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THE LEADER.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Gents' and ladies' Underwear,

We have just received one of the best selected stocks ever brought to Graham. Our prices are under all. J. E. MORRISON & Co., Graham and Eliasville.

The household remedy is Hunt's Lightning Oil. All aches and pains quickly relieved. Satifaction or money refunded. Sold by D. R. Akin & Co.

For Sale or Exchange.

$12,000.00 stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, and Hats to trade for land and cattle, or good unimproved ranch land in Young, Palo Pinto or Jack county preferred. A good deal to the right party. Write quick.
"RED FRONT,"
Weatherford, Texas.

Just Listen.

Several hundred dollars is due us on subscription, all small sums. If you are delinquent please send a remittance at least to square the account. A dollar or two is not much to each individual, but the aggregate is a good deal to us.

Buy Your Books.

I am informed that the Graham public school will make no change in text books this year, therefore I will handle all old books that can or will be used in the school.
C. G. KING.

What is it? A cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat and all Bronchial Affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. 50 doses for 50 cents. Guaranteed if it fails to give satisfaction. Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sold by D. R. Akin & Co.

We say and can establish the fact that we handle the best and freshest groceries in Graham.
BIGHAM & CRAIN.

We don't advertise simply to see our name in print. We dont make prices that make us take losses and force us to make these losses back on something else. We do a cash business. Our goods are not below cost.
JEWELL & NORMAN.

Sheet Metal

...ity for sale at this

...and Mules at PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at public sale, at my ranch 10 miles north of Graham, on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 1897:
35 mares from 4 to 8 years old. Have been bred. Good stock.
21 mules, two years old next spring.
11 mules, one year old next spring.
TERMS OF SALE: One-half cash, balance six months' time with approved security.
C. RUTHERFORD.

For Sale.

2 Jersey cows; 2 work horses; 1 open buggy and harness; 1 saddle and bridle; Household and kitchen furniture.
Also a miscellaneous lot of books valuable to teachers and students at King's Drug Store. Call on or address GEO. COMPTON Belknap, Texas.

I am headquarters for Paints and Oils. Mineral paints for fences, barns and roofs. Standard brands of paints for all kinds of outside and decorative purposes. You will serve your own interests by calling on me before buying.
C. G. KING.

Wanted.

500 frying chickens.
5000 dozen eggs.
For cash or trade at
BIGHAM & CRAIN'S.

KINDERGARTEN.

Miss Georgie Jewell will open a kindergarten at her mother's residence Nov. 8th. TERMS: $2.00 per month. Patronage solicited.

Ford Bros. always keep the best green coffee to be found in town. When you want good coffee go to Ford's.

Ford Bros. keep a good supply of all kinds of Groceries of the best and freshest to be had; and they are selling as low or little lower than any house in town. Call and see them.

TAKE NOTICE.

All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to us will please come and settle at once as we are in need of the money.
Respt., DRS. LEGRAND.

LOST—G. W. Carlton lost $16 in bills, a 10, 5 and 1, on road between his house and gin or at gin. Thinks it was lost in gin yard. Finder will please leave at this office and receive reward.

Uriah Jones, Hezekah Brown and John Peter Smith will testify to the wonderfull curative properties of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup. Sample bottles free. Satisfaction or money refunded. Sold by D. R. Akin.

Pallid faces indicate pale, thin blood; clear skin and rosy cheeks show the pure, rich blood imparted by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Public Free School opens next Monday. Every child should be present on that day, so as to be classed. On that day will classification be made and on no other day. Cases of sickness will be excepted. The school will not be crowded, as we solicited no transfers this year. Our private term closes Friday. It has been the most pleasant private term we have taught in Graham. One hundred and forty-seven pupils have been enrolled in the private school, and better work has been done because the discipline has been easy and the attendance regular. Parents, come with your children next Monday.
J. N. JOHNSTON.

Judge Finlay went to Eliasville Wednesday to visit the school at that place.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since our last issue:

B. A. Gatlin, W. B. Henson, S. R. Crawford, J. A. Driver, Chas. Nauhaus, J. W. Perkins, J. E. Wilson, John Taylor, John S. Williams, J. J. McCarson, Warren Cunningham, B. Holt, I. H. Jones, Elihu Baldwin, A. C. White, A. J. Walker, W. T. Steadham, J. M. Whitfield.

Some big drives in men's and boy's gloves.
J. E. MORRILON & Co.

W. T. Steadham of Miller Bend, was in town Tuesday and gave us a pleasant call. He said he had been taking THE LEADER for twenty years and would continue to take it as long as the editor would eat flour.

Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps at fifty cents on the dollar.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.

P. A. Martin and W. C. Griffith went to Weatherford last Saturday and returned Wednesday.

For Sale.

A good second-hand two horse wagon for sale or trade for corn or pork. Apply at this office.

Dr. Wilson of Farmer, was in Graham Monday and gave THE LEADER a pleasant call.

Ladies' Capes—a new line direct from New York, just in. Call and see them.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.

Last Monday was a lively day in Graham—lots of people in town.

Cotton continues to come in pretty lively.

Children's Reefers.

All ages. Call and see them.
J. E. MORRISHN & Co.

M. W. Cook of Farmer was in Graham Monday.

John H. Lewis, of Mineral Wells, was in Graham a day or two this week in the interest of the Weatherford and Mineral Wells railroad.

Best Standard Calico at 2½ cts. per yard in assorted lengths.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.

J. N. Adare intends moving to Mineral Wells to engage in the saloon business.

Street Commissioner Taylor has had his forces at work on the streets this week.

Fos. Wooley, who was working out a fine on the streets, concluded he had done enough work and struck for better wages, and has not been seen since.

A Texas Wonder.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kinds of kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetis, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in childern. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months treatment, and we will cure any case above mentioned. E. W. HALL, Sole Mfgr., P. O. Box 218, Waco,
Sold by the Graham Drug Co.

READ THIS.

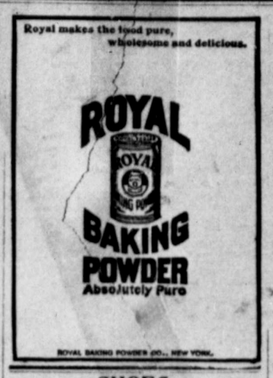
Weatherford, April 8, 1896.—We the undersigned have used Hall's great discovery for kidney and bladder trouble and cheerfully recommend it.
E. M. Woodward, N. B. Johnson, W. C. McFall, H. S. White, J. C. McConnell.

Happiness is What we are After.

But we can't have it when we are sick. Truly, the great pleasure of life is to have health, and Parker's Ginger Tonic has surprised many by bringing back the health they supposed was forever lost. Those who are weak and suffering grew worse by delay; therefore, use Parker's Ginger Tonic now—it reaches the vital parts, and when you take it you feel that every organ of the system is being spurred to rest and vital action. Pains disappear, the nerves are soothed, cheerfulness returns, Sleep and Digestion improve, and these good things come to stay—so say those who use it.

Stop the Fretting.

...dread, anxiety, whiten the ... Stop fretting and use Berk... and save both life and col...



SHOES.

You can't afford to buy your Shoes before getting our prices. It means money for you.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.,
Graham and Eliasville.

A letter from our friend Joe McCarson at Quanah, says: The quarentine has been raised and cattle are being shipped in pretty lively. The Quanah gin has turnout 1550 bales of cotton to date.

Want Your Wheat.

I will pay Weatherford prices for Wheat. L. B. KIDWELL,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

R. L. Henegar is recovering and enlarging his blacksmith shop. He says he must have more room to accommodate his rapidly increasing trade.

OVERCOATS.

Men's, Boys' and Children's. The prices are low.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.,
Graham and Eliasville.

Cotton has about touched the bottom. It is selling here at 4.50 to 4.65.

CLOTHING.

The largest line of Men's and Boys' Clothing in the town. You will save money by looking at our line before buying.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.

O. W. King, at the post office building, will take your subscription for any newspaper or magazine in the United States at the lowest possible rates. Call on him.

Farmer Locals.

The finest Candies at Wilson Bros.

Get your fine Toilet Articles at Wilson Bros.

Go to Wilson Bros. for Jewelry.

Pocket Cutlery cheap at Wilson Bros.

Candies, Gums, Cigars &c. at Wilson Bros.

B. W. Drum of Farmer, was in Graham yesterday. He says the Farmer gin has turned out about 600 bales of cotton and thinks they will gin 200 more.

Yesterday was Thanksgiving and all the business houses were closed. Services were held at the Presbyterian church.

The farmers of this country are not so easily gulled as some merchants imagine they are. Whenever you see a merchant boycotting the oldest newspaper that has always been the representative of the country people's interest you may well doubt their business sincerity. Dodgers are no go with the intelligent people of this country. They look to their home newspaper for notices of new goods and bargain prices. If you wanted to take a trip to Galveston you would ride in a passenger coach provided you were able to secure the means of transportation, but if you meant to beat your way through you would ride in a box car or on a section hand car or "count" the cross ties. The newspaper is the recognized advertising medium the world over.—Vernon Call.

Farmers of Texas should put in every acre of wheat possible this fall. In the northren States, owing to the prolonged drouth, the area planted in winter wheat is practically nothing. A heavy wheat shortage and high prices may be reasonably looked for.

Withers' Magnetic Liniment.

The greatest Liniment ever invented for internal and external use. Contains no opiates. Pleasant to take and to apply. Will not blister when applied with a flannel cloth. Thousands are now using this great family liniment, all praising it. Don't suffer, but get a bottle of this wonderful liniment. It has proven to be a quick relief and sure cure for Dysentery, Bloody Flux, Colic, Cramping, Stomach Troubles, Heartburn, Kidney Trouble, Toothache, Earache, Asthma, Brochitis, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains and Bruises, Pneumonia, Pleurisy and Liver Pains, Heat Itch, Tender Feet and Rheumatism of all kinds. A sure and harmless cure for Female Diseases, Leuchorrhoea or Whites, Inflammation of the Vagina, Ulceration of the Womb, Fibroid Tumors, Falling of ...

From Farmer.

A good rain is needed very much. Stock water is getting very scarce around town, and wheat sowing is no go.

Rev. J. F. Killman of Markley passed through Farmer the latter part of the week enroute to Olney to fill an appointment.

Robt. Hunt, the editor of the Headlight, went to Wichita on business last week.

P. P. Cady of Huntsville, was here Friday and reported Bert Adams very sick. Bert was working for Mr. Cady.

Mrs. J. D. Wilson visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Walker of Archer county, last week.

Sheriff Williams was in Farmer collecting taxes Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Johnson of Olney, was here a few moments last Friday. What was your hurry Doctor?

Misses Willie and Ida Cook, and Mrs. Will Andrews, were here shopping Friday.

A Literary Society was organized at the school house Friday night. Prof. Fairly was elected president, George Benson secretary and Sidney Hayter sergeant at arms. The society was named the "Farmer High School Literary Club."

Sam Cowan, a prominent stock man of Archer county, was on our streets Saturday.

Messrs. Duren and Garvey of Archer City passed through our berg last week on their way home with a fine span of mules which they had bought from W. R. Drum.

Misses Lou Mabry and Mildred Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Shumaker, all of Graham, visited relatives here Sunday.

Chas. Graham and wife, of Archer were visiting at J. M. Keen's Sunday.

We have a bran new coon in our town now.

Some of our merchants are making internal improvements on their stores preparatory for the big rush during the holidays.

The teachers and officers of the two Sunday Schools met Sunday evening and appointed the following committees for the Xmas tree. Messrs. Edlie Pritchett and Willie Benson, Misses Sallie Lamons, Jennie Drum, Hester Hunt and Mrs. Minnie Hawkins to dress the tree. A. E. Oatman and G. C. Shearer to receive the presents. Ethel McCall, Maggie Drum, Nellie Casey, John Casey, Milligan Lamons, and Chas. Benson to deliver the presents. Nora Oatman, Mollie Benson, Jesse McCall and Etta Keen were appointed as a collecting committee. While the tree will be managed and controlled by the two Sunday Schools, still everybody are cordially invited to put presents on the tree.

E. A. Hawkins and R. L. Williamson have gone to Fisher county. Mr. Hawkins will make his future home in Fisher county.

Graves Farmer has recently moved into the Hayter house on the west side of town.

A tooth dentist could get some work to do here.

There being no preaching in Farmer Sunday everything was quiet. The young people had a good singing at Squire Wann's Sunday night.

Mrs. Etta Hawkins is on the sick list this week.

H. E. Clayton and C. H. Webb, of the Huntsville community, were here on business Monday.

Luther Wann has gone to California to visit his uncle.

Miss Eliza Wann started to Cleveland Tennessee Monday.

R. G. Graham, the telephone man, came up Tuesday. We expect he will go to Archer City in the interest of the telephone.

Ben Bouldin, of Olney, passed through Farmer again Sunday. He said he thought his wife would be able to be moved to Olney the last of this week.

Walter Gibson and Joe Peters have gone to Parker county to visit relatives this week.

Our public school is getting along splendid. The weather is chilly, but everything is well arranged for the comfort of the children. Now is the best time for study.

The singing class will meet at the Baptist Church tonight to select songs for Christmas.

The annual conference of the Methodist church which convened at Weatherford last week made the following appointments for this district:

C. W. Daniel, presiding elder; Vernon station, Jerome Duncan; Quanah, W. B. Andrews; Childress station, Benjamin Hardy; Chillicothe circuit, C. N. Cooper; Mangum missfon, M. W. Rogers; Eldorado mission J. W. Kizziah; Altus mission, A. P. Lipscomb; Herrold mission, B. R. Wagner; Crowell mission R. A. Walker; Seymour station, W. A. Robinson; Seymour mission to be supplied; Benjamin mission, Jas. L. White; Graham circuit, G. W. White; Farmer circuit, W. B. Ford; Throckmorton circuit, L. G. Rogers; Haskel circuit, M. L. Moody.

What it Means.

When we advertise that we will guarantee Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, or Dr. King's New Life Pills, it means that we are authorized by the proprietors to sell these remedies on a positive guarantee, that if purchaser is not satisfied with results, we will refund the purchase price. These medicines have been sold on this guarantee for many years and there could be no more conclusive evidence of their great merit. Ask about them and give them a trial. Sold at D. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store.

Wild Goose Oil possesses the most wonderful healing properties for Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Sores of any Medicine on the market. For sale by C. G. King, Graham.

We are receiving this week the largest stock of Groceries ever brought to Graham. Fresh northern apples, large bananas, all kinds of dried fruits, and will sell them at prices that will astonish the purchaser.
BIGHAM & CRAIN.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. R. Akin & Co.

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of Coughs and Colds and for Consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed to cure and not disappoint. It is the equal for Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Cold in the head and for Consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and above all a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottles at Akin's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00.

Why Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is the cheapest. It is the only cough remedy giving 50 doses for 50 cents. Money is refunded if not benefited or satisfied. Try it. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle. Sold by D. R. Akin & Co.

Easy to Take Easy to Operate

Are features peculiar to Hood's Pills. Small in size, tasteless, efficient, thorough. As one man said: "You never know you have taken a pill till it is all over." 25c. C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

Rheumatism Cured and the Crutches Thrown Away.

I have been afflicted with Inflammatory Rheumatism for two years so that I had to go on crutches, and my feet were broken out in sores. I took three bottles of S. J. S. (St. Joseph's Sarsaparilla) and am now enjoying good health, and feel grateful to you for sending such a great preparation to our country. Taylorsville, Miss. J. D. MOSELY.

This greatest and best of all Blood Purifiers is for sale by the Graham Drug Co. and D. R. Akin.

To Cure a Felon.

Here is something worth trying should you ever have the occasion: There is no use in walking the floor with a felon, says one who has had some experience in that direction. Wrap a cloth around the felon, leaving the end open. Pour gunpowder in the end and shake it down until the felon is covered, then keep it wet with camphor. In two hours the pain will be relieved and a perfect cure will follow.

Diseases of the Blood and Nerves.

No one need suffer with neuralgia. This disease is quickly and permanently cured by Browns' Iron Bitters. Every disease of the blood, nerves and stomach, chronic or otherwise, succumbs to Browns' Iron Bitters. Known and used for nearly a quarter of a century, it stands to-day foremost among our most valued remedies. For sale by All Dealers.

It is getting so now that a man can hardly bore a fence post hole around Corsicana without striking oil.

How to Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidney trouble. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfils every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swam-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE GRAHAM LEADER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

1896. NOVEMBER. 1897.

Thanking you for the liberal patronage given me the past year, and after studying your wants in my line for the twelve months, I beg to announce that I am better prepared to serve you than I was in November, 1896. If Experience, coupled with Dispatch and every job showing the Workmanship count for anything, I feel assured of a liberal patronage the coming year. Yours to please,

HENEGAR,
The Blacksmith.

COMMERCIAL MEN WILL FIND THIS A CONVENIENT HOTEL. SAMPLE ROOM IN HOUSE.

SERVICE AND ACCOMMODATIONS FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT. RATES REASONABLE.

BELMONT HOTEL,
WILL OPEN OCTOBER 25, 1897.

New Owners, New Management, Newly Finished and Furnished THROUGHOUT.

East Side Public Square, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

Your Patronage most respectfully solicited.

MRS. M. E. SLOAN, Manager.

AND NOW FOR

Steady Price Cutting!

If low prices have any charms for you read this:

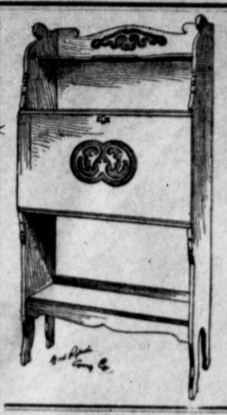
Good yard wide Bleached Domestic,	4 cents.
Round Thread Cotton Checks,	3 "
Both Dress Plaid and Apron Check Gingham,	4 "
Clark's O. N. T. Thread, (not Chadwick)	8 for 25 "
Twilled all wool red Flannel, best in town for price,	15 "
Children's Ribbed Black Hose, good quality,	5 "

See our new STOCK OF CLOTHING. We have some bargains in this line. We will sell you a boy's suit from 75 cts. up. In men's hats we have anything from a 50 cent hat to a good Stetson.

Get our prices [illegible]. We have from the cheapest to the best, and will [illegible] money on this line.

Yours for Bargains,

[illegible] & Timmons,
[illegible] Bargain House



ONLY $4.95

For this Secretary and Book Case combined; holds a large Library of Books; desk has drawer, Pigeon Holes and Lock; a beauty.

All other goods in proportion, at the

Furniture, Crockery and Undertaking House of W. S. McJimsey.
Graham, Texas.

To Texas City or Bust!
Back in Graham and Busted!

J. C. SHORT

Would respectfully say to his old friends and customers, as well as to all new ones, that he is to be found on the South side of the Square, at the old stand, with a full line of

Hardware, Cutlery, Tinware,

and everything from a paper of Tacks to Steam Engine. A full line of

Guns and Ammunition.

And what you want leave your order and you shall have it if it takes the hides off

Repairing Guns and Sewing Machines,

as well as many other tedious and difficult jobs done, and all work warranted to be done as well as any other one-eyed man can do it. Call and see me whether you want to trade or not.

J. C. Short.

PRICE BROS.

Manufacturers of and Dealers in

SADDLES AND HARNESS.

We Carry a Full and Complete Stock.

FINE HAND WORK A SPECALTY

All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Prices.

PORTER, EDDLEMAN & FINCH,

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Whips, &c.

Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to Order.

Buggy Top Repairing Promptly Attended to.

E. B. Norman, President. W. D. Craig, Cashier.
R. F. Arnold First Vice Pesident. J. M. Norman, Ass't. Cashier
J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.
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The Beckham National Bank.

Capital, $100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

D. M. HOWARD,

Of Mineral Wels, Texas, Carries the Largest and Best Assorted Stock of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Millinery, Etc.

In This Section of the Country.

I will sell you goods as cheap as any house in Northwest Texas. Will buy Cotton and Wheat. Give me a call, I will treat you right.

D. M. HOWARD.

Mineral Wells Lumber Company,

Successors to the Carey-Lombard Lumber Co.,

Carry a Full Line of

Lumber, Shingles, MOULDING,

Sash, Doors, Etc.

Liberal Discount on Large Bills. W. L. KEARNS, Mang.
At the Old Stand, Mineral Wells, Texas

WILSON BROS.,

Dealers in

Pure Drugs, Chemicals, Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils Toilet Articles and School SUPPLIES.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND STATIONERY A SPECIALTY.

Farmer, Texas.

We carry a complete line of everything usually found in a First Class Drug Store. Our prices are the lowest. Goods located at Richmond, Ind. Guaranteed.

EDUCATIONAL.

M. H. King's Business College

Dentist

West Side ... way ... is a

Hill's Business College

W. N. U. ... NO. 44—1897

When ... Business Men's Ready Paper.

The Graham Leader.

J. W. GRAVES, Publisher.

GRAHAM, - - - - - - TEXAS.

Some men manage to make both ends meet by leaving the middle empty.

When you hear a man say that every man has his price that man is anxious to sell out.

Thirty towns in Utah are without weekly newspapers. These places range in population from 1,000 to 3,000, and several of them are county seats. Utah would seem a splendid field for enterprising journalists with a little capital.

Lawyer Wright, of Rome, Ga., declares that "of all the cowards God ever made the greatest coward unhung is the man who joins a mob." Let the south, which boasts largely of its courage, take that view of lynching and that kind of lawlessness will some day end. And is it not the right view? Think of hundreds or thousands against one man, thirsting for his blood, too often without regard to his guilt or innocence.

About the time that the camp meeting at Old Orchard claimed to be engaged in the work of casting out devils there was a wild outburst of negro religious frenzy in Mountville, South Carolina, over the alleged capture of the original and only complete devil. It was proposed to bury his suppositious majesty, and it was thought that immediately thereafter the judgment would arrive. But we can't see that there is any improvement in any situation, any more than there has been during the long period which has been largely given up to the annihilation of the diabolical wretch. And does not the sultan still live?

The bicycle corps of the 25th United States Infantry recently rode from Fort Missoula, Montana, to St. Louis, Missouri, a distance of 1,900 miles. The commander of the corps has reported to the war department that the trip required thirty-four days of actual travel, at an average rate of 6.3 miles per hour. A large part of the trip was made under trying conditions, over mountains, and on sandy or muddy roads, with an occasional fording of streams; the men living meanwhile on the regulation field and travel ration. The health of the command was excellent, and none of the soldiers were disabled; the commander thinks that the practicability of the bicycle as a means of military transportation is demonstrated.

Two years ago a man was lynched in Alabama for an offense against a woman. The job was done in a rather dramatic manner and the populace seemed well satisfied when all was over. The leaders of the job were applauded on all sides, and it was thought that an end had been put to deeds of the kind in that vicinity. Now comes the news from the same point to the effect that the man who led the lynching party of two years ago has been arrested for a similar offense to the one for which he showed so much indignation, all of which goes to show that men who lead mobs never do so from proper motives. The leader of a mob is always a coward, generally a sneak and nine times out of ten a moral degenerate. Let the world brand the would-be heroes of this sort of justice with the brand of infamy and there will be fewer lynchings.

[illegible] me figures obtained by the United [illegible] Marine Hospital bureau, compar[illegible] 1896 with 1890, show favorably for [illegible]is and Chicago. In 1890 the death [illegible] of Illinois was 24.01 for every 1,000 of population. In 1896 this death rate was reduced to 14.61 per 1,000 population, showing a reduction of 42 per cent in the death rate of the state. In Chicago the death rate in 1890 was 21.19 per 1,000 population, and in 1896 it was only 14.36 per 1,000 population, showing that Chicago, the second city in the Union in population, made substantially the same reduction in her death rate that was made by the state of Illinois as a whole. The healthiest city in Illinois last year was Sterling—death-rate 4.02 per 1,000; Bloomington was low—9.68; Galesburg little better 9.58; Quincy, 13.02. Comparing Chicago last year—14.36—with other large cities it appears it is healthier than any of its competitors in population. The death-rate of San Francisco was 16.76; Washington, 20.96; Atlanta, Ga., 16.91; Boston, 22.53; St. Louis, 17.36; Brooklyn, 20.52; New York, 20.86; Cincinnati, 16.90; Cleveland, 16.72; Philadelphia, 20.17; and Milwaukee, 15. St. Paul had a death rate of 9.25 and Indianapolis 12.50, while Detroit was 14.28, almost the same as Chicago. It is a good sign that the death-rate is diminishing. The state of Indiana reduced her death rate from 18.86 in 1890 to 10.70 in 1896. Iowa reduced her death rate from [illegible] in 1890 to [illegible] in 1896; Minnesota from 20.93 to 16.65; Ohio from 17.04 to 13.12; Wisconsin from 16 to 13.14.

At Milledgeville, Ky., in the possession of "Uncle Mart" Russell, they have found the old flintrock rifle that originally belonged to Daniel Boone. The barrel measures 4 feet 1 inch, and the entire gun 6 feet 2 inches. It was with this gun that Boone helped to kill the 2,300 deer whose skins were cached in the mountains of Kentucky, while the pioneers went back to Virginia for ammunition and supplies. When they returned a few months later they found that the Indians had been there before them and stolen and destroyed the entire lot.

One of the buildings of which Oswego, N. Y., is proud is the drug store in which Thomas C. Platt started his career. He started in politics as a political glee club singer, and the back room of his drug store soon became the county headquarters of his party.

In Morristown, N. J., the other Sunday a minister preached an illustrative sermon with five quart bottles of whisky in the pulpit. One probably would [illegible] sufficient; still it must be [illegible] that we've been having [illegible] effect of Swamp-Root, fall. It [illegible] is the highest for [illegible] of the most distressing cases. It [illegible] medicine you should have the best [illegible] druggists, price fifty cents and one d[illegible] You may have sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE GRAHAM LEADER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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Respt., DRS. LEGRAND.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"THE THREE TAVERNS" LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text; Acts, Chapter XXVIII., Verse 15, as Follows: "They Came to Meet Us as Far as Appii Forum and the Three Taverns.

SEVENTEEN miles south of Rome, Italy, there was a village of unfortunate name. A tavern is a place of entertainment. In our time part of the entertainment is a provision of intoxicants. One such place you would think would have been enough for that Italian village. No, there were three of them, with doors open for entertainment and obfuscation. The world has never lacked stimulating drinks. You remember the condition of Noah on one occasion, and of Abigail's husband, Nabal, and the story of Belshazzar's feast, and Benhadad, and the new wine in old bottles, and whole paragraphs on prohibition enactment thousands of years before Neal Dow was born; and no doubt there were whole shelves of inflammatory liquid in those hotels which gave the name to the village where Paul's friends came to meet him, namely, the Three Taverns. In vain I search ancient geography for some satisfying account of that village. Two roads came from the sea coast to that place; the one from Actium, and the other from Puteoli, the last road being the one which Paul traveled. There were, no doubt, in that village houses of merchandise and mechanics' shops, and professional offices, but nothing is known of them. All that we know of that village is that it had a profusion of inns—the Three Taverns. Paul did not choose any one of these taverns as the place to meet his friends. He certainly was very abstemious, but they made the selection. He had enlarged about keeping the body under, though once he prescribed for a young theological student a stimulating cordial for a stomachic disorder; but he told him to take only a small dose—"a little wine for thy stomach's sake."

One of the worst things about these Three Taverns was that they had especial temptation for those who had just come ashore. People who had just landed at Actium or Puteoli were soon tempted by these three hotels which were only a little way up from the beach. Those who are disordered of the sea (for it is a physical disorganizer), instead of waiting for the gradual return of physical equipose, are apt to take artificial means to brace up. Of the one million sailors now on the sea, how few of them coming ashore will escape the Three Taverns! After surviving hurricanes, cyclones, icebergs, collisions, many of them are wrecked in harbor. I warrant that if a calculation were made of the comparative number of sailors lost at sea, and lost ashore, those drowned by the crimson wave of dissipation would far outnumber those drowned by the salt water.

Alas! that the large majority of those who go down to the sea in ships should have twice to pass the Three Taverns, namely, before they go out, and after they come in. That fact was what aroused Father Taylor, the great sailor's preacher, at the Sailors' Bethel, Boston, and at a public meeting at Charlestown, he said, "All the machinery of the drunkard making, soul destroying business is in perfect running order, from the low grog holes on the docks kept open to ruin my poor sailor boys, to the great establishments in Still House square, and when we ask men what is to be done about it, they say, 'you can't help it,' and yet there is Bunker Hill and you say you can't stop it, and up there are Lexington and Concord." We might answer Father Taylor's remark by saying, "the trouble is not that we can't stop it, but that we won't stop it." We must have more generations slain before the world will fully wake up to the evil. That which tempted the travelers of old who came up from the seaports of Actium and Puteoli, is now the ruin of seafaring men as they come up from the coasts of all the continents, namely, the Three Taverns. In the autumn, about this time, in the year 1837, the steamship Home went out from New York for Charleston. There were about one hundred passengers, some of them widely known. Some of them had been summering at the northern watering places and they were on their way south, all expectant of hearty greeting by their friends on the wharves of Charleston. But a little more than two days out the ship struck the rocks. A life boat was launched, but sank with all its passengers. A mother was seen standing on the deck of the steamer with her child in her arms. A wave wrenched the child from the mother's arms and rolled it into the sea, and the mother leaped after it. The sailors rushed to the bar of the boat and drank themselves drunk. Ninety-five human beings went down never to rise, or to be floated upon the beach amid the fragments of the wreck. What was the cause of the disaster? A drunken sea captain. But not until the judgment day, when the sea shall give up its dead and the story of earthly disasters shall be fully told, will it be known how many yachts, steamers, brigatines, men-of-war and ocean greyhounds have been lost through captain and crew made incompetent by alcoholic dethronement. Admiral Farragut had proper appreciation of what the fiery stimulus was to a man in the navy. An officer of the warship said to him, "Admiral, won't you consent to give Jack a glass of grog in the morning? Not enough to make him drunk, but enough to make him fight cheerfully." The admiral answered, "I have been to sea considerably, and have seen a battle or two, but I never found that I needed rum to enable me to do my duty. I will order two cups of coffee to each man at two o'clock in the morning, and at eight o'clock I will pipe all hands to breakfast in Mobile Bay." The Three Taverns of my text were too near the Mediterranean shipping.

But notice the multiplicity. What could that Italian village, so small that history makes but one mention of it, want with more than one tavern? There were not enough travelers coming through that insignificant town to support more than one house of lodgment. That would have furnished enough pillows and enough breakfasts. No, the world's appetite is diseased, and the subsequent draughts must be taken to slack the thirst created by the preceding draughts. Strong drink kindles the fires of thirst faster than it quenches them out. There were three taverns. That which cursed that Italian village curses all Christendom today—more taverns. There are streets in one city cities where there are [illegible] We can [illegible] rns in every block; [illegible] or house is a tavern; short time. [illegible] cate is the best [illegible] numeral papers. It is similar [illegible] character and matter [illegible] Youth's Companion. [illegible] see sample copy at this [illegible]

merics. Even if it were a good, healthy business, supplying necessity, an article superbly nutritious, it is a business mightily overdone, and there are Three Taverns where there ought to be only one.

The fact is, there are in another sense Three Taverns now; the gorgeous Tavern for the affluent, the medium Tavern for the working classes, and the Tavern of the slums, and they stand in line, and many people beginning with the first come down through the second and come out at the third. At the first of the Three Taverns, the wines are of celebrated vintage, and the whiskies are said to be pure, and they are quaffed from cut glass, at marble side tables, under pictures approaching masterpieces. The patrons pull off their kind gloves, and hand their silk hats to the waiter, and push back their hair with a hand on one finger of which is a cameo. But those patrons are apt to stop visiting that place. It is not the money that a man pays for drinks, for what are a few hundred or a few thousand dollars to a man of large income—but their brain gets touched, and that unbalances their judgment, and they can see fortunes in enterprises surcharged with disaster. In longer or shorter time they change Taverns, and they come down to Tavern the second, where the pictures are not quite so scrupulous of suggestion, and the small table is rougher, and the castor standing on it is of German silver, and the air has been kept over from the night before, and that which they sip from the pewter mug has a larger percentage of benzine, ambergris, creosote, henbane, strychnine, prussic acid, coculus indicus, plaster of paris, copperas, and nightshade. The patron may be seen almost every day, and perhaps many times the same day at this Tavern the second, but he is preparing to graduate. Brain, liver, heart, nerves, are rapidly giving way. That Tavern the second has its dismal echo in his business destroyed and family scattered, and woes that choke one's vocabulary. Time passes on, and he enters Tavern the third; a red light outside; a hiccoughing and besotted group inside. He will be dragged out of doors about two o'clock in the morning and left on the sidewalk, because the bartender wants to shut up. The poor victim has taken the regular course in the college of degradation. He has his diploma written on his swollen, bruised and blotched physiognomy. He is a regular graduate of the Three Taverns. As the police take him in and put him in the ambulance, the wheels seem to rumble with two rolls of thunder, one of which says, "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it moveth itself aright in the cup, for at last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." The other thunder roll says, "All drunkards shall have their place in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. * * *

With these thoughts I cheer Christian reformers in their work, and what rejoicing on earth and heaven there will be over the consummation. Within a few days one of the greatest of the leaders in this cause went up to enthronement. The world never had but one Neal Dow, and may never have another. He has been an illumination to the century. The stand he took has directly and indirectly saved hundreds of thousands from drunkards' graves. Seeing the wharves of Portland, Maine, covered with casks of West Indian rum (nearly an acre of it at one time), and the city smoking with seven distilleries, he began the warfare against drunkenness more than half a century ago. The good he has done, the homes he has kept inviolate, the high moral sense with which he has infused ten generations, is a story that neither earth nor heaven can afford to let die. Derided, belittled, caricatured, maligned, for a quarter of a century as few men have been he has lived on until at his decease universal newspaperdom speaks his praise and the eulogiums of his career on this side of the sea have been caught up by the cathedral organ sounding his requiem on the other. His whole life having been for God and the world's betterment, when at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon of October second he left his home on earth surrounded by loving ministers, and entered the gates of his eternal residence, I think there was a most unusual welcome and salutation given him. Multitudes enter heaven only because of what Christ has done for them, the welcome not at all intensified because of anything they had done for him. But all heaven knew the story of that good man's life, and the beauty of his death-bed, where he said, "I long to be free." I think all the reformers of heaven came out to hail him in, the departed legislators who made laws to restrain intemperance, the consecreated platform orators who thrilled the generations that are gone, with "righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come"—Albert Barnes and John B. Gough were there to greet him, and golden-tongued patriarch Stephen H. Tyng was there, and John W. Hawkins, the founder of the much derided and gloriously useful "Washingtonian Movement" was there, and John Sterns and Commodore Foote, and Dr. Marsh and Governor Briggs and Eliphalet Nott, and my lovely friend Alfred Coliquitt, the Christian Senator, and hundreds of those who labored for the overthrow of the drunkenness that yet curses the earth, were there to meet him and escort him to his throne and shout at his coronation.

God let him live on for near a century, to show what good habits and cheerfulness and faith in the final triumph of all that is good, can do for a man in this world, and to add to the number of those who would be on the other side to attend his entrance. But he will come back again! "Yes," say some of you, with Martha, about Lazarus to Jesus, "I know he will rise at the Resurrection of the last day." Ah! I do not mean that. Ministering spirits are all the time coming and going between earth and heaven—the Bible teaches it—and do you suppose the old hero just ascended will not come down and help us in the battle that still goes on? He will. Into the hearts of discouraged reformers he will come to speak good cheer. When legislators are deciding how they can best stop the rum traffic of America by legal enactment, he will help them vote for the right and rise up undismayed from temporary defeat. In this battle will Neal Dow be until the last victory is gained and the smoke of the last distillery has curled on the air, and the last tear of despoiled homesteads shall be wiped away. O departed nonagenarian! After you have taken a good rest from your struggle of seventy active years, come down again into the fight, and bring with you a host of the old Christian warriors who once mingled in the fray.

In this battle the visible troops are not so mighty as the invisible. The gospel campaign began with the supernatural—the midnight chant that woke the shepherds, the hushed sea, the [illegible] given where the [illegible] Wh[illegible] and [illegible] without the optic ne[illegible] [illegible]ted from the [illegible] [illegible]w of st[illegible] its grip as Christ ascended; and as the gospel campaign began with the supernatural, it will close with the supernatural; and the winds and the waves and the lightnings and the earthquakes will come in on the right side and against the wrong side; and our ascended champions will return, whether the world sees them or does not see them. I do not think that those great souls departed are going to do nothing hereafter but sing psalms and play harps, and breathe frankincense, and walk seas of glass mingled with fire. The mission they fulfilled while in the body will be eclipsed by their post-mortem mission, with faculties quickened and velocities multiplied; and it may have been to that our dying reformer referred when he said, "I long to be free!" There may be bigger words than this to be redeemed, and more gigantic abominations to be overthrown than this world ever saw; and the discipline gotten here may only be preliminary drill for a campaign in some other world, and perhaps some other constellation. But the crowned heroes and heroines, because of their grander achievements in greater spheres, will not forget this old world where they prayed and suffered and triumphed. Church militant and Church triumphant but two divisions of the same army—right wing and left wing.

PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY.

Few of Them Seemed to Have Learned Anything Noble from Nature.

"For the stability and righteousness of our government we are accustomed to think we must pin our faith on the country people who live 'near to Nature's heart,'" writes Mrs. Lyman Abbott in the October Ladies' Home Journal, the first of a series of "Peaceful Valley" papers which picture life in an ideal rural community. "But how many of them," she says, "seem to have learned anything noble from her? Her beauty does not refine them, her honesty does not incite them to thoroughness, her free-handedness does not inspire them to generosity—they become narrow and sordid in the midst of grandeur and liberality. They imagine there can be nothing in life but work or play, toil or rest, and they feel a contempt for those who play and rest. They have never learned to mingle work and play, toil and rest in due proportion, and they cease to find any pleasure in life unless they abandon work altogether. Like the tired woman who wrote her own epitaph, they fancy heaven a place where they can 'do nothing forever and ever.' This view of life makes loafers in the village as it makes them in the cities. When a different spirit has found room to grow, a new order of living prevails. Life becomes something more than a slow grinding of the mill, more than a burden, to be endured only because a luxury as well as a necessity. Individuals combine, not for their own advantage, but to multiply benefactions, and as strength increases, by its right use, the attainment of one worthy and ambitious advantage is only the suggestion and achievement of another."

Coleridge as a Soldier.

After Coleridge left Cambridge he went to London, where, soon feeling himself forlorn and destitute, he enlisted as a soldier in the 15th Elliot's Light Dragoons. "On his arrival at the quarters of the regiment," says his friend and biographer, Mr. Gilman, "the general of the district inspected the recruits, and looking hard at Coleridge with a military air, inquired, 'What's your name, sir?' 'Comberbach!' (the name he had assumed). 'What do you come here for, sir?' as if doubting whether he had any business there. 'Sir,' said Coleridge, 'for what most other persons come—to be made a soldier.' 'Do you think,' said the general, 'you can run a Frenchman through the body?' 'I do not know,' replied Coleridge, 'as I never tried, but I'll let a Frenchman run me through the body before I'll run away.' 'That will do,' said the general, and Coleridge was turned to the ranks.

The poet made a poor dragoon, and never advanced beyond the awkward squad. He wrote letters, however, for all his comrades, and they attended to his horse and accoutrements. After four months' service (December, 1793, to April, 1794) the history and circumstances of Coleridge became known. He had written under his saddle, on the stable wall, a Latin sentence: 'Eheu! quam infortunii miserrimum est fulsse felicem!' which led to an inquiry on the part of the captain of the troop, who had more regard for the classics than Ensign Northerton in 'Tom Jones.' Coleridge was, accordingly, discharged and restored to his family and friends."

Eben's Philosophy.

"Nine times outer ten," said Uncle Eben, "a gemman advises young men ter choose some yuthuh business dan whut he got into. He takes it foh granted dat it took a heap mo' dan common smahtness ter succeed like he did."—Washington Star.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Many a lash in the dark doth conscience give the wicked.—Rev. T. Boston.

Greatness may be present in lives whose range is very small.—Phillips Brooks.

Adversity is the only balance to weigh friends; prosperity is no just scale.—Suso.

A very small lot of books will serve to nourish a man's mind if he handle them well.—Carlyle.

Love is ever thoughtful; Love is ever inspired. It enters into another's heart and divines his wishes.—Ian Maclaren.

The truest lengthening of life is to live while we live, wasting no time, but using every hour for the highest end.—Spurgeon.

In order to reach perfection it is absolutely necessary to have either very faithful friends or implacable enemies, since we must be made sensible of our failings, either by the admonition of the former, or by the invectives of the latter.—Diogenes.

A vile imagination, once indulged, gets the key of our minds, and can get in again very easily, whether we will or no, and can so return as to bring seven other spirits with it more wicked than itself; and what may follow no one knows.—Spurgeon.

National poetry is the very flowering of the soul, the greatest evidence of its health, the greatest excellence of its beauty. It magnifies and ennobles our hearts, our intellects, our country, and our countrymen; binds us to the land by [illegible] condensed and gem-like history—[illegible] by example and by aspirati[illegible] solaces us in travel, fires us [illegible] prompts our inven[illegible] beyond the power [illegible]mes, is the recor[illegible] minds [illegible] time.

FOR WOAMN'S RIGHTS.

LINCOLN IS A TOWN WHERE THEY RUN THINGS.

Control Council, and Like It—A Gallant Mayor Who Fought in the War Believes That There's Executive Ability in Woman.

(Special Letter.)

THE most picturesque town in New Jersey is Lincoln, in Middlesex county—picturesque not so much in its scenery as in the character of its inhabitants. Women are the masters. They vote at elections, and their ballots form the majority. Men play second fiddle, and the reason is because the mayor, Silas D. Drake, better known as "Si" Drake, is a ladies' man and believes they can run a town just as well as men. When the project for a town was started last spring the women were consulted about it. "Si" Drake, a veteran of the Civil war and a dynamo of energy, did all the hustling. He is a little man, with sandy beard and hair and blue eyes. Everybody in Middlesex knows or has heard of "Si." They know of his admiration for women, and that he has been anxious to give the woman's right question a test.

So on Memorial day last the women of Lincoln gathered in the middle of the site of the town that was to be and assisted in its dedication. "Si" Drake made a speech. He said the time had come when women should be given a trial in city government, and he hoped the men, like himself, would be willing to make the experiment. The Rev. J. B. Cleaver, a retired Baptist minister, who is known as the "silver-tongued orator of Middlesex and Union counties," delivered an oration, in which he formally dedicated the woods and fields for a mile around to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Thus was Lincoln launched upon the world with women enjoying equal political privileges with men. There was much enthusiasm, and of discussion there was no end. It was announced that the municipal election would be held on July 5, the day on which the Glorious Fourth was celebrated. A mayor was to be chosen and a common council, to consist of six persons. The women entered into the campaign with intense energy. "Si" was slated for mayor. The women and the men got together, and the slate for common council was agreed upon. Several conferences were held, sometimes by the men separately and sometimes by the women alone. Finally, it was agreed that the representatives in common council should consist of four men and two women. Election day came. Amid fireworks, "Si" Drake was elected mayor. Miss Emma Egel and Mrs. Olivia Hazard were chosen as the women members of the common council. The men elected to the council were the Rev. J. B. Cleaver and Messrs. Charles Close, Edgar Grauert and Ralph Bach. Miss Egel, upon the organization of the council, was chosen as president of the body. When the first meeting of the common council was held after the organization of that body, Messrs. Cleaver and Close were absent.

"Hum, why aren't they here?" asked the president, sternly.

"They must attend our sessions, or we will take action," spoke up Mrs. Hazard.

But the retired pastor and Mr. Close remained away from the next session also. So the political leaders of Lincoln—that is, Mayor "Si" Drake, Miss Egel and Mrs. Hazard—conferred and decided that they should declare the seats of Messrs. Cleaver and Close in the common council vacant, and that an election should be held on Sept. 4. But in their conference with the mayor the two women gained a decided victory. They prepared a slate which gave them another women in council, and thus the representation in the body was made equal. A canvass of the embryo town shows that the fair sex had a decided majority of the votes and will control all future elections unless more men move into the place. Miss Egel and Mrs. Hazard are playing diplomatically. They are not talking much about the majority of votes which they command. I went to Lincoln a couple days ago to learn something of the situation.

"Is Miss Egel president of the common council of the town of Lincoln, at home?" I inquired of a man who sat on the front porch.

"Yes, Miss Egel is at home," was the reply.

At that moment Miss Egel, who had heard the sound of a strange male voice in the town, stepped out on the porch and invited me to enter the parlor. Miss Egel is rather dashing and is 30 years old. She has not the look of a theorist but of a practical woman. She is strai[illegible]forward and "talks business" all [illegible] time.

"Yes, I'm i[illegible] politics," she replied to my question, [illegible] affairs are running smoothly."

"Will th[illegible] continue to run this place?" I [illegible] members of th[illegible]

"Well, [illegible]

MISS EGEL, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

"Oh, yes. This is an experiment, and we think we are doing pretty well."

Mayor "Si" Drake does not live within the limits of Lincoln. His home is on Bound Brook, but he intends to move within a few weeks into the embryonic town.

"It is just this way," said Mayor "Si" to me, smoking vigorously and seizing a lead pencil. "I determined to give the women a chance. So they have been elected to political offices in Lincoln, and the experiment is working well."

"Aren't you afraid that the experiment may end in the women unseating you at the election next July?" I inquired.

Mayor "Si" looked at me with some surprise and replied, "No; I don't have much fear. Haven't thought of that."

"Well, they're pretty shrewd, aren't they?"

"Shrewd? I should say they were. Why, Miss Egel and Mrs. Hazard are as keen as men any day. And you should see how they discuss the electric light, the sewer and franchise questions."

"Will this new order of things continue long?"

"That is the question. We are making an experiment. The whole country is watching us. Why, here's a letter from Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease congratulating the women of Lincoln. I tell you the woman's right question will be fought out in that town."

Paper Bottles.

A German paper maker has recently obtained letters patent on bottles made of paper, for use on board of ships particularly. It has been a cause of much damage to steamer lines that in bad weather a large number of bottles of wine and other liquors are broken in the storerooms, in spite of every precaution. The new bottles are made of a composition which, with the solution in which they are made water tight, is still the inventor's secret. After being impregnated with this fluid the paper bottles are slowly dried in gas stoves, and this process of drying must be watched carefully, for otherwise the bottles would remain porous and allow the fluids to leak out. These bottles can be handled roughly without the least apprehension; neither the pitching nor the rolling of a great steamer during rough weather nor the breaking down of a truck upon which they are loaded loosely would be apt to damage a single paper bottle.

BARON SEDGEMERE.

An English Creature of Title Worth at Least $2,000.

Among the bulldogs for which high prices have been during the last 12 months is the champion, Baron Sedgemere, owned in England, the sum being $2,000; but even this record offer has been refused by his owner, who is is justly proud of a dog which became entitled to use the proud prefix of champion before he was two years old. Baron Sedgemere is by Stockwell out of Champion Blackberry, and is one of that famous litter of bull-pups which besides himself contained Boaz, Baroness Sedgemere, and G. R. Sim's world-famed Barney Barnato. He is a rich golden fawn in color, with a magnificent head and wrinkles. He is a wonderfully healthy dog, never having had a day's illness. He is very powerful and affectionate. He is now nearly two years and a half old.

BARON SEDGEMERE.

A Golden Cannon.

A cannon made of solid gold, mounted upon a carriage of rosewood, and inlaid with costly gems, is the unique bauble of warfare that has come into the possession of the imperial army of Berlin. This singular gun was presented to the Berlin army by the managers of the Hamburg museum, in whose keeping it has been for two centuries. It is valued at $25,000.

Precocity in Hindoo Children.

A traveler who recently visited India states that he was astonished by the precocity of Hindoo children. Many of them are skillful workmen at an age when other children are learning the alphabet. One of the most expert carvers in wood he saw was a boy of 10, and many of the handsomest and most costly rugs are woven by children not yet in their teens.

Impossible.

Ida—Did he hug and [illegible] you after you accepted him? Ad[illegible] didn't dare [illegible] the time.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

The Only Pebble on the Beach Disappeared at an Awkward Moment—The Spoonin' Season at Squan Creek—Flotsam and Jetsam.

Sortin' the Mail.

'VE ben sortin' ther mail at Jonesville for goin' on fifteen year,
An' know about what's comin' 'fore they throns ther sack off here;
Hev seen ther same hand-writin' on ther letters, big an' small,
Till I kind uv feel familiar like an' friendly with 'em all.
Lord bless ye, yes, it seems jest like they's speakin' out ter me,
A-given up ther kindest words 'at's never ben writ fer me,
An' I chunck ther fire up brighter, till it crackles in ther grate,
When I hear ther mail train whistlin,' as ther clock is strikin' eight.

Then ther neighbors come a-hurryin' in, fer fear they may be late;
Most on 'em ain't spectin', but they like ter stan' and wait,
Jest ter see ther ones 'ats lucky get a letter one't a week,
Maybe watch 'em tear it open, an' ther bolder take a peek.
Widder Tomkins stan's a-looking, till they drop out one by one,
Like she has ter my bee' knowledge, fer ther past five years an' gone;
When she says at last so wistful: "'s ther anythin' frum Ned?"
Blessed if I kin get a word out, so I only shake my head.

Yer see her Ned was reckless like, an' run away ter sea,
He was jest ther likeliest lad in town, an' han'some as could be,
That's five years back, an' every night ther widder without fail
Comes er long ex patient-like, with every evenin' mail.
"The Lord 'ull send it some time," was what she often said,
But when she asks night after night, I only shake my head.
I somehow think like she does, that her letter's sure ter come,
But it's been so long time on ther way, my faith is dwindlin' some.

Polly Perkins "jest drops in" when all ther rest hev went,
Then blushes to herself an' me, pretendin' she was sent
Ter buy some rashers uv bacon, er a half a dozen eggs.
If she ketches a glimpse uv a letter, why then she fairly begs.
Her feller's in ther city, an's doin' first-rate, they say,
So we're a-spectin' purty soon ter hev him name ther day.
Jonesville's sort uv dull like, but yer hit it on their nail
When yer say it's mighty interestin' a-sortin' out ther mail.

Spoonin' Season at Squan Creek.

She—Why, George, how affectionate you are.

Instead of Butter.

A good many years ago, when orange marmalade was first introduced into England, some of the dealers advertised it as "an excellent substitute for butter," so says a British journal.

A Lancashire woman's wife, seeing such an advertisement in a shop window, concluded to give the novelty a trial. She bought a two-pound jar. The next morning she entered the shop in a state of high indignation.

"You old villun!" she exclaimed to the grocer. "What did you mean by selling me that stuff? I pretty nearly poisoned my old man with it."

"How were that?" asked the innocent shopkeeper.

"How were that! Didn't you say it were a substitute for butter?"

"Yes, I did."

"Well, it is a grand substitute! I used some of it to fry a bit of fish with, an' it made us all sick as we could be!"

Time to Hurry.

A new method of reckoning time is reported from Washington by way of the Star.

"There is such a thing as becoming too much devoted to the bicycle," said a young woman. "I was riding with a friend of mine who demonstrated that fact."

"Did she talk continually about the wheel?"

"No, she didn't talk about anything until I asked her if she knew what the hour was. She looked down at her cyclometer and said we'd better hurry home, as it was two miles and a quarter past dinner-time."

The Only Pebble on the Beach.

Near-sighted Lord Temnoddy, when he went in bathing, placed his clothing on the first convenient stone.

We'll leave you to imagine what Lord Tomnoddy said when he found there had been a moving.

A Market for Joaquin.

"Eggs sell for $17 a dozen on the Klondike."

"That should please Poet Joaquin Miller."

"Why so?"

"He may be able to dispose of a few fresh lays."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

Ought to Know.

Teacher—What makes you insist, Willie, that fourteen ounces make a pound?

Willie—I've heped pap [illegible] grocery for two years an' I guess [illegible] know.

Technical Methods.

[illegible] is meant by the phrase "[illegible] pressure?"

"I know, unless some [illegible] with their wives sit[illegible]"—Chicago Record.

SUICIDES SHUN IT.

Declining Popularity of Prussic Acid as an Agency of Self Destruction.

From New York Sun: Twenty years ago the most familiar method of suicide was poisoning by prussic acid. Last year there were 384 suicides in this city, 295 men and 89 women, and of this number, as far as the official records of the board of health go, not one used prussic acid. All the other poisons which are known to the science of medicine and can be easily procured were represented in the list—arsenic, muriatic acid, carbolic acid, cyanide of potassium, hydrate of chloral, bichloride of mercury, paris green, the favorite with female suicides; carbon monoxide, hydrocyanic acid, lime chloride, strychnine, morphine, nitric acid, opium, oxalic acid, and rough on rats, but no prussic acid by separate classification. The term prussic acid was first applied, chemists say, to the sesquicyanide of iron, the acid of Prussian blue. It was subsequently applied to the protocyanide of iron, to the cyanohydric of iron, to the hydroguret of benzyle, the essential oil of bitter almonds and of the laurel cherry, and to cyanogen, and it may be possible that persons suicidically inclined and who accepted "prussic acid" as a clear and sure cut to oblivion from all mundane cares and griefs became perplexed at the definition of some of the chemicals and turned their attention to other acids, the scientific status of which is more clearly defined. And to this reason, perhaps, may be ascribed the growing indifference to prussic acid which is shown by suicides generally at least in the city of New York, for in Europe, as far as recent official figures go, prussic acid retains its former popularity, so to speak, as a means of self-destruction by suicides. The figures of the New York board of health show that one of the suicides of 1896 adopted a method of destruction which would scarcely entitle his case to the isolation which the board of health gives it—one suicide by the use of alcohol. One peculiar circumstance about suicides observable in the last annual report which the board of health, as such, in the present city of New York will make, is the fact that though the number of male foreigners who committed suicide during the year is three times greater than the number of native born male suicides, there was very little difference between the native born and foreign born female suicides. Of eighty-nine in all, forty were natives of this country and forty-nine were foreign born. The number of male suicides is usually about three times greater than the number of female suicides, but between the years of 16 and 26 the number of male and female suicides is substantially the same; after that the number of male suicides is, of course, much greater. Between the ages of 45 and 65 last year, of 122 suicides, 105 were men.

THE FUTURE IN THE PRESENT.

To predict the future is not altogether an occult science. It sometimes requires no more than a careful look at the present, and a fair exercise of the reasoning faculties, to decide accurately what will take place in the future.

When King Gustavus Adolphus saw a Swedish boy fall out of a window, and heard him utter no cry of pain, though he was seriously hurt, he admiringly and thoughtfully remarked: "That boy will make a [illegible] for an emergency." The prophec[illegible] The boy became the fa[illegible] Baner.

Scarcely less clearly did t[illegible] John Davy, the composer of [illegible] song, "The Bay of Biscay," [illegible] childhood what was to be [illegible] him in the future. He lived [illegible] days when genius was not fostered, and his love of music found no ordinary means of gratifying itself. But a musical instrument the boy must have, and though he was but six years of age he constructed one. It was merely a collection of horseshoes. The boy obtained twenty or thirty horseshoes, and from these selected such as would form a complete scale, and having suspended them in an upper room, gratified himself by imitating upon them the chimes of the neighboring church.

By the use of this primitive musical instrument, and later on by other means, he obtained a knowledge of music which thirty years after enabled him to produce works that made him known to the world. It would have taken scarcely more than ordinary perceptions to tell what was to be expected in the future of a certain German boy who sat one day reading a "blood-and-thunder" novel. He was enjoying the excitement of the book. But in the midst of it he said to himself: "Now this will never do. I get too much excited over such books as these. I can't study so well after. So here goes!" With that he flung the book into the river. Men knew the lad later on as Fichte, the great German philosopher.

Accidents on Railway Crossings.

The number of accidents that occur annually on the various railway crossings is appalling, and it is, in this present age of civilization and invention a surprising thing that this condition of affairs should be allowed to continue. In this connection we are glad to see that a step has been taken by the English Great Northern Railway Company with a view of preventing the sacrifice of human life. As a preventive of accidents which daily occur on the railway crossings, the authorities of the Great Northern Railway Company have for some months past been testing a novel method of warning the public by means of a neatly contrived mechanism. When an approaching train is within a mile and a quarter of the crossing, the weight of the engine passing over a certain spot moves a mechanical device, thus causing a bell fixed at the crossing to ring continuously until the train has passed. The method has so far worked satisfactorily. In the interests of humanity we wish this all success.

Shaky.

Mrs. Beach—I'm going back to town to-day. Mrs. Shore—Why so early? Mrs. Beach—I received a letter from my husband yesterday, and, although I do not profess to be a delineator of hand-writing, I know he has been drinking hard lately.

PAINFUL AFFLICTION

A Son Writes a Letter Telling How His Father Was Troubled.

WINAMOE, IND.—"My father was troubled with boils and carbuncles. After suffering for some time, he heard of a similar case cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. He began taking this medicine and continued its use until he was cured. My m[illegible] taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for [illegible] helping her." GUY [illegible]

His Longest Day.

There was in those days a serious-mannered Irish member named Blake (not to be confounded with the ex-premier of Canada, sitting member for South Longford), who is remembered for a brief correspondence he read to the delighted House. It was introduced in a speech delivered in debate on the Irish Sunday closing bill. Mr. Blake had, he confidentially informed the House, an uncle who regularly took six tumblers of whisky toddy daily. This troubled him, and after much thought he resolved to write and remonstrate with his relative. The following was the letter: "My Dear Uncle—I write to say how pleased I should be if you could see your way to giving up your six glasses of whisky a day. I am sure you would find many advantages in doing so, the greatest of which would be that, as I am persuaded, it would be the means of prolonging your days." The uncle replied: "My Dear Nephew—I am much obliged to you for your dutiful letter. I was so much struck by what you said, and, in particular, by your kind wish to lengthen my days, that last Friday I gave up the whisky. I believe you are right, my boy, as to my days being lengthened, for, bedad! it was the longest day I ever remember."

And Now—?

Visitor—Well, I suppose you find comfort in the thought that you made your husband happy while he lived. Young Widow—Oh, yes. I'm sure George was in heaven up to the time of his death.

When society becomes dull, some widower usually acts gay to amuse the women.

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NAVEL ORANGES.

The Marketman's Explanation was Hardly a Satisfactory One.

They wanted to know about navel oranges in the store and the inquisitive man asked of the marketman the same question that the little boy asked his mamma, says the Lewiston Journal. In vain the little boy awaited the maternal response, but not so he of the inquisitive mind, for the marketman revolved the quid of thought in his brain; eyed chicken and turkey and juicy sides of beef; lifted an orange and fondled it and said: "I can tell you all about it. They come this way.

"Now, this is singular," said he. "A man came in here the other day and told me all about navel oranges. His brother is a California orange grower and he is just home from there. I asked him and got full information.

"It is this way," he continued. "You see they import the seedless navel orange trees from Australia. They don't do well in this country, so they cut down the California orange trees, when young, and engrafted slips of the Australian tree into them and they grow up big and strong and perfect into the juicy, applause-compelling, mouth-watering California navel.

"That's how the navel comes."

A silence fell and the inquisitive man said: "Once a nigger asked the deacon about how they made man in the creation and the deacon asked the dominie and the dominie said:

"Dey was a brack man and er brack woman on de earf long 'fore dey was ever any livin' movin' thing, an' de brack man he took de brack woman and put her in de sacred spring and leaned her up agin de fence ter dry an' de brack woman took er brack man an' dipped him in the sacred waters an' she leaned him——"

"'Hol' on,' said the nigger, 'dis yeah was 'fore de Lord knowed anything about it, er dey was any earf or anything?'

"'Yes.'

"'Well, I asts to know whar dey git dat fence?' And I want to know where they get the Australian seedless navel orange tree."

Another Theory.

The most curious thing about the insane rush to Alaska is that the proportion of fools in the rest of the world does not seem to be materially decreased.—New York Tribune.

Men do lots of child's tricks at forty that the women quit doing at twenty.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Russian Hops.

WE recall that, in 1882, when hops were very scarce, and when we were paying for them ten francs per kilo, and even more, our brewers searched in every direction for cheaper hops. Orders were then specially sent to Poland, from which country we received some hops of very ordinary quality, at prices not more than half those which were being charged for the inferior qualities produced in other countries. The situation is now entirely changed, as it is not uncommon, to-day, to find Polish hops quoted at very high rates. It is true that considerable plantations have existed in Russia for a long period, but their product has been little known, and has been in small demand because the drying and curing were far from what was desirable. During the past twelve years or so many improvements have been effected. The Russian government, seeing the profits which would accrue to the country by the adoption of a more rational and more careful system, has supported the efforts made by the planters, with the object of obtaining a product resembling the fine qualities of Germany and Austria. The first Warsaw hop company, whose collection of samples is shown in the brewery section of our International Exhibition, were among the earliest to take advantage of this encouragement given by the support of the government, and have rendered important service to the hop culture by engaging experts from abroad, and by introducing on a large scale the cultivation of plants obtained from Bohemia and Bavaria. After careful examination of the samples resulting from these replantings, we are able to state that they now correspond very nearly with the actual Bohemian or Bavarian growths. The total production of hops in the world in 1896 amounted to 1,650,000 quintals. Russia's contribution to this figure was 63,000 quintals and her export of hops in 1896 to the different European states reached 21,000 quintals, being an increase of 2,500 quintals upon the previous year. It can, therefore, be understood that Russian hops will probably attain an honorable and important position in the world's market.—Le Petit Journal du Brasseur, Brussels.

The Cherry Orchard.

Bulletin 35, of the Delaware experiment station treats of the cherry. In part it says:

Soil.—The cherry will thrive in a variety of soils, but it reaches its highest development in one naturally light, dry and loamy; in a soil retentive of moisture, but which never "sours." The sweet cherry will flourish on soils too dry for other fruits, but the sour varieties require more moisture to develop their best cherries. The orchardist must have recourse to underdraining if the soil is not naturally dry, but on light dry knolls, otherwise favorable to cherry culture, the moisture content and the moisture-holding capacity of the soil can be increased by the addition of vegetable matter, and by judicious surface cultivation. The writer has in mind a knoll in eastern New York, ideal for the sweet cherry, but which was too dry and thin for the growth of the trees. The mechanical condition of the soil has been changed by turning under crimson clover, and by frequent cultivation to a deep retentive loam, adapted to the highest development of the fruit in the dryest seasons.

Location.—It is probable that in northern Delaware the best results with the cherry will follow a location that retards the period of blooming, a slope to the west or northwest, as an exposure to the south would hasten the development of the buds in spring, and endanger the crop from the late white frosts. The selection of a depression or the base of a hill is likely to be followed by late frosts in these locations. In the central and southern part of the state, where the country is nearly level or gently undulating, a slight elevation is preferable since it insures good drainage of the land, and a circulation of air. It should be said, however, that the more hardy sour cherry will thrive on lower levels than the sweet varieties.

Distance of Trees.—In thirty years the vigorous varieties of sweet cherries may attain a height of from 40 to 50 feet, with arms spreading on either side from 15 to 20 feet. The varieties of sweet cherries should stand not less than 30 feet apart each way. Closer distances result in interlacing branches, difficult picking and spraying and a larger amount of decayed fruit. In western New York, the sour varieties are set at various distances, ranging from 12x12 to 18x18 feet. Later plantings place the trees 18x18 feet for the spreading Montmorency and Early Richmond, and 16x16 feet for the more bushy Morellos.

Propagating the Varieties.—Cherry trees are usually set two years after budding. The trees are budded in the nursery as yearlings, the sour cherries mainly on the Mahaleb, and less on the Mazzard, and the sweet varieties almost entirely on the Mazzard. If the grower contemplates the cherry business on a large scale, the writer believes it of great importance that he select buds from trees with uniformly heavy bearing tendencies, and send them to a nurseryman to be budded for the future orchard. Every fruit grower appreciates the fact that some trees of his orchard always bear, others occasionally bear, while still others never bear. It is universally known that the tendencies in a bud are transmitted to the plant resulting from its propagation. The present system of propagating fruits from bearing trees, non-bearing trees, and nursery rows must tend to deteriorate varieties, which can be maintained and improved only by selecting buds from trees whose fruit is superior to that of the entire orchard. The subject of the maintenance and improvement of varieties through bud selection will be treated in a subsequent bulletin.

Pruning.—The pruning of the cherry orchard should be done during the first two or three years of its existence, after which only the dead and interlacing branches will need to be removed. In general, the sweet cherry should be so formed as to give it a spreading habit. When the sweet cherry is allowed to grow without paying attention to its form, it assumes a spire-like shape, but if the head is started 2 to 2½ feet from the ground, and the three or four main arms are p[illegible] two or three years, [illegible] the spreading [illegible] spre[illegible]

tion of spraying, materially reduces the cost of gathering the fruit, and of greater importance, it shades the trunk and lessens the danger to it from sun scald and from the bursting of the bark.

The Sorghums in Kansas.

In 1893, when the first returns of the non-saccharine sorghums in Kansas were made to the State Board of Agriculture the area planted to milo maize was 14,004 acres, Kafir corn 46,911 acres, and Jerusalem corn 17,027 acres. In the four years since, according to a press bulletin issued by Secretary F. D. Coburn, milo maize has fallen 25.6 per cent in acreage, and Jerusalem corn 50 per cent, while the increase in Kafir corn has been 692 per cent, 324,838 acres. The counties in 1893 having 1,000 acres or more of Kafir corn were Neosho, leading with 2,832 acres; Clark, 2,480; Comanche, 2,405; Haskell, 2,005; Ness, 1,716; Greenwood, 1,627; Dickinson, 1,549; Stanton, 1,321; Gray, 1,263; Morris, 1,218; Meade, 1,210; Ford 1,171; Grant, 1,150; Lincoln, 1,099, and Ellis, 1,044, or fifteen counties all told. This year there are 71 counties with 1,000 acres and upwards, ranging from 1,128 acres in Graham to 22,256 in Greenwood. This year's area is 371,838 acres. The leading counties are Greenwood, with 22,256 acres; Barber, 21,548; Dickinson, 11,731; Butler, 11,714, and Reno, 11,124. So popular has this plant become that it is grown in every county, and, except in a very few, its acreage is of considerable importance. If the total increase in acreage during the past four years was equally apportioned there would be 3,093 acres increase for each county in the state. During the four years from 1894 to 1897 inclusive, the saccharine sorghum area increased 220,323 acres, or 166 per cent. The total this year is 352,528 acres. The county having the largest planting is Barber, with 13,183 acres, followed by Finney, 11,873; Ottawa, 9,930; Reno, 9,082; Russell, 8,883, and Dickinson, 8,269. Sorghum is grown in every county; the great bulk of the saccharine sorghum now raised in the state is for forage and grain; not at all for sugar-making, and only in a small way for syrup. While stock growers are pretty evenly divided as to which sorts are of greatest value for their purposes both the sweet and the non-sweet are rapidly gaining in popularity and becoming important factors in their business.—F. D. Coburn.

Hygienic Value of Fruits.

Dr. Dupouy, a French physician celebrated for his scientific investigations in dietary matters, in an article printed in a Paris journal, considers the hygienic value of the fruits, says California Fruit Grower. He divides fruit into five classes, each of which possesses a great hygienic value—the acid, the sweet, the astringent, the oily and the mealy. To the first, including cherries, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, peaches, apples, lemons and oranges, he accords great merit. Cherries, however, he prohibits entirely to those affected with neuralgia of the stomach. Strawberries and raspberries he recommends warmly to those of bilious, plethoric and gouty temperament, and denies them to those to whom diabetes is present or suspected. Of the sweet fruits he considers that plums are of a special hygienic value, and even a preventive in gout, and, particularly, rheumatism. To the grape he accords the very first place. He is an ardent advocate of what in Eugope is called the grape cure. In this cure grapes for several days form the exclusive aliment. The patient commences with the consumption of from one to two pounds daily, with a gradual increase to eight or ten pounds daily. After a few days of this diet a marked improvement in the general health is noticeable. The appetite improves, the digestion becomes easy and rapid, and increased capacity to withstand the fatigue of outdoor exercise is noticeable. The grape cure is particularly recommended to the anaemic, dyspeptic and consumptive, in diseases of the liver and in gout.

Sunshine and Plants.

Some interesting experiments on the effects of weather on plants are given in a little work by John Clayton, an English naturalist. Twelve bean plants were placed in the ground so that one-half of them would receive all the sunshine of the day, while the others remained continuously in the shade, and the crop of beans grown in the sunshine weighed three times that produced in the shade. The experiment was continued in succeeding years. All seeds were planted under the conditions of the preceding year, the differences between the two classes of plants progressively increasing until in the fourth year the plants of exclusively shade-grown ancestors flowered but failed to mature fruit. Measurements of the contraction of trees in winter were also made. The girths of sycamore trunks were from two to three-sixteenths of an inch, and of oaks from five to six-sixteenths of an inch, less in February at a temperature of 3 degrees Fahr. than in October, after growth had ceased, and the trunks expanded to their original size on March 2, at a temperature of 39 degrees. The frequent splitting of forest trees is due to this contraction by cold.

Syrup from Sugar Beets.

Report comes from Germany of the invention of a process of manufacturing syrup from sugar beets, which has not heretofore been done, on account of refractory elements in the juice. The new process was invented by a German manufacturer, who has obtained patents in Germany, France, Austria, Belgium, Holland and lately in the United States. This process, it is claimed, reduces the manufacturer's cost to less than 2 cents per pound of syrup (if the beets are bought at $5 per ton) and leaves only 10 per cent residue. The syrup thus made is the best in the markets, as to quality and taste, and contains, according to the official analysis of a German government chemist and expert, no injurious substances whatever.—Ex.

Notebook and Pencil.—A farmer should never be without notebook and pencil. He doesn't know what minute he may need it. We ought to use the pencil more anyway and do more figuring. Sometimes, when work piles up ahead of me, and I get worried over it, I write off a list for a month of what must be done, beginning with that which demands immediate attention, and then drop the worry and go to work and pick one job after another from the list. Sometimes it surprises me to find the list diminish so fast.—Stephen M. Cox.

Protect the Hog.—Let the hog have shade. Don't compel him to lie out in the hot sunshine. He won't do well if thus treated. If there are no shade trees make him a shed to lie under. They like to wallow. Mud is a killer, and the hog [illegible]

Hungry

The hair is like a plant. What makes the plant fade and wither? Usually lack of necessary nourishment. The reason why Ayer's Hair Vigor restores gray or faded hair to its normal color, stops hair from falling, and makes it grow, is because it supplies the nourishment the hair needs.

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(Special Letter.)

THE beauties of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence river are by no means unknown to the tourist; in fact, they are becoming more and more appreciated as one of the attractions of American scenery. Americans and Canadians make these islands summer residences, and the life they lead there is unique and different from any other summer enjoyment. The islands themselves are said to be nearly 2,000 in number, and for 50 miles down the noble river cover its surface with infinite variety. Many residences have been erected, from the comfortable family house to the wooden board shanty and canvas tent; and on one (Grindstone island), the American Canoe association has its headquarters, and some 200 canoeists in one camp under canvas, and in another beautiful locality on the same island their lady relatives have a separate canvas village. It is family life, however, which has the most interest. To begin with, there are no roads, and, consequently, no vehicles; even the ubiquitous bicycle is unknown.

Perched on some commanding rock, or nestling under the forest shade, picturesque residences peep out at many a turn, each with its little wharf, where lie generally the yacht, rowing gig, and the canoe. These are the only means of intercommunication with each other, and with the great world on shore. Sometimes the large excursion boats come noisily through the tortuous channels, whistling and causing the surf to roll up the rocks to the inconvenience of those afloat, but generally all is peace and quiet. The sun shines, the odor of the pine trees fills the air, the great river spreads out like an inland sea in places, and in others is apparently completely landlocked by islands of all shapes and sizes. To any one trying to find a friend's house without a pilot or previous knowledge of the place, it is all a perfect labyrinth of water passages.

Boating and sailing are everywhere visible, and every morning a little steamer, fitted up as a complete market, comes darting hither and thither, from house to house, bringing every description of supplies. That is certainly convenient, and an improvement on the custom of cities on the mainland. There is no postman, no telegraph boy, no trolley car, no railway whistle—all is peace and quiet, and entirely apart from the outside busy world. Through the narrow channels glide the boats carrying happy parties; friends meet, callers come round and land at the little wharves, picnic parties have a small paradise to select from, and then, in the broad open reaches, the white-sailed yachts have breeze enough to keep up many a friendly race. The water is clear as crystal, and bathing is almost perfection—either in rough or smooth water—there is choice of both. There is

DEVIL'S WASHBOWL.

splendid fishing, and sport of every kind also. The islands themselves are mostly granite and some sandstone. They are clad with pine, birch, oak, and many forest trees, so that they have the shade and solitude for refuge from the summer sun.

The clear northern sky and bright sunshine give color everywhere—and the sunsets are something to see and remember. Then, as the night draws on, a solemn silence settles on all. The breeze dies down and a glassy calm falls on the water. The islands assume strange shapes as they loom out in dark masses against the evening sky, with the pines standing as it were cut out in silhouette on the summit. Where the reflections begin the eye cannot detect till the lights begin to twinkle from the dwellings, and the scene becomes fairy land. Each wharf has its colored light throwing its trembling reflection, each window gleams, and in the stillness happy voices are heard far and near, or strains of distant music come softly to the ear. Then the camp fires begin to glow, and the moon rises slowly from behind some dark islands like a globe of yellow flame. But when its path of silver is gleaming in the water, out creep the boats and canoes again into the solemn hush of night, scarcely breaking the silence by the noiseless paddle or softly dipped oar; and from the gloom come other gliding skiffs from many a sheltered cove. Friends hail each other, and then side by side many light craft lie with their freight of happy occupants. And of course some one has brought a guitar or mandolin, and soon sweet voices are singing the dear old songs of many homes far away, and "the night is filled with music." And when the last "good night," "good night" die away into the surrounding stillness, the heart still lingers with regret at parting from what is more like peace, unbroken for thousands of years, than a pervading influence upon the island homes of men with busy lives elsewhere. Perhaps this is felt more strongly than at other times on Sunday evenings. For years it has been the custom to hold a "boat service" about sundown, in a little nook aptly called Lonely bay. Here from all quarters the boats repair, and glide up the still water to the head of the bay, whose carved channel shuts it in from the outer waters. Lying there, side by side, they gather together, and it is very impressive in such surroundings to hear all join in the old familiar hymns in a Temple truly not made with hands. In fact Half Moon bay, as it is often called, is the outlet of an ancient glacier which ages ago scooped it into its present shape—and it was a happy thought to adapt it as a place of worship, unique of its kind.

On the rocks above are some more interesting traces of glacier and [illegible] action and what the Indians call the "Devil's Wash Bowl," is a [illegible] specimen of these forces hollowing granite rock.

And so day by day the hap[illegible] autumn is at hand. Signs of change, too, appear in the heavens at night, as from the far frozen north the streamers of the aurora silently flash over the dark blue starry sky. Then it is time to break our stay on the islands, and to leave these homes with all their varied pleasures and happy memories, and go back to the old life and occupations.

TO DREDGE THE YUKON.

St. Louis Capitalists Will Send a Boat Up in the Spring.

A St. Louis company has been organized with the avowed purpose of taking up the bottom of the Yukon river. They expect to put it carefully back when they get through with it, but by that time it will be no more attractive than the bottom of the Mississippi, for the company will have all the gold there was in it. Already a mining engineer is at Chilkoot Pass, en route to the golden waters, and as soon as his report is received work will be commenced on a dredgeboat of special design which it is believed will get everything worth having out of the river in no time. The boat will draw about 20 inches of water, and will be about 110 feet long, large enough for the purpose of this expedition. It will be equipped with a sand pump, which will handle 200 tons per hour. Patent sluice boxes will be placed on each side of the boat, running its entire length, and so arranged that all gold will be saved, however fine. During the season, the dredge will operate 24 hours a day. In sand which runs but $56 a ton, which is a conservative estimate, it will be seen that the boat will have a capacity of $240,000 a day. The boat will be built of cedar and steel, braced every 10 feet with water-tight bulk-heads, separating the boat into air chambers, making it impossible to founder or become easily wrecked. The expedition will be provisioned for two years, and a gasoline launch will act as a tender, making regular trips to the mouth of the Yukon, thus keeping connection with the base of supplies, bringing in provisions and taking out the output. The

THE YUKON GOLD DREDGE.

party will include physician and surgeon, and complete medical stores; also, assayer, mining engineer, mechanical engineer, electrician, etc. Nobody can join the expedition without money, and each member must have life and accident insurance in favor of the company. The boat will be completed and delivered to the mouth of the Yukon, ready to move, as soon as the ice leaves the river.

Fighting Ants.

Among the more noted fighting ants are the Formica rufa, the common Horse ant, which attacks in serried masses, seldom sending out detachments, while single ants scarcely ever make individual attacks. They rarely pursue a flying foe, but give no quarter, killing as many enemies as possible, and never hesitating, with this object, to sacrifice themselves for the common good. Formica sanguinea, on the contrary, at least in their slave-making expeditions, attempt rather to terrify than to kill. When invading a nest, they do not attack the flying inhabitants unless these are attempting to carry off pupae, in which case the F.'s force them to abandon their pupae. Formica exsecta is a delicate, but very active species. They also advance in serried masses, but in close quarters they bite right and left, dancing about to avoid being bitten themselves. When fighting with larger species they spring on to their backs, and then seize them by the neck or by an antenna. They also have the instinct of acting together, three or four seizing an enemy at once, and then pulling different ways, so that she on her part cannot get at any one of her foes. One of them then jumps on her back and cuts, or rather saws, off her head. Polyergus rufescens, the celebrated slave-making or Amazon ant, has a mode of combat almost peculiar to herself. The jaws are very powerful and pointed. If attacked—if, for instance, another ant seizes her by a leg—she at once takes her enemy's head into her jaws, which generally makes her quit her hold. If she does not, the P. closes her mandibles, so that the points pierce the brain of her enemy, paralyzing the nervous system, the victim dying in convulsions. In this manner a comparatively small force will fearlessly attack much larger armies of other species, and suffer themselves scarcely any loss.

GIRLS IN NEW GUINEA.

They Are Cooped Up and It Is Difficult to Elope With Them.

Girls in New Guinea have little chance to elope. Every night they are put in a little house way up in the top of a tall tree. Then the ladder is re-

HOUSE FOR NEW GUINEA MAIDENS.

moved. Parents' slumber is not disturbed by thoughts of an elopement.

Where a Man Must Speak Up.

"I had occasion the other day, for the first time," said a sober-minded citizen, "to go up high in one of the modern tall buildings. I called on a man in the seventeenth story. It certainly was tremendous the way they hoisted us up that shaft, with a smooth start and easy stops and lightning between. But a most impressive thing about the [illegible] was this: A man who got on where [illegible] did, at the ground floor, and who [illegible] to get off at the tenth floor, [illegible]h,' as it seemed to me the [illegible] started up; but the ele[illegible] said, 'This is the twelfth; [illegible]ing down.' If there is a [illegible] man needs to [illegible] the mod[illegible]

The Dear Girls.

First Girl—"Did you meet Miss Cute?"

Second Girl—"Oh, yes. Do you like her?"

First Girl—"Yes. She's rather nice; but—do you?"

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After the old proprietors of the article now called "Black Draught" were by the United States Court enjoined from using the words constituting our trade name—does not equity require that they stand on their own trade name and merits (if any) of their article, and not seek to appropriate the trade for our article called for and known as Dr. Simmons Liver Medicine, by publishing the picture of another Dr. Simmons on their wrapper and falsely advertising that their article "Black Draught" was established in 1840, that being the year in which our article was established, while no one ever heard of "Black Draught" till after 1876. Why do they advertise that falsehood and associate their article with ours (having the picture of Dr. M. A. Simmons on it) by their publication of the picture of another Dr. Simmons, if not desire to unfairly appropriate our trade? Is not the motive apparent?

Pro. T. E. Riley

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Mayor McCullough, of Waco, vetoed the city curfew law.

Prohibition was defeated in Palo Pinto county Saturday.

Weyler is accused of having carried official maps and correspondence away from Havana.

It is possible that Mark Hanna will withdraw from the Ohio Senatorial race and that John Sherman will take his place.

T. B. Holt, treasurer of the board of Missions of the Methodist church, fell dead in the Methodist church at Weatherford Wednesday.

County Attorney Swayne fell from a street car in Fort Worth Monday was rendered unconscious for a while.

The official vote of Iowa gives the republicans 219,000 votes, the democrats 195,000 and the populists 5,120.

Senator Foraker has already begun his campaign against Mark Hanna being returned as senator.

There is nothing in the world that will make ladies' dress goods go up so quick as a mouse. The mouse beats the Dingley tariff bill.

Just out—The prettiest song of the season "Pretty White Lily," waltz song. Beautiful words, pretty music. Marked price 50c. Send 25c in stamps to the publishers, Morgan Music Co., Arkansas City, Kansas, and secure a copy. When ordering mention this paper.

Let every man hear this statement: If the lower link goes to hell and the upper does not, if the poor old drunkard goes to hell and the church man, who voted for the saloon that made him, do not go with him, then the drunkard can stand on the blackcrested waves of damnation and cry, 'Unjust, unjust, unjust,' until he will tear down the pillars of heaven.—Rev. George Stuart.

Three Months of Constipation Cured.

I have used and sold St. Joseph's Liver Regulator and find it superior to any other. I sold it to Dr. Isbell, Red Apple, Ala., who prescribed it to one of his patients who had not had a move on his bowels for three months excpt by injection. In three days after commencing the use of the Regulator his bowels became regular and are so to-day. Dr. Isbell says he would not be without it in his practice. A. CRUTCHFIELD.

Sand Mountain, Ala.

This famous Liver Medicine may be found at The Graham Drug Co. and Akin's Drug Stores.

The man who never lived in the country when a boy, made cider, milked cows, kissed the girls at the husking bees, stacked hay in the wind, swallowed quinine in scraped apple, drank castor oil in cold coffee, ate molasses and drank red sassafras tea for three months in the spring to purify the blood, has lived in vain.

A dispatch to the world from Havana, November 8th, says: "Starvation is killing the concentrados by tens of thousands; hunger is doing what Spain's soldiers cannot accomplish; women and children, the weak and the old, are dying like sheep." A letter in the Diariode is Marina, of Havana, from Domingo, says: "A multitude of sick fall dying in the streets here, and there they lie until they are collected and hauled away in ox-carts to the dumping grounds. The church cemeteries are full, so most of these dead bodies are thrown into the fields to be eaten by vultures and dogs. And the vultures are now full, and the dogs can eat no more." And all this horrible business almost in sight of our American shores!

Mr. Sayers has been sending out from Washington, free of postage, thousands of copies of a free silver speech delivered by him in the year 1893. Mr. Sayers should not have recourse to "ancient history," if he has anything more recent to offer the democracy of Texas.—Garland News.

He who attempts to deceive the public generally falls down on himself and is injured thereby—even the editor that attempts to deceive the public in regard to the circulation of his paper.

The friends of Henry George have determined to appeal to the public for funds to erect a monument to his memory.

A Terrible Duel at Waco.

The Brann-Baylor controversy culminated in a terrible battle at Waco last Friday evening. The following account of the fight is taken from The Dallas News:

Waco, Tex., Nov. 19.—When the sun was shining brightly and the streets were crowded, the long expected battle growing out of the Brann-Baylor trouble, took place this afternoon, and the result is that one is fatally wounded, one seriously wounded, another painfully and the fourth dead.

Col. G. B. Gerald was advancing from one corner diagonally across Austin avenue to the next corner, and J. W. Harris, the editor of the Waco Morning Times-Herald, was standing in front of the old corner drug store talking to Drs. H. L. Taylor and W. W. Wiles.

When Editor Harris saw Col. Gerald coming he remarked to the physicians that trouble was on hand and that they better get out of the way. Without further delay he drew his pistol and aimed past Dr. Taylor. With his arm touching Dr. Taylor's shoulder, he fired at Col. Gerald, who was rapidly moving in his direction.

When Gerald saw Harris he halted, unbuttoned his overcoat, thrust his hand into his bosom and drew his own revolver, after which he advanced on Harris rapidly, and when at close range fired a shot which penetrated Harris' windpipe, touched the spinal cord, paralyzed him from the neck to the toes and sent him to the floor helpless and hors de combat.

Meanwhile from the opposite corner in front of the Citizens' National bank, W. A. Harris, brother of J. W. Harris, was firing at Gerald and Gerald was now wounded in two places and bleeding. After disposing of Editor J. W. Harris, Gerald faced his second antagonist and marched straight across the street after him at a double-quick time.

Hunt Bellefant, a policeman, rushed between the two and did all he could to keep them apart at the point of a pistol, but they closed in spite of the policeman's effort and continued to shoot until W. A. Harris sank to the sidewalk a corpse.

Col. Gerald fell once during the fight, but arose to his feet quickly and when both of his antagonists were down on the ground he walked off with one arm shattered, swinging by his side and blood spurting from a wound in the hip. And after glancing about in every direction he found an officer and offered to surrender. He said:

"They laid for me, but I got them both; that is, I think I did."

Meanwhile an immense crowd had collected, so that the streets, which cross each other at that point were entirely blockaded, streets cars and vehicles all came to a halt and wildest excitement prevailed among the people.

Men came forward with stretchers and the dead and wounded were borne off. Col. Gerald had grown faint from loss of blood and was removed from the field and taken to his home.

J. W. Harris died from his wounds next morning and two brothers were buried in the same graves.

Col. Gerald's arm was aputated and is in a fair way to recover.

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Change of Life Passed With Safety.

I write to state my experience with G. F. P. (Gerstle's Female Panacea). The best physicians of our community examined me and said I would have to let nature take its course. I was persuaded by one of your traveling men to try six bottles of G. F. P. for change of life, and can cheerfully say that it has relieved me entirely, and I am now in perfect health, feeling better than in a number of years. This is, beyond doubt, the finest female preparation on earth, and I can highly recommend it to all suffering from the afflictions peculiar to women. I believe it to be a God send to the suffering class of humanity. I can safely say it will do all that is claimed for it and is the equal.

MRS. A. CHARLES,
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For sale by druggists. Large bottle, 6 doses, $1. Gerstle Chemical Co., Akin's drug store, agents.

Somebody's Mother.

"Where's the letter?" When's he coming?" "Did you get it?"

These were some of the remarks coming from a crowd of village boys who surrounded and began to jeer at an old woman, poorly clad, who came down the steps of the postoffice with a dazed, bewildered look on her face.

Regularly every day she went there for the letter that never came from her son. She had lived in the village only a year, and thoughtless people now began to call her half-witted, and to say her son had either left her for good, or she only had one in imagination.

The boys who had teased her from time to time before now determined to get all the "fun out of her" they could. They tugged at her shawl; they stooped before her and looked up in her face, repeating their inquiries.

Helplessly she looked about for some escape, but there was none till a tall, slender, awkward fellow came down the steps like a young cyclone, and with his long arms and legs sent the boys flying in every direction.

It was Jim Gordon, "the new boy from the backwoods," whose "innocent face and meek look" had made the others think he had no grit. He stood by the old woman, defying them all.

"I say," called one, derisively, "is she your mother? Are you the long lost son?"

"No," was the reply, with flashing eyes, "but she's somebody's mother, and any fellow who dares disturb her will have to answer to me till that somebody comes! Am I the only boy here that has a mother?"

The boys for very shame moved away, while the gallant young Gordon went with the old woman to her home.

Carefully he tended and guarded her till "somebody" came—a tall, well-dressed, fine-looking sea captain, who had been ill for months during which his letters had gone astray.

Every boy in the village was at the station to see if he really would come. Jim Gordon half supported the trembling old woman till she was caught up in the arms of her son, who cried, brokenly:

"Mother! mother! mother! It would have killed me if anything had happened to you before I found you!"

And those who saw the answering love-light in the old woman's face found their own tears coming and more than one boy turned away and thought more tenderly of his own mother.—Ex.

Somebody in Denton county has a pet snake with the picture of a woman's face on its head. The report says: "The features were well nigh perfect, the lips were well cut and marked and the eyes and nose were plainly well developed. Even the hair was perfectly shown and could be seen receding in waves back from the face's rather high forehead." Denton county has produced some of the greatest snake stories on record. Also some good sized snakes.

As His Mother Used to Do.

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Last week two saloon men at Lexington, Ky., got into a fight, resulting in one going into his grave and the other into the jail.

The latest accounts from Ohio is to the effect that Mark Hanna is having a hard road to travel in his senateward, and may yet make the landing, notwithstanding his "bail" and his promise to be.

C. Glover, of Ham's Prairie, Mo., through St. Louis Journal of Agriculture, has some seasonable words for farmers. "I have known many farmers," he says, "who have started with unencumbered homes, who, in trying to keep pace with some more fortunate or prosperous neighbor, mortgage their farms to procure the means to build fine residences; and fine houses are incomplete without fine furnishings within, and buggies, carriages, harness, clothing and entertainments, and all things else in proportion. And for all this false show and glitter a mortgage was placed on their homesteads. Now, I believe the farmer, like every other honest toiler, is worthy of all the extras and luxuries he can afford without going in debt. But I ask in all candor and seriousness, is it not better to forego these pleasures for a season than to go in debt and pay interest? It is far better to live in a mud cabin thatched with straw, if unencumbered, than to dwell in marble halls and fare sumptuously every day on borrowed capital. Now, the most prosperous and contented farmers are owners of small and unencumbered homes, where nothing is allowed to go to waste. Far too many farmers disregard the little things on the farm, and never act upon the principle that there is more money in milk and butter, eggs and poultry, fruits and vegetables, than there is in grain. And it is proverbially true, whenever any product of the farm is in demand and selling at a remunerative price, far too many neglect everything else and give their special attention to the production of that crop, and the inevitable result is the demand is exceeded, down goes the price, and they are compelled to procure from other sources, and at an advanced price, the crop which they neglected to raise at home. To a great extent, diversified farming will remedy these evils by producing at home all the essentials for a comfortable living. This mode of farming will decrease the expenses, increase the profits, and leave some money with the farmer. Every farmer should have some knowledge of bookkeeping, and keep an accurate account of all expenses incurred on the farm, including interest on the money invested in land, stock, implements, etc., also taxes on the same. Also an account of everything sold off the farm, and at the end of the year he can balance his accounts and see at a glance whether or not his labors have been profitable or otherwise. If unprofitable, he can change his methods so as to ensure success in the future.

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