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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

Special Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17, '96.

Senator Gorman returned from New York this week. As usual he refused to be interviewed, but he reiterated his statement that Bryan would carry Maryland.

The returns from polls made in nearly all the congressional districts are sufficiently complete to indicate how the next house will stand, and an estimate, which is regarded by the democratic congressional committee as very conservative, shows that 190 silver representatives will be elected, including democrats, populists and silver republicans. That will give the silver men control of the house by a comfortable working majority and ensures the early enactment of a law providing for the free coinage of silver, if the estimate be correct and Mr. Bryan be elected, and democrats have no doubt of either, as Mr. Bryan has said if elected he would call an immediate extra session of congress for the express purpose of providing for the free coinage of silver, and the senate is sound for silver and will remain so.

Secretary Morton has in a published interview allowed it to be seen that the administration thinks the republican party is making a great mistake in bragging of strength and not doing more work, and is very much afraid that Bryan is going to be elected.

If the Washington Post, gold organ though it be, keeps on increasing the Bryan vote in its estimates, it will be conceding his election before the votes are cast. In its latest table it gives Bryan 205 electoral votes and McKinley 165, leaving 77 in doubt. If Mr. Bryan only has to get nineteen electoral votes out of these seventy-seven, his election can be put down as a reasonable certainty, as the states from which those seventy-seven votes are to come are Illinois, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Minnesota, Michigan and Kentucky.

As a rule neither democrats nor republicans think Archbishop Ireland's letter will benefit McKinley. A Kansas man, now in Washington, says: "It is quite the letter of Archbishop Ireland will prove a boomerang, and cause more loss than gain to McKinley. The temper of a good many of the western A. P. A. members is such that they are very apt to resent anything of advice from a Catholic source, and thus the letter of his reverence may be sort of a Burchard affair, for which Mr. McKinley will owe him no thanks."

No matter how much money Hanna's committee gets it wants more, and it has actually had the impudence to open an office in Washington and send a circular letter to all government officials, asking them to call to see the agent in charge of that office, and suggesting that if they do not care to call the agent will call on

them at their residences. Yet this is an administration elected by democrats.

Cattle slaughtered in America and beef exported in quarters are inspected here very rigidly, both alive and dressed—more so than in any other country on earth. The perfectly healthy condition of our live stock is proved beyond any question, and the very best evidence of this is, that the English insurance companies will insure American cattle on ocean voyages at 50 cents a head against all risks of mortality, by disease or otherwise, jettison and washing overboard, and find this is a very profitable transaction, as the perfectly healthy condition of the cattle reduces the possibility of a loss to a minimum. England and Scotland still admit our cattle and beef into their countries, and in all of the hundreds of thousands of live cattle shipped there yearly, not one has ever been rejected, although this would certainly have been done had there been the least sign of the beef and cattle not being absolutely sound and perfect. Besides this, millions of quarters of beef are shipped there annually, and not one quarter of beef has ever been rejected for not being in a sound

and healthy condition. The discrimination of the European continental countries against us in favor of Canada and South American countries is the best proof that the objection is not caused through any fear that our cattle are not in the most healthy condition. France and Belgium still allow Canadian and South American cattle to enter into their markets. Germany has forbidden all foreign cattle entering its ports, in order that it may protect the farmers of that country who are now unable to derive any benefit from their great industry of raising sugar beets by our repeal of reciprocity, and now have to raise live stock and food for consumption of live stock instead.—Nelson Morris.

### CATTLE AND SHEEP TOGETHER.

This is a subject that has been widely discussed for several years, and on which both practical sheep and cattle men differ in opinion. It has been said by a staid old farmer, that a pasture that will keep a certain number of cattle will also keep two sheep for every head of cattle, and there will be but little less of pasture for the cows.

This may be true of certain kinds of pasture, but if cattle and sheep are to be pastured together, the pasture should be of the very best kind. Sheep will do better on pasture with cattle than he

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### IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE.

trade is one of the promises which the coming year offers. Unless the horizon be overclouded by political complications, the outlook is not discouraging. The wave of depression seems to be receding, and the spirit of enterprise, if unchecked, will quickly exhibit renewed energy. Manufacturing in-

cattle, because they can bite closer and they graze the sweeter sorts, while the cattle may want for a full bite, or be compelled to work harder to get sufficient from the sheep.

There is some gain in pasturing cattle with sheep in some places and on some kinds of pasture, and while this is true, it may be also said that there is often some loss. Sheep will graze close, and will also graze where cows have voided, but they are slow to graze after their own voidings, if these are distributed in profusion.

When sheep are kept with cattle they become accustomed to staying with them, and will not try a fence as much as if they were alone. Cattle will keep dogs and wolves away from sheep, and especially is this the case where there are cows with calves.

Sheep prefer pasturage that is short and luxuriant. Cattle thrive best where a full bite can be had at all times. So there is only one condition in which sheep and cattle should be pastured together, and that is when they have plenty of pasture.

There is not so much danger of the cattle starving the sheep out as

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there is of the sheep starving the cattle out. There have been bloody battles between sheep and cattle owners on the plains where sheep have pastured over the short and scanty pastures, utterly starving out herds of cattle.—West Texas Stockman.

### MEXICAN CATTLE.

Long strings of Mexican cattle are now finding their way from the feeding grounds of Kansas and other states to the eastern markets. We have noticed no figures as yet as to how they sold, but it can have none but a bad effect on the range cattle of the west, whichever way the prices may be. The Southwestern Stockman intimates that if the price they demand is anything like a fair one, then it will create a big scramble for these cattle this fall, as last, and if the price should drop, so that not much of a margin will be realized by those who did the feeding, and it will act again against all western cattle. When cattle get to the markets they do not necessarily rate as coming from the country they really do hail from, but the seller makes some claim for them which he believes will add to their value. It will, therefore, seem clear that many of these Mexican cattle will go on to the market as Arizonians or New Mexicans, and if the result is not favorable to them who will get the credit?—Field and Farm.

### NEW RULING ON INFECTED CATTLE.

A Washington dispatch says: Notice is given by the acting secretary of agriculture that cattle infected with the southern cattle ticks disseminate Texas fever, and that under the law relating to the control of contagious and infectious diseases of animals, the regulations of the bureau of animal industry, dated February 1, 1896, are hereby amended by an additional section as follows: Cattle originating outside of the district described by order dated February 1, 1896, as amended by subsequent orders, and which are infected with the boophilus bovis ticks, shall be considered as infectious cattle, and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the movement of southern cattle. Stock yard companies receiving such cattle shall place them in pens set aside for the use of southern cattle, and transportation companies are required to clean and disinfect cars and vessels which have contained the same, according to the requirements of the department.—West Texas Stockman.

A man living just outside of Atlanta has three acres of leafless cotton, which is from seven to fourteen feet high. A committee from south Georgia called on the owner and offered him \$18,000 for all the seed and the cotton in order to destroy them. He has offered forty bushels of the seed to the New Orleans exchange for \$20,000.—Atlanta Journal.

### NO GOOSEBERRY PIE FOR HER.

The Old Lady Had a Dinner That Surprised the Knowing Gamblers.

The old lady entered a restaurant which, rightly or wrongly, is known as the resort of the gay and careless. She was typically countenanced in appearance, her spectacles resting on the bridge of her nose, her hat being old-fashioned and her gait and general attitude those of one fresh from the little farmhouse. Without, however, any sign of halting confidence that was to be expected of a stranger to city ways, she sat down at the most conspicuous table in the room. A surly looking short card player, who, although it was 6 o'clock in the afternoon, was just getting his breakfast, stared at her with curiosity. Two dejected turf gamblers, prevented from attending the races on that day by bad luck on the day before, who were solving themselves with strong waters and who hadn't spoken to each other for half an hour, observed her with slight smiles.

"Well, now," said one, "that's a funny old girl to see in here. I remember seeing her kind in country towns when I was in the show business. I'll gamble on what she'll order. She'll have gooseberry pie and milk, and she'll eat the pie with her knife. They don't have no forks where she comes from."

But the other would not bet. He said merely and not unkindly, "She doesn't seem to fit this place."

They could not hear what she ordered, but they could see that there was nothing flippant in the attitude of the waiter who went to her. She ate with deliberation and then departed. One of the two unsuccessful patrons of the turf called the waiter and asked, "What did that old lady order?"

"Why, let's see," answered the waiter, "I think she had pigeon and a pint of fizz. She's very fond of both."

The gamblers looked surprised.

"Who is she?" asked one.

"Why, don't you know her?" queried the waiter. "That's Miss Lancock, the head dancer in this new play at the Jupiter theater."

Recollections of Bismarck's Wartime.

In the columns of The Krenzzeitung Herr Andrae, a well known Conservative politician and friend of Prince Bismarck, gives some interesting recollections of the period of the war of 1870. He says: "Bismarck read on the 9th of July the speech delivered by the Duke of Gramont on the 6th. He was at dinner and handed the newspaper to his wife, with the words: 'The Duke of Gramont must have soon got tired of his office. I shall, of course, have to ask for his resignation.' Later in the evening, while walking in the park at Vauxin and thinking of the matter, the king suddenly came to him, 'Napoleon wants war, and Gramont's speech was dictated by him.' 'He went to his room. His first thought being to telegraph to the king, at Ems, as follows: 'It would be best to mobilize at once, declare war and attack before France is prepared.' His nerves were strung to the highest tension, and he passed a sleepless night. Lying awake, thinking, those crossed his mind the text, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.' 'So that won't do,' he said to himself. Then all the political consequences of his contemplated action became clear to him, and he ended by casting the first message aside and telegraphing to King William simply not to pledge himself to anything with Benedetti, who, if he became pressing, was to be told, 'My minister of foreign affairs is at Vauxin.'"

It is to be feared that Dr. Adams of the University of Pennsylvania is not very much of a veterinarian. He declares that in his veterinary practice the wire hairpin is a frequent cause of disease in cattle, and especially in pastures near seminaries for young women. He suggests that the lives of many cows might be saved if the hairpin could be manufactured of a material that would be soluble in some one of the animals' stomachs.—New York Tribune.

An ostrich will never go straight to its nest, but always approaches it with many windings and detours, in order, if possible, to conceal the locality from observation.

Instinctive Thirst For Knowledge.  
"Mamma, what day is this?"  
"This is Friday dear."  
"Where's Sunday?"  
"Sunday is still in the future."  
"How did it get there?"  
"I mean it hasn't come yet."  
"It hasn't? What's keeping it?"  
"Why, dear, it can't come until it's time for it."  
"How does it know when it's time for it?"  
"Don't bother me, Katie."  
"Mamma, what's Sunday doing anyhow?"—Chicago Tribune.

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We are authorized to announce the name of E. R. Bryan as a candidate for re-election to the office of county judge at the ensuing November election.

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We are authorized to announce J. P. Colton as a candidate for re-election to the office of treasurer of Midland and attached counties at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce I. H. Bell as a candidate for the office of treasurer of Midland and attached counties at the ensuing November election.

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We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. Knowles as a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Midland and attached counties at the November election.

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We are authorized to announce the name of C. B. McGonagill as a candidate for the office of district and county clerk of Midland and attached counties at the November election.

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We are authorized to announce L. F. Heard as a candidate for hide and animal inspector for Midland county, subject to the action of the voters at the November election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Driver as a candidate for the office of hide and animal inspector at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce George McCormick as a candidate for the office of hide and animal inspector of Midland county at the ensuing November election.

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We are authorized to announce W. J. Mosely as a candidate for re-election to the office of county attorney of Midland county at the ensuing November election.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**

We are authorized to announce T. D. Cranfill as a candidate for the office of county commissioner of precinct No. 1, Midland county, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce I. B. Rose as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 1, Midland county, at the November election.

**SURVEYOR.**

We are authorized to announce Z. T. Bowen as a candidate for the office of surveyor of Midland county, Texas, at the ensuing November election.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

We are authorized to announce J. M. Johnson as a candidate for re-election to the office of justice of the peace for precinct No. 1, Midland county.

Just ten days more and the agony will be over.

The wildest bet yet made in New York was \$100 on McKinley against \$1 on Bryan.

More offices and more pay is the tendency of late years, which, of course accounts for more taxes.

There are lots of men prominent in politics today who will glide down the toboggan course into obscurity.

It will be to the advantage of the state to adhere strictly to the election laws. The law is bad enough without violating it.

Forty-five millions of franked government envelopes have been used to circulate campaign literature at the expense of the people.

In 1873 the amount of money in the United States was \$18,58 per capita, and \$18.04 were in circulation. The coin value of paper currency was \$6.4.

One of the amendments to be voted this year provides that residents of foreign birth must declare their intention to become citizens at least six months before an election at which such person may offer to vote. Vote for it.

An exchange says it has been aptly said that there are many people these hard times who can't pay. There are many who make the hard times a plausible excuse for not paying. There are not a few who croak about hard times who never did and never will pay anything if they can help it.

If the country editor was to jump at all the great advertising snaps held out he would soon be a millionaire. If he ran a paper according to the popular notion he would be in the poor house. If he published half the items sent him he would be in jail half the time and in the hospital the other half.

There is one weak spot in our national constitution. That is in allowing each state two senators regardless of population. Senators, like representatives, should be based upon population. The representation as it now stands is unjust and unfair. States with little population have the ability to do much harm and very little good. We favor a change to a population basis as a matter of justice.

It is estimated that there is a deficit this season in the South American cattle slaughter of 600,000 head. There is also a shortage in the cattle killed in Australia. American interests will feel the benefit of such conditions before the year is over.—Rural World. As long as the shrinkage in consumption keeps even pace with the shrinkage in production, how will production derive good from the shortage?

It has been many years since young cattle for speculation or market purposes as there is today. Every day men from the north come to look for calves and are willing to pay from \$1 to \$2 more for unbranded and unmarked calves than for branded stock. Good, unbranded spring calves are now worth as much as average yearlings. In talking over the difference in prices with a gentleman from Kansas we learned several items of interest. Calves taken directly from the cow in good growing condition, make better returns to the feeder than calves that have been winter stunted. Being unbranded they are taken north, and when fattened and sold as northern cattle, and their hides being unbranded are worth twice as much as branded hides.—Live Stock Champion.

**HIRAM, KING OF TYRE.**

The Phœnician monarch and His Effort to Imitate the Deity.

Hiram, the Phœnician monarch, strove to imitate God by erecting four mighty pillars, upon which he caused seven heavens (apartments) to be built. The first was constructed of glass—500 by 500 yards—storing therein mock images of the sun, moon and stars. The second compartment—of iron, 1,000 by 1,000 yards—was the receptacle of precious stones, causing a terrific noise resembling thunder when they crashed against each other and the casement of the inclosure. The third chamber was of lead, 1,500 by 1,500 yards. The fourth was of tin, 2,000 by 2,000 yards. The fifth was of copper, 2,500 by 2,500 yards. The sixth was of silver, 3,000 by 3,000 yards. The seventh was of gold, 3,500 by 3,500 yards, containing precious stones, pearls and a magnificent throne. A channel of water separated the apartments.

Hiram, imitating the royal splendor of the court of King Solomon, surrounded himself by the grandest conceivable display of magnificence. In the seventh apartment was stationed a golden bed, the corners of which were set in pearls without value in all the world, sparkling forth beautiful flashes resembling lightning, which spread wonder and terror among all his subjects.

The prophet Ezekiel was ordered to appear before Hiram, who, at a loss as to how to reach the seven heavens wherein the monarch presided, was transported into his castle by "the locks of his hair." Upon perceiving the divine messenger Hiram trembled. "Who art thou?" thundered the indignant harbinger of future events. "Why dost thou boast? Art thou not born of woman's womb?"

"I am," replied Hiram, "but I live forever. Like God dwelling over waters, dwell I. Like him reigning over seven heavens, I rule in seven apartments. As God is surrounded by lightning and thunder, so am I. God has stars in heaven, so have I. Many sovereigns have succumbed to mortality, and I still exist. Twenty-one kings of the house of Israel and David, 20 prophets and ten high priests have departed this earth, but I outlive them all." "Why dost thou boast?" again demanded Ezekiel.

"Because thou didst supply the cedars for Solomon's temple? This puts me in mind of a subject who prepared a splendid garment for his sovereign, and as often as the servant gazed at the glorious piece of work he boastfully asserted, 'This is my manufacture,' until the king, observing his vanity, tore it off in disgust. Such will be thy lot. The temple which thou helpest to build will be destroyed. What will then become of thy pride?"

**False Alarm.**

There is a physician in Cleveland who is pretty sure to stutter when under the stress of excitement. Some time ago he had occasion to professionally officiate on an interesting occasion, and his vocal infirmity was the cause of a funny misapprehension.

The husband and prospective father, who, by the way, had set his heart on a son and heir, was nervously pacing the library when the doctor entered.

"Well, doctor," cried the husband, forcing a smile, "is it twins?"

"Tr-tr-tr"—began the doctor.


"Triplets! Great Caesar!"

"Qu-qu-qu"—stammered the doctor.

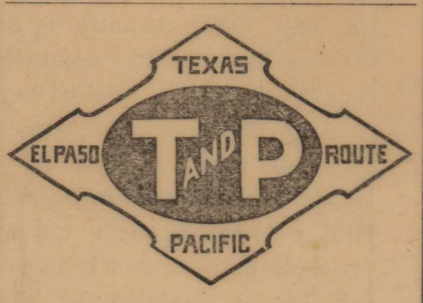
"Quadruplets! Holy smoke!"

"No, no!" cried the doctor. "Qu-qu-quite the contrary. Tr-tr-try and take it ph-philosophically. It's just a girl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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**LOCAL NOTES.**

Fresh Plover hams at John W. Puckett's.

Arthur Over was in town a few days this week.

Adam Zimmerman returned from the Dallas fair Tuesday night.

W. E. Hurston, the jeweler, went to Eddy Wednesday night.

A car load of fresh dried fruits at John W. Puckett's grocery store.

Jack Puckett returned Wednesday night from a trip to the Dallas fair.

Bob Grimes came in Tuesday night from a ten days visit to the Dallas fair.

Mrs. J. P. Turner left Wednesday morning for Big Springs to visit her parents.

It is rumored that there are several more weddings to occur in the near future.

Hiram Stephenson, of Ft. Stockton, is on a three weeks visit to friends in Midland.

D. S. Carver, of Ft. Worth, made the Eye Opener a pleasant call Wednesday afternoon.

S. Morrison, of El Paso, has opened a store in the Klapproth building next to Mooney's.

Miss Mary Loesch, of Stanton, was a guest of Mrs. J. P. Turner for several days this week.

Henry goes fishing every Friday, catches oysters just the same and has them on hand all the time.

Ed Townsend has gone to Monroe City, Mo., to buy Hereford bulls with which to grade up his cattle.

Bob Thain is now prepared to do babbling, repairing and overhauling of wind mills and all kinds of machinery.

There has been some talk this week among the many friends of Henry Robins about running him for county judge.

Mrs. J. H. Mimms is visiting her parents at Lindale, Tex. She will also visit the Dallas fair before her return home.

The Five Wells Cattle Company last Tuesday shipped two cars of beeves to Kansas City, and nine cars of feeders to Dawn, Mo.

A first class trimmer direct from the east at Mrs. Motley's—Ladies are invited to see my new goods that are arriving every week.

H. E. Cummings and Miss Myrtle Utley were married at the Baptist church last Monday night, Rev. G. H. M. Wilson officiating.

Married at the Methodist parsonage in Big Springs on Wednesday afternoon, John Roberts to Mrs. Dora Griffin, Rev. C. D. West officiating.

The Rev. W. B. Rankin, district superintendent of the American Bible Society, preached a very interesting sermon at the Christian church Wednesday evening.

E. J. Tomlinson has bought the interest of Fred Ferry in the restaurant business. Mr. Tomlinson has had several years experience, and will undoubtedly do well.

Swift's hams, bacon and lard at John W. Puckett's grocery.

Dave Brunson has on exhibition at Lee Wright's store six onions that weigh twelve pounds. They were raised by Mr. Brunson at his place two miles north of town.

The assertion made by Gov. Culberson that Gen. Buckner made a disgraceful surrender at Fort Donelson, is being emphatically resented by the ex-confederates of the state.

Among those in attendance upon the Dallas fair this week were Mrs. Henderson Horton, Mrs. Walter Cochran, W. E. Connell and wife, Tom Carrington and wife, E. H. Estes and wife.

The quarterly meeting of the Methodist church includes Saturday and Sunday. The conference will convene Saturday evening at 7 p. m. Rev. M. K. Little will preach Sunday morning and night.

A car load of fresh canned goods at John W. Puckett's grocery store.

W. W. Watts, of the Z-L ranch, recently bought 800 head of yearlings from Tom Martin, of Midland, and paid \$8 per head for them. He will use them in stocking his ranch.—Amarillo Champion.

S. A. Bryant, of Cisco, people's party candidate for state senator from this district, spoke to a large audience at the court house Wednesday night. He is a good speaker and handled the political issues in a very able manner.

Ed Crowley went west last night to do a little missionary work.

J. S. McCall and family, of Colorado, spent last Sunday in town.

R. K. McMordie, of Lipscomb, Tex., arrived in town last Sunday.

S. A. Coose, of Gillette, Wyo., was registered at the Llano the first of the week.

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The woven wire fence will keep out the hogs and won't catch sand, at T. L. Wright & Co's.

Ellis Douthitt, of Big Springs, candidate for district attorney, was in town Thursday rounding up the boys.

Charles H. Blemer, of Kansas City, who was here for some time last winter, is now stationed at El Paso as inspector of Mexican cattle that may be imported into Texas.

Everybody in your town is a possible good customer, and should be treated as such. The rich often become poor and the poor often get rich, and the troubles some boy may be the mayor some day.

A westerner advertised in the newspapers, "Comfort for thin people. How to get fat, by one who has done it. Send ten cents in stamps." All his correspondents got the same reply, "Buy it at the butchers."

Arthur G. Anderson sold 70 French Merino bucks last week to H. N. Garrett, of Midland. Mr. Garrett is raising 6,000 head of sheep near Eddy, N. M., and will use the bucks to grade up his flocks.—West Texas Stockman.

Plans for a revolving skyscraper 400 feet high and built of steel have been submitted to the Paris exhibition commission. The twenty-four stories are to be let for restaurants, concert halls, theaters, etc. The building will turn slowly and enable visitors to survey the whole country around Paris.

There was a unique double wedding at Paris, Tex., the other day and a couple of gay widowers were the star actors in the performance. Evans and Tabb are about 40 years of age, and each had a daughter 15 years of age. Tabb married Evans' daughter and Evans married Tabb's. The young ladies had to obtain the consent of their parents, but there was no trouble on that score.

"Men who are selling calves at \$9 are losing exactly \$3 a head on every one they sell," remarked a stockman. "Every calf sold now at \$9 would easily sell for \$12 in the spring, and it represents a loss of 33 1/3 per cent. And again, if we sell our calves now we will have no yearlings to sell in the spring, and I for one hope there will not be another calf sold in this section."—West Texas Stockman.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Wendt, president of the Oakland, Cal., Humane Society, is in favor of forming a jury of medical men to which all cases of incurable disease shall be appealed, and if they so decide, a means of speedy and painless death shall be prescribed. That will do for dogs and horses, but it will not be accepted for human beings. That would be a great step backward to the old barbarism that disposed of the aged when too infirm to care for themselves.

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"You'll grow."—London Tit-Bits.

**Cause and Effect.**  
Customer—Your milk isn't so rich now as it used to be.  
Milkman—Is that so? I'm sorry to hear you say so. By the way, Mr. Sloper, here is a statement of your account with me for the last eight months.—Somerville Journal.

**An Old Clock.**  
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**Anvils.**

"It is not generally known," observed a prominent blacksmith, "that nearly all of the anvils used by blacksmiths in this country are made by one firm in Brooklyn. All kinds of substitutes have been invented and put on the market, but after using them the blacksmith generally goes back to the wrought iron anvil, which is handmade. There are plenty of cast iron and steel anvils for sale, but they find but little favor from blacksmiths, who prefer an anvil that sings. The cast iron anvil has no music about it and does not give any more response to the hammer than if one was hammering on a stump. It is music, or singing, as the smithy calls it, that is wanted. A blacksmith does nearly all his talking to his helper by the sounds made on the anvil by his hammer. As far as the village blacksmith is concerned, singing by the anvil is his constant advertisement. Ordinarily an anvil will last from 10 to 20 years—that is, if it is handled carefully, though there are many anvils that are now used by sons which were used by the fathers during their entire lifetime."—Washington Star.

An alien may file a caveat for an invention or discovery provided he has resided within the United States for one year and has given notice of his intention to become a citizen.

The manner of a vulgar man has freedom without ease and the manner of a gentleman has ease without freedom.—Chesterfield.

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**MARTHY'S CONCLUSION.**

She Became Reconciled to Her Own Quiet Country Ways.

They had returned from a visit to the home of a grown up son in the city. His face brightened as he approached the front gate, and he heaved a sigh of relief as he stepped up to the well and began to pump a dipper full of water.

"Hev a drink, Marthy," he said; "hev a drink. 'Tain't no Polly Nary water nor no ginger ale, but 'tain't the prickle that quenches thirst. I've been a-hankerin fur a drink from this well ever sence we lef' home."

But she took no notice of his invitation and passed into the house.

"Anything wrong?" he asked when he laid down the wood he had brought in for the kitchen fire.

"No. Nothin is wrong."

"Ye seem sorter silenter than usual. Ain't ye glad ter be back hum?"

"Yes. I'm glad ter be back hum. But I've suthin on my mind."

"Trouble?"

"Not ezactly trouble. But I'm beginnin ter think that we ain't movin along weth the times. I'm kinder afraid that we're gittin ter be back numbers."

"That comes along er spendin so much time in the city surroundin's, I s'pose."

"I'm afeared so. We don't talk like them people does. We don't seem ter hev their way of expressin ourselves."

He seated himself on the woodbox and thought it over for a few minutes. Then he looked up and said gravely:

"Marthy, ye ain't no slob."

"How dare you use sech language ter me?" she inquired indignantly.

"What I mean is that ye're a Jim Dandy."

"Whoever said any sech a thing again my character?" she exclaimed, rising to her feet in her excitement.

"Aw, that's all right. Ye're a bute, ye are. Ye're a corker. Ye're right in it, see? Hulley gee, but"—

"Ezekial!" she fairly screeched.

"Stop that swearin this minute, or us ez hev lived man an wife all these years is a-gointer hev court perceedin's an our names in the papers."

"Don't git riled, Marthy," he replied soothingly. "Them's only some o' the things I picked up while we wus ter town. I didn't think ye'd like 'em very well, but I didn't wanter lose no way seein yer reconciled ter hum."

"Air ye sure ye heard that kind o' talk?"

"Didn't hear much else while the boys wus round."

"Well," she responded gently, "le's say no more about it an talk our own talk in content from this on. I reckon it depen's a good deal on what ye're useter. Cities hev their outlandishness jes' the same ez the country, an I dunno but what more so."—Detroit Free Press.

**A GREAT FISHERMAN.**

He Could Land His Prey From Waters Other Men Fished Blank.

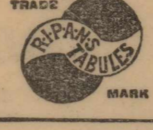
Charles Grant had a great and well deserved reputation for finding a fish in water which other men had fished blank. This was partly because, from long familiarity with the river, he knew all the likeliest casts, partly because he was sure to have at the end of his casting line just the proper fly for the size of water and condition of weather, and partly because of his quiet, neat handed manner of dropping his line on the water. There is a story still current on Speyside illustrative of this gift of Charlie in finding a fish where people who rather fancied themselves had failed—a story which Jamie Shanks to this day does not care to hear. Mr. Russel of The Scotsman had done his very best from the quick run at the top of the pool of Dalbreck, down to the almost dead still water at the bottom of that fine stretch, and had found no luck.

Jamie Shanks, who was with Mr. Russel as his fisherman, had gone over it to no purpose with a fresh fly. They were grumpishly discussing whether they should give Dalbreck another turn, or go on to Pool-o-Brock, the next pool down stream, when Charles Grant made his appearance and asked the waterside question, "What luck?" "No luck at all, Charlie!" was Russel's answer. "Deevil a rise!" was Shanks' sourer reply. In his demure, purring way Charles Grant, who, in his manner, was a duplicate of the late Lord Granville, remarked, "There ought to be a fish come out of that pool." "Tak' him out, then!" exclaimed Shanks gruffly. "Well, I'll try," quoth the soft spoken Charlie, and just at that spot, about 40 yards from the head of the pool, where the current slackens and the fish lie awhile before breasting the upper rapid, he hooked a fish. Then it was that Russel, in the genial manner which made provosts swear, remarked, "Shanks, I advise you to take half a year at Mr. Grant's school." "Fat for?" inquired Shanks sulkily. "To learn to fish," replied the master of sarcasm of the delicate Scotch variety.—Nineteenth Cen-

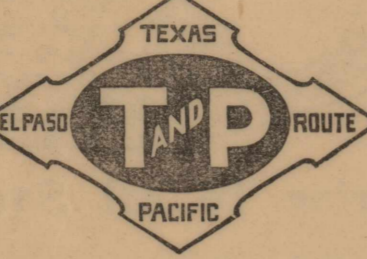
**Thumb Nail Pictures.**

The ancient Chinese and Japanese frequently used to draw pictures with their thumb nails. The nails were allowed to grow to a length of some 18 inches and were pared to a point and dipped in vermilion or sky blue ink, the only colors used in these thumb nail sketches.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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