, some painted realistically and many adorned with bunnions, seemed everywhere before me as I passed through the streets. If I looked up I saw them suspended from the first-floor window, or painted on canvas on the front of a house. If I avoided the shops I was bound to knock up against some gentleman in the gutter encased in a long white waterproof, on which were portrayed the inevitable foot and name and address of the chiropractor."

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Mearns Quail a New Game Bird.

The comparatively unknown and altogether unloved relative of the bob white quail is found in the mountains and foothills of western Texas, southern New Mexico and Arizona. As a game bird Mearns quail may not be the equal of bob white in all respects. This can hardly be determined until he has been tried under similar conditions in the east. However, it is probable that he would not encroach upon bob's favorite haunts among the wheat, corn and stubble, but would prove an addition by filling in the out-of-the-way covers along the mountain sides and among the foothills.—Recreation.

The Good Dinner.

The successful housekeeper was planning a dinner for a few of her husband's friends.

"I must have apple pie and cheese for dessert," she remarked without a flicker of indecision.

"But I should think you would want something more dainty this time of year," suggested the woman who always worried herself sick over a company dinner, "an ice or a frozen pudding."

"Oh, but apple pie is my husband's favorite dish. When he has company I always serve what he likes best; then he thinks his guests have had such a good dinner, and everybody is happy. At least my husband and I are happy, and if the guests aren't no one is the wiser."

King Edward's Favorite Horses.

The report that Lord Marcus Beresford, who has long had charge of the king's racing stud, will shortly retire from that position recalls the fact when a favorite horse of the king or queen dies its hoofs are cut off and polished and the horse's name is inscribed on each hoof.

These are placed in a row in one of the harness rooms at Sandringham. Their majesties have their favorite dogs, as well as their favorite horses. Against a wall at the back of their residence at Sandringham may be seen a stone: "To the memory of dear old Rover."—Tit-Bits.

How It Happened.

"Good for you, old chap! That's the first time I ever saw you make a home run."

"Yes, it's the first hit for four bases I ever made. I'll tell you about it. You know I'm subject to Saint Vitus dance. Well, I had made up my mind not to strike at that ball, but one of my paroxysms came on just then, and before I knew what I was doing I had lammed the ball to kingdom come."

A New Grocery Store

at Spur. I have opened up a clean, fresh stock of staple and fancy groceries in what I am pleased to call the "White Front" Grocery Store on east side Burlington Ave. between the Spur National Bank and the Red Front Drug Store. I propose to sell groceries as cheap as the cheapest. Call and get my prices.

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TEXAS AND CORN.

From one point of view it would be a good thing for Texas if the price of cotton and seed remained at the high figure prevailing this season. The result might be to turn the attention of livestock raisers to the value of other feeds, and stimulate farmers to raise them.

The most needed feed in Texas at the present time is corn. Train loads of corn are shipped into the state every year and thousands of dollars in Texas money go out into other states. Every bushel of corn consumed in Texas could be raised at home. Corn ought to be raised so plentiful that livestock producers could afford to feed it as well as cotton seed products.

The cotton seed advocate may preach until he has gray hair that cotton seed products are the equal of any in the production of beef gains and from a scientific or rather theoretic standpoint he is correct. But in the cooling room, or the butcher's block and in the roasting pan beef from a steer fed on cotton seed will not stand up beside a cut from a steer finished on corn. In the cooling room the cotton seed beef will shrink more than the corn fed, with that much consequent loss to the butcher or packer. On the butcher's block the cotton seed beef does not and cannot show up that "marbled" finished so dear to the eye of the experienced purchaser. And in the roasting pan the cotton seed beef will shrink away from the ends of the bone where the corn fed stuff will not. These are plain facts and no amount of loyalty to the principle product of the South should blind the eyes of the livestock producer to them.

No amount of breeding will take the place of proper feeding when it comes to producing commercial beef or pork.

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TAP TELLINGS.

The inclement weather the past week has caused a great many of our people to haul wood and build fires. Stock has stood the cold weather remarkable for the time of year and the water tanks have had to be opened for the quenching of the thirst of the cattle creation.

J. M. Zumwaldt, has resigned his position as straw boss on the S. Ranch and is at home enjoying the cold wave with his family. May his happiness never grow dim.

A stranger passing through our country overturned his wagon at

the cap rock burning his wife and child to death and seriously burning the husband and child.

The young folks from Starkey who visited our community and school last week returned to their home with two young men following horse back to crown their way to Starkey. Success to you young men and may your prospects always be bright.

Mrs. Ollie Greer is visiting at the home of Mr. J. D. Greer. She will soon be joined by her husband from Runnels county and they will become residents here to the delight of the community.

The Concert at Red Mud school house last week was well attended by our people and all report a splendid time, and Mr. T. G. Lambert and Mrs. Mary Sparks are excellent officers.

This writer took New Years dinner in Dickens City with F. C. Gipson and family. We enjoyed the occasion and congratulate Mr. Gipson in selecting a life partner who is well versed in culinary affairs.

Mr. J. D. Greer has been ail-

W. C. McArthur, of the Tap country, was in Spur the first of the week and was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. McArthur is one of the old timers of this country, having lived here twenty years and during that time has made a success of farming. In reply to a question as to the average cotton crop of this country he said that it would average from a half to three-quarters of a bale to the acre. Mr. McArthur stated that more than a bale to the acre had been grown on his place years of favorable seasons. Mr. McArthur is among the best fixed men of the country and is one of our most substantial citizens.

O. C. Scarborough returned last week from Hamlin where he spent several days with his family at that place.

R. T. Williams, who has been in Spur during the past several weeks, left last week for Stamford.

Mrs. Smith moved last week from Duck creek to her new home in Spur.

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idg the past two weeks.

Mr. J. E. Day has been trying to work for the past two weeks but has failed so far to do so. However we yet hope he will have success in his undertaking.

Marion Day has a scratch on his jaw, however he denies it a Fox scratch.

RUBBER NECK.

J. R. McDaniel was in Spur this week transacting business. Mr. McDaniel was formerly a citizen of Spur, having recently moved to his present home near Gilpin where he will make a crop this year. We hope Mr. McDaniel will make a big crop, and from present indications full crops will be grown this year in every section of this country.

R. B. F. Craig moved recently to Spur from Lubbock and is now permanently located here. Mr. Craig is having a two story business house erected on Burlington Avenue and when it is completed will move his photograph business to that stand. We are glad to have Mr. Craig a permanent citizen of the town and in his business we wish him success.

Revs. Hodges and Cobb were pleasant callers Saturday at the Texas Spur office. They came up to fill the regular Baptist appointment at this place. The second Saturday and Sunday of each month is the regular preaching days of the Baptist denomination. As yet a regular preacher has not been secured.

Misses Lillian Denton and Jim Blackwell were visiting Sunday to Dickens.

Deck Powers returned this week from Dallas where he spent several days on business.

Niss May Brooks, of the city, has been quite sick the past week.

LOST.

On Saturday January 1st, 1910, between Spur and Floydada Texas, via Wake and Espeula, one suit of cordury clothes, consigned to J. H. Quinley, Plainview Texas, post office Floydada Texas. Finder will please leave them at the Texas Spur office and receive reward.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK" in the town of Spur in the County of Dickens and State

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Quick Thought That Probably Saved American from Death at the Hands of Mob.

John Lover, the wild animal expert of the Philadelphia Zoo, was talking about big game hunting in Uganda.

"You must be quick," Mr. Lover ended. "You must be as quick as a cousin of mine once was in Whitechapel."

"It was Jack the Ripper time. Do you remember that terrible time? All Whitechapel, all the world, was on edge."

"My cousin, looking for excitement, wandered one night through the darkest and dimmest alleys and courts of the Whitechapel slums, and all of a sudden a woman blocked his way."

"Give me your money, all of it," she said, "or I'll scream out that you're Jack the Ripper. If this crowd gets at you then—"

"My cousin was always phenomenally quick. He took the woman's arm in a viselike grip, and he let his eyes blaze to hers."

"Madam," he hissed, "I am Jack the Ripper."

"And with a smothered scream she turned and fled."

MONUMENT FOR HERO'S GRAVE

Feeling That Last Resting Place of Sam Houston Should Not Remain Unmarked.

In a quiet nook in the Huntsville cemetery repose the remains of Gen. Sam Houston, whose name will ever be linked with the history of Texas because of his patriotic and able service rendered the state both before and after Texas became a state. It is marked by a cheap marble slab bearing this simple inscription: "Gen. Sam Houston. Born March 2, 1793, died July 26, 1863."

The Thirtieth legislature, through the efforts of Senator McDonald Meachum and Col. A. T. McKinney, senator and representative from that district, made an appropriation of \$10,000 to erect a suitable monument over Gen. Houston's grave, but unless it has been done very recently no contract has been let for the work, the relatives of Gen. Houston, it is said, being unable to agree upon a suitable design.

But what does a monument amount to anyhow? "We live in deeds," not in monuments. Gen. Houston needs no monument to keep his memory fresh in the minds and hearts of Texans. The most imposing monument that could be erected at his grave would crumble into dust before his name and history are forgotten in Texas. But the monument should be there, not for Gen. Houston's sake, but as an evidence of our own appreciation and recognition of patriotic service.—Wills Point (Tex.) Chronicle.

Sparrows Kill Turkeys.

English sparrows kill turkeys in Rhode Island, according to Dr. Philip B. Hadley. They convey the "black-head" disease, whose fatal prevalence among turkeys is threatening the ruin of turkey farming in the state. Dr. Hadley says that poultry, generally game birds, and some wild song birds, have the amoeba or coccidium, which causes the disease, and so why he lays all the blame to the English sparrow does not quite appear, unless because the little pest has earned so bad a name on other accounts. The British grouse are troubled in a way similar to the turkey. And the seriousness of the case is illustrated by Dr. Hadley in the statement that whereas 30 years ago Block Island alone used to send out more than 40,000 pounds a year, the turkeys now raised there can only be counted by dozens.

G. B. S. on Himself.

Like all men, I play many parts; and none of them is more or less real than another. To one audience I am the occupier of a house in Adelphi terrace; to another I am "one of those damned Socialists." A discussion in a club of very young ladies as to whether I could be more appropriately described as an old jossler or an old geezer ended in the carrying of an amendment in favor of an old bromide. I am also a soul of infinite worth. I am, in short, not only what I can make of myself, which varies greatly from hour to hour and emergency to no-emergency, but what you can see in me.—George Bernard Shaw in the London Nation, in Reviewing G. K. Chesterton's "George Bernard Shaw."

The Dog in the Game.

"The boys in our street have a fine time skating," said the woman with a boy of her own. "One of them has a big St. Bernard dog, gentle as a kitten and so playful! This dog chases around the street with them when they get their skates on, pushing them by turn by his head from the rear until they go sailing half way through the long block without any effort of their own."

AROUSING TOO MUCH INTEREST

Why City Woman Preferred Chicken Dinner to Keeping Father's Present as a Pet.

A Massachusetts farmer not long ago sent a large black hen to his married daughter, who lives in Springfield and who wished to keep the present as a pet. Upon the arrival of the fowl it was immediately placed in a coop which chanced to be within sight of the street.

It wasn't long before a neighbor, passing by, said:

"Got a hen, haven't you?"

"Yes," said the new owner.

"Nice, black one, isn't it?"

"Yes."

This neighbor was almost immediately followed by another, who made the customary observation:

"Why, you have a hen!"

"Yes."

"Just one?"

"Yes."

"Coal black hen, isn't it?"

"Yes."

An intermission of a few minutes; then another neighbor.

"Well, I do declare, you have a—"

"Mary!" called out the lady of the house. "Kill the hen for dinner!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

PROPER WAY TO DRIVE NAIL

Expert Carpenter Gives Some Points as to This Seemingly Simple Proceeding.

"It takes an apprentice a full year to learn that he does not know how to drive a nail," said an expert carpenter. "When once he has realized this it is only a matter of a few minutes to learn how it should be done. The commonest mistake is the belief that a hard blow with the hammer is more effective than several little taps, and the learner is inclined to admire the man who drives a nail all the way in with but one blow. This is where he is wrong; four or five blows are much better than one. The reason is that one hard blow inevitably makes the nail rebound, ever so slightly, it is true, but enough to make it hold less firmly than it would if driven in gradually. The nail may be driven almost all the way with one blow, but several lighter taps are necessary to finish the job."

"Another thing," continued the old carpenter, "the beginner generally tries to drive his nails as perpendicularly as possible. This is another error, for a nail driven a little diagonally holds the parts together much more firmly than one driven perpendicularly. And in driving a nail diagonally it is even more necessary to proceed with gentle taps, for hard blows inevitably displace the surfaces that are to be held together."

NOTES ABSENCE OF HONESTY

Few Articles Forgotten in Cars Turned in by Passengers, Declares Conductor.

The man in the rabbit hutch was talking.

"It's wonderful what a difference the pay-as-you-enter makes with lost articles," he said. "I guess we turn in about one-tenth the stuff we used to pick up in the cars before we were confined to this box. You see, we used to walk through the car for fares, and if there was an umbrella or a grip, or anything of that sort, left in one of the seats, we ran a good chance of seeing it and restoring it to the owner. Now we can't do that. We have to stay here at the rear, and we have hardly any chance at all to pick up anything left on the car."

"But the passengers turn in some of the things they find, don't they?" I asked.

There was a great and sad knowledge of human nature in the conductor's smile.

"Do they? Not much," he said. "Ask the man who has charge of lost articles over at the De Baliviere station. He'll tell you that we handle almost nothing there now, whereas we restored quantities of stuff to the owners under the pay-when-discovered system."

My eye but what thieves we are!

"Why, I used to pick up an umbrella or two on my car every day, and now there is not one handed over to me in seven days," he resumed.

Here, then, is a valid objection to the pay-as-you-enter—one, we have never thought of: It is making all of us thieves!—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

British Swindlers in China.

The British endeavor to secure modifications of the loan regulations to conform to the Kowloon terms, claiming that these are best to insure an honest administration of the railway's finances, has been given a rude shock by the arrest of the British chief accountant of the Kowloon railway at Canton, charged with heavy embezzlement. The Chinese are therefore not impressed with the claimed superiority of the Kowloon terms, and they refuse to consider any change in the Yang-tse regulations.

ANTS A PEST IN LOUISIANA

Orange Crop Threatened with Destruction, According to a Leading State Authority.

Warfare of a most strenuous character will have to be undertaken against the ant pest in Louisiana within the next few years if the orange crop is to continue. This is the opinion of Wilmon H. Newell, secretary of the State Crop Pest commission.

"Strange to say," correspondence, which I have had with other sections of the world has established that the same kind of ants which are devastating the vegetation of this state and causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage annually are equally as much a pest in other places," says Mr. Newell. "From Portugal, from the Madeira islands, from South Africa, from California and from Brazil, their home, the damage reported, is large. The greatest harm in Louisiana seems to have been done in the orange farms of the lower coast sections. By eating the tender buds of the orange trees they make them almost barren, and after the ants come all sorts of parasitic scale animals which complete the destruction.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

Set Sensible Fashion.

Queen Alexandra of England is credited with having been the means of emancipating English and American children from many foolish and uncomfortable fashions. At the time of her marriage to the heir of the English throne children in fashionable families were rarely seen outside of their nurseries, but when the young Danish princess began to keep her children about her and to have her picture taken holding them in her arms the fashion changed and devoted motherhood became the hallmark of American and English smartness. She also had her sons clothed in comfortable sailor suits and her two daughters, the present queen of Norway and the Princess Victoria, were allowed to wear the loose woolen jerseys which are now so much worn by schoolgirls.

French Birthrate Grows.

France, after all, may not be falling. Last year's census of that country, where the signs of decadence are usually believed to reveal themselves in a declining population, shows that in 1908 there was an excess of births over deaths amounting to 46,411. In two years prior to 1907 there was an excess of deaths over births. But the excess of births over deaths last year was higher than the average for the preceding ten years. It is noteworthy that for 1908 the number of deaths was the smallest in 11 years and considerably smaller, of course, than in the average for the preceding ten years. The birthrate, then, is a recovery. And marriages are the largest in 11 years, five per cent. greater than the average for the decade.

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Playground Ethics.

A code of "playground ethics" has been promulgated by George E. Rose, an educator in Rosedale: "Never fight; never run; never get licked." If a fellow swats you on one cheek, swat him on the other also. Do it cheerfully, good-naturedly, without malice or anger. Anger is the dividing line between play and hostility. Keep on the manly side of this line. The hardest knocks on that side are nothing, as every hero of the gridiron will attest. Mere looks or words on the other side cut like a knife.—Kansas City Star.

New Idea in Egg Boiling.

Porcelain eggs that are hollow and unscrew make the latest egg boilers. They are of various sizes, according as the breakfast wants one, two or three eggs. In their usage the cook opens the real egg, drops its contents into the egg of porcelain, takes it off when it is soft, medium or hard, as required, and serves it in the porcelain that cooked it, set in a little silver stand.

The advantage of this novel egg boiler is that no bad eggs, but only good ones, need be boiled, and the service is achieved in a manner the least troublesome and the most appetizing.

Favors High-Neck Gowns.

The duchess of Fife, better known as the princess royal, who is a daughter of King Edward, has started an earnest campaign for high-neck evening dresses. The duchess has been appearing in court and at the opera in gowns unusually high, and her example is being followed by many women in London, including Americans.

France's New Glory.

In this conquest of the air France has earned a glory of which nothing can deprive her. After all the foolish talk about French decadence it is refreshing to see the aspiring germs of France soaring triumphant into untraveled heights. Only America contests her supremacy in a domain which she has made her own. France may be proud of what is happening at Betheny. The spectacle is one full of reproach to ourselves, but we do not grudge France her glory. We rejoice in her renaissance. She has resumed her role as a pioneer of humanity.—London Chronicle.

English Corporation Farms.

The corporation farms, it was reported at a town council meeting yesterday, had proved a source of considerable profit. The hop season has generally been very poor, but the corporation picked 81 pockets of hops of fine quality, which it is hoped will be disposed of for about £1,000. The council also fattened bullocks, 150 being kept on the farms. Beef has been making good prices and the rate payers have benefited by £770 made in this way.—Tunbridge Wells correspondence London Daily Mail.

The Airship in War.

Defense in warfare usually keeps pace with the attack, and already special artillery is being designed to cope with the airship peril. At the worst an airship could only carry out an annoying exploit. The risk, however, is great enough to make it advisable that the next Hague conference should turn its attention to this subject. Man kind may, perhaps, discover solidarity enough to decide that the last of its great discoveries shall be innocent.

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HOME OF FREAK VEGETABLE

Evidently Some Peculiarity in the Soil
of Atlanta That Produces Them
in Profusion.

There must be a dash of Arabian magic sprinkled somehow through Atlanta's soil. How else can we account for those fantastic, well-nigh romantic vegetables that present themselves in the gardens hereabout regularly year after year, and bob up in the cook's market basket as amazingly as a troll or even a demon?

If turnips shaped like a shotgun or cabbages bearing a marked resemblance to the dainty Queen Wilhelmina came once or twice in a decade their phenomena might be allowed to pass with a word of casual interest. But the fact is that in Atlanta such prodigies have taken a fixed place in the year's calendar. Observant persons will recall that not a season of the 12 months has passed without its miraculous beet or dumfounding onion. Only recently there transpired in the western stretches of the city a pumpkin yam sweet potato that looked enough like a goose to lay eggs, if given half an opportunity. Had the average housewife beheld it she would probably have gone into a duck fit, and so the cautious groceryman into whose possession it came thoughtfully presented it to the Journal.

That yam is a wonderful thing, but not a whit more so than the shoe-shaped radish which drifted into the Journal office last May, or the horse-like squash which followed in June, or the pea pod which turned up a fortnight later as a graphic imitation of an old woman smoking a pipe.

These oddities give the city a distinction which has not been sufficiently noted. Other cities have gardens, but where else on the wonder-working old earth do vegetables grow like these? Jack's beanstalk or the apples of the Hesperides are their only peers.—Atlanta Journal.

WOMEN OF THE REVOLUTION

Their Character and Intelligence
Shown by the Way They
Filled Their New Position.

"Taking them all in all, the revolutionary women grasped fully the ideas of her time, saw its vision and rose valiantly to meet its needs. She is a splendid type—a gallant lady from whom it is an honor to have descended. But after all is said, there is no truer test of her character and intelligence than the way she met the new ideas about her own position and rights which were born with the revolution. That upheaval, like the French revolution, gave a great impulse toward bigger living. The nation had taken a full breath and felt the stir of it in its veins. Everybody saw clearer, stepped higher, felt braver and dared more. Women, as men, shared the emotion and began to strain at their bonds. These bonds were real enough. Noble and under standing as this lady of '76 was in fact and recognized by the men of her day as she, in theory she was anything but that. She was a person of interior mind, unable to master the strong meat of education without dangerous results to her reason, unfit to be trusted with the guardianship of her property or her children, lest both suffer not to be allowed free speech in public lest her tongue run away with her and disorder and false doctrine be encouraged, not to be allowed to mix in the gatherings or deliberations of men lest her household, her manners and public morals suffer. The greatest men of New England are on record on these points, and the church and the law uphold them. Humility, charity, obedience, modesty, truthfulness, godliness—these were the qualities they demanded; and they got them. How weak human nature could attain these highest of virtues as perfectly as their wives did and still be as weak and untrustworthy in mind as they the oratically were was never explained."—American Magazine.

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J. P. Gibson of Carlton, and J. A. Jordan of Hico, were in Spur this week and each bought a quarter section of land southeast of town. These gentlemen are old acquaintances of our genial townsman, Mr. Richburg. They are not strangers to Western Texas, having had property in the Childress country, and are well pleased with the Spur country. They called at the Spur office and had their names put on our list.

Dr. R. C. Roberts, of Stephenville will open a dental office in Spur January 20. Dr. Roberts will locate in our town. He is a dentist of several years experience and the people of Spur are fortunate in securing a man of his experience and ability.

J. M. Bennet; is on a business trip to Stamford and will be absent several days.

Supt. Cannon of the Crosbyton public school was in Spur this week.

Misses Zady and Daisy Lewis returned Sunday from an extended visit to friends at Jayton.

Editor White of the Crosbyton Review was in town this week.

Conductor Jim Mahone of Dublin is here visiting his wife.

Bargains in Town Property, Farms and Ranches

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Born—to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McCormick a girl on Thursday.

Dr. Hale, of Dickens, had business in Spur this week.

It's difficult to settle a case in court while the litigants have any money.

If a woman wears anything that is comfortable she is usually ashamed of it.

Hunt for trouble and sooner or later you will find where it landed—on your neck.

When a woman tells a man her age she never brings out the family bible to prove it.

The woman who marries a man to reform him should not let him become aware of the game.

PROPER WAY TO DRIVE NAIL

Expert Carpenter Gives Some Points as to This Seemingly Simple Proceeding.

"It takes an apprentice a full year to learn that he does not know how to drive a nail," said an expert carpenter. "When once he has realized this it is only a matter of a few minutes to learn how it should be done. The commonest mistake is the belief that a hard blow with the hammer is more effective than several little taps, and the learner is inclined to admire the man who drives a nail all the way in with but one blow. This is where he is wrong; four or five blows are much better than one. The reason is that one hard blow inevitably makes the nail rebound, ever so slightly, it is true, but enough to make it hold less firmly than it would if driven in gradually. The nail may be driven almost all the way with one blow, but several lighter taps are necessary to finish the job.

"Another thing," continued the old carpenter, "the beginner generally tries to drive his nails as perpendicularly as possible. This is another error, for a nail driven a little diagonally holds the parts together much more firmly than one driven perpendicularly. And in driving a nail diagonally it is even more necessary to proceed with gentle taps, for hard blows inevitably displace the surfaces that are to be held together."

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It is pleasant in these times to hear of occurrences that show the better side of human nature. It is not worth while to hate any one. Life is too short to cherish ill-will of hard thoughts. What if that man has cheated you, or that woman played you false, or some friend forsaken you? Let it all pass. What difference will make to you in a few years when you go hence to that undiscovered country? All who treat you wrong will be more sorry for it than you in your deepest grief. A few more smiles, a few more tears, some pleasure, much pain, a little longer hurrying and worrying in the world, some hasty greetings and abrupt farewells and life will be over, and injured will be laid away and forgotten. It is not worthwhile to hate each other. This is our advice, and like salvation, it's free. Try it during 1910.—EX.

Did you ever think what a close relation the local newspaper bears to every other business in the town? The printing office is a business enterprise just the same as your large mercantile establishment, your bank or any other line of business. Every time the newspaper puts forth extra effort to push its business, it is pushing your business. The merchant that declares a boycott against a stronger force than perhaps he thinks. More read the paper than buy your goods.—Anson Reporter.

Sparrows Kill Turkeys.

English sparrows kill turkeys in Rhode Island, according to Dr. Philip B. Hadley. They convey the "black-head" disease, whose fatal prevalence among turkeys is threatening the ruin of turkey farming in the state. Dr. Hadley says that poultry, generally game birds, and some wild song birds, have the amoeba or coccidium, which causes the disease, and so why he lays all the blame to the English sparrow does not quite appear, unless because the little pest has earned so bad a name on other accounts. The British grouse are troubled in a way similar to the turkey. And the seriousness of the case is illustrated by Dr. Hadley in the statement that whereas 30 years ago Block Island alone used to send out more than 40,000 pounds a year, the turkeys now raised there can only be counted by dozens.

G. B. S. on Himself.

Like all men, I play many parts; and none of them is more or less real than another. To one audience I am the occupier of a house in Adelphi terrace; to another I am "one of those damned Socialists." A discussion in a club of very young ladies as to whether I could be more appropriately described as an old jossor or an old geezer ended in the carrying of an amendment in favor of an old bromide. I am also a soul of infinite worth. I am, in short, not only what I can make of myself, which varies greatly from hour to hour and emergency to no-emergency, but what you can see in me.—George Bernard Shaw in the London Nation, in Reviewing G. K. Chesterton's "George Bernard Shaw."

Favors High-Neck Gowns.

The duchess of Fife, better known as the princess royal, who is a daughter of King Edward, has started an earnest campaign for high-neck evening dresses. The duchess has been appearing in court and at the opera in gowns unusually high, and her example is being followed by many women in London, including Americans.

Poor Grade of Parents.

A rather cute method of getting rid of their six children was adopted by a Blairgowrie (Scotland) laborer and his wife. The man left his home recently and several days later his wife and family went to Dundee, where the wife by her own labors managed to maintain them for a time. Getting tired, however, she applied for relief for herself and family and obtained an order for the poorhouse. Handing over the youngest child to the eldest daughter, she told her to take the whole family to the poorhouse gate and ring the bell. The child did so and they were taken into the institution, with the result that the whole family became chargeable to the parish. Husband and wife were meantime enjoying themselves, free from incumbrances. The husband was, however, apprehended as he was leaving work and will be tried for non-support of his family.

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PROUD DAMES BROUGHT LOW

Amusing and at Times Painful Collisions That Have Taken Place in Ballrooms.

Quite unpleasant contretemps can occur in a London ballroom, says the Gentlewoman, as witness the adventures of two ladies one evening not long ago. The cotillon was being danced and in one figure the object was to jump through a paper hoop.

This a well-known lady succeeded in doing, only to come violently into collision with another who was prepared to precipitate herself through the other side. At least one black eye and other disagreeable results have followed this inopportune meeting between two fair but overhasty leaders of fashion.

Apparently the ballroom is becoming second only to the athletic field. It was during the season just closed that no less a personage than Mrs. George Keppel, a favorite with King Edward, came to grief in dancing the cotillon.

One of the figures demanded that the lady jump the rope, and in essaying this return to her somewhat distant girlhood Mrs. Keppel had what was described as "a nasty fall," which laid her up for some time.

Shelter for Foot Soldiers.

In military maneuvers the infantry must do more or less work under cover, and it is frequently essential for the soldier to work his way along the surface of the ground by creeping or crawling. In order to facilitate this a genius of Stuttgart has invented a device, consisting of wheels, rollers or runners, attached to a frame or to tent poles, knapsacks or other suitable parts of the equipment. The utility of this invention remains to be proved by practical experience, but there can be no question of its novelty and originality.

NEEDLESS SACRIFICE OF LIFE

Constant Supply of Pure Milk Will Result in Immense Reduction of Infant Mortality.

The problem of the milk supply for the babies is one that has to be solved all the year round. The mortality from the gastro-intestinal diseases is heaviest during the summer, but the babies need pure milk quite as much in the winter as in the summer, and the municipalities that fail to insure it for them are virtually asleep at the switch. The eventual wrecking of countless baby lives is inevitable. The city fathers who make no provision for the supervision of the sources of the milk supply are not only virtually asleep, but recklessly extravagant. Dr. Goler's estimate is \$500 a month for a city the size of Rochester. Put opposite this amount the economic loss, due to the appalling waste of baby life. It is estimated that 375,000 babies under one year old died in this country last year. Economists put the financial value of each of these babies at \$90, so that the total loss, expressed merely in dollars and cents, amounted to \$33,750,000. And yet physicians say that at least one-half of this waste could have been prevented by the adequate supervision of the sources of the milk supply.

Miss Kate Mahon came in Saturday last from an extended Christmas visit to Hico, Dublin and other points east. She reports having had a nice time.

The work on Dr. Standifer's office is nearing completion and the Dr. will soon have one of the most neatly arranged offices to be found anywhere.

FEELS GRATEFUL TO DOCTOR

Baltimore Man Shows Proper Appreciation of Treatment Accorded Him by Physician.

"When a man in comfortable circumstances is taken ill a long way from home he expects to have to pay the piper," said P. S. Snyder of Baltimore at the Raleigh, according to the Washington Post.

"Some years ago I was traveling in western New York, looking into the fruit situation, orchard products being my business, when I was taken suddenly ill in the village of Pen Yan, and was laid up there for some time. A local physician was called and devoted his time and talents to me for ten days, after which I left the town as well as ever I was. Before departing, however, I asked the doctor for my bill, and I almost had a relapse when I was told by him that for the ten or fifteen visits he made to me his charge was only \$7.50. It was so unusual to get treated so honestly that I kept the doctor's name permanently on the tablet of my memory and every year he gets the first and best water-melons that come to Baltimore. At Christmas time he receives the choicest oysters that the Baltimore market can supply, and in other ways I try to let him know that I appreciated the way he took care of me and his moderate charges."

Father Makes a Place

A small child over on Detroit avenue had a cold in the chest. After all had retired the child's mother poked an elbow into the ribs of the child's father and told him she believed he'd better put on his bathrobe and run down to the kitchen and get some lard and place it on a cloth over the little one's chest. The father obeyed, and found the crock of lard on a pantry shelf just as he had been told he would. He spread it over some cheese-cloth and pinned it to the boy's chest, and the next morning the lad was better. Then the mother discovered something. The lard that the father had brought in wasn't lard at all. It was mashed potatoes. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Even the hot-headed man occasionally gets cold feet.

A. R. Fouts, of Rotan, is spending the week here looking after his business interests. Mrs. Fouts came up Saturday returning Sunday.

The work on the Y. L. Jones building is progressing nicely and when completed will add much to the appearance of the business section of the town.

Cause of Divorce.

Miss Ella M. Haas, an inspector of workshops in Ohio, said at the Washington meeting of the American Federation of Labor, that sending girls out into the world unprepared for any of life's vicissitudes was the primary reason for the wide prevalence of the divorce actions. This might have been controverted, she said, if the education of these girls had been along technical rather than classical lines. Girls are not educated along domestic lines, and children are being turned out by the thousands not equipped for life's battles. She declared that the wonderful advance of the nation in industrial work makes it necessary that girls have industrial educations.

FOUND.—A brooch, Spur shaped with several sets. Owner can get same by paying for this notice.

Adders of Great Britain.

An adder two feet 4½ inches in length, killed in Ross-shire, reported recently, is a large one, but by no means a "record." A correspondent of the Scotsman has kept a record of large adders killed in various parts of the country for many years. One sent him near Kendal, Westmoreland, measured 29½ inches, and a second (same locality), September 2, 1893, 31 inches. One sent from Beverly, York-shire, on July 23, 1898, measured 35 inches, and so far is the largest he has ever heard of in this country. In the Furness district of north Lancashire adders grow to an unusual size, from 25 inches to 30 inches, being apparently the normal development. The correspondent has not a single record of an adder attacking man or beast if not accidentally trod on or wilfully provoked. Adders are most irritable just after recovering from hibernation, and their bites then are perilous.

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