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I have the best line of buggy harness that has ever been to Grapeland. My prices on buggies can't be beat. Just try me.

I want to shoe your horses and shrink your wagon tires and do your blacksmith work generally.

I handle all parts for buggies, such as tops, wheels, shafts, tongues, double and single trees and breast yokes.

I also carry a good stock of wagon material, such as axles, tongues, spokes, hubs, couplig poles, bolsters, double and single trees, breast yokes, seat springs, skeins, fellows, brake heads, etc.

I want your blacksmith work. See me for anything in the above lines.

Will appreciate your business. Respectfully,

A. B. GUICE, At the Blacksmith Shop.

Shipper's New Fall Goods Have Arrived

This will introduce you to our Fall Stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Shirt Waists, Skirts, Ready-to-wear and Trimmed Hats, Shoes, Clothing, Rugs, Counter Panes, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Men's Furnishings and Ladies' Ready-to-wear Garments, Trunks, Traveling Bags, Grips, Cooking Stoves, Rain Proofs and Elbows. You will find our stock more complete than ever before. We have the Best Goods, Best Styles, Best Materials, Best Workmanship, Best Values. We bid for your business strictly on the merits of the goods. We sell to everybody alike. EVERYTHING MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

Dress Goods

Staple Gingham and Standard Prints are the only dry goods that we are selling higher than last season. All Standard Prints per yd. 7c
Apron Staple Checked Gingham 7c
Dress Gingham, in fancy and staple patterns at the old price 10c
Covert cloth and colored Duck and Cheviot, suitable for skirts and children's dresses, per yard 12 1/2c
Fancy Dress suitings, per yard 10c
Both white and figured Linen 36 inches wide 20c
The feature of our dress goods department is the fancy waist silks and mercerized gingham, broad cloths and Mohairs; colors are black, brown, castor and red, 52 ins. wide, price \$1. Mohairs, solid and fancy grays, black brown and red, 36 ins wide price, .50c

Novelties.

The very cream of the market is displayed here in Purses, Bags, Belts Belt Buckles, Fancy Combs, Pillow Tops, Pillow Shams, Table Covers and Spreads, Fancy Collars and Jewelry.
White Kid Belts 50c
Embroidered White Belts 25c
Black Kid or Silk Belts 50c
Elastic belts, come in brown, green, and red, price 50c

Shirt Waists

As our Ladies' Ready-to-wear Sales have grown to such an extent we have bought heavier on this class of merchandise than ever before.

All silk waists come in brown, black and blue; made full size and latest styles; sizes 32 to 36 \$3.00
White waists, sizes from 32 to 40, for \$1.00
White embroidered waists, best patterns and weaves from \$1.25 to \$1.50
The main feature of our Ready-made-waists are that they are made by people who make this a study and nothing is spared to make them right and you will find that they have no equal in price and quality.

Outings and Flannels.

You will find our Outing patterns to be most beautiful. The prices are from 6c to 12 1/2c per yard. Canton Flannels from 8 1/2c to 12 1/2c. The Dress Outings are used more each season; makes one of the best garments for service that you can buy, and are the easiest garments washed. The Best Brands of Outing are Carmer Flannel and Teazledown.

All these goods you will find to be the best patterns and colors.

Ladies Skirts.

These skirts are cut and put together by people who know how. Every detail is cared for in an equally thorough manner.

8402 Light weight melton cloth, can be had in either black or oxford mixture, a very serviceable skirt for \$2.00

8407 Brown or black broad cloth is utilized in this skirt. The material is neatly stitched, a satisfying skirt for only \$3.00

8416 This is an all wool Panama in black only. The sweep is side pleated, the price \$4.00

8421 Fancy black and white checked Panama in dark effect. The front is finished with double box pleats. Each alternate gore is made with a cluster of side pleats; an excellent garment at \$5.00

We have a good assortment of skirts in size 20-inch waist and 45 inches long, from \$1.50 to \$5.00

Under Muslin

We still have a good stock of under muslin such as gowns, skirts, drawers, and corset covers, which are made on the latest Parisian designs and are most comfortable and serviceable.

House Furnishings.

There is nothing which adds to the appearance of a room than to have pretty lace curtains and a good assortment of rugs, table covers and spreads. In these goods we have a very nice line.

Rugs in price from 50c to \$3.00
Lace curtains from \$1.25 to \$1.50
Counterpanes that are good, full size, fringed edge, from \$1.50 to \$2.25
Plain edges, prices from \$1 to \$1.50
Window shades from 25c to 50c

Cooking stoves, guns and ammunition, stove pipes, rain paof, elbows, heaters, axes, ovens, nails, staples, and bows are here for your disposal.

Trimmed Hats.

We will admit that this is early for a lady to buy her best hat. We have a nice line of Ready-to-wear Hats, not expensive, from \$1.25 to \$1.75. This will give the the inexpensive buyer a chance to find out what kind of a trimmed hat they want before buying time comes. Our trimmed hats are beauties; colors, brown, black and dark blue; made of the nicest material that can be made up in fall and winter hat. These goods are already on display and we will be glad for you to call and see them. Nothing suits us better than for you to investigate.

J G SHIPPER & SON, GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Bring Your Cotton Here This Fall. Grape-land is Recognized as the best Market.

The Messenger.

ALBERT H. LUKER, Editor.

GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

Logansport (Ind.) chief of police, because city ordinance as violated, ordered that American flag be lowered and nearly caused a riot.

Lightning kills two and fires barn at Olney, Ill.

Oscar Schroeder, Chicago millionaire, fleeced by St. Louis fake prize fighter, dies under peculiar circumstances.

Following reprimand, man in priest's garb shoots two Pittsburg hotel keepers.

Texas health board orders extermination of mosquitoes and sounds yellow fever warning.

Chinese deserters to be returned to German consul.

Acting Attorney General Russell makes a statement concerning the policy of the government in trust prosecutions and rate-law controversies.

Special grand jury at Chicago will probe the relations of several railroads with the Standard Oil Co.

Hillsboro, Ill., negro employes ordered to leave town as result of attack on aged man.

"Fighting" Judge Lindsey, of Denver, makes a sizzling reply in Chicago to Governor Buchtel's recent attack.

United States Steel corporation adds \$45,000,000 to the appropriation for its mammoth plant at Gary, Ind.

Interview of Attorney General Bonaparte, in which it was intimated that criminal prosecution might soon be commenced against E. H. Harriman is not taken seriously in Washington, because the government up to date has failed to secure tangible evidence that he has been guilty of a crime.

English school teacher who masqueraded as the daughter of an earl is held in the Tombs, New York, being unable to secure bail.

Skeleton of W. J. Barney, whom Steve Adams confessed to murdering, is found near Telluride, Col., in the spot pointed out by the alleged assassin.

Shippers are not objecting to increase of railroad rates, but are much concerned about transportation facilities.

Delegates from forty-one states have been named by governors to take part in the National Civic Federation conference on trusts and combinations to be held in Chicago in October.

That American warships will go to the Pacific on account of the approaching crisis in Japanese affairs, is the opinion in well informed circles in Washington.

Blithe and merry, John D. Rockefeller attends church and jokes with reporters about the big fine imposed.

The Chicago Federation of Labor finds former Trustees Harding and Sontesby, deposed members of the board of education, not guilty of the charges preferred by Mayor Busse.

Mayor Busse is reported as ready to offer his support to Edward J. Brundage for governor, and is expected to bring out a candidate for state treasurer if Brundage refuses.

Gambling again brisk in Chicago, with Jim O'Leary, Pat O'Malley and Mont Tennes leading the wolf pack.

Wheat load is getting heavy under increasing supplies of new and burdensome load of old grain. Coarse grains gaining in favor on short crop prospects.

Unfavorable news during the past week affected all securities on Wall street and sent prices downward. Judge Landis' big fine against the Standard Oil company being the climax.

A massacre of Christians by Turkish troops has just occurred in the little Persian village of Mawaha.

Tommy Burns is ready for a battle, but Jack Johnson does not seem as eager as before the Burns-Squires go.

The spirit of mob vengeance has seized the outraged citizens of New York. Numbering 10,000 in all, infuriated men and women in four different parts of the city attempted to take the law in their own hands because of the inability of the authorities to cope with the unparalleled number of crimes against women and children.

Miss Katherine Eddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus N. Eddy, of Chicago, is married in Berlin to Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana. Money in Chicago holds firm, with 6 per cent the ruling rate.

"Fighting" Chaplain Lozier, famous figure in the civil war, is dead at Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Crew of steamship arrived in New York reports witnessing a great battle at sea between whales and sharks.

Commander Peary leaves Portland, Me., for New York, ready to go at once on his hunt for the north pole.

Wisconsin anti-saloon league opens campaign to prevent granting of new licenses, backed by Baker law.

President A. J. Erling, of the St. Paul road, takes trip over the new coast extension route, and proposes to push the line to completion.

APPALLING COST OF CRIME, VICE AND PAUPERISM

Six Billions of Dollars a Year, According to Prof. Bushnell, While Our Annual Increase of Wealth Aggregates Only Five Billions--And He Gives the Figures.

INSANITY EVER ON THE INCREASE

Five Million Paupers and Dependent Afflicted--Crooks of Various Kinds, Not Including Political Grafters, Cost Us \$200,000,000 Annually.

Washington.—When Prof. Charles J. Bushnell, Ph. D., of this city, made his recent statement that the American public was on the verge of bankruptcy because it expended \$6,000,000,000 a year on the criminal, pauper and vicious classes, while the annual increase of wealth aggregated only \$5,000,000,000, he called down upon his head a storm of adverse criticism. But Prof. Bushnell is not to be frightened from his line of attack on what he calls the social ills of the country through adverse criticism, and he reiterates the accuracy of his figures and the logic of his conclusions.

"It was to be expected," he said, "that some of my statements would arouse incredulity in the minds of those who do not realize the public ignorance and widespread unfortunate concealment of facts vital to the welfare and happiness of the whole people. Any honest, faithful study of the authorities and sources to which I refer will convince the most skeptical that my statements are surely in the main sound and even conservative."

Lose More Than We Gain.
Dr. Bushnell submitted a set of tables upon which his arguments are based. These are the figures, he says, which show positively that the nation is drifting into bankruptcy:

"If," said Dr. Bushnell, "we compare Table B with Table A it appears that as a nation we are losing more wealth every year through distressing conditions of social disorder than we are annually saving. This is the main conspicuous fact of the situation. By unscientifically disjointed and belligerent methods of business and attendant vicious social habits we are producing as a nation less than half of what we ought now to be producing with our present methods of scientific technology. Surely this is too great a price to pay for our vaunted commercial supremacy."

Poverty on the Increase.
"Ten millions of our people, one-eighth of the population, are now constantly in such poverty that they are unable to maintain themselves in physical efficiency; and 4,000,000 of them are public paupers. In 1899, one of our prosperous years, 18 per cent., or nearly one-fifth of all the people of New York state, had to apply for charitable relief; in 1903 14 per cent. of all the families of Manhattan were evicted, and every year about ten per cent. of all who die there have pauper burials. The average wage of unskilled workmen throughout the country is less than the scientific minimum necessary for maintaining the average workman's family in physical efficiency."

"The last three United States censuses, also, show that the insane in this country have increased faster than the population. We now have in the United States in continuous charitable care probably 5,000,000 abnormal dependents, including paupers, insane, blind, deaf and dumb, indigent and discouraged—representing a dead loss to the nation every year equal to the total wealth we have invested in all the colleges, universities and technological schools of the whole country. If we could abolish this one item of abnormal expense we could double the facilities of all our institutions of higher education every year, and do it with no extra effort at all."

Industrial Accidents.
"One large source of this abnormal dependence is our vast aggregate of unnecessary industrial accidents. Few people begin to realize our annual national loss from this source. At a conservative figure 1,000,000 workers in the United States every year are killed or injured in industry by accidents, of which three-quarters are proven by European experience to be wholly unnecessary, and which cost the nation

annually in lost earning capacity and damage suits at the lowest estimate an amount equal to the whole wage income of all the mine workers or all the farm laborers of the entire country. Josiah Strong says the least possible estimate of our annual industrial casualties is about 550,000.

"Taking the fact at this lowest figure it appears that in our present industrial warfare we are killing and injuring more people every year than all the average annual casualties of our civil war, our Philippine war and the Russian-Japanese war combined. Think of our carrying on three such wars at the same time and all the time against innocent humanity. If all these casualties were every year condensed into one day, or even into a week, we would soon put a stop to them, but because they are diffused in time and space we stupidly and criminally allow them to go on.

"The vast majority of these accidents occur among the working classes, and European statistics show that among these classes 90 per cent. of all accidents cause the families of the injured to be thrown upon public charity. Soldiers suffer because they are professional destroyers, but the members of this great industrial army are struck down every year in this country because they are producers.

Crime and Vice.
"With the growing industrial disorder is associated a startling recent increase in crime and vice. Suicides have increased in the 19 years from 1885 to 1903 more than five times as fast as the population. Murders and homicides in the 20 years between 1885 and 1904 have increased more than three times as fast as the population. Even making allowance for the greater fullness of recent records, nearly 9,000 suicides and 900 murders occurring in 1904, and 10,000 in 1906 is not a good record. Their growth has been almost steady, showing it is

saloonkeepers, gamblers and others who engage in business that degrades; contractors, capitalists, bankers and others who can make money by getting franchises and other property of the community cheaper by bribery than by paying the community; politicians who are willing to seek and accept office with the aid and indorsement of the classes already mentioned. These three classes combine and get control of the party machine, nominate and elect men who will agree to help them rob the city and state for the benefit of themselves, and who will agree, also, not to enforce the laws in regard to the various businesses that degrade a community."

Strike Weapon Ineffective.
After reviewing the labor conditions of the country and their resultant strikes and lockouts, costing in 1903, Dr. Bushnell says, \$55,000,000 in loss of wages and profits, he continues:

"Heroic, though often misguided, as have been the industrial struggles of the labor unions for better wages and living conditions, they are beginning to be less successful with the methods of the strike than in former years. Last year the unions met with unusual defeat in the case of many of their larger strikes. This is due to three causes—growing organization of the employers in opposition to the unions, the use of the injunction and union liability rulings by the courts, and the disapproval of open violence and industrial disorder by the public. By these means some foolishly think the unions are now finished. But the end is not yet. Defeated by financial means, they are turning rapidly into politics, mainly toward the radical party, where their numbers ultimately must cause their voice to be heeded and their righteous demands to be granted."

"To sum it all up, the wealth represented in two-thirds of our total annual loss from abnormal conditions

PROF. BUSHNELL'S TABLE SHOWING THAT MORE IS GOING OUT THAN IS COMING IN.

Table A.—Gains and Assets of Facts of Prosperity in 1906.	
I. ITEMS OF CAPITAL.	
1. Total National wealth.....	\$114,000,000,000
2. Total increase in national wealth.....	5,000,000,000
3. Wealth in all farm property.....	28,000,000,000
4. Wealth in all manufacturing establishments.....	14,000,000,000
5. Wealth in all railroads.....	14,000,000,000
6. Wealth in all mines.....	5,000,000,000
7. Wealth in all public schools.....	750,000,000
8. Wealth in all universities, colleges and technological schools.....	500,000,000
II. VALUE OF PRODUCTS.	
9. Value of farm products.....	7,000,000,000
10. Value of factory products.....	17,000,000,000
11. Value of mine products.....	1,400,000,000
12. Value of agricultural exports.....	929,000,000
13. Value of manufactured exports.....	603,000,000
III. OPERATING EXPENDITURES.	
14. The Federal Government.....	529,000,000
15. Farms.....	1,500,000,000
16. Factories.....	14,000,000,000
17. Railroads.....	1,500,000,000
18. Mines.....	800,000,000
19. Public schools.....	390,000,000
20. Universities, colleges, technological schools.....	50,000,000
21. Churches.....	224,000,000
22. Home missions, Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army.....	18,000,000
23. Benevolent institutions.....	60,000,000
IV. INCOMES OF NORMAL CLASSES.	
24. Wages of factory employes and operatives.....	2,700,000,000
25. Wages of railroad employes (not salaried men).....	700,000,000
26. Wages of farm laborers.....	400,000,000
27. Wages of mine workers.....	400,000,000
28. Salaries of public school teachers.....	175,000,000
29. Average annual wage of factory operatives.....	40
30. Average annual salary of public school teachers.....	400
31. Average annual salary of college teachers.....	1,200
Table B.—Losses and Liabilities of Facts of Adversity in 1906.	
I. ADVERSE CONDITIONS OF WEALTH.	
1. Total wealth of one per cent. of families of U. S.....	\$70,000,000,000
2. Average wealth of one per cent. of families of U. S.....	450,000
3. Total wealth of 93 per cent. of families of U. S.....	28,000,000,000
4. Average wealth of 63 per cent. of families of U. S.....	600,000
5. Average wealth of 87½ per cent. of families of U. S.....	1,000
6. Average wealth of 99 per cent. of families of U. S.....	175
7. Mortgaged indebtedness of farms of U. S.....	1,000,000,000
8. Total public indebtedness of the U. S.....	3,000,000,000
II. LOSSES OF SOCIAL CONFLICTS.	
9. Injuries in industry.....	400,000,000
10. Strikes and lockouts.....	100,000,000
11. Slack employment.....	400,000,000
12. Excessive competition.....	1,000,000,000
13. Divorce, suicide, child labor, under nutrition, harmful drugs and adulterated food.....	1,100,000,000
14. Preventable illness.....	1,000,000,000
III. INCOMES OF ABNORMAL CLASSES.	
15. Abnormal dependents.....	500,000,000
16. Prostitution (both professional and otherwise).....	700,000,000
17. Intoxicating liquor business.....	1,500,000,000
18. Professional crime.....	650,000,000
19. Unprofessional crime (graft).....	1,250,000,000
Total of tables II. and III.....	\$8,550,000,000
20. Average annual income of professional criminals.....	1,500
21. Average annual income of professional prostitutes.....	1,200
22. Average annual income of saloonkeepers.....	2,000
IV. Total annual national loss.....	\$6,000,000,000

not the resultant of accidental causes, but of some sinister evil in the nation, which is steadily working increasing wrong.

"Of professional criminals, such as burglars, footpads, gamblers and other crooks, there are now known and estimated to be some 300,000 in the country, getting an average income each of perhaps \$1,500 a year, and causing an additional national expense for police protection, to say nothing of extra expense for locks, safes, alarms, etc., of \$2,000,000 more, making a total annual loss to the nation from this source, more than counterbalancing the value of all our annual exports of manufactures, or nearly equal to the annual running expenses of all our churches, benevolent institutions, public schools, institutions of higher education and home missions of every kind."

Political Grafters.
"Of unprofessional crime in business and politics, in the form of 'graft,' it is impossible to make an accurate estimate, but the annual national loss from that source must be at least twice that from professional crime. This class consists of an oligarchy composed of three classes—

would pay off all our federal, state, county, municipal and public school debts, the running expenses of all our railroads, the annual income of all the benevolent, religious and educational institutions in the country.

"This enormous annual loss we are sustaining and maintaining by a lack of national foresight and of conscious collective supervision that fosters the grossest and most serious public injury by the unjust distribution of incomes among the different social classes—the average income, for example, of professional criminals being more than three times that of honest factory wage earners; the average income of prostitutes three times that of public school teachers, and the average income of saloonkeepers more than 50 per cent. greater than that of college teachers."

In addition to his own researches Prof. Bushnell cites 67 different private and government publications as authorities for the figures he gives and the conclusions reached. He challenges anyone to disprove a statement he has made regarding the subject of the cost of pauperism, vice and crime, or the causes producing the startling array of facts he displays.



LOAD QUICKLY BOUND.
Binding Pins for Use in Securing the Load of Hay.

Every person moving hay ought to have a set of binding pins. They are made in a minute and serve an excellent purpose for a lifetime. The sketch shows a rope stretched over the top



Binding a Load of Hay.

of a load of hay or straw. The upright pin is worked down into the load and the other twisted in the rope and turned around the upright until the load is tightly bound. Then a small rope that is kept tied in end of the horizontal pin is tied to the binding rope and the pressure is held. Each pin is 3½ feet long. One is sharpened and the other has a one-half-inch hole bored through one end. Old fork handles, suggests Farm and Home, are just the thing to make them of. One pin only may be made and a fork used to bind in the manner shown after the load is on.

BITTER ROT IN APPLES.

Methods of Combating This Troublesome Disease.

The following conclusions as to the best method of fighting this disease are given in a recent bulletin of the United States department of agriculture:

1. Bitter-rot can be completely controlled by proper applications of Bordeaux mixture, 93.3 to 98.9 per cent. of sound fruit having been saved by such treatment in these experiments, while the checks rotted completely.
2. Four applications, when made just at the right time, are sufficient to control the disease satisfactorily, but in order to be sure of covering the infection periods one or two additional applications may be necessary.
3. The applications should be made at intervals of two weeks, beginning about six weeks after the trees bloom.
4. It is necessary to spray the trees thoroughly, coating the fruit on all sides with fine mist-like applications.
5. Other diseases, such as scab, leaf-spot, and sooty-blotch, may be controlled in connection with the treatment of bitter-rot.

For the treatment of bitter-rot alone spray the trees thoroughly with Bordeaux mixture at intervals of two weeks until five applications have been made, beginning not later than 40 days after the petals have fallen.

For the combined treatment of apple-scab and bitter-rot, spray the trees with Bordeaux mixture (1) just before they bloom (but after the cluster buds have opened and exposed the flower buds); (2) as soon as the petals fall; (3) a week or ten days later; (4) about 40 to 50 days after the shedding of the petals, and at intervals of two weeks thereafter until, in all, seven or eight applications have been made.

DRYING WEATHER.

Corn Very Sensitive to the Condition of the Atmosphere.

In the drying of corn in the cribs the condition of the weather counts for far more than most people suppose. The corn seems almost like a sponge, the way it pulls in moisture from the atmosphere. In some experiments carried on by the University of Illinois, the corn in two cribs was weighed every week from January 7, 1904, to November 10 of the same year. A record was kept of the condition of the weather and its effect was clearly noticed in the shrinkage or gain in weight of the approximately 20,000 pounds of corn. During the week from January 7 to January 14 the weather was clear and mild and the corn increased in weight 160 pounds. That is, it actually absorbed that weight of water from the atmosphere. The next week was cloudy and the corn absorbed 45 pounds more of water. The next two weeks were dry, with snow, and the corn lost 205 pounds of water. From July 7 to July 14 the wind was mostly in the south and the weather was damp. The corn added to itself 175 pounds of water. The week from September 22 to September 29 was reported as dry and hot, but the corn added to itself 185 pounds of water. The moisture must have been excessive in the atmosphere. A record of the moisture conditions of the atmosphere would be a good thing to go with the report of weather conditions, in comparing records of shrinkages and gains in weight of stored corn.

IN THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
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COURTESY" AND "THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES"

CHAPTER XXI.—Continued.

Pickering's face grew white and his eyes started, and when he tried suddenly to speak his jaw twitched. The room was so still that the breaking of a blazing log on the andirons was a pleasant relief. We stood, the three of us, with our eyes on Pickering, and in my own case I must say that my heart was pounding my ribs at an uncomfortable speed, for I knew Larry was not sparring for time.

The blood rushed into Pickering's face and he turned toward Larry stormily.

"This is unwarrantable and infamous! My relations with Mr. Glenarm are none of your business. When you remember that after being deserted by his own flesh and blood he appealed to me, going so far as to intrust all his affairs to my care at his death, your reflection is an outrageous insult. I am not accountable to you or any one else!"

"Really, there's a good deal in all that," said Larry. "We don't pretend to any judicial functions. We are perfectly willing to submit the whole business and all my client's acts to the authorities."

(I would give much if I could reproduce some hint of the beauty of that word authorities as it rolled from Larry's tongue!)

"Then, in God's name, do it, you blackguards," roared Pickering.

Stoddard, seated on the table, knocked his heels together gently. Larry recrossed his legs and blew a cloud of smoke. Then, after a quarter of a minute in which he gazed at the ceiling with his quiet, blue eyes, he said:

"Yes; certainly, there are always the authorities. And as I have a tremendous respect for your American institutions I shall at once act on your suggestion. Mr. Pickering, the estate is richer than you thought it was. It holds, or will hold, your notes given to the decedent for \$320,000."

He drew from his pocket a brown envelope, walked to where I stood and placed it in my hands.

At the same time Stoddard's big figure grew active, and before I realized that Pickering had leaped toward the packet, the executor was sitting in a chair, where the chaplain had thrown him. He rallied promptly, stuffing his necktie into his waistcoat; he even laughed a little.

"So much old paper! You gentlemen are perfectly welcome to it."

"Thank you!" jerked Larry.

"Mr. Glenarm and I had many transactions together, and he must have forgotten to destroy those papers," continued Pickering.

"Quite likely," I remarked. "It is interesting to know that Sister Theresa wasn't his only debtor."

Pickering stepped to the door and called the sheriff.

"I will give you until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock to vacate the premises. Those claims are utterly worthless, as I am ready to prove. The court understands the situation perfectly."

"Perfectly, perfectly," repeated the sheriff.

"I believe that is all," said Larry, pointing to the door with his pipe.

The sheriff was regarding him with particular attention.

"What did I understand your name to be?" he demanded.

"Laurance Donovan," Larry replied coolly.

Pickering seemed to notice the name now and his eyes lighted disagreeably.

"I think I have heard of your friend before," he said, turning to me. "I congratulate you on the international reputation of your counsel. He's esteemed so highly in Ireland that they offer a large reward for his return. Sheriff, I think we have finished our business for to-day."

He seemed anxious to get the man away, and we gave them escort to the outer gate where a horse and buggy was waiting.

"Now I'm in for it," said Larry, as I locked the gate. "We've spiked one of his guns, but I've given him a new one to use against myself. But come, and I will show you the Door of Bewilderment before I skip."

CHAPTER XXII.

A Prowler of the Night.

Down we plunged into the cellar, through the trap and to the Door of Bewilderment.

"Don't expect too much," admonished Larry; "I can't promise you a single Spanish coin."

"Perish the ambition! We have blocked Pickering's game, and nothing else matters," I said.

We crawled through the hole in the wall and lighted candles. The room was about seven feet square. At the

farther end was an oblong wooden door, close to the ceiling, and Larry tugged at the fastening until it came down, bringing with it a mass of snow and leaves.

"Gentlemen," he said, "we are at the edge of the ravine. Do you see the blue sky? And yonder, if you will twist your necks a bit, is the boat-house."

"Well, let the scenic effects go and show us where you found those papers," I urged.

"Speaking of mysteries, that is where I throw up my hands, lads. It's quickly told. Here is a table, and here is an old despatch box, which lies just where I found it. It was closed

into the ravine makes it possible to get out of the house with nobody the wiser. It's in keeping with the rest of his scheme. Be gay, comrades! To-morrow will likely find us with plenty of business on hands. At present we hold the fort, and let us have a care lest we lose it."

We closed the ravine door, restored the wall as best we could, and returned to the library. We made a list of the Pickering notes and spent an hour discussing this new feature of the situation and speculating as to the hiding place of the remainder of my grandfather's fortune. Larry and Stoddard both declared their intention of remaining until my troubles were ended in spite of my protests. Stoddard stayed for dinner, and afterward we began again our eternal quest for the treasure, our hopes high from Larry's lucky strike of the afternoon, and with a new eagerness born of the knowledge that the morrow would certainly bring us face to face with the real crises. We ranged the house from tower to cellar; we overhauled the tunnel, for, it seemed to me, the hundredth time.

It was my watch, and at midnight, after Stoddard and Larry had recon-

had appeared to me in so many moods and guises, that my spirit ranged the whole gamut of feeling as I thought of her. But it was the recollection of Pickering's infamous conduct that colored all my doubts of her. Pickering had always been in my way, and here, but for the chance by which Larry had found the notes, I should have had no weapon to use against him.

The wind rose and drove shrilly around the house. A bit of scaffolding on the outer walls rattled loose somewhere and crashed down on the terrace. I grew restless, my mind intent upon the many chances of the morrow, and running forward to the future. Even if I won in my strife with Pickering I had yet my way to make in the world. His notes were probably worthless,—I did not doubt that. I might use them to procure his removal as executor, but I did not look forward with any pleasure to a legal fight over a property that had brought me only trouble.

Something impelled me to go below, and, taking a lantern, I tramped somberly through the cellar, glanced at the heating apparatus, and, remembering that the chapel entrance to the tunnel was unguarded, followed the corridor to the trap, and opened it. The cold air blew up sharply and I thrust my head down to listen.

A sound at once arrested me. I thought at first it must be the suction of the air, but Glenarm House was no place for conjecture, and I put the lantern aside and jumped down into the tunnel. A gleam of light showed far away for an instant, then the darkness and silence were complete.

I ran rapidly over the smooth floor, which I had traversed so often that I knew its every line. My only weapon was a heavy hickory club. Near the Door of Bewilderment I paused and listened. The tunnel was perfectly quiet. I took a step forward and stumbled over a brick, fumbled on the wall for the opening which we had closed carefully that afternoon, and at the instant I found it a lantern flashed blindingly in my face and I drew back, crouching involuntarily, and clenching the club ready to strike.

"Good evening, Mr. Glenarm!"

Marian Devereux's voice broke the silence, and Marian Devereux's face with the full light of the lantern upon it, was bent gravely upon me. Her voice, as I heard it there,—her face, as I saw it there,—are the things that I shall remember last when my hour comes to go hence from this world. Her slim fingers, as they clasped the wire screen of the lantern, held my gaze for a second. The red tam-o'-shanter that I had associated with her youth and beauty was tilted rakishly on one side of her pretty head. To find her here, seeking, like a thief in the night, for some means of helping Arthur Pickering, was the bitterest drop in the cup. I felt as though I had been struck with a bludgeon.

"I beg your pardon!" she said, and laughed. "There doesn't seem to be anything to say, does there? Well, we do certainly meet under the most unusual, not to say unconventional, circumstances, Squire Glenarm! Please go away or turn your back. I want to get out of this donjon keep."

She took my hand coolly enough and stepped down into the passage. Then I broke out stormily.

"You don't seem to understand the gravity of what you are doing! Don't you know that you are risking your life in crawling through this house at midnight?—that even to serve Arthur Pickering a life is a pretty big thing to throw away? Your infatuation for that blackguard seems to carry you far, Miss Devereux."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



"A Lantern Flashed Blindingly in My Face."

and the key was in the lock. I took out that packet—it wasn't even sealed—saw the character of the contents, and couldn't resist the temptation to try the effect of an announcement of its discovery on your friend Pickering. Now that is nearly all. I found this piece of paper under the tape with which the envelope was tied, and I don't hesitate to say that when I read it I laughed until I thought I should shake down the cellar. Read it, John Glenarm!"

He handed me a fragment of legal-cap paper on which was written in the unmistakable handwriting of John Marshall Glenarm, these words:

HE LAUGHS BEST WHO LAUGHS LAST.

"What do you think is so funny in this?" I demanded.

"Who wrote it, do you think," asked Stoddard.

"Who wrote it, do you ask? Why Jack's grandfather wrote it! John Marshall Glenarm, the cleverest, grandest old man that ever lived, wrote it!" declaimed Larry, his voice booming loudly in the room. "It's all a great big game, fixed up to try you and Pickering,—but principally you, you blockhead! Oh, it's grand, perfectly, deliciously grand,—and to think it should be my good luck to share in it!"

"Humph! I'm glad you're amused, but it doesn't strike me as being so awfully funny. Suppose those had fallen into Pickering's hands; then where would the joke have been, I should like to know!"

"On you, my lad, to be sure! The old gentleman wanted you to study architecture; he wanted you to study his house; he even left a little pointer in an old book! Oh, it's too good to be true!"

"That's all clear enough," observed Stoddard, knocking upon the despatch box with his knuckles. "But why do you suppose he dug this hole here with its outlet on the ravine?"

"Oh, it was the way of him!" explained Larry. "He liked the idea of queer corners and underground passages. This is a bully hiding place for man or treasure, and that outlet

notered the grounds and Bates and I had made sure of all the interior fastenings. I sent them off to bed and made myself comfortable with a pipe in the library.

I was glad of the respite, glad to be alone,—to consider my talk with Marian Devereux at St. Agatha's, and her return with Pickering. Why could she not always have been Olivia, ranging the woodland, or the girl in gray, or that woman, so sweet in her dignity, who came down the stairs at the Armstrongs? Her own attitude toward me was so full of contradictions; she



Confidences of a Codfish

Capt. Collins, a well known fisherman of the banks, was persuaded into buying a large codfish by a fish pedler. After the departure of the pedler he saw it was not fit to be eaten, so it was thrown away.

In a few days the pedler again stopped at Collins' door. The captain went out to his cart and began to examine his fish. Suddenly leaning down, he placed his lips close to a large cod and began whispering to it. The pedler looked rather astonished at this, and as soon as the captain raised his head he asked what he did that for.

"Well," replied Collins, "I was just askin' him how his relatives were, out in the old ocean."

"And what did he say?" asked the pedler.

"He said," replied Collins, "that when he left them they were in good health, but as he hadn't seen them for two weeks, he did not know whether they were alive or dead at the present time."—Boston Herald.

An Optimist.

Hawker—"I'm going to take a vacation now for two weeks."

Walker—"Is that so? Isn't it queer that your employer should let you go now, just at the busiest season of the year?"

Hawker—"O, well, they've got another man in my place. They told me I needn't come back."

Hint for a Short Sermon

About 25 years ago the annual session of the Maine Methodist conference was held in Portland. The Rev. John Collins, a canny Scot, was then in his prime and a member of the conference. He was called on to open with prayer one of the afternoon sessions, which was to be addressed by a minister whom we will call Mr. M., a man who was well known as a lengthy sermonizer.

Remembering this failing in the

course of his prayer "Uncle John" exclaimed: "Oh, Lord, bless Brother M., who is to preach to us; may he preach the everlasting gospel, but may he not be everlastingly about it."

Bad for Witch Doctor.

While invoking his deity to send rain a Pondoland (South Africa) witch doctor was struck dead by lightning, and his fate profoundly impressed the superstitious natives.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

How a Veteran Was Saved the Amputation of a Limb.

B. Frank Doremus, veteran, of Roosevelt Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.,



says: "I had been showing symptoms of kidney trouble from the time I was mustered out of the army, but in all my life I never suffered as in 1897. Headaches, dizziness and sleeplessness, first, and then dropsy. I was weak and helpless, having run down from 180 to 125 pounds. I was having terrible pain in the kidneys, and the secretions passed almost involuntarily. My left leg swelled until it was 34 inches around, and the doctor tapped it night and morning until I could no longer stand it, and then he advised amputation. I refused, and began using Doan's Kidney Pills. The swelling subsided gradually, the urine became natural and all my pains and aches disappeared. I have been well now for nine years since using Doan's Kidney Pills."

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SETTING THE BRIDE AT EASE.

"Widder's" Sympathy Went Out to Fellow Passenger.

A couple recently married had just entered the train that was to bear them to the mountains on their honeymoon, when they became aware of the close scrutiny of them by a female passenger, who had evidently "spotted" a bride and groom. The young wife, on opening her handbag, let fall some rice on the floor, and the woman smiled. The other passengers regarded the couple with interest. Seeing that the bride was every moment becoming more flushed and uncomfortable by reason of their scrutiny, the woman in the goodness of her heart, leaned across the carriage.

"Never mind, my dear!" she said. "I'm a widder now, but by this time next week I'll be in the same fix myself!"

No, Not as a Rule.

George P. Angell, Boston's brilliant and powerful defender of animals from cruelty, was talking about nature faking.

"My friend, Will Long is no nature faker," he said, "but I admit that many of our myriad nature writers are. These men's idea of a lie seems too closely to resemble that of a little boy I know."

"The boy's teacher said from her desk one afternoon:

"I want every pupil who has never told a lie to hold up his hand."

"There was a doubtful pause. Two or three hands were raised. Then my little friend piped out:

"Teacher, is it a lie if nobody finds it out?"

The Size of Him.

"Yes," snarled the eminent Octopus who had just had returned to him what Shakespeare sarcastically called "trash." "This is my purse, and the contents, \$1,143.09, are intact; but it is three days, seven hours and nineteen minutes since I lost it. Where is my interest, young man; where is my interest?"—Puck.

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"There's a Reason."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in page.

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The Herald announces that Ratcliff is to have a bank.

Let every loyal citizen help the Business Men's League advertise Grapeland.

Lofkin has organized a 10,000 club, and proposes to have that many inhabitants by 1910.

Crockett is going to make an effort to secure the Yankton railroad, since the state railroad is no longer a possibility.

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Talking About Texas.

A buried city has been found in Texas, but the chief dead city of the State remains unburied. —Charleston News and Courier

Texas is after the harvester trust. Let us hope the reapers will "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." —Los Angeles Express.

Texas is reported to have the largest onion crop in the world. We hope she will continue to be the Lone Star State.—Atlanta Journal.

All that Texas wants from the harvester trust is \$1,100,000 in real money. It believes in reaping when the sun is not shining for the trusts.—Nashville American.

Texas wants \$1,100,000 in coin of the realm from the harvester trust, indicating that the Lone

Star State is willing to make hay whether the sun shines or not.—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.—Sun. Somebody who likes to fool with statistics has found that all the people in the world could live in Texas, each having a ninth of an acre of ground on which to take exercise. There can be no doubt that Texas is the Taft among our States.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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Olan Davis has resigned his position with F. A. Paris, and has gone to Palestine to accept a position with Swift's Book Store. Olan's friends here regret to see him go, but wish him abundant success.

A farmer had a log he wanted split and as it was very tough he got a stick of dynamite, intending to blow the log into smithereens. He laid the dynamite down by the barn door and went inside to put his team away. A pig found the dynamite, swallowed it, and walked into a stall where a span of mules were tied. One of the mules kicked the pig and the jar sent the dynamite off. The explosion blinded the farmer, killed one mule, tore the harness off the other, blew the end out of the barn and nearly killed the pig.—Ex.

Just as long as the working man stays at home on election day and pays no attention to the results, just so long will the smooth politician run things to suit himself and hand the hot end of the poker to the public.—Harpoon.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon J. W. Williams by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the third judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said third judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Crockett, on the first Monday in October, A. D. 1907, the same being the 7th day of October, 1907, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of August, A. D. 1907, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 4993, wherein Mrs. Cora Williams is plaintiff and J. W. Williams is defendant, said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married in McClellan County, Texas, on or about the 25th day of February, A. D. 1894 and lived together as husband and wife until the first day of August, 1904, when defendant, without any cause or provocation whatever, voluntarily, and with the intention of permanently abandoning plaintiff, abandoned the bed and board of plaintiff, since which time they have not lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff alleging further that defendant was cruel, harsh, unkind and tyrannical to plaintiff, and otherwise cruelly treated plaintiff; that such cruel treatment was without any cause or provocation whatever.

Plaintiff alleging that defendant was, for three years prior to their separation an habitual drunkard; that defendant though amply able so to do, failed and refused to support this plaintiff and their minor children. Plaintiff alleges further, that no reconciliation has nor can take place between them, and that by reason of the matters and things herein before complained of, the defendant has rendered their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

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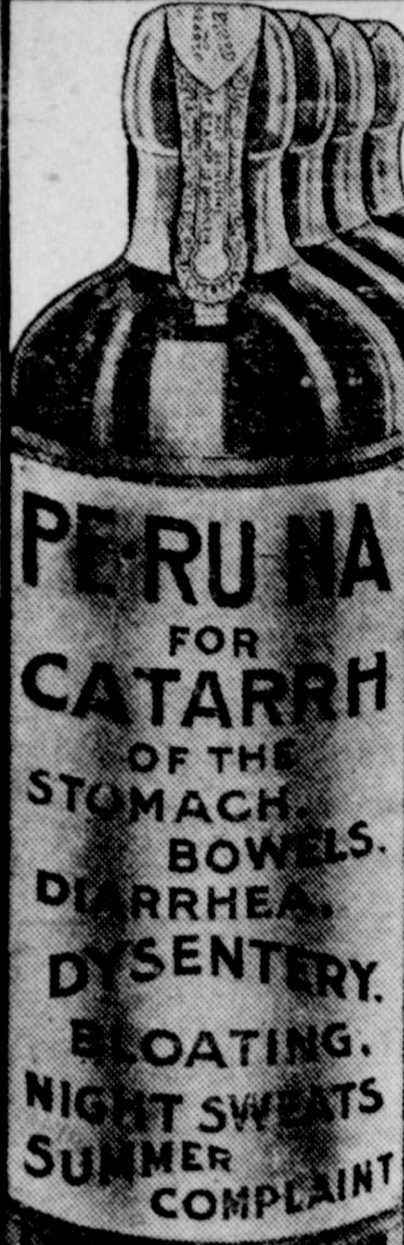
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IT PAYS.

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But there is another way in which the practice of keeping such an account may well result in great profit. Our farms in New York state are divided into fields of different sizes for the convenience of diversified agriculture. Different portions of the farm may be thus pastured or devoted to grain or grass growing. It is doubtful if many farmers know, except in a general way, which of their fields are most productive, or the extent to which they are so, and which fields barely pay the cost of taxes and cultivation.

Not a great way from the barn the ordinary farmer may have a field which will, in ordinary seasons, give from two to three tons of cured hay to the acre. Half a mile from the barn may be a considerable area that will not average over half a ton. But every acre on the farm pays an equal amount of taxes and it takes just as much time and labor to plow an acre of poor land as it does of the more fertile, and the reason for this condition of fertility or lack of fertility comes from the fact that the fields closer to the farm buildings have in time past received more than their fair share of fertilizers and have been devoted to crops that would pay better than the more remote fields.

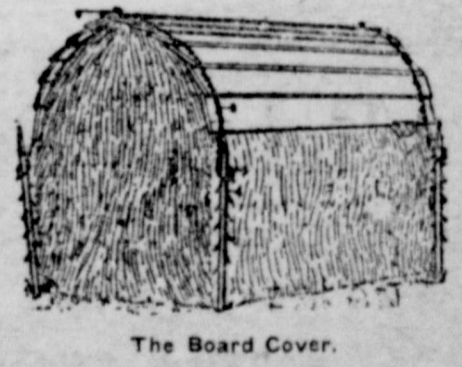
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The farmer himself when this is called to his attention, may have a general idea of the different results from the different parts of the farm, but the systematic and careful method of keeping account with the different fields of the farm will be the best way to bring this directly home to the farmer himself and result more quickly in a change of treatment.

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Splendid Method of Protecting Stacks from Rain and Wind.

Where lumber for barns is often dear, temporary roofs of inch boards over stacks serve a good purpose, the boards being carefully selected to have no cracks in them, well painted with some light-colored paint and laid on as shingles are laid, one lapping



over the other, and held by a light flexible chain at each end and a staple. Have the ends of the chain attached to large rings which slip over slender poles driven in the ground and with headless spikes driven in like barbs, so the winds will not lift the roof. By boring one small hole near the lower edge of each board a wire would tie the two to the chain and not injure the board as staples might.

Boys, better a job on the home farm with small but sure gains every year than a clerkship, \$10 a month and abay pants in the big city.

HIS FOOT ON THE TREADMILL.

Mr. Joacker Tells of One Sentenced to Hard Labor for Life.

Said Mr. Joacker, who was reading the paper: "Another poor wretch has been given a life sentence at hard labor."

Said Mrs. Joacker, who was embroidering blue roses: "Probably he deserves it. What is he guilty of?"

"Fraud and no visible means of support. He obtained clothes and a fine turnout with no money and nothing collectible. He seems to be larger and stronger than most of that class, yet it is plain that he has never done a tap of work, though he has managed to live well, so far. But the poor fellow takes his sentence hard and cries piteously, protesting his innocence."

"The wretch! He must have dealt with perfect fools!"

"No, his victim is our own friend, Jack Smith."

"That clever lawyer! Do read to me all about it!"

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Fell Into Bad Company.

A canny Scot was brought before a London magistrate on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. "What have you to say for yourself, sir?" demanded the magistrate. "You look like a respectable man, and ought to be ashamed to stand there."

"I am verra sorry, sir, but I cam' up in bad company fra Glasgow," humbly replied the prisoner.

"What sort of company?"

"A lot of teetotalers!" was the startling response.

"Do you mean to say teetotalers are bad company?" thundered the magistrate. "I think they are the best of company for such as you."

"Beggin' yer pardon, sir," answered the prisoner, "ye're wrong; for I had a bottle of whiskey an' I had to drink it all myself!"

Depends on the Dogs.

Asa Goddard, of the American Automobile association, was recounting in Worcester some of his touring adventures.

"One summer morning," he said, "the approach of a great flock of sheep obliged me to pull off the narrow country road. I halted my car, and watched with interest the passage of the sheep, the intelligent dogs and the shepherd."

"I had a short talk with the shepherd about his odd and difficult trade. 'Look here,' I said, 'what do you do, driving sheep like this on a narrow road, when you meet another flock coming in the opposite direction?'"

"Well," said the shepherd, "ye just drive straight on, both of ye, and the one that has the best dogs gets the most sheep."

Social Rank.

At a country dance in a southern town, when the fiddlers had resigned their bows and taken their places on the platform, the floor manager rose.

"Got yo' partners for a cotillion!" he shouted, imperiously.

"All you ladies an' gemmen dat wears shoes an' stockings take yo' places in de middle ob de room. All you ladies an' gemmen dat wears shoes an' no stockings take yo' places immedjitly behin' dem. An' you bare-footed crowd jest jig it roun' in de corners."—Youth's Companion.

Awful Warning.

Pa—Yes, my son; the Egyptians were the most intellectual people on the face of the earth at one time, but finally the nation decayed.

Tommy—And what caused them to decay, pa?

Pa—Smoking too many Egyptian cigarettes, my son.

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"THERE'S A REASON."

Read the little book, "The Road to Well-Ville," in page.

AS THE BOY UNDERSTOOD.

Probably to His Mind Conflict of Authority Was Vital.

In one of the Atlanta Sunday schools recently the lesson for the day had to do with Mammon and the corrupting influences of great riches.

Toward the close of the exercises, says Harper's Magazine, the superintendent called upon the infant class to repeat the golden text, which had special reference to man's inability to serve his Creator and the money god at one and the same time. The class failed to respond as it should, when the superintendent, noticing his own young hopeful in the ranks, who had that very morning been drilled thoroughly on the text, called to him. The response was immediate, though a slight departure from the original, for in a voice that was distinctly heard in all parts of the room there came the following modification:

"Ye cannot serve God and mamma!"

In Extremis.

The yacht was heavily becalmed. There were but ten bottles of champagne in the lockers. Their last signal of distress had been sent up, without bringing any response.

"Gentlemen," exclaimed the commodore, in a quivering voice, "I can no longer conceal the hideous truth from you. Sobriety stares us in the face!"

It was a wildly various scene which ensued. Some blasphemed, some prayed, some, in an access of frenzied wantonness, sang songs, while some sat stoically by, awaiting their fate with at least an outward calm.—Puck.

We begin to live only when we begin to love. And we begin to love only when self dies, and we live to bless others.—George Elliot.



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SOME LITTLE TALES NOT TOO FAR OVERDRAWN.

Oliver Lightfinger's Vain Regrets for Misspent Life—When the President of the Great Trust "Told All"—Jack Black's Plea.

Oliver Lightfinger, cashier of the Widows and Orphans' Trust company, had just reached the railroad station with another man's wife and what was left of the \$198,000 he had stolen. But on the advice of detectives he did not take the train he had intended to. On the contrary he visited Mulberry street. After a long talk in a cheerless inner room he suddenly broke down.

"I have done wrong," he cried, "I have done wrong! I have spent most of the money. I have deceived my faithful little wife. But I still love her dearly. I will do what I can to make restitution."

But he had nothing to restore, so they led him away. As the cell door closed on him he lifted up his voice and wept. "Oh, I beg of you keep all knowledge of this sad affair from the people of the little town of Wobness. I used to sing in the choir there, and it would break my heart if I thought they found out about it."

Willie Steel, head of the Aerated Atmosphere Trust, after seven years of vain chasing, had at last been dragged into court. As the crowds looked at the great magnate they saw him suddenly arise, place his hand on his heart and dramatically declare:

"I shall tell all!"

Then he sent for his lawyer, who skillfully drew up a long statement that contained many words and no information. And when the judge and jurors heard it and the people read it they were as wise as they were before the statement was made.

And the trust went on its way rejoicing. The consumers didn't.

Tucker Ball had returned home after a month's spree. Before going on it he had taken from his wife every cent she possessed. When he arrived at the door a delegation from the neighboring police station met him and dragged him to court. As he was led away to serve the 30 days on the island presented him by the judge he suddenly bethought himself of something important.

"What, oh, what," he cried, "will my poor children do for bread now their father is taken from them?"

"You should not be too hard on me," pleaded Jack Black, who had killed a few men while pursuing his vocation of holdup man, "as I now see the error of my ways and have returned to the simple faith of my childhood."

For he figured that this plea would make an impression on those who had returned to the simple faith of their second childhood.

When the judge sternly said: "Twenty years, and I wish it lay in my power to give you more," Otto B. Lynch broke down completely. He had been convicted of bigamy, arson, swindling and a few minor crimes.

"This," he said as he was led away, "is what comes of me for deserting the best little woman who ever breathed."

But when asked who she was he could not readily answer, as there were several of her and he had become mixed on dates.—N. Y. Press.

A Constant Menace.
"One has to be very careful in choosing friends nowadays."

"Yes. This post card craze lays you liable to all sorts of embarrassment from people with a mistaken sense of humor."

Used Ink for Bluing.
"One can never be too careful about apparently harmless articles setting about the house," said a housewife the other day. "Not long ago my husband brought home one of those big tall bottles of ink from the office. It had got to be such a nuisance buying one of the small five-cent bottles every time we ran out of ink, that he said he would bring home a supply."

"About a week after that I got a new maid, and when she did the washing she took the big bottle of ink for bluing. Of course every stitch of our white clothes in the washing was ruined."

The Greatest of All Joys.
The serene days pass by and leave little mark on mind and character, but the days of storm and struggle mold a man's life alike in the artificial combats of sport and in the actual strife of living. Conquest over difficulty and danger is the greatest of all joys. A man does not need to be a mountain-climber to learn the lesson. It is the lesson of life.—Sir Martin Conway, in the Strand Magazine.

IN THE NAME OF CHARITY.

Jack London's Story Carries Sting of Truth and Pathos.

"Jack London's famous definition of charity—'sharing a bone with a dog when you're as hungry as the dog'—recalls a story about charity," said a magazine editor, "that I heard Mr. London tell at a farewell dinner in New York before he sailed away on the Spark."

"Mr. London said two old men were smoking and drinking together after dinner."

"The host rang the bell and an old woman appeared."

"'Confound you, stupid!' said the host. 'Didn't I tell you I wanted the Scotch? Take this back, and bring what I asked for, you old fool!'"

"'Come, come,' said the guest, after the old woman had hurried away in a great fright. 'Come, come, my friend, don't you think you are rather too sharp with your old servant?'"

"'Oh,' said the other, 'she's not a servant. She's only a poor relation I'm keeping out of charity.'"

"The guest looked relieved. 'That alters the case, of course,' he said.—Washington Times.

It Will Stay There.

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles, such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."

R. M. SWANN, Franklin, La.

The Modern Child.

Five-year-old Nellie had been naughty all day. Finally her mamma, a very portly woman, sat down and drew the little culprit across her ample lap to administer the long delayed punishment. Nellie's face was fairly buried in the folds of her mother's dress. Before the maternal hand could descend Nellie turned her face to say: "Well, if I'm going to be spanked I must have air."—Harper's.

But He Was Gone.

"I tell you what," said the sad-looking man, "it's pretty hard for a man with a large family to live on a small income."

"Yes," eagerly agreed the stranger, "but it's a great deal harder for his family if he dies on one. Now, my line is insurance; let me interest you—Eh? What's your hurry?"

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 Cough 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.

Evidently Frank Has a Cinch.

The following letter was picked up in the streets of Longmont the other day, says the San Francisco Call: "My Darling Frank: I swallowed the postage stamp that was on your last letter, because I knew that your lips had touched it, and, oh, Frank, I felt so happy afterward. Put two stamps on your next letter."

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

The Limit.

Biggs—The Dopsons are very exclusive, I understand.

Diggs—Yes, indeed. Why, they even have wire screens on their doors and windows so their flies can't get out and associate with the flies of their neighbors.—Chicago Daily News.

German Judicial System.

In Germany a prisoner is acquitted on a tie vote by the jury. A vote of seven to five leaves the decision with the court, while a vote of eight to four means conviction.

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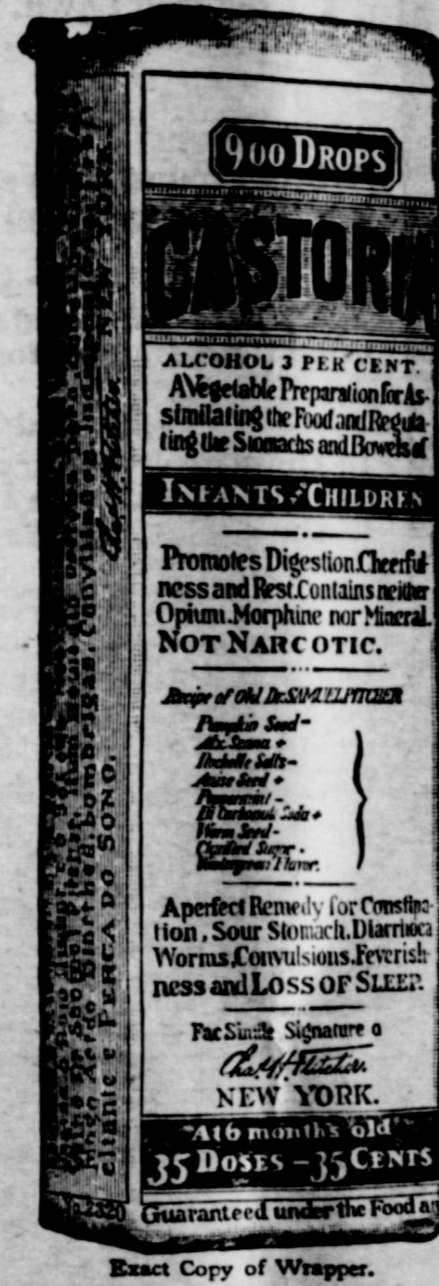
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Cheerfulness is health; its opposite, disease.—Halliburton.

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Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. F. Gerald Blattner, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "Your Castoria is good for children and I frequently prescribe it, always obtaining the desired results."

Dr. Gustave A. Eisengraeber, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "I have used your Castoria repeatedly in my practice with good results, and can recommend it as an excellent, mild and harmless remedy for children."

Dr. E. J. Dennis, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I have used and prescribed your Castoria in my sanitarium and outside practice for a number of years and find it to be an excellent remedy for children."

Dr. S. A. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. E. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine of its kind on the market."

Dr. R. E. Eskildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it."

Dr. L. R. Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria certainly has merit. Is not its age, its continued use by mothers through all these years, and the many attempts to imitate it, sufficient recommendation? What can a physician add? Leave it to the mothers."

Dr. Edwin F. Pardee, of New York City, says: "For several years I have recommended your Castoria and shall always continue to do so, as it has invariably produced beneficial results."

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What Caused the Lynching.

Out at Stafford the other day a group of farmers met a train, and when a tall, sunburned man stepped off the car they all grabbed him and shook his hand warmly. The man looked them over calmly and then said: "Gentlemen, I am sorry to disappoint you. I know you think I am a harvest hand, but you are mistaken. I am a lightning rod agent."—Kansas City Star.

Catarrh and Headache.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it." She is right.

It is pleasant to look on the rain when one stands dry.—Dutch.

SKIN DISEASES

HUMORS IN THE BLOOD

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

I suffered with Eczema for forty years and could find nothing to cure me until I tried S. S. S. I suffered intensely with the itching and burning; pustules would form from which there flowed a sticky fluid; crusts would come on the skin and when scratched off the skin was left as raw as a piece of beef. I suffered agony in the long years I was afflicted, but when I used S. S. S. I found a perfect cure. There has never been any return of the trouble.
C. H. EVANS,
Stockman, Neb.

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If you acquainted with the average business college graduates, you know they go out and work in offices as helpers, or where the work is light, at most any price to get a start, many working for \$6 and \$8 per week. This is not so with the graduates of the Tyler Commercial College. Our thorough practical courses gives the student the training and experience that enables him to go into and hold a better class of positions vacated by experienced help, and thereby draw a good salary from the very first. The advanced salary that our students draw over the salaries received by graduates of other schools would make it cheaper for the student to attend our school and pay the full rate of tuition than to attend another school with tuition free.

We mention the salaries of a few of our students who were but a few months ago without our course of practical training and were not able to earn \$25 per month: A young lady who worked in her brother's store at \$6 a week, finished a course with us in ten weeks time, and is now drawing \$85 per month. Another young lady who was not earning anything and could not pay her tuition was placed in school by some friends of her father. She is now drawing \$1,200 per year. Another young lady who was not earning a cent finished our course, and is drawing a regular salary of \$125 per month. A young man who was working on a farm as a day laborer, spent three months in our school and his first four months wages averaged him \$175.00 per month. He is now earning from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year. Another young man who was working at a saw mill at \$1.50 per day, took our combined course of bookkeeping and shorthand and is now manager of an extensive business at a salary of \$2,500 per year. We could give hundreds of similar cases from those who have enrolled with us during the past two years. No other school in America can show such salaries from students just from school. It is our superior practical training that enables our students to draw these excellent salaries. It is a positive fact that we cannot supply the demand for our graduates of bookkeeping and shorthand.

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Press Stowe has bought the barber shop from Mr. John Oliver and has assumed control of same. We congratulate Press, and wish him all kinds of success.

The Governor and "23".

"The number '23' has not the meaning to me that it has with the average person," says Governor Campbell. "On the other hand it is almost sacred to me. Let me tell you why memories twine around this number for me:

"In the first place I was married when I was 23 years of age, and the number if for no other reason than this has precious memories. But this is not all.

"Three years ago I was invited to Dallas to speak at the legislature banquet, three other gentlemen besides myself being invited to speak to the toast, 'If I were governor,' and all of them accepted. Well, when I reached Dallas and went to the hotel, without even suggesting it I was assigned to room 23. I accepted it as a good omen.

"I went to the banquet which was in the Oriental hotel, and after being shown my seat, I turned over my plate and to my surprise and pleasure found that the number of my plate was 23. I almost leaped for joy, but did not mention the fact to anyone. My time came to speak at 11 o'clock, which was the twenty-third hour, and I knew that I would be elected governor if I lived. When I reached home I told my wife of the circumstances, and I assured her that she need not worry any more in the least, that I was certain to be elected governor of Texas.

"After I was inaugurated as governor I happened to pick up the local paper at Austin, and in giving an account of the inauguration attention was called to the fact that I was the 23 governor of Texas. Now do you blame me for having such tender feelings and such utmost faith in the figure '23'?"

Reynard Happenings.

Sept. 2.—We have pulled through another long, hot, dry, month and all are still alive and enjoying reasonable good health.

We are needing rain on cane and potatoes. Cotton has quit needing rain and is opening fast and the yield will not be so good as last year, but think with the present price most every body will realize as much money as they did last year. Lots of nubby corn, but some of us are thankful for any. Our gin steamed up Thursday for the first cotton of the season and ginned several bales. We understand M. S. Spence has bought out J. H. Beazley's gin, but guess he will not move it this season.

Misses Mattie and Myrtle Gossett returned home yesterday.

The young folks had three parties last week and wanted more.

We did not understand as did Old Timer from what Mr. Campbell said in regard to their cotton that they had a fine crop. He only said they would make ten times as much as they thought at first now. Mr. Editor in regard to the ball game again between Daly's and Oak Grove, we do not claim for the Daly boys angels by any means, but do not think it becoming in you as editor to write it up in any such way.

Don't you think you did it in rather a rotten way and is it not a fact that there was as much rottenness on the part of the Oak Grove boys as the Daly boys? Now be fair and give the Devil his dues. Be fair Kid and take your defeat like a man. You beat the boys four straights, but not bad, and neither did they beat you bad. ZACK.

Oriole Warbles.

Sept. 3—Glad to notice in the Messenger that the Legislature of Georgia (my native state) has passed a bill making the entire state "dry." This is a good move, and I hope that all of our southern states will follow this good example, and it would be a good thing for congress to take hold of the matter and put a stop to the liquor business entirely, by not allowing it to be made in the United States, or imported here from other countries. Let the temperance people get up a petition and send it to their Senators and Representatives asking them for their help in the matter.

Mr. Cain's letters in the Messenger are very interesting and I hope he will continue to furnish you with them. Houston County is well represented in various parts of the world by good writers.

The Ladies Aid Society have just had a working at the school house for the purpose of ceiling the building to make it more comfortable for the use of the Sunday school and church.

There was a general turnout by the men of the community and they put the building in good shape. The ladies had a bountiful dinner on the ground for all who attended.

Rev. Etheridge Payne preached a good sermon on Sunday at eleven o'clock to a good congregation at the church. One thing that the churches lack these days is to have some of the old time soul stirring music that they used to have when all of the congregation would join in singing such tunes as:

"How firm a foundation ye Saints of the Lord." "Come humble sinners in whose breasts" and other similar tunes. I hope

that our singing teachers will revive some of this kind of music for the churches.

It is a good time now to get out cotton, though rather hot.

A. K.

LaTexo News.

Sept. 4.—The school opened here Monday morning with 28 pupils, Miss Mary Jenny Davis principal. Rev. J. A. Carter of the Baptist church gave the children a nice lecture, several of the patrons were present. The school starts off with bright promises and we hope to make it equal to any in the county.

The Baptist meeting closed last Sunday night with some additions.

There is considerable sickness now.

Mr. Walter Jones' little baby boy is quite sick with tonsillitis.

It is very dry and we are waiting anxiously for a rain to plant potatoes.

The Union will meet here on the 21st at night and will have an open meeting. Some speeches are on the list. REX.

Miss Julia Pritchard of Crockett is visiting here this week.

Read carefully all the "ads" in this week's paper.

Mrs. Mary Beachamp has returned to her home at Bullard, after visiting near town for several days.

J. N. Parker, J. N. Scry and W. J. Bridges left Wednesday night for Atascosa county, where they have some property to look after.

Our Loss is Your Gain

We are making reductions on all summer goods that is an actual saving of from 15 to 25 per cent. There is some time yet for you to use these goods, but they must give place to fall goods that are arriving daily. Your dress may be getting a little faded or your slippers may not look as well as you would like, you can get new ones at a great deal below their value.

20c Dress Linen 15c

Solid Red, Gray and Brown Linen, smooth Mercerized finish, suitable for summer and early fall, sold everywhere for 20c, now 15c.

25c White Swiss 18c

Fine Shear Dotted Swiss, others with raised checks, was 25c, now 18c.

5c and 6c Figured Lawns 4c

Neat Figured Lawn, white ground, with red, blue and pink figures and dots and black ground with white figures, was 5c and 6c, now 4c.

10c Figured Lawns 8c

White ground with red and blue figures and polkadots, a nice shere white cloth that will wash and wear well, worth 10c at 8c.

16 2-3c WASH DRESS GOODS 12 1-2c

Solid, gray, blue and pink ground with red, blue and white embroidered figures, good for early fall dresses, worth 16 2-3c, now 12 1-2c.

25c and 30c SUMMER DRESS GOODS 19c.

In these goods we are showing some very handsome cloths and patterns of fine shere wash goods in plaids and checks that sold earlier in the season for 25c and 30c, cut to 19c.

SUMMER FOOTWEAR GREATLY REDUCED.

Our line of Oxfords are necessarily broken this late in the season, yet you may find the very size and style of slipper you want and at the prices we are offering these goods it will certainly pay you to look at them. All \$3 oxfords 2.25; all \$2.50 oxfords 1.95; all \$1.75 oxfords 1.25; all \$1.50 oxfords 1.15.

GEO. E. DARSEY.

The patrons of the public school met at the school house Tuesday night for the purpose of raising money to purchase the Baptist hall. Our school has grown to such proportions that another teacher will have to be added. About \$200 was subscribed.

Rev. B. A. Owen of Lovelady was in town Wednesday and paid us a pleasant call. Bro. Owen has just closed a great meeting at Weches, in which 50 additions were made to the church. Bro. Owen will begin a meeting at New Prospect, 5 miles northwest of town, next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

New Restaurant

About the first of September I will open up a Restnurant in connection with my confectionery business, and want you to eat with me when in town.

Call on me when you want anything in my line.

Ed Harmon

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