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## THE LAGRIPPE

By JOE SAPPINGTON

I have had the lagrippe 197 times up to last Saturday, and I have had my wife and children to tearfully assemble at my bedside at least 15 times since I began having the grippe, to hear the last earthly talk of a dying husband and father.

I can't account for it, but every time I take the grippe I think I am going to die, and on such occasions I have an overpowering desire to confess my sins to my wife, and beg her to forgive me for all of the lies I have ever told her, and plead with her not to marry again after I am gone and to always think of me as the loving, gentle husband I ought to have been, and to educate and support our children, pay my debts, keep my grave green and to perform any and all duties that might devolve upon her as long as she lived. My wife was very much alarmed at my first eight or ten death bed communications, wept much and was unconsoled and vowed if I died she would grieve herself to death, and would always promise me she would never,

never marry again and would support and educate our children and would keep my grave watered with her tears—in fact she promised enough on these solemn occasions to keep half a dozen widows busy.

These death bed confessions of mine finally lost their influence with my family and they all got so they would look cheerful every time I talked of dying. They seemed to regard it as a sure sign of my recovery.

The last time I had the grippe I became thoroughly convinced I was in a dying condition and begged and plead with my family collectively and individually to come forward while my strength lasted that I might bid them all a last sad farewell, but not a single one of my family would grant me an audience.

My little girl told me from an adjoining room that she was making a doll dress and didn't have time to come. I begged my little boy to approach my dying couch and hold my hand while I bestowed a father's blessing upon him, but he "hollered" at me

from the back yard that he was making a bird trap and not to bother him with that rot, and to tell my troubles to his mama or the sheriff, he didn't care which. My wife finally came to the door of my room and remained long enough to say that she was busy washing the dishes, but she would try to spare me a few moments in the afternoon to hear my death bed tale of woe, provided I would cut it short and leave out that part where she was not to marry after my death.

This sort of high handed treatment at the hands of my family made me mad, and I arose from my bed and strode out into the back yard with nothing on my frail form but a night robe, and stood there in a driving sleet bareheaded and barefooted for at least ten minutes trying to contract pneumonia in order to humiliate my family and make them sorry for me, but they never seemed to notice me and I finally came back into the house with my toes and ears frost-bit.

The grippe has not always been my enemy, as it has come to my rescue when all others had forsaken me. It came to my assistance once when I needed a friend as badly as a man ever needed one. It was at a revival meeting and I offered my services, unsolicited however, to sing that pathetic song, "Where is my Wandering Boy To-Night." I had gotten about half through this Cod liver oil selection of a solo when I happened to catch my wife's look of utter despair. My voice went to pieces all at once, and I told the audience they would have to excuse me for not laboring further with that song, that I had been stricken with the grippe and would have to retire.

I heard an enemy of mine remark that night as my wife led me out of the church door: "His wife will make him think he has the grippe, lumbago, heartache and rheumatism when she gets him home."

The grippe has played the part of the good Samaritan for me on many occasions, and has put me in bed in mid summer when the bill collector was abroad in the land. It is certainly a sad sight to see a husband and father in the very prime of life, with the thermometer registering 100 in the shade, turn suddenly pale at the near approach of three or four muscular bill collectors and then see said husband and father dash across back lots and side streets for his own humble cottage door.

methinks I can hear him say to the wife of his bosom, as he approaches his own vine and fig tree: "Dear wife, I am again in the toils of the two deadly enemies of the human family—the grippe and the bill collector. I have escaped the bill collector by the skin of my teeth, as it were, and I pray you to inform them should they dare to enter our door, that I am not only out of cash, but I am out of my head with grippe as well, and that I am not at home to friend or foe."

I don't mind the grippe half as much as I do the medicine the doctors give for it. I firmly believe it is the medicine more than anything else that puts me in the notion to die every time I take it. I know I have taken at least ten gallons of drug store

## BEST COTTON MARKET IN EAST TEXAS

Says Augusta Correspondent of Grapeland. However, There is Dissatisfaction Because Cotton Was Heavily Docked.

Augusta, Texas Sept. 16—We have endeavored since the cotton opened to keep pace with the price at Crockett, Alto and Grapeland. We find by comparing figures that Grapeland is considerably in the lead for having paid higher prices for cotton than either of the other places. Alto was best two days since opening of the local markets. We believe there is no better cotton market in East Texas than Grapeland and we sincerely hope that she may prove worthy of the reputation she has.

We hear some complaint about cotton carried to Grapeland being too heavily docked. The man claims his cotton a little damp and was docked 13 pounds. This is causing some dissatisfaction. The farmers in this portion of the county desire nothing but a square deal and if they don't get it they will seek other quarters. This is my idea straight. It is simply a matter of business. We would like to see Grapeland get the cotton from this section. She deserves it and it rightfully

belongs there.

We are sorry to note that Donella is no longer with the Courier as correspondent. We have known him for many years past and can say without fear of contradiction that he is square goods and the typical type of a true southern gentleman. His letters were interesting and enjoyed by all that read them, in fact the spicy make up of his letters showed that there was no ordinary brain behind the quill.

Mrs. Fannie Wilson is visiting friends and relatives in Lutkip. Her daughter, Mary, is with her. She will attend school there this term.

John Sloan is moving back from the 4c mill.

Douglas Wall has gone to Mineral Wells for his health.

J. A. Glover shipped to Grapeland a load of fat hogs Friday. He still has some fine ones on hand.

Society news and news of the community is at a low ebb just at present.

Dr Ben Elliot reports very little sickness. Adios, Old Gray.

slop and a 50-pound flour sack full of quinine pills from doctors since my first case of grippe. I have swallowed capsules from the size of a pea up to the size of a 45-caliber cartridge.

The next time I take the grippe I am not going to say a word about it. I am not going to make a single dying statement to any member of my family, and if my wife should become alarmed at my quiet deportment and look of bilious resignation and send for a doctor, I am determined not to show him my tongue nor let him feel my pulse, and if he attempts to thump my ribs, mash my stomach or even demand a peep at my tongue, I am going to leap out of bed, seize a chair and hit him on the head, and at the same time hiss in his ear, in the most dramatic manner, "Physician, heal thyself!"

### WESTERN AGENTS SCORED.

Percilla Correspondent Points Out Evils of Circulating Alluring Statements.

Percilla, Texas, Sept. 24th.—Bro. Jones filled his appointments at the Methodist church Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock. He has faithfully and earnestly discharged his duties on his work under many forbidding circumstances. We esteem him as conducting himself in proper humility and christian meekness during all his association with us. You understand we are not writing his obituary, but why should we wait for the obituary and then fill columns of some paper with obsequious praises of men who have done their duty in endeavoring to help others to higher and nobler purposes in life? This is not solicited; we speak of merit.

W. H. Langham is making preparations to move back to his Percilla residence for the purpose of convenience to the school which is to begin first Monday in October. We are expecting Prof. Blankenship the last of this week.

Cotton picking is the principal engagement of our people just at

present and hands are somewhat scarce. The crop is turning out better than expectations, after the weevils became so prevalent.

The scarcity of help is no doubt due in some measure to an evident wrong perpetrated upon this section by agents from other sections circulating alluring statements as to the crops and also as to the wages given or offered, and have by this induced many young men and boys—even minors—to leave for the far west hoping, of course, to become wealthy in a short time. We have information that one such agent induced some boys to go by paying their way to the place of his principal, with the promise that they would get \$1 per hundred, but when they arrived the land lord would not pay but 50c and board. The boys proposed to jump him or throw up the job, and we are told the agent had them arrested and held for their fare. This statement seems to us incredible, but if it be true, then we have an instance involving several wrongs, even violations of certain points of law. He that induces children under age to leave home without the consent of parents and carries them away, is he not guilty of kidnapping? Is there any law to imprison men or boys for debt? There is a principle in commercial law that the principal is responsible for the acts of his agent. Another principle is that if one party to a contract does not carry out its terms that releases the other from his part. A contract made with a minor is not binding if he sees proper to repudiate it. For these reasons the boys were not guilty of any violation of law, and if arrested were mal-treated, or falsely imprisoned, and might recover damages under a suit for false imprisonment. If the principal did not carry out the terms offered by his agent, was guilty of violating said contract and that would release the boys. Again, if the boys were minors they could not be expected to carry out the contract only on their own volition. Possibly out of this evil may come some good, as such an instance furnishes the boys with touching evidence of the necessity of home protection. LA PEN.

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SHIRTS



**WHEN THE HOUSE IS CLOSED.**

**Precautions That Will Save Work After the Vacation.**

Every housewife who closes her home several weeks in the summer time knows the unpleasantness of returning to find everything coated with dust. And she retains distinct recollections of the real work entailed in the dusting and shining processes that must be gone through with.

A little trouble given to the packing away of certain things before the house is closed will make all the difference in the world when the time comes for reopening the house. In the first place, the rugs should be aired and cleaned and then rolled and placed in a clean, dry closet where there are no moths. If there are carpets on the floors do not neglect to sprinkle them with camphor or some other moth preventive, for the weeks when the house is closed provide a harvest for the greedy little pests.

Bed and table linen should be put away into the linen closet and all the table and bureau covers nicely folded away. If there is any delicately colored upholstery it should be covered with cretonne slips. If these things are done it will be a small matter to put the house in order again. Perhaps the most essential thing is to make sure that no sewer gas will get into the house while the pipes are unused. The best plan is to give all the pipes in the house a good washing out with hot suds to which has been added some washing soda; then let the water run through for some minutes. Pour glycerine into the pipes just before leaving. It is not readily absorbed and is an excellent preventive against the poisonous gas.

Gas and electric light fixtures if bound with cheese cloth or covered with any material that will keep out the dust should be in good condition when the family returns, for there is no moisture in the service pipes to cause discoloration or rust.

**THREE WAYS TO MAKE COFFEE.**

**American, French and Arabian Methods of Preparation.**

**AMERICAN COFFEE.**—Real American coffee, supposedly made in the colonial coffee urn, is usually first boiled in the well-known agate coffee pot. A little of all the different recipes goes to make this coffee. First the coffee bean from across the seas, then a little chicory sometimes and an eggshell or a whole egg to clarify the mixture, which is "boiled up" and then "settled," with a few drops of cold water. After that it is poured into the elaborate urn as if it had been made there.

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**Police Wear Straw Hats.**

Some of the British police wear straw helmets in the summer.

**The New Sun Pudding.**

A new and attractive mold for gelatin or any dessert of the consistency of cornstarch is in the shape of a circular sun, with the genial features of old Sol on the surface.

Teeth and eyes cut from the meats of nuts and pressed into the pudding just before serving complete the effect.

**As Your Light Shines.**

Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action to all eternity.—Lavater.

**Apple Stump.**

Pare, core and quarter a dozen tart, juicy apples, pour over them a cupful of hot water and place in a saucepan on the back of the range. Let them stand five or ten minutes, then add two cups molasses. Cook ten minutes, cover with a paste made from a heaping pint of sifted flour, a teaspoonful of sugar and two of baking powder, with enough sweet milk to make a soft dough. Spread this over the apples, cover the kettle closely and cook 25 minutes without uncovering. Serve with lemon or foamy sauce

**THE WINNING STROKE**

If more than ordinary skill in playing brings the honors of the game to the winning player, so exceptional merit in a remedy ensures the commendation of the well informed, and as a reasonable amount of outdoor life and recreation is conducive to the health and strength, so does a perfect laxative tend to one's improvement in cases of constipation, biliousness, headaches, etc. It is all important, however, in selecting a laxative, to choose one of known quality and excellence, like the ever pleasant Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., a laxative which sweetens and cleanses the system effectually, when a laxative is needed, without any unpleasant after effects, as it acts naturally and gently on the internal organs, simply assisting nature when nature needs assistance, without griping, irritating or debilitating the internal organs in any way, as it contains nothing of an objectionable or injurious nature. As the plants which are combined with the figs in the manufacture of Syrup of Figs are known to physicians to act most beneficially upon the system, the remedy has met with their general approval as a family laxative, a fact well worth considering in making purchases.

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#### FINANCIAL EASY MARKS.

It is their ignorance of the first  
principles of investments that  
makes so many people the prey  
of financial air castles. Their cre-  
dularity usually varies in direct ra-  
tio to their ignorance. For nearly  
ten years the country has been  
blessed with unparalleled pros-  
perity, and, in the words of one  
of the directors of the great-  
est industrial corporations in the  
world, "the man who hasn't  
made his fortune in these ten  
years has only himself to  
blame." The rapid growth of  
the private fortunes of the men  
who have been identified with  
our recent marvelous industrial  
progress has made many people  
ready to believe any fairy story  
of fortune making without labor.  
The credulous, with money in  
the savings bank earning only  
three or four per cent, listen  
eagerly to the prophets who  
promise them incomes of twelve  
or twenty-four per cent.—Suc-  
cess Magazine.

#### Hays Spring Items.

Sept. 22.—Corn crops are  
about gathered and the farmers  
are making good headway gather-  
ing cotton. The yield is some  
better than expected.

Mr. Willie Finch has gone to  
Palestine to seek employment,  
and if successful will move his  
family there.

Jesse Eaves moved to Houston  
a few weeks ago but became dis-  
satisfied and has returned. He  
has been on the sick list since  
his return. We are glad to have  
him with us again.

John McClelland left Sunday  
night to seek employment in the  
cotton fields of West Texas.

Ed Clark is to leave to-morrow  
to seek a location in the western  
country. We hate to see him go  
but wish him much success.

Misses Exar, Susie and Bessie  
Brown and Flora Lively and  
Luther Lively and Dolph Zach-  
ery went to Galveston Saturday  
on the excursion to see some the  
sights in the great seaport town.  
JULIUS.

#### Last this Year.

Saturday, October 13th, the I.  
& G. N. will operate another one  
of their popular rate excursions  
to Galveston, which is announced  
as the last of the season.

The usual low rates will pre-  
vail.

Mr. D. E. Robertson and Miss  
Pearl Hopper were united in  
marriage at the dead hour of  
midnight last Saturday by Es-  
quire Jno. A. Davis, at his resi-  
dence. Both parties are promi-  
nent young people of the New  
Prospect community. The Mes-  
senger wishes them much hap-  
piness during their married  
life.

#### Oak Grove Letter.

Oak Grove, Sept. 24.—The  
health of this community is very  
good at present so far as I know  
except the baby boy of Mr. J. S.  
Weisinger who has had a severe  
spell of the flux.

Corn gathering has been the  
order of the day for some time  
and in most cases the turn out  
has been satisfactory.

I was very much interested in  
friend Zack's communication  
where he says that he thinks  
that a good road club would do  
as much good as the union and  
that each community ought to  
organize. I think that when the  
people have to organize to have  
good roads when the laws of the  
state plainly say that all able  
bodied men between the ages  
of 21 and 45 years shall do so  
many days work on public roads  
there that there is a failure on  
the part of our servants that we  
elect to attend to that part of  
the business, then I contend  
that the union has had some-  
thing to do with the price of our  
commodities that we work so  
hard to raise and especially the  
south's money crop—cotton. I  
want to ask friend Zack if he  
ever heard of good road clubs  
having anything to do with set-  
ting the price on farm products  
and contending for it until they  
get it, where is the good road  
club that saved the farmers of  
Texas on one single cotton crop  
six hundred and thirty thous-  
and dollars on freight rates? Then  
where is the good road club  
that met with English peo-  
ple and manufacturers and had  
a perfect understanding that  
they would buy our cotton direct  
from us if we would finance it  
and put it in a marketable con-  
dition? Where is the good road  
club that went before the legis-  
lature at Austin and induced  
them to reconsider the bill that  
would have caused our friend  
Zack and every other tax payer  
in Texas to pay 25 cents ad va-  
lorem on the hundred dollars  
worth of property they owned  
and through the influence of the  
union they reduced to 7 1/2 cents  
on the hundred which saved the  
farmers several thousand dol-  
lars? Now I am not writing  
this to get a discussion with my  
friend Zack, it is for the pur-  
pose of, if possible, to get him to  
see the bright side of the ques-  
tion. We know our friend Zack  
and we love him because he is a  
christian gentleman and a good  
citizen.

I will bring this to a close  
wishing the Messenger and it's  
nine hundred subscribers a  
bountiful harvest for 1906.  
Old Timer.

#### Additional Augusta News.

Augusta, Texas, Sept. 23.—We  
see in the Courier a proposition  
from the Augusta correspondent  
for a county fair or trade day.  
We cheerfully endorse the idea  
and think it would be of great  
benefit to the country at large.  
Get the people together. Let  
them exchange ideas. It would  
lead to higher achievements in  
farming life. We see that the  
editor of the Courier endorses  
the proposition. We will be  
glad to hear from the Messenger  
man on this subject.

[The Messenger heartily en-  
dorses the idea of a County Fair,  
and would like to see old Croc-  
kett bestir itself and get up a  
rousing big one. The Messen-  
ger stands ready to assist in any  
way possible. More on this sub-  
ject later—Editor.]  
Farmers are as busy as can be  
harvesting their crops. The  
scarcity of labor is making it

## "GET IT FROM FARIS."

There is a great satisfaction in trading at a store in  
which you have the utmost confidence. You are always  
sure of a square deal when you "Get it from Faris."

#### Dress Goods

Here is where we have a good  
stand-in with the ladies who are  
particular about their dress. We  
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#### Key Brand Shoes

Quality is never forgotten,  
whether it be good or bad. Key  
Brand Shoes are made of as good  
material as money will buy.  
Prices are reasonable. Get it  
from Faris.

#### Furnishings

All the latest designs in shirts,  
collars, neckwear, hosiery, etc.  
Our stock was never so complete.  
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#### Ladies' Hats

Another instance of where we  
please the ladies. All the new  
things in headgear can be found  
in our millinery department.  
Get it from Faris.

#### Clothing

Choice of many styles of new  
fabrics. Nobby worsteds, cassi-  
mers and cheviots. Every gar-  
ment cut in the latest style. Get  
it from Faris.

#### Odd Pants

Some of the best things ever  
shown. New patterns, new ef-  
fects and new materials. Prices  
will please you. Get it from Faris

# F. A. FARIS

THE GIESECKE SHOE MAN  
GRAPELAND

WE SELL McCALL PATTERNS

rather hard on those who have  
in large crops. There is plenty  
of work in this section for all  
that desire employment on the  
farm. Fair wages are being  
paid.

We were in Grapeland a few  
days since and met our old time  
friend Polk Taylor. He was in  
the saddle hustling cotton seed.  
He tells me that he has shipped  
three cars and would ship as  
many more as soon as he could  
obtain cars. This speaks well  
for Mr. Taylor. Polk has a rep-  
utation of being a square weigh-  
er consequently he will be hard  
to turn down.

Messrs. T. S. Cook and Jas.  
Glover made a flying business  
trip to Palestine the past week.

We will gladly meet the Oak  
Grove correspondent at the Mes-  
senger office the coming week  
with a sample of cane and leave  
it with the editor to chew and  
decide who shall have the cake.

All is well around the camp  
fire to night. Adios,  
Old Gray.

We have just received a big  
shipment of bottled cider.

The Bon Ton.

Mr. Geo. Calhoun shipped a  
car of hogs Wednesday night. A  
car was shipped last Saturday  
night and two more will be ship-  
ped this week.

NOTICE—The Enon school  
will open Monday, October 8th.  
Patrons will please take notice.  
E. B. Dunnam, J. C. Oliver and  
Byron Ward, Trustees.

## JUST RECEIVED

# WE

 have just received a new lot of  
buggy harness.

If you need a buggy or some good buggy  
harness, we can please you.

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We want to do your blacksmith work.  
Come to see us when in town.

WE HAVE A HOUSE COLD TIRE SHRINKER  
and can shrink your wagon tires without  
taking them off the wheel. You don't have  
to wait all day to get your work done at our  
shop.

Come and See

# BR & A B GUICE

#### FOR TWENTY YEARS.

Other chill remedies have  
sprung up, flourished for a brief  
season, then passed away—even  
from memory—but for twenty  
long years Cheatham's Chill Tonic  
has been in the field of action.  
The reason is simple. It has merit.  
It actually cures Chills and  
Fevers while the majority of  
others merely promise to. One  
bottle guaranteed to cure any  
one case.

Sold by Carleton & Porter.

#### HOW TO AVOID APPENDICITIS.

Most victims of appendicitis  
are those that are habitually con-  
stipated. Orino Laxative Fruit  
Syrup cures chronic constipation  
by stimulating the liver and bow-  
els, and restores the natural ac-  
tion of the bowels. Orino Laxa-  
tive Fruit Syrup does not nause-  
ate or gripe and is mild and  
pleasant to take. Refuse sub-  
stitutes. Carleton & Porter.





DRINK  
WELSH'S GRAPE JUICE!  
PURE AND UNFERMENTED  
FROM CHOICEST CONCORD GRAPES  
MOST PALATABLE

The Very Thing in a  
Fever Case

Call at our o da Fountain and take a bottle  
home with you.

CARL SORY,  
WITH CARLETON & PORTER

## School Books! School Supplies!

We shall keep a full line of school books, plenty for everybody. If at any time you want a book which we have not in stock, we shall be pleased to order for you.

We wish to state that we make but little if any profit on books, owing to the fact that the percentage of profit is so small that we have more books left on hand than the profit amounts to. Kindly take the above fact into consideration and buy your other school supplies from us. We will appreciate your trade.

CARLETON & PORTER.

PLEASE BE PRE-  
PARED TO PAY  
CASH FOR.....

SCHOOL  
BOOKS

WE HAVE TO PAY  
CASH FOR THEM

### BEST VALUES FOR LEAST MONEY

We have recently received a large shipment of writing tablets, both ink and pencil. We can please any one who buys a tablet. In addition, we have a full line of other supplies, such as: lead pencils, pencil holders, pencil sharpeners, colored crayons, slates, slate pencils, pencil boxes, pens, pen-holders, ink, rubber erasers, sponges, book straps, lunch boxes, blackboard crayons, erasers, and others things which we cannot now think of. Your patronage in this line will be appreciated. CARLETON & PORTER, DRUGGISTS

### LOCAL NEWS.

Buy you a good saddle at Darsey's. A big lot just in.

Razors and pocket knives still go at Howard's.

Prosperity flour \$1.10 at Lee Clewis'.

Star Brand Shoes for the whole family at Shipper's.

Take your green hides to Darsey and get cash for them.

Buy your Chill Tonic and other groceries from Shipper.

Lee Sory was down from Palestine Sunday.

Prettiest school tablets in town at F. A. Faris'.

Buy White Wolf Flour from Tims & Sheridan.

Dr. Yarbrough was up from Trinity several days this week.

Some saddles and gear just received at Howard's. See them before you buy.

When you buy your dress goods at Darsey's you buy all trimmings to match.

Miss Annie Scarborough and brother Bob visited relatives in Palestine last Sunday.

Buy White Wolf, Our Seal and White Carnation flour from Tims & Sheridan.

Buy your Shoes and Boots from F. A. Faris he makes a specialty in shoes.

Bully Taylor was up from Oakhurst last Sunday to see his numerous friends.

#### Buster Brown.

Buster Brown shoes for boys and girls at Darsey's.

Again we rise to make the remark that Grapeland sorely needs a bank.

Pants and overalls for both men and boys are quick sellers at Howard's.

If there is any thing in furniture you need go to Darsey's and you will get it.

John Welch Yarbrough has returned home from Frankston, where he has been studying telegraphy several months.

We want every man, woman and child to visit our store this season and get our prices before buying. J. G. Shipper & Son.

#### Good Flour.

Every body who likes good flour can now buy it from Tims & Sheridan as they have just unloaded a car. Prices right and the quality guaranteed.

Buy your groceries always from F. A. Faris.

Plenty of fresh lemons at the Bon Ton.

Mrs. Ida Totty of Palestine visited in the city Saturday.

Wear Star Brand Shoes. They are better. Shipper sells them.

Any size or price trunk that you want at Darsey's.

Best line of men's and youth's pants in town at F. A. Faris'

There is lots of candy in town, but the Bon Ton has the best.

Bed springs, mattresses and furniture at Darsey's

Buy you a nice trunk for \$2.00 at F. A. Faris'

All kinds of fruit at the BON TON.

Buy the Celebrated Prosperity Flour.

I will pay you \$3.25 per dozen for nice large hens.

F. A. Faris.

Chas. Hill of Daly's will leave next Friday for Galveston to re-enter the medical college.

Those Ladies hats at F. A. Faris' are beauties. See them before you buy.

Nat Davis has accepted a position with Mr. Darsey during the fall months.

Every sack of White Wolf flour is guaranteed by Tims & Sheridan.

Don't pay any more for flour when you can buy Prosperity High Patent for \$1.10 at Lee Clewis.

#### Eggs 15 cents.

Geo. E. Darsey wants to buy 1,000 dozen of eggs and will pay 15 cents a dozen.

Miss Willie Lee Cunningham returned last Saturday from Fort Worth, where she had been on a visit to relatives.

J. J. Guice & Son pay more for hides and produce and sell goods cheap. It will pay you to see them.

Mr. John Luce has recovered sufficiently from a recent attack of sickness to be up and was in town last Saturday.

WANTED—Hands to pick peas for half or 50 cents per 100. J. M. Bourland, on Dowling farm, Grapeland, Texas.

Every piece of Schloss Bros. clothing is strictly tailor made. See us if you want the best bargain you ever got in tailor made clothing, there is none better than Schloss Bros.

Geo. E. Darsey.

F. A. Faris will pay you 13c per dozen for all your fresh eggs.

Dr. Hathcock of Palestine was in the city Sunday.

Shipper still sells salt for 45c and the best flour for \$1.10.

John LeGory was up from Crockett Wednesday on business.

Buy Prosperity and Sweetheart Flour from Lee Clewis.

Attorney Whitley was down from Palestine Saturday.

Lee Clewis wants all the beef hides and bees wax. Pay cash strictly.

Col. J. N. Sory left for Reynard Wednesday to do some carpenter work in that town.

Lee Clewis wants your beef hides and bees wax. He will pay spot cash.

Flour, flour. Another car of Columbia this week. Lowest prices either retail or wholesale.

S. E. Howard.

#### You Can Buy.

The genuine Baker Perfect barb wire from Darsey at 3 cts.

Life is too short to shave with that dull razor. Buy a guaranteed shumate at Howard's for \$1.00

None better than Prosperity and Sweetheart Flour—made by Lone Star Milling Company.

Every sack of Invincible flour you buy from F. A. Faris has a printed guarantee on every sack. None better.

Miss Lucy Irwin of Garrison is here on a visit to her brother, W. N. Irwin, and also the family of John Lewis.

Ladies, for every dress pattern you buy from me to cost you 10c per yard and up I will give you free your own selection one of McCall's patterns. F. A. Faris.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Ferguson was taken suddenly ill early Sunday night and died Monday morning at three o'clock.

"Our Seal," "White Wolf" and "Carnation" flour are all the best grades for the price asked. For sale in Grapeland by Tims & Sheridan.

We have one of the most complete stocks of dry goods to be found in Houston county and we are able to meet all competition. Get our prices before buying.

J. G. Shipper & Son.

NOTICE—Houston County Union will meet with Lone Pine Local No. 3268 Oct. 12th, 1906. Delegates from the north will be met at Wootters with conveyance at 10 o'clock, on the morning of the 11th, 1½ mile from place of meeting. J. F. Garrett, Pres., O. T. Bitner, Sec'y.

Mrs. Geo. Tyler returned last Saturday night from Groveton, where she had been visiting relatives several days.

Dr. Wm. Kirkpatrick was in town from Augusta last Saturday. The doctor said he had been having a tough time this summer with fever.

A car load of new White Wave Electric Light, and Oriole flour just received at Darsey's. Get our prices if you want good flour cheap.

Mr. Will Dunham came in Monday morning to meet his wife and baby, who have been visiting relatives in Houston. Mr. Dunham brought us a sample of his sugar cane, which is good stuff.

Most any kind of shoes will wear in dry weather but if you want shoes that will stand the winter buy the Five Star Five line, made by the Brown Shoe Co and sold by Geo. E. Darsey.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lively chaperoned a large party of young folks to Galveston last Saturday. They returned Sunday night and reported a most enjoyable time.

#### Boys Clothing.

All sizes of boys clothing at Darsey's. Bring the boys in and let us fit them up it won't cost much.

We are requested to announce that Mr. Tom Sweeny, a minister of the Christian church, will preach at Augusta next Sunday, Sept. 30. Rev. Sweeny is a pioneer minister and preached at Augusta many years ago.

Good for the cough, removes the cold, the cause of the cough. That's the work of Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar—the original laxative cough syrup. Contains no opiates. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

#### A Car Load of Brick.

We have just received a car load of pressed brick, don't be too late come and get what you will need before they are all gone.

GEO. E. DARSEY.

FOR SALE—The Alton Lively place ½ mile north of town; three acres improved land; sell cheap; take good buggy horse as part payment. See Wyley Caskey.

Mrs. G. G. Alexander and children left for Austin Tuesday night after a few days' visit to the family of Dr. Woodard. Mr. Alexander is moving to Austin from Lovelady for the purpose of giving his children the advantage of the school in that city.

#### Want a Fall Suit?

Have you ordered it yet? If not, then let me take your order. A nobby line of samples to select from. Fit guaranteed.

Odell Faris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Finch and children were pleasant callers at our office Saturday.

J. B. James of Percilla was doing business in Grapeland last Tuesday.

T. H. Leaverton left Wednesday for west Texas on some important business.

Mrs. Chas. Hassel and children and Miss Tidy Pritchard of Crockett are visiting relatives in Grapeland this week.

The prettiest line of dress goods ever shown in Grapeland at Darsey's, trimming and buttons to match.

Mrs. H. S. Robertson arrived in the city last Saturday from Pearsall and will spend some time here and at Crockett visiting friends and relatives.

FOR SALE—The Totty Hotel, all furniture and 8 lots in Grapeland; three story structure and a paying proposition. For price and terms address Chas. Ursprung, Palestine, Texas.

Rev. Whitescarver, who moved to Merkel about a year ago with his son, came in Monday to visit his many old friends. He will be here probably two months. Though getting up in years, Bro. Whitescarver is holding his own pretty well and is enjoying excellent health. The western climate agrees with him.

WANTED—Young men and young ladies to study Success Shorthand (reporting system), the Goodyear Bookkeeping, Telegraphy. Positions guaranteed. Will execute our contract to that effect. Special discount of 15 per cent. on scholarship for next thirty days. LUFKIN PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, Lufkin, Tex.

The oysters for the W. H. M. supper failed to show up last Friday night because the express messenger overlooked them in his hurry to get through. A great deal of disappointment was manifested when the announcement was made, but everyone made the best of the situation and had a pleasant time. Ice cream and cake was served. Friday night week they will have another supper and will have oysters this time, sure.

Mr. Wm. Sheridan was in town Saturday from his farm, bringing in about 500 pounds of tobacco for shipment. Tobacco harvesting is about over and the crop has been a success. Upwards of 3,000 pounds have been shipped by Messrs. Sheridan, Gaine and Neel, who grew tobacco under a government expert and an excellent quality was grown. This is an industry that bids fair to become a good money crop, if the farmers will only push it. A recent soil survey by the government shows that this country has lots of tobacco land.





# Good Arrangement of Cut Flowers

Single Lily or Rose May be Made Very Effective—Keeping Blossoms Fresh—Proper Harmony of Vase and Flowers—Celia Thaxter's Way.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

I am writing on a summer day, with every window open and the fragrance of honeysuckle and roses pervading the air. Everywhere fields and gardens are rioting in flowers. Nature is luxurious in the profusion of her bounty at mid-summer, and what with rambler roses entwining the cottage porch and clematis making an exquisite screen, and morning glories clamoring over stone walls, there is not a humble home anywhere on the continent that need fear comparison with a palace.

On the coast where the salt breezes sweep in from the sea and the fog often hangs its wet blanket for awhile over the dawning day, the flowers are gorgeous in color and grow with amazing swiftness. Farther inland, on mountain farms that in winter are buried in snow, one finds verandas and garden plots rich with every variety of blossoming plant. Many a hard-working woman expresses the latent poetry of her being by the care she lavishes on her garden and the flowers look up in her face as if they wanted to compensate her for narrowness and drudgery, and to give her the joy of which the years have cheated her.

I spent a summer day years ago with Celia Thaxter at her home on one of the Isles of Shoals. The sound of the sea was in our ears, the white surf broke on the shore. The poet's house was long and low and all about it there was an exquisite garden overflowing with flowers of every name and kind, the largest space being given to the old-fashioned darlings that every one knows and loves. There were lady's slipper and prince's feather, love-lies-bleeding, ribbon grass, pansies, lilies, larkspur, mignonette, verbena, roses, geraniums, fox and I know not what else. The garden was simply a wilderness of beauty and in the house hundreds of vases held cut flowers, each vase being filled by the mistress and her maids with fresh specimens the moment there were signs of wilting or fading.

Mrs. Thaxter's rule for arranging cut flowers was flexible. Each vase held flowers of a single variety, relieved only by their own foliage. The flame-like nasturtiums were massed in vases deep enough to afford plenty of water for the stems and flaring at the top that the flowers might not be crowded. With them were a few of their own green leaves. Carnations were arranged in tall vases of crystal clearness. Roses were in bowls. Fleur de lis were in opaque jars, the rule being in every instance so to mass the flowers as to give an effect of breadth and color.

Flowers should never be crowded. Sometimes a single rose or a single lily should have a vase all to itself. When flowers are arranged in clusters or bunches they may be contrasted, but no one should try to group too many

tints or too many flowers in one vase, cup or bowl.

Certain small flowers may be kept in wide low platters with a bordering of ferns or green moss. In their arrangement for home adornment it is well to remember that the smaller and more delicate posies are prettiest for the desk and the dressing-table, while for decorative purposes as for a wedding or a reception larger flowers lend themselves better to larger effects.

Do not fear that you will lose flowers by cutting them. The more you cut, the more you will have. As a rule, a plant exhausts its possibilities of bloom if its flowers are left to wither and it speedily runs to seed. Fresh flowers for the table and the drawing-room may be had every day for the picking at this season, the wild denizens of the field taking rank with the finest cultivated specimens when brought in doors and tastefully arranged. No flower should be kept in a house after it has lost its freshness. A stale bouquet hints too strongly of decay and death.

One day in January when New York was like St. Petersburg I found myself in the palatial home of Madame Millionaire. Every surrounding bespoke ease, luxury and entire indifference to the cost of anything great or small. A magnificent array of bride roses on a center table and a cluster of rare orchids in a corner moved me to admiration and delight.

"How fortunate you are," I said, "to have so many flowers in your home on so dreary a day."

"Oh," said the lady, "nothing is simpler. You only have to give your florist a standing order and he will keep you supplied all the year round."

Not many of us can afford to give an order so generous and so unlimited to a florist, but most of us may have a few blossoming plants in our homes in winter, and we may enjoy the pleasure given by cut flowers if we provide for it beforehand. If you mean to have flowers in your home next winter, you should lay your plans in August. Select in that month the plants that shall bloom in December and January. Pot them now and let them have a long period of rest before they are again expected to cheer you with bloom.

Avoid tawdry display in vases. Nothing is prettier than clear white glass when you wish to reveal the beauty of stem. Dull jars of gray, cream or dark green tints are pretty if you wish to mass the splendid autumn flowers. The vase and flowers must be in harmony. The vase should be subordinate to the flowers and not call attention to itself. The common mistake of supposing that a vase to be beautiful must be expensive is made by those who forget that the most graceful shapes are found in pressed glass and dull pottery, and that here beauty is a thing of taste rather than of money.

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## North Dakota Solves the Adulteration Problem.

North Dakota seems to have found the key to the question, "How shall we protect the people from frauds in manufactured products?" A new law has recently gone into effect designed to make it impossible to deceive people into buying inferior and adulterated paint under the impression that they are getting real paint, viz.: pure white lead and linseed oil.

The North Dakota lawmakers did not attempt to absolutely prohibit the inferior pigments, or mixtures of pigments. They adopted the slogan, "Let the label tell," and then left to the people to buy whichever they wished.

Under this plan, if any one wishes to buy a mixture of rock-dust, ground quartz and other cheap elements which are found in many paints and so-called "white leads," no one can object; for they do it with their eyes open. But if they prefer genuine white lead and linseed oil, they can be sure of getting it, for none but the genuine article can bear a label which says "pure white lead."

In all other States mixtures are often sold as pure white lead which contain little—sometimes no—real white lead.

It would seem that were this same principle applied to food, beverages and all other prepared articles, where deception is practiced upon the buyer, the question would be solved. It would leave us free to buy what we pleased, but would protect us from unwittingly buying what we did not want.

### Beyond a Doubt.

Two workmen, who both bore good characters as sober and industrious men, were recently charged at a police court with fighting.

The magistrate asked, in astonishment, the cause of the quarrel. It seemed that one man had accused the other of stealing his coat.

"And I can prove it, too," added the man.

"How?" said the magistrate.

"I always keep my card in the pocket."

The policemen were directed to search the garment. But they found absolutely nothing.

"Gimme my coat," said the workman. It was handed to him. He took two dried peas out of one of the pockets, and held them up triumphantly.

"P. P.—Peter Powell. That's my name. Them's my card."

He got his coat.

### All Chemically Pure.

The mistaken idea of a few years ago, about Alum in Baking Powders being injurious, no longer prevails, or scarcely exists. It is a well established fact by chemical analysis that Cream of Tartar being less volatile than Alum, when exposed to heat, is not entirely vaporized as is the case with Alum, but leaves a residue in the bread, which is injurious. Alum, on the contrary, is entirely evaporated while performing its function during process of baking, leaving no atom of injurious residuous substance. The words "Chemically Pure" erroneously used to designate Cream of Tartar from Alum baking powder is a misnomer. Baking Powder made of pure Alum is as chemically pure as made from pure cream of tartar. These words mean nothing more nor less than pure chemicals, and in no way can they imply that one baking powder is Alum and another Cream of Tartar. Alum has been declared to be wholesome; an established fact. Every large water system in the cities along the Missouri river use Alum in large quantities to purify the water before pumping it into their water mains for consumption. Cream of Tartar baking powder is perhaps good enough for any one; Alum baking powder is better, and very much cheaper.

### Beit's Deed of Generosity.

One of the many persons who the late Alfred Beit had befriended repaid him with ingratitude and abuse. Later the ingrate fell on evil times. Though down in the gutter, he still had a little shame left and would not ask Mr. Beit for help. The South African diamond magnate sent for one of the unlucky one's friends and said: "Go and see So-and-So, ask if he wants any help, and give it to him, but don't let him think it is from me. I have had a difference with him and perhaps it would annoy him!"

### The Old Man Did.

Wife—Say, old man, what makes you scratch so all night long?

Old Man—Well, wife, I guess I got that new disease I hear them talking so much about; they call it eczema, or something like that.

Wife—Eczema the mischief, it's the old-fashioned itch you got, and nothing else. Go right now and get a box of Hunt's Cure, it will cure you in a day or two. It never fails.

### "Pugs" Ordered from Seattle.

The chief of police of Seattle, believing that prize fighters bring criminals and other undesirables in their train, has ordered all pugilists, trainers and others connected with the ring to leave the city or take up some respectable employment.

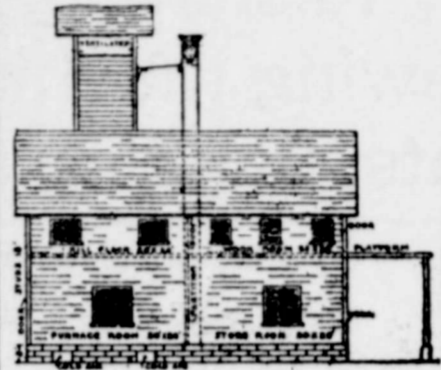
## HORTICULTURE



### THE SURPLUS FRUIT.

Good Way to Utilize It is to Evaporate It.

An easy method within the reach of all fruit growers is to evaporate or dry the No. 2 fruit as well as the culls. There are various styles and sizes of evaporators, ranging from those which will handle a bushel a day and set on top of the kitchen range, to the commercial plants which will handle 100 bushels or more in 24 hours. Practically all fruits can be evaporated to



A 100-Bushel Fruit Evaporator.

advantage and with profit, but the greatest demand is for apples.

A small evaporator can be used to advantage and profit on every farm, even if it is only to dry the supply of fruits and vegetables for family use.

Evaporators with a capacity of six to ten bushels per day will take care of the No. 2 surplus fruit on most farms. The expense of operating is not large and there is usually a good return. Apples will usually dry out from six to eight pounds to the bushel, depending on the variety, state of maturity, quality of the fruit and the care used in paring.

The evaporator shown in the cut is owned by George T. Powell, a well-known New York fruit grower, says the Farm and Home. It has a capacity of 100 bushels per day and cost complete somewhat less than \$1,000. He averages 650 pounds evaporated apples from 100 bushels of green stock, and 200 pounds of skins and cores. There are two kilns, the apples being spread out upon the floor and occasionally turned. It requires two boys to run the paring machines, six women to trip, one man who looks after the fires, the sulphuring and the slicing, and another man works from noon to midnight tending the fires. It takes three tons of coal per week to run the evaporator.

### HARVESTING ONIONS.

Care Must Be Taken to Do It Just at the Right Time.

As onions approach maturity, the time of harvesting them should be carefully watched. When they are mature the stems will show it by drying up and lopping over, and the onions should be harvested at this time to avoid a second growth starting in. It has been found by those who grow them under irrigation that the crop could be very easily spoiled. This was done by there being a check in the growth of the onions just before maturity, and the irrigator thinking he would continue the development by an extra watering. The extra watering resulted in starting what is known as a second growth, a new shoot being sent up from the onions and many of the onions dividing into two parts. This injures them for selling in the markets, and also injures their keeping qualities, says the Farmers' Review. If the onions stop growing for any cause, either because they have not been supplied with adequate water or because the natural rain fall is not abundant, it is better to harvest them at once, even though they are somewhat immature. The best keeping varieties are frequently the small ones, and among the varieties the small onions keep better than the large ones. This is due to the fact that the loss in weight causes free evaporation and sprouting. Therefore they should be harvested as soon as possible after they have obtained their first growth and put in a cool place, that is, a place not dry enough and warm enough to cause evaporation of moisture to start growth.

### Shading Summer Head Lettuce.

When the plants begin to make good growth, mulch the ground among them with strawy manure. Then place a frame over the bed to protect the plants from the hot sun. Make the frame of lath nailed to solid strips at each end, leaving an inch space between laths. Drive stakes at the corners of the bed and rest the frame on them, having it 15 to 18 inches above ground. This shades them considerably and with the help of the mulch a good crop of crisp soft heads can be produced.

**Important to Mothers.**  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*  
Is Use For Over 30 Years.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

**Tuberculosis in Germany.**  
Under the workmen's sickness insurance law about \$9,500,000 was spent in Germany in the treatment of tuberculous patients in the years 1901 to 1905.

**The Wanderer.**  
He left the dear homestead and scenes of his youth,  
And went forth a wanderer; a searcher in truth.  
He looked not for treasure, naught he cared to be rich,  
What he sought for was something to cure his itch.  
He found it. Name, Hunt's Cure. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

**Remarkable Fig Tree.**  
In the gardens of the Raby castle, Durham, England, is a fig tree which has a spread of branches from 20 to 24 feet. It was brought from Italy in 1786, and is kept under glass.

Garden City, Texas, Jan. 28, 1906.  
J. L. Ward Medicine Co.,  
Big Springs, Texas.

Gentlemen—Two boxes of your Kidney Pills have cured me of Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

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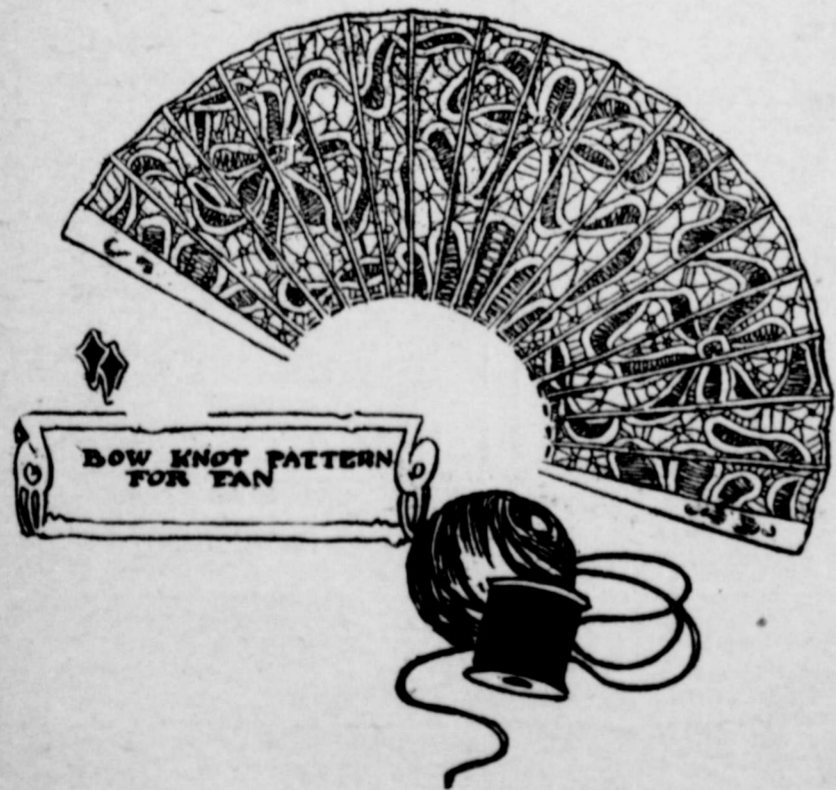
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On continental railways and the Rhine steamers there is no miscellaneous scrambling for meals. Instead a steward goes through the train or boat and lists the people who want to eat. Each gets a number, and this insures a seat without crowding or delay.

**New Life of John Sherman.**  
Congressman Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, who was in London as a delegate to the interparliamentary union, has written a life of John Sherman, which will be published this fall.

## Princess Lace Fan

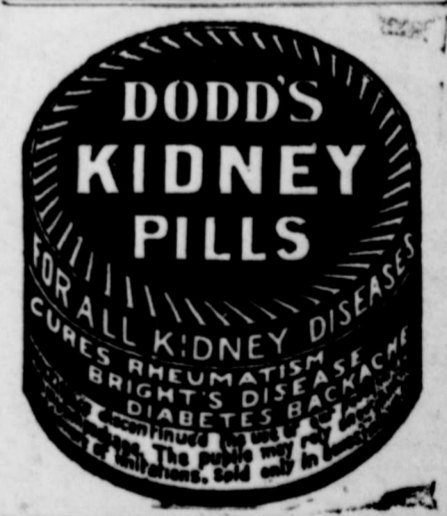


Many women are making charming little conceits in the form of collars, sets, kerchief borders, tops for fans, cases for veils, gloves and what not from during the spring and summer.

One of the obvious reasons for its popularity may be traced to the fact that it is not necessary for the beginner to be familiar with many of the elaborate lace stitches, in order to obtain pleasing and effective results.

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