

## Wilselma Theatre PROGRAM.

Monday, Dec. 27, "Hand Invisible," by Montague Love.

Tuesday, Dec. 28, "Father's Sister," by Frances McDonald.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, Daniels and Dandie, (comedy); "The Church With the Overshot Wheel."

Thursday, Dec. 30, "You Never Know You Act," by House Peters.

Friday, Dec. 31, "Ruth of the Rockies" serial, comedy, and Pathe News.

Saturday, Jan. 1, "Youthful Folly" by Olive Thomas.

Don't fail to see Christmas week's program. Plenty of good comedy and features all week.

Christmas day, "A Thousand to One," matinee and night. This feature has never been on a machine yet. We will run it first. Matinee at 3 p. m. Saturday. Everybody should see this one.

### SANTA CLAUS LETTERS.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old. I help mama wash and sometimes sweep the floor. I want a sleepy doll and bed; I won't ask for many things this year as times are hard. But please don't forget the candy and walnuts. Your little friend,  
JEWEL JACOBSON.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old. I am a nice little boy, and please remember me Christmas, and bring me a air gun, and toys you want me to have. Santa I have two little brothers; please bring them something. Don't forget the candies, fruits and nuts.  
Your little friend,  
VOLNEY BAILEY.

Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy of three. I don't want so awful much, just a little wagon and a ball, some candies and fruits, but will take anything you wish to bring. Don't forget the little children who have no Santa. Bye bye.  
W. L. JONES, JR.

### SERIOUS FIRE NARROWLY AVERTED SUNDAY NIGHT

On last Sunday night Night Policeman Brown discovered a blaze in the store of the Industrial Transportation Co. He telephoned T. J. Abel, who hurriedly went after one of the proprietors. When entrance was gained the building one end of a counter rapidly burning, but it was soon extinguished with slight damage to fixtures. From all indications a box of matches had been knocked off a cigar case by a mouse, which started the blaze.

Fire Insurance is a mighty good protection to your business or home. You never know when the fire demon will destroy everything you have. Let me protect you in a good company.—M. A. PEMBER, Insurance.

### "A THOUSAND TO ONE" WAS BEST SELLER NOVEL

"A Thousand to One," the Hobart Bosworth special, which will be at the Wilselma Theatre Christmas, matinee and night, was adapted by J. Parker Read, Jr., from the popular Max Brand novel, "Fate's Honeymoon."

Joseph Franklin Poland created the continuity for the picture which Rowland V. Lee directed under J. Parker Read, Jr.'s personal supervision.

"A Thousand to One" introduces Hobart Bosworth as an Associated Producers star, though this star's screen career is both long and brilliant.

Into "A Thousand to One" Max Brand has woven a heart-human story of the love of man and woman and the regeneration of the man to make himself worthy. It is said that this picture provides Hobart Bosworth with the most lovable characterization of his career.

On account of the Christmas trees to be held at the school building and at the Methodist church the management has decided to not put on a Christmas tree Friday night.

### GIRLS GIVEN DRINK WHILE HUNTING WORK THEY TELL THE POLICE

Worth, Dec. 22.—Two young arrested Friday night in a low-sin street office building and on the police blotter as "k" were released to the juvenile authorities Saturday morning following their recital of the events leading to their arrest the night before.

The girls, barely in their teens, who stated they were High school students, in this city, told the officers they went to the office to obtain work during the Christmas season and while there were persuaded to take a "drink or two" offered them by a couple of men. They remembered nothing from that time until Saturday morning when they awoke in the tiny cell in the women's holdover at the city jail.

Officers are investigating the case and it is expected that more arrests will be made.

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THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID OF THE POLICY OF THE ROBERTSON STORE WITH REGARD TO SEASONABLE BUYING AND THE QUOTING OF CORRECT PRICES—BUT IT IS ENOUGH TO SAY HERE THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR GREAT READJUSTMENT SALE SO FAR ASSURES THE BUYERS THAT THE REAL VALUES ARE TO BE FOUND HERE.

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IN SIMMONS' GROCERY

TELEPHONE 124

## FOSTER'S WEATHER BULLETIN.

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Washington, Dec. 22.—During first part of the week centering an January 4 a warm wave will come south from Alaska, will cover all the northern Rockies and the Pacific slope; it will move southeastward at about the usual speed, and during the next two days all the country west of the Mississippi River will warm up. About third day after its appearance in the extreme northwest it will turn its course to northeastward, leave the cotton states, pay a visit to New England, Quebec and the countries in that direction. Near the Atlantic coast the warm wave will change its course to nearly east, or toward Great Britain, and in a few days will warm up the British Isles. A query arises here. Official science says that heat from the sun causes our heat on earth. How and why does the sun go to Alaska too get our warm waves? Something wrong in that philosophy. Science has discovered and recorded very many valuable facts, but it is usually in error when it tries to account for the causes that operate these important facts. Official science is long on recored facts and short on theories.

A storm wave will follow, a day or two behind, and near the path of the warm wave mentioned above and a cool wave, not a cold wave, will follow the storms. The latter will gradually grow more fierce and east of meridian 90, will be severe storms. I am of the opinion passenger ships, one day out from Montreal and Boston, will strike dangerous storms which will continue severe to Great Britain and the continent. These storms will greatly increase the precipitation in most sections of North America; rain or snow will be above normal east of Rockies' crest. Too much precipitation in southern states and too cool for truck gardening. Moisture for January will be evaporated from the Atlantic Ocean from the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea to Iceland. Where that moisture, moving westward, meets the eastward bound storms where the lands slope downward toward the east or southeast, most precipitation is expected for January; the reverse is expected where the land slope is westward.

First half of January is expected to be much warmer than last half. Very cold during week centering on January 20. Very severe storms and excessive precipitation are expected during the week centering on January 27. Australia will get more than the usual amount of rain during January. That will be during some of their grain harvests and the rain may do damage. The West Indies will get too much rain in January, and the East Indies will get more than they need.

### SUCH SI LIFE.

"A girl standing under a piece of mistletoe at Christmastime may be kissed by any man who finds her there. If she be kissed seven times in one day, she will marry one of the lucky fellows within a year," says I, reading the above out of last year's almanac.

"I don't see how they figure it out that he'd be one of the lucky fellows; seems to me the other six would be the lucky guys," says Si.

"There is no better time to become engaged than on Christmas eve," says I, continuing with my reading.

"Of course there isn't," says Si; "but that isn't knocking the other evenings."

"A child born on Christmas Day," says I, "will be free from care."

"Yes, but how about the grown-up persons born on that day?" says Si.

How long do you suppose Santa Claus would be one of the leading citizens in this community if he paid puch attention to Ben Franklin's thrift advice?

"Carrying a human molar tooth," says I, "is often considered a remedy for toothache."

"Not, though, at times," says Si, "when it's carried on the jaw."

"Wearing the left sock inside out is a good antidote to a witch's power," says I.

"Mebbe so," says Si, "but wearing 'em both inside in proves he didn't try to grab an extra snooze after the 'larm binged at 6 a. m.'"

What with the very short skirt Santa Claus no longer considers it a rare treat to lamp a line-up of silken hosiery on Christmas eve.

Father may not relish the wear of Christmas ties mother hands him no more than she likes the hue of the stockings he buys for her.

A Rochester (N. Y.) woman tells this year's best Christmas story:

"For seven of the last fourteen years I have been sending the same box of handkerchiefs to a friend, who, the other seven yeears has sent them back to me, thus getting fourteen Christmas gifts out of them, and I'm expecting them back Christmas eve."

Here's another:

Andrew Jacobson, N. Clark Street, Chicago, sent early in December 1918, a Christmas present to his cousin, Wilfred Jacobson, North State St., a matter of two blocks. It was received the other day.

It's a wise kid who asks Santa Claus for toys his dad doesn't like to play with.

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## LISTEN!

We pause to wish our customers and friends an old-time Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. We wish you to have a merry Christmas because it is a time for good cheer and good feeling. And we wish you a happy new year because that means healthful industry and thrift—the surest road to the enjoyment of happiness. Let Peace on Earth Good Will to Men be in all our hearts this Christmas, and throughout the coming year.

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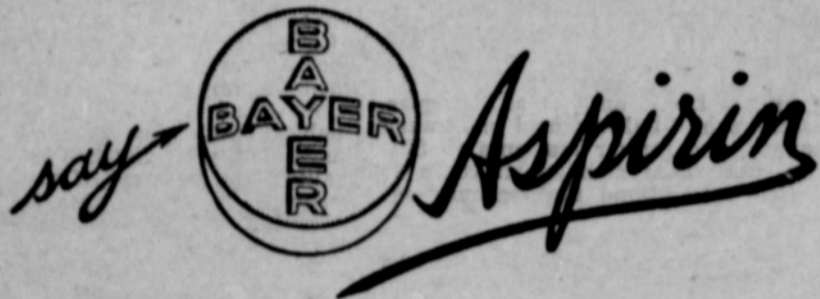






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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 26

#### JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE.

**LESSON TEXT**—Matt. 14:13-21.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—They need not depart; give ye them to eat.—Matt. 14:16.  
**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**—Matt. 15:32-38; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-13.  
**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Jesus Feeds Many Hungry People.  
**JUNIOR TOPIC**—Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand.  
**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—Hoping to Feed the Hungry.  
**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—The Ministry of Jesus to the Multitude.

Since we took the "Birth of Jesus" for our Christmas lesson last Sunday, let us now study the alternate lesson for last Sunday instead of the review.

I. Jesus Healing the Multitude (vv. 13, 14).

1. Jesus retired to the desert (v. 13). The news of the cruel death of John the Baptist brought grief to the Master's heart, and He withdrew to a place of quietness to commune with the Father. The very best thing for us to do in time of sorrow is to flee into the presence of God. Jesus accepted John's death as typical of what they would do to Him.

2. Followed by the people (v. 13). He could not be hid. Their interest in Him was so great that they followed him on foot. Where Jesus really is the multitude will gather.

3. Jesus healing the sick (v. 14). Although the rulers had broken with Him, He did not abandon His work but continued to preach and to work for the good of those who would hear. The multitudes broke in upon Him and disturbed His quiet hour with God, but the great heart of the King was moved with compassion as He beheld the suffering multitudes—sick, lame, blind and palsied. Though the people brought their desperate, hopeless cases to Him there was nothing too hard for Him. The sight of the multitude as sheep without a shepherd moved Him to pity.

II. Jesus Feeding the Hungry Multitude (vv. 15-21).

According to the connection in John 6:1-14 the real purpose of this miracle was to show himself as the Bread of Eternal Life sent down from heaven.

1. Jesus' conference with the disciples (vv. 15-18). (1) The disciples' request (v. 15). They asked that the multitude be sent away. They knew that they were in a desert place, therefore prudence would indicate that they would go to the village to buy victuals, (2) Jesus' command (v. 16). "Give ye them to eat." Such a command would have been utter foolishness had He not possessed the power to create the supply; but always with the command of Jesus goes the power to do. (3) The disciples' perplexity (v. 17). They said "We have but five loaves and two fishes." They were counting on their meager resources, leaving Christ out. To be face to face with the humanly impossible is a threefold benefit (a) To make us feel our dependence upon Christ; (b) to drive us to Him for His help in our need; (c) to lead us to give the glory to Him for results.

2. Jesus' method in feeding the multitude (vv. 18-21). (1) The Lord's part. He created the provisions. He is able to create that which will meet the needs of the hungry multitude. (2) The people's part. They were to sit and eat. They were not responsible for the creation of the supply nor its distribution, but they were responsible for obedience. (3) The disciples' part. This was to take that which the Master had blessed and distribute it. We are laborers together with God. God has made us partners in the salvation of the world.

III. Jesus Alone in the Mountains Praying (vv. 22, 23).

1. He induced the disciples to get into the ship (v. 22). The reason for this was that He desired to keep them from being mixed up with the crowd, for they desired to force him to be king.

2. Multitudes were dismissed (v. 23). This was to prevent the multitude from trying to force Him to be king. When they saw His wonderful ability to feed the hungry multitude they desired to have such a man made king.

3. Praying alone (v. 23). He doubtless was praying for the disciples. He knew what trials they would have to undergo. Having been induced by Him to enter the ship and being overtaken by the storm, they were doubtless tempted to think that a mistake had been made; but we should learn that the way which the Lord would have us go is not always without its storms.

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"You mean that it was a tin one?"—Buffalo Express.

## ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR!

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Newspaper in Great Northern Territory Promises Fortune to the Young and Adventurous.

The sage advice of Greeley was never more applicable than it is today in Alaska, observes the Alaska Capital. What the country needs is the optimism of youth, coupled with an adherence to the advice of Doctor Kilgor of Trinity college, North Carolina, when he said: "Young men, the sages will tell you to be prudent; prudence belongs to the darling of youth—the spirit of adventure that will develop individuality."

Reduce this philosophy to Alaskan terms, and we find that the territory just now needs youth to finish the structure upon the foundation laid by those wonderful pioneers whom we reverence and admire. The raw materials are here, materially and ethically all that is needed is for the next generation succeeding the pioneers to step into the trails blazed for them and finish the job.

### At the Musicals.

Enthusiast—Don't you think the chians oscuro was fine?

Non-Musical Guest—To tell the truth, I liked the chicken salad better.

Those who look before they leap sometimes see double.

Deer's Remarkable Attachment to Man Who Had Cared for It in Its Helplessness.

A two-pronged buck deer answers the calls of Jerry Shine, employed by the municipal water district at Alpine dam, near San Raphael, Cal.

Long ago Shine one day came upon a dead doe in the trail of the forest, and standing beside the mother was a fawn. It was miles to Shine's cabin, but he carried the fawn home with him, fed it and gave it the name of Billy. After a time Shine left the district. He returned several days ago and asked his fellow workers the whereabouts of his deer. They laughed at him; the deer had gone back to nature, they said.

Shine mounted the parapet of the dam and called for Billy. The deer, now the proud possessor of two-pronged horns, bounded out of the forest. A photograph was taken of the man and the animal, as the latter rested his forefeet on the shoulder of Shine.

### Fitting Process.

"The delinquents are going on the carpet."

"And the investigation into their conduct will be a sweeping one."

This world has no very high opinion of a low-salaried man.

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"GOOD TO THE LAST DROP" SEALED TINS AT GROCERS



**HOGVILLE LOCAL NEWS.**  
(By Dunk Botts.)

Dag Smith thinks it would be nice if every auto owner could own two cars and could carry one of them chained on behind to be used to pull the other one in with, when in trouble.

Gape Allsop wishes he was a dog—a good dog that would not track on front porches and run out after passing automobiles, and some nice lady worth fifty million dollars wanted a dog of that kind and would take him.

The postmaster has made a new ruling, and from now on the crowd at the postoffice must sit in a circle at least four feet from the stove so that the stove can have room to draw. This ruling only applies during the winter months as the stove is always taken down in summer.

Zero Peck's wife took him to the Thanksgiving services at Bear Ford church last Thursday and all through the services Zero tried to be very thankful. When he got back home he found some one had entered the house and taken his fine twist of homespun chewing tobacco. Zero says this was merely a shifting of thankfulness from one to another.

Gape Allsop's idea of a diplomat is a fellow who can tell a lie and mix enough truth into it to make everybody believe it. The concoction may sooner or later explode, but it serves its purpose for the time being and that is what diplomats are for.

Bill Hellwanger looks so dry lately that bootleggers refuse to sell him anything, thinking he may be in some way connected with the Volstead enforcement act.

Farm products got so high that it persuaded Dan Mathews to try his hand this year and he is a bit disappointed over the outcome. His corn which he expected to get \$2.50 per bushel for is not going to bring that much. He says the bottom always falls out of the boat when he gets in.

There was a pretty stiff debate among the members of the Hogville Loafers' Club at the postoffice yesterday as to the difference of being level headed and flat headed.

Zero Peck says he thought he knew all about women until he married his present wife.

Bill Hellwanger, who is beginning to recover from some of the disappointments of the Eighteenth Amendment, is now letting his imagination worry himself and some other people over what the Nineteenth Amendment (if there is to be one) will be like.

**WELL DRILLER KILLED AS GAS CAP BLOWS OFF**

**A. B. Cook's Chin is Almost Torn Off When Masterson Well Breaks Loose.**

Amarillo, Dec. 20.—A. B. Cook, about 35 years old, an oil well driller, was instantly killed Saturday morning about 8:30 o'clock, when the cap of the Masterson gas well No. 1 blew out, almost cutting his chin from his face and otherwise cutting and bruising him about the head and shoulders.

W. E. Lyon, helper to Cook, who had both hands on the well cap, was thrown about twenty feet and knocked unconscious from the tremendous gas pressure when the blow-out occurred. The roof of the derrick was torn to bits.

The body of the man was brought to Amarillo. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, who reside at 901 Madison street. No funeral arrangements have been announced.

According to Lyon, who was helping Cook in making an adjustment on this well, they were screwing the cap into place when the blow-out came. He said that when he regained consciousness Cook was buried under the debris of the derrick house.

J. E. Sweet, superintendent of the Masterson well No. 1 said that the force of workmen were preparing to move the equipment, and were spooling the lines. He said that the well registers about five million feet of gas daily and the pressure is about 400 pounds at the braden-head, or cap of the well.

Cook has been employed in the Amarillo gas fields since the Masterson well was begun.

**110 SUITS DOCKETED IN LUBBOCK COURT**

Lubbock, Dec. 18.—The District Court of the Seventy-Second Judicial District convened here last Monday for the regular December session, Judge W. R. Spencer presiding. About 110 cases are on the docket, including twelve divorce cases, eleven of which have been filed since the last term.

The recent session of the grand jury returned twenty-two indictments, nine being for felonies and thirteen for misdemeanors. Four of the indictments for felony are the result of the recent burglarizing of the Robertson store at Slaton upon two separate occasions. The first offense was committed, it is alleged, by James Harris and Frank Hunter, and the second a short time later by Frank Wistorik and E. E. Lindsey. Since the arrest and indictment of Harris and Hunter, the sheriff has received notice that they are wanted on a similar charge at Cleburne. The grand jury adjourned Dec. 15 to reconvene Jan. 17.

Hoosier, Sealy, Pathe, Majestic, Cole's, Free, Red Star, Charter Oak, Lloyd's, Patton Sun Proof, Overland, Claxtonia, 1892, New Perfection, Simmons. Figure this out and get a valuable prize. **HOWERTON'S.**

We handle many things that will make suitable holiday gifts. Be sure to inspect our stock before you buy. **TEAGUE'S CONFECTIONERY.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS MAKERS.**

The Merry Christmas that we make for others is the one that does us most good. No person enjoys a selfish Christmas. Giving to those from whom we expect a gift in return is only bartering and does not constitute a real gift. When we give to persons who are unable to return the gift and from whom we expect no return we are really giving as Christ would give and as the real Christmas time suggests. This real giving is the source from which we truly receive a blessing and makes a merry Christmas in our own hearts. Many orphan children, dependent and neglected, need homes, clothing and food, just the ordinary necessities of life. A small per cent of the Christmas luxuries will provide home for hundreds of suffering children. An opportunity is offered to make an investment in the comforts for children and in future citizenship of our state by making a good Christmas offering to the Methodist Orphanage, Waco, Texas. Every cent invested here will give returns to the present time and to Eternity. One hundred fifty children are now asking for admission to this institution and must be refused because there is no room; there are now two hundred thirty-five children in the Home to be provided for. What an opportunity to make a real Christmas offering!

What kind of monument are you erecting for yourself? Is it one of stone, cold and inanimate? Is it something that does not give happiness? Or is it a part of some work that will never die, and will forever remind men and women that when you lived you were a part of a great world movement for humanity?

Money sent to the Methodist Orphanage will be invested in real child life. Send an offering and make one real Christmas gift.

W. F. BARNETT, Mgr.

**UNEMPLOYMENT BLAMED FOR GREAT CRIME WAVE BY CHICAGO POLICE**

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Unemployment which has thrown hundreds of thousands out of work is back of the crime wave which is sweeping the country, according to police officials. Unable to get a job, men have turned to robbery.

In Chicago alone, this week there have been more than a score of daring hold-ups which have resulted in the killing of a policeman, two robbers and the wounding of several others and hold-up men.

Anticipating a wave of crime as a result of the laying off of workers, Chief of Police Charles Fitzmorris, several weeks ago dispatched flying squadrons throughout the city to search every nook and cranny where suspicious characters might be found.

More than a thousand were caught in the dragnet and a score or more wanted for crimes were picked up.

Payroll robberies have practically been halted. Special police detailed to accompany messengers have frustrated hold-up plots and saved employers many thousands of dollars police believe.

**Worth Saving.**



The features of this girl portray the finest type of Polish childhood that now lies engulfed in hunger and disease and all their attendant miseries. Relief already administered by America has preserved her beauty and freshness, albeit her eyes betray the suffering she has seen, but literally millions in her own and adjacent countries still have no one to look to but America as another winter of horror closes in upon them. To the end that their prayer may not go unanswered eight leading American relief organizations have banded together in a joint appeal in behalf of Europe's suffering children. They are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Relief Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

**Merry Christmas Everyone**



IT'S AN AGE-OLD, TIME WORN ADAGE, BUT THERE'S NOTHING THAT WILL EVER MORE FULLY EXPRESS OUR WISHES, AND SO WE ARE WISHING IT FOR YOU. THE NEARER WE APPROACH THE HAPPY YULETIDE SEASON, THE MORE WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE WARM, THROBBING, JOYOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND THIS YEAR IT'S GOING TO BE A MERRY ONE—

THEN "MERRY CHRISTMAS" EVERYONE!

MAKE THIS A HARDWARE CHRISTMAS—BUY GIFTS THAT ARE LASTING. WE HAVE MANY THINGS FOR YOUR CHOOSING.

**A. L. Brannon Hardware**

THE STORE WITH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

PHONE 55, SLATON, TEXAS

**Notice to Customers and Friends**

OWING TO TIGHTNESS OF MONEY MATTERS, OUR GENERAL OFFICE PEOPLE HAVE INSTRUCTED US TO SELL COAL FOR CASH ONLY.

**PANHANDLE LUMBER CO.**

OUR AIM—TO HELP IMPROVE THE PANHANDLE

**To The Citizens of Slaton AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY**

We have made a contract with Mr. J. V. Thompson at DeLong's Tailor Shop, of the City of Slaton, Texas, to act as shipper for the above laundry.

We have purchased the entire interests of the former owners of the Lubbock Laundry Co. and will run same under new management and different business principles. We have installed new machinery, re-arranged and worked over the entire plant and are now in a position to turn out first-class laundry work, second to none in West Texas. Believing that the people of the South Plains were entitled to laundry work as good as anyone, we purchased the above plant with the idea of SERVICE above everything. We are spending considerable money to give you this service and hope that you will help us out by turning your laundry work over to Mr. Thompson, who will look after your interests at all times.

The plant at Lubbock will be in charge of Mr. L. M. McKinney, whose services we have been fortunate to secure. Mr. McKinney has had FIFTEEN YEARS experience with the widely known SHERMAN STEAM LAUNDRY of Sherman, Texas, and knows the laundry business from practical experience.

We also have arrangements made to take care of your cleaning and dyeing work and all kinds of tailoring. Also cleaning and reblocking hats. Anything in this line will have our careful and prompt attention at a reasonable charge.

Give Mr. Thompson a trial with your next bundle of laundry and we feel sure that the service rendered you will give full satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

**The Lubbock Laundry Co.**



**Heart-Breaking Smiles**



There are thousands of kinds of smiles, but it would be mighty hard to picture even in the mind's eye smiles more poignantly tragic than those here seen. Two years of life have held little save misery for these Vienna youngsters, yet, even though the result is painful, they smile. They are victims of rickets, the offspring of near-starvation, and that countless others in stricken Europe may not have to share their fate eight American relief organizations, under the name of the European Relief Council, are making a joint appeal for the conscience of America to complete relief work which this winter faces its crisis. These agencies are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

**It's an Uphill Pull for Polish Boys**



Bare feet and tattered clothes, little to eat and less to wear, such is the fate of thousands of children in central and eastern Europe. These boys in Poland are only a sample of the 3,500,000 destitute youngsters that the European Relief Council plans to help through the cold days of the coming winter. To that end eight great organizations in America have merged to form the Council, the chairman of which is Herbert Hoover. Under his leadership the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. have decided to co-operate jointly to raise \$23,000,000 to help the European children over the hill.

**Children at the Bread Kitchens**



Three and a half million children in eastern and central Europe wait, gaunt and pinched like these, at the American kitchens for the hot soup and bread that mean life to them. In the winters since the Armistice, America has been the one friend that had food to give them. It is a common sight in Europe today to see a child five or six years old whose head has not healed. With a healthy well fed baby the skull should close before two years. America must see these children through the rigors of another winter, and to that end eight great relief organizations have combined into the European Relief Council. They seek to raise \$23,000,000 to save this generation of Europe from death by starvation and the diseases that come with under-feeding.

# Money at 3 Percent

OR

# 100 Percent profit

# On Your Investment

THE UNITED HOME BUILDERS OF AMERICA are still doing business regardless of the STRINGENCY OF THE TIMES or the HOWL OF THE KNOCKERS who say IT CAN'T BE DONE. Why? Because we place the small investor on an equality with the large investor. We make it possible for the man or woman who has but \$10.00 to invest, to realize the same rate of profit in proportion to the amount invested, as the man or woman who has THOUSANDS TO INVEST.

Below is a partial list of those who have invested with THE UNITED HOME BUILDERS OF AMERICA, and have realized 100 per cent and better on their investments by taking advantage of the provisions of Section 5 of their Contracts.

By just a little forethought, and SYSTEMATIC SAVING for a few months, YOU CAN DO THE SAME THING. Write to them, it will only cost you a 2-cent stamp, and see whether this statement is correct or not.

Name and Address	Contract Amount of	Number of Payments	Amount Paid in	Amount Re-Investment	Net Profit on ceived Back
Chas. Presley, Oklahoma City	\$1500.00	5	\$75.00	\$300.00	\$275.00
Mrs. G. W. Kely, Dallas, Texas	\$ 500.00	6	\$30.00	\$105.00	\$ 75.00
Paul Kirkpatrick, Dallas, Texas	\$1000.00	7	\$70.00	\$220.00	\$150.00
Albert Beier, Dallas, Texas	\$ 500.00	8	\$40.00	\$115.00	\$ 75.00
R. H. Daniels, Dallas, Texas	\$ 500.00	8	\$40.00	\$115.00	\$ 75.00
R. H. Daniels, Dallas, Texas	\$ 500.00	8	\$40.00	\$115.00	\$ 75.00
W. Martin Webb, Oklahoma City, Ok.	\$1000.00	9	\$90.00	\$240.00	\$150.00
Mrs. L. O. Cammfield, Dallas, Texas	\$ 500.00	10	\$50.00	\$125.00	\$ 75.00
Chas. L. Presley, Oklahoma City	\$2000.00	9	180.00	\$480.00	\$300.00
W. B. Taylor, Arlington	\$ 500.00	11	\$55.00	\$130.00	\$ 75.00
Mrs. M. Smith, Dallas	\$1000.00	12	120.00	\$270.00	\$150.00
Miss Myra A. DeLeon, Dallas	\$2000.00	12	240.00	550.00	\$310.00
Mrs. H. H. Nisbet, Dallas	\$1000.00	11	110.00	\$260.00	\$150.00
Joe B. Turner, Dallas	\$1000.00	12	120.00	\$270.00	\$150.00
Miss M. E. Powers, Dallas, Texas	\$1000.00	12	120.00	\$270.00	\$150.00
A. O. Swenson, Clifton, Texas	\$1000.00	12	120.00	\$270.00	\$150.00
Miss Alice McDonald, Pueblo, Colo.	\$1000.00	13	130.00	\$280.00	\$150.00
Miss D. K. Gordon, Bay City, Texas	\$1000.00	13	130.00	\$280.00	\$150.00
Hugh A. Gee, Waco, Texas	\$ 200.00	12	\$24.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 30.00
Homer T. Gee, Waco	\$ 300.00	12	\$36.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 45.00
Ollie D. Reed, Beckville, Texas	\$1000.00	14	140.00	\$290.00	\$150.00
Wallace Baylor, Clifton, Texas	\$1000.00	14	140.00	\$290.00	\$150.00
Miss D. L. D. Cookley, Gorman, Tex.	\$1000.00	14	150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
Jas. D. Barlow, Dallas, Texas	\$1000.00	15	140.00	\$290.00	\$150.00
W. R. Byrd, Houston	\$1000.00	15	150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
J. G. Trip, Gainesville, Texas	\$2000.00	14	280.00	\$580.00	\$300.00
J. T. Owen, Muskogee, Okla.	\$1000.00	14	140.00	\$290.00	\$150.00
A. T. Schmitz, Corpus Christi, Texas	\$1000.00	15	150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
A. J. Long, San Antonio	\$1000.00	14	140.00	\$290.00	\$150.00
P. E. Schmal, St. Louis, Mo.	\$1000.00	15	150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
Mrs. E. J. Davis, Denison	\$ 700.00	16	112.00	\$217.00	\$105.00
J. Simpson, Denison	\$1500.00	15	225.00	\$450.00	\$225.00
Jos. U. Gibbs, Breckenridge	\$200.00	15	300.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
John B. Maloney, Denison	\$1000.00	15	150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
D. E. Pierce, Fort Worth	\$2000.00	15	310.00	\$610.00	\$300.00
J. C. Lansford, Chattanooga, Tenn.	\$1000.00	14	140.00	\$290.00	\$150.00
J. E. Ivens, Sherman, Texas	\$1400.00	14	196.00	\$406.00	\$210.00

Contracts on which loans were made at maturity direct to the original contract member. (Partial list).

Miss Mary L. Nisbett, Dallas, Texas	\$2500.00	Mrs. Franklin P. Amis, Denison, Tex.	\$1000.00
T. A. Coleman, Gladewater, Texas	\$1000.00	W. M. Webb, Dallas, Texas	\$15,000.00
F. G. Zimmerman, Hillsboro, Texas	\$1600.00	Murray L. Baird, Fort Worth, Texas	\$500.00
J. C. Light, Fort Worth, Texas	\$2000.00	Elvira Balassa, Dallas, Texas	\$3000.00

Bonus loans made on matured contracts bought in under section 5. (Partial list).

F. G. Zimmerman, Hillsboro, Texas	\$1000.00	C. F. Gibson, Mineral Wells, Texas	\$3000.00
Mrs. Helen Larfon, Ft. Worth, Texas	\$1000.00	A. E. Miles, Mineral Wells, Texas	\$1500.00
A. W. Martin, Texarkana, Texas	\$2000.00	Jas. A. Jumb, Dallas, Texas	\$1200.00
Lee B. Newsom, Celina, Texas	\$4000.00	E. E. Godbole, Dallas, Texas	\$3000.00
Jas. A. Martin, Dallas, Texas	\$5000.00	E. Frederison, Columbus, N. M.	\$10,000.00
D. E. Solmen, Fort Worth, Texas	\$3000.00	Church of Christ, Eastland, Texas	\$16,000.00
Clyde and Lula T. Myler, Dallas	\$8000.00	John D. Finn, Paris, Texas	\$10,000.00
I. D. Sanders, Fort Worth, Texas	\$1000.00	J. A. Simon, Denver, Colorado	\$8000.00
J. F. Calloway, Columbus, N. M.	\$1000.00	I. M. Bomen, Weatherford, Texas	\$500.00
Mrs. E. G. Hicks, Fort Worth, Texas	\$6000.00	M. E. Church South, Eastland, Texas	\$18,000.00
H. A. Sullivan, Dallas, Texas	\$3000.00	A. M. Eschelman, Muskogee, Okla.	\$2100.00
Tom S. Bullock, Weatherford, Texas	\$14,000.00		

Our record is an open book. No court investigations by the best authorities on banking, insurance and investments. Ask your attorney, your banker, your state commissioner of banking and insurance, under whose supervision we are operating and convince yourself of the fact that large or small deposits made with this association are just as secure as if deposited in any bank.

THIS IS NOT A HOT AIR, BLUE SKY, OR GET RICH QUICK SCHEME, BUT A CLEAN, LEGITIMATE PROPOSITION WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. ENLIST WITH US TODAY AND MAKE A NEW START ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE.

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EXCHANGING GIFTS.

The custom of gift-giving among real friends, and within the sacred precincts of kinship, at Christmas time, is one of the finest ways of observing the world's greatest event, and also one of the most beautiful customs of our people. Recalling the fact that at this time Heaven's greatest gift to us was made should make givers of us all. Selfishness should die, and purse strings should break, and, as self was forgotten by Him who was laid in Bethlehem's manger, so should we turn to the great work of making others happy by gifts—gifts of things that are beautiful, gifts of goods, gifts of sympathy, gifts of words of kindness and of cheer. But nothing good can be said of the practice of "exchanging gifts"—of giving just to be in the giving game. Nothing milder can be said of this custom than that it is a nuisance. It causes a useless expenditure of money, and imposes long hours of work upon many who are physically unable to stand the toil; and it does no good. No heart is thrilled when a gift is received from one who it is known expects a gift in return. No life is sweetened or made better by giving to those within a circle in which gifts are exchanged as a mere matter of form. The gift awakens no good in the heart of the giver, neither as it is prized by the receiver. The "present" is put aside and perhaps never seen again. Some even send the articles to others as gifts.

A NOGLESS CHRISTMAS.  
 (By J. H. Lowry.)

Only in the most exclusive circles will the popular composite of hen fruit and high life, be seen on the felt. The heavy hand of the iconoclast has been laid upon the delectable concoction and the world shall know it no more forever. Most of us will admit that the flavor of egg-nogg is fine, that the taste thereof is delicious, and that a little bit of it under the belt paints pictures of marvelous beauty before a fellow's gaze and causes him to forget the inconveniences of poverty and the sting of disappointment. But the world has weighed egg-nogg, and analyzed it; and the analysis sent it to the discard. For every thrill of joy it has a thousand stings; for every inch of pleasure there are broad acres of despair. Many have looked upon the foaming goblet as one of the essentials of a merry Christmas, but those who have not already discovered their error will soon be disillusioned. We will have a little less hilarity because of the absence of the time-honored concoction, but let us hope we will have more good sense and humility.

Another difference I note between this Christmas and last is that a "job" is in much higher favor with mankind now than it was a year ago. I recall that a year ago men all over the country were striking for higher wages, when their wages were raised they would strike again for more pay, or shorter hours, or handsomer quarters in which to work, before the end of the week. Nothing was more unpopular than a job, and many men admitted with shame they had one. A day's work would buy a silk shirt, and a silk shirt was all many men wanted. I remember approaching a

No Need to Feel So Bad  
 About It



You can build another home, providing you're insured—as you surely ought to be. No property owner should be without a policy of fire insurance, for he never knows when disaster may overtake him. Let me write the policy for you in reliable companies.

I also represent the International Life Insurance Co. of St. Louis, and the best Loan Co. in existence, giving you money at 3 per cent. Investigate it.

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big buck negro about the beginning of last Christmas season, and, being a convalescent of the awful "flu," I urged him to cut me a little wood, promising adequate remuneration. The sable giant, who was arrayed in silk socks, fifteen dollar shoes, and other apparel of proportionate cost, dismissed me with the remark that he had been hunting all day for somebody to cut some wood for him. I can't see that hard times are much more than good times. So long as we can see the lights glittering on the golden shores of prosperity we won't work; when the lights go out we can't find work to do. What's the difference?

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. C. Forrester of Wilson was a business visitor in Slaton Wednesday.

Get your Christmas candies, nuts, etc. at Teague's Confectionery.

Mrs. W. H. Proctor has been quite ill for several days, but is reported as much improved now.

Miss Sophie Bruhn left Sunday for points in Alabama and Mississippi where she will visit relatives.

Wade Robertson left Wednesday for Abilene to spend the holidays with relatives in Abilene.

S. R. Cade of Brownwood, was here this week looking after property interests and visiting his children.

I will loan you money at 3 per cent per annum. Investigate my proposition.—C. J. RUSSELL, Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Weight are the happy parents of a fine boy born to them Dec. 21.

Jacob Hatcher has been appointed postmaster at Southland, according to dispatches received from Washington.

If you want to borrow money to buy or build a home see me.—C. J. RUSSELL, Real Estate, Insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richardson are entertaining a fine girl born to them Dec. 19.

J. J. Grey and daughter, Miss Alice of New Home were visitors in Slaton Tuesday.

Mrs. John T. Lokey of Posey has gone to Nevada, Collin county, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Rix.

If you want to borrow money to buy or build a home see me.—C. J. RUSSELL, Real Estate, Insurance.

Miss Beulah Cole of the R. & C. Millinery is visiting in Plainview this week.

Julian Joplin, student in Clarendon College, has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Joplin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McKirahan and son Wilson, have gone to Topeka, Kansas, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ben T. Owens left last week for an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Day Gonzalez at San Antonio, a sister in Laredo, and nieces at Austin.

Mrs. J. W. Jones of Mount Calm, Hill county, has arrived here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Leverett.

J. J. Jordan is confined to his home nursing a broken leg, caused from falling off a roof at the residence of R. J. Murray several days ago.

Miss Vera Green, student of T. C. U., Fort Worth, has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green.

Miss Frances Hoffman, student of S. M. U., Dallas, has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hoffman.

Coral Weaver and Quiney Olive have enlisted in the U. S. Navy and left this week for San Francisco, to enter a training school.

Mrs. S. T. Wadley and daughter, Miss Ruth, expect to leave Sunday for Joshua, where they will visit two sisters of Mr. Wadley, Mesdames D. C. Lay and R. M. Brown. Mr. Wadley will follow later for a short visit.

CLASSIFIED ADS

COOKS WANTED. Settled couple to cook on ranch. Call GUS ROBERTSON, V Ranch.

REGISTERED Poland China Boars and Gilts, four months old, at bargains.—M. B. TATE.

FIVE ACRES, \$2500, in city limits; \$1700 equity to trade for cattle. Balance easy.—R. D. FENN.

WALL PAPER for sale at big saving. Call at my residence. I also hang paper. Satisfaction guaranteed.—M. B. TATE, Slaton, Texas.

FOR SALE: 40 Rhode Island Red young hens and pullets. G. L. Sledge.

FOR SALE: Jersey cow, heifer calf, and fat hog. W. A. HAMILTON, 5 miles south of Southland.

REWARD: For information leading to the recovery of shotgun taken out of Carl Weaver's room at Singleton Hotel about Nov. 1. W. H. WEAVER.

Mrs. J. M. Foster, who has been seriously ill, is reported much better.

A Christmas tree will be held at the Methodist church Friday night and the general public is invited.

Mrs. Bails and son Wiley, and Herman Word of Plainview, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Jones.

We have one lot of dress shirts, up to \$5.00 values, that are going at \$1 each. DeLONG.

Miss Marie McDonald, student of Simmons' College, Abilene, has arrived here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald.

Miss Ella Forrest, home demonstration agent for Dickens county, has arrived here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Forrest.

Elder W. A. Bentley of Abilene will preach at the Church of Christ here next Saturday night, Sunday morning and evening. The general public cordially invited.

COTTON Pickers Wanted. Will pay \$1.50 per hundred and furnish a way from town and back. Have large field that has never been picked over. Call E. E. WILSON.

Mrs. J. E. Kuykendall has gone to Corpus Christi to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burrus, who are spending the winter at that place.

Misses Margaret and Mamey Haney expect to leave Sunday for Booker to spend a week. Miss Margaret was a teacher in the Booker school last year.

Mrs. A. L. Foster and son Truman Walker of Wilson, are here to spend the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. M. A. Evans. Mr. Foster will arrive here after the teachers' institute closes at Lubbock.

Miss Muff Robertson and brother, Sug, left this week for Abilene to spend the holidays with their grandparents, Col. and Mrs. A. B. Robertson, who are spending the winter in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McClintock and little daughter Lorene, will go to Post

Saturday to enjoy Christmas dinner with Mrs. McClintock's sister, Mrs. Hartman, and visit her mother, Mrs. S. S. House, at Post.

Miss Allie Ralls of the R. & C. Millinery returned Tuesday from a business trip to Plainview.

Mrs. Dwennan and children of Dallas are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Green.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Witt are preparing to leave for California for an extended visit to their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Finger.

Misses Lottie and Opal Rodgers, teachers in 3-Lakes school in Dawson county, and former residents of Slaton, were here Monday en route to Lubbock to attend the teachers' institute.

Mrs. Clara Mellinger has bought the Singleton Hotel furnishings and will conduct the business in future. Mr. Mellinger has been conducting a hotel in Wichita Falls and is experienced in the business.

The newly organized Sunday School at Posey was largely attended last Sunday and much interest manifested. Rev. A. V. Hendricks, pastor of the local Methodist church, will preach there at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

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J. N. Grayson, state organizer for the Farmers Union, was here Tuesday and at night presided at a meeting held in the basement of the Methodist church. A local organization was formed with nineteen members. J. W. Lokey was elected president, and E. H. Ward, secretary.

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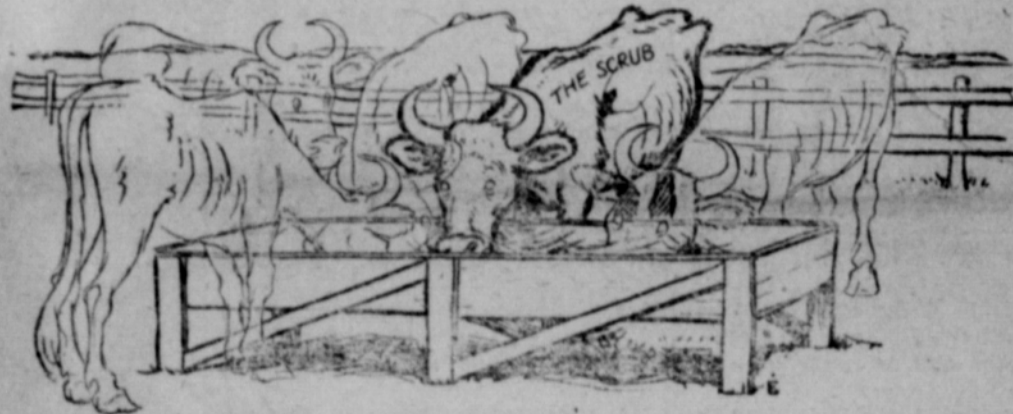
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In Poland, for instance, where 1,308,000 youngsters last year subsisted almost entirely on the one free American meal a day that they received, conditions as winter closes down, are worse than ever before. The Bolshevik invasion stripped large portions of the country of all grain. Professor E. D. Durand, Food Advisor to the Polish government, after an exhaustive survey, has reported that only forty per cent is available of the food necessary to carry the population through the winter.

In the city of Vienna tests conducted in the American Relief Administration food kitchens showed that 52 per cent of the children between the ages of 8 and 14 were "seriously under-nourished." Thirty-three per cent were markedly under-nourished, 11 per cent were slightly subnormal and only 4 per cent approached the state of a normal American child. The American Relief Administration is feeding 300,000 Austrian children every day now, and there is no chance of diminution of need before next harvest.

The spectacle of the medical needs of Europe's children is equally appalling. Estimates reaching the American Red Cross as to needs for medical service in the destitute areas this winter include: Old Austria-Hungary, 750,000; new Poland, 1,500,000; Czechoslovakia, 200,000; Serbia, 150,000, and Roumania, 100,000. In the fiscal year of 1919-20 the Red Cross has reached with the veritable gift of life 1,500,000 children in the affected areas. Tuberculosis is prevalent to a terrific degree. Five children out of seven in the city of Warsaw, for instance, have been found to be tubercular. Typhus is widespread; rickets, the right hand of under-nourishment is almost universal, and cholera lifts its grim head constantly in one place and another.

The European Relief Council, comprising the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., seeks \$33,000,000 with which to meet the situation. It has estimated that at least \$23,000,000 must be had for food and \$10,000,000 for medical service to avert absolute disaster among the three million children. Checks may be sent to your local committee or to Franklin K. Lane, treasurer European Relief Council, 42 Broadway, New York, or to the Child Feeding Fund, Literary Digest, New York City.

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# The Kitchen Cabinet

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But what have we been today?  
We shall give to truth a grander birth,  
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth;  
We shall feed the hungry souls of earth,  
But whom have we fed today?

## CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

The foundation candy for all kinds of bonbons, nougat and creams, may be prepared some time before it is needed; in fact, fondant is better if allowed to ripen, closely covered for three or four days before working up into candies. Store in a cool, dry place.

**Fondant.**—Take two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of boiling water, one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar, or a tablespoonful of glucose or corn syrup to keep the sugar from graining. Boil to a soft ball stage and pour out on a buttered platter using care that no grains of sugar are dropped in, as they will cause the whole to grain. A good method to avoid the forming of grains around the sides of the boiling kettle is to wash down the sides while boiling with a swab dipped in water, or if expert the tips of the fingers may be used. Covering the dish for a few minutes often dissolves the grains.

**After-Dinner Mints.**—Boil together until brittle in water, three cupfuls of sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half cupful of boiling water and one-half tablespoonful of vinegar. Pour on a buttered platter and when cool, pull, adding two drops of oil of peppermint. Cut and roll in powdered sugar; place in a tight jar for a few days to soften.

**Rice Jack.**—Take a cupful of sugar and a cupful of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of water and cook; when nearly brittle, add a tablespoonful of butter and a pinch of soda; stir in three cupfuls of puffed rice. Spread in a buttered pan.

**Old-Fashioned Butter Scotch.**—Take two cupfuls of brown sugar, one-half cupful of butter, four tablespoonfuls of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of water. Pour into greased pans and stir until dissolved, then, boil without stirring until it makes a hard ball in water. Pour into greased pans and mark off in squares.

## REASONABLE GOOD THINGS.

Christmas time would lack a most important part of the enjoyment without some of the good candies, sweetmeats and cakes.

**Nut and Date Chocolate Sweetmeat.**—Heat one-fourth of a cupful of honey, or maple syrup to the boiling point, add half a pound of sweet coating chocolate and let stand over hot water until the chocolate is soft throughout; add one package of dates, cut in sliced pieces, half a cupful of blanched almonds cut in shreds and one teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Mix with a wooden spoon to blend well. Have ready a brick ice cream mold or small bread pan, lined with parchment paper. Press the mixture into the mold and press with a weight. Let stand six hours or longer to ripen. Remove from the paper, cut in slices to serve.

**Christmas Fruit Cup.**—For five glasses, take one orange, three bananas, half a package of dates, one cupful of white grapes, measured after seeding and skinning; 12 pistachio nuts, the juice of half a lemon, fruit sirup, and three-fourths of a cupful of cream. Remove all the peel and white membrane from the orange, separate into sections and cut in halves crosswise. Remove the peel of the banana, scrape the pulp and cut into thin slices. Squeeze over the banana the juice of a lemon. Pour boiling water over the dates, stir and drain, let heat in a hot oven to dry; then cut in sections, mix all the fruit together and dispose in glasses, pouring the fruit sirup over the fruit. Blanch and chop the nuts and sprinkle on top after the whipped cream has been placed—a spoonful on each glass. For the fruit sirup use the liquid from canned fruit, or fruit jelly melted in water. Slices of peaches or apricots may replace the orange and the juice of the orange may then be used.

**Baked Potato With Sausage.**—Select potatoes of uniform size; with an apple corer make a hole through the center and fill with a sausage. Lay in a pan and place a slice of bacon on each. Bake until tender.

# BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

## WIN SCOUT ESSAY PRIZES

Scout Lewis Adam Vincent of Oakland, Cal., is the lucky winner of the first prize in the nation-wide contest conducted by the national board of fire underwriters among the members of the Boy Scouts of America for essays on the subject of Fire Prevention. Scout Vincent received a solid gold medal and also a complete camping outfit consisting of 49 articles. He is also the first prize winner in the Eighth district, the country having been divided into that many districts by the scout organization.

The other district winners are Henry F. Howe, Cohasset, Mass.; Dudley F. Snowman, Southington, Conn.; Robert N. Young, Philadelphia; Wendell Ayres, Upland, Ind.; Cecil C. Hunnicutt, Giltner, Neb.; Clifford R. House, Jr. of Covington, Ky., and William Blake, Fox Lake, Wis. The board of judges reduced the better essays to 16 in number for the final decision. Each of the judges then indicated his preference by marking the essays that he considered best in the order of his first and succeeding choices. In order to insure fairness the entries were marked for identification by number only, the judges not knowing who had written the compositions. Scout Vincent's essay received a total of 15 points and his nearest competitors were Henry F. Howe with 12 points;



SCOUT LEWIS ADAM VINCENT. First Prize Winner in Boys Scouts of America Essay Contest on Subject of Fire Prevention. He is an Oakland (Cal.) Boy and the Prize is a Handsome Gold Medal.

Dudley F. Snowman, 11 points; Wilbur E. Mallalieu, Jr., Jersey City, 11 points; Lyman A. Stockman, East Orange, N. J., nine points; George L. Brill, New York city, eight points; George A. Hess, Roslyn, N. Y., seven points. Each of the section prize winners was awarded a solid gold medal.

Besides these gold medal winners, silver medals were awarded as first prizes in different states to the following: Phin Fitzpatrick, Bessemer, Ala.; Wm. Halton, Jonesboro, Ark.; Lewis A. Vincent, Oakland, Cal.; Felix F. Farrell, Denver, Colo.; Dudley F. Snowman, Southington, Conn.; T. B. Ford, Atlanta, Ga.; Joe W. Slocomb, Buhl, Idaho; Mac Wetherhold, Princeton, Ill.; Wendell Ayers, Upland, Ind.; Harold B. Vasey, Collins, Iowa; Ernest W. Johnson, Wamego, Kan.; C. R. House, Jr., Covington, Ky.; Edwin R. Gould, Portland, Me.; Billy J. Somerville, Pikesville, Md.; Henry F. Howe, Cohasset, Mass.; Fred Bradley, Detroit, Mich.; Howard Caddy, Nashwauk, Minn.; Louis Madison, LaPlata, Mo.; Cecil C. Hunnicutt, Giltner, Neb.; John R. Holbrook, Keene, N. H.; W. E. Mallalieu, Jersey City, N. J.; Frederick Stanley, Deming, N. M.; H. Kenneth Lee, Asheville, N. C.; William W. Newcomb, Bismarck, N. D.; George Albert Hess, Roslyn, N. Y.; Ivan Grimshaw, Akron, O.; Kenneth Limklatler, Hillsboro, Ore.; R. N. Young, Phila. Pa.; Arthur R. Raymond, Jr., Pawtucket, R. I.; W. K. Holbrook, Ogden, Utah; H. Thompson, Ocean View, Va.; Hubert N. Foster, Waco, Tex.; Arvin Grant, Spokane Wash.; Benjamin F. Gillum, Buchanan, W. Va.; William Blake, Fox Lake Wis.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. A. was chairman of the board of judges and the other judges were Colin H. Livingstone, president of the Boy Scouts of America; James E. West, chief scout executive; Charles Lyman-Case, president of the national board of fire underwriters, and Wilbur E. Mallalieu, general manager of the national board of fire underwriters.

# Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

## CHRISTMAS PLAY.

"Daddy," called Nancy, as she heard him coming down the winding stairs.



Nick Appeared.

"Oh, daddy," said Nick. "What is it?" asked Daddy, as he came in the room. "Why is there so much excitement?" And he smiled gaily, for he could see that soon he was going to hear a secret. Yes, he could tell from the expression on Nick's face and on Nancy's face.

"Is it a secret?" he asked. "Yes," said Nancy. "Or rather, it has been a secret, but now we're going to show it to you. Or rather we're going to let you in on the secret."

"Ah, that's fine," said Daddy; "how I do love to be let in on secrets." "And please don't keep me waiting too long."

"Well, Daddy," said Nick, "Nancy and I have been practicing a little play. We made it up ourselves, and we thought perhaps you might care to see it tonight. We're all ready now—that is, we've learnt our parts and we've our costumes near at hand!"

"A play!" said Daddy. "Oh, that is fine. What a surprise! And to think I have known nothing of it, and yet you've been practicing for it and learning the parts and making them up and everything."

"Well," said Nick, "it wasn't hard to keep you from hearing us practice, and all of that, for we could do that more easily when you were away than at any other time. But it was hard not to let you know a word of what was going on."

"And if you like it, Daddy," Nick went on, "we thought we might get more children interested in it, and then we might give it later on in the holidays."

"Let's have the play," said Daddy, "for I can hardly wait to see it. And it's a good idea about having it with more actors and actresses and making a regular party out of it, but just now Daddy is most impatient to see it."

So Nick and Nancy ran out of the room, and after much whispering Nick appeared before Daddy and said in a loud and magnificent voice: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we wish to present to you our play called 'The Christmas Play.' It is our regret that there are no programs printed, so I take the liberty of letting you know that the play is in three acts and the parts of all actors and actresses are taken by Nick and Nancy."

"The first act is called, 'Why Santa Claus made the first Children's Christmas.' The second act is called 'Why the Children Love Santa Claus.' And the third act is called, 'Why Santa Claus Loves the Children.'"

Then Nick and Nancy began to act out the play for Daddy. They had to take many parts, such as when Nick acted Santa Claus (which Nancy insisted he should do all the time); she had to be as many children as possible.

In the first act Santa Claus was seen taking a walk. Wherever he walked he saw children and wherever he saw children he went up to them and talked to them.

In the second act they acted as best they could the parts of many children talking of all the Christmases they had had which Santa had given to them and of the Christmases he had given their mothers and daddies, too. And they talked of the day which was theirs—Christmas day, and at the end of the act they shouted a loud hurrah for Santa Claus.

In the third act they showed Santa Claus once more with his toys about him and a great pack ready to be filled. He was chuckling to himself, saying he hadn't heard a single child this Christmas say it would be messy of Santa Claus if he didn't bring such and such a thing.

And Nick and Nancy had fixed their own costumes and their own stage scenery, and Daddy was a delighted daddy when they bowed and bowed as he clapped and clapped!

# ON THE FUNNY SIDE



## HOW IT HAD TO BE DONE.

"What are you doing at that safe?" shouted the political manager, as he turned a flashlight on the crouching figure in front of the safe.

"Indeed, boss," replied Bill the Burg. "I don't mean no harm. Of course, what I'm doin' looks a little irregular, but—"

"You came here to steal, didn't you?"

"No. All to the opposite. What I was doin' was tryin' to slip a few thousand into your campaign fund all unbeknown to anybody."

## Fits the Circumstances.

"Why, this is a funny telephone; isn't finished, is it?"

"Yes; that's a complete telephone."

"But there is nothing to it but the receiver. Where is the mouthpiece?"

"Doesn't need one. That is the instrument over which I converse with my wife."—Puck.



## KEEP THE SAME HOURS.

Wifey—George, how can you stay away from home so late nights?  
Hubby—Oh, easily. I acquired the habit while I was courting you, my dear.

## Housewifery.

She gets some yeast and plans a feast of which I hate to think; The things she'll make are bad to take in food and worse in drink.

## True to Form.

"The ex-army officer gave his wife a real military command when she said she wanted to start the furnace."  
"What was it?"  
"Hold your fire!"

## Cold Encouragement.

He—Darling, I dream of you as my own.  
She—But dreams, you know, go by contraries.

## Disappointment.

Agent—Is that soubrette I sent you chic?  
Manager—Chick? I should say not! She is a regular old hen.

## Association.

"The young man who comes to see Maud has such an explosive manner."  
"No wonder, when his father is in the fireworks business."

## A Condition.

"Harry asked my hand for the next dance."  
"Then give it to him on condition he keeps off your feet."



## A HORRIBLE FAUX PA

"My dear you have made a terrible mistake."  
"What's the matter?"  
"Don't you realize that this weather is much too cool for furs."

## The Equivalent.

"I get but little out of life," said Abner Glinn.  
"About as little," said his wife, "As you put in."

## Nothing Lacking.

"So you've started shaving yourself? Don't you miss the barber's chatter?"  
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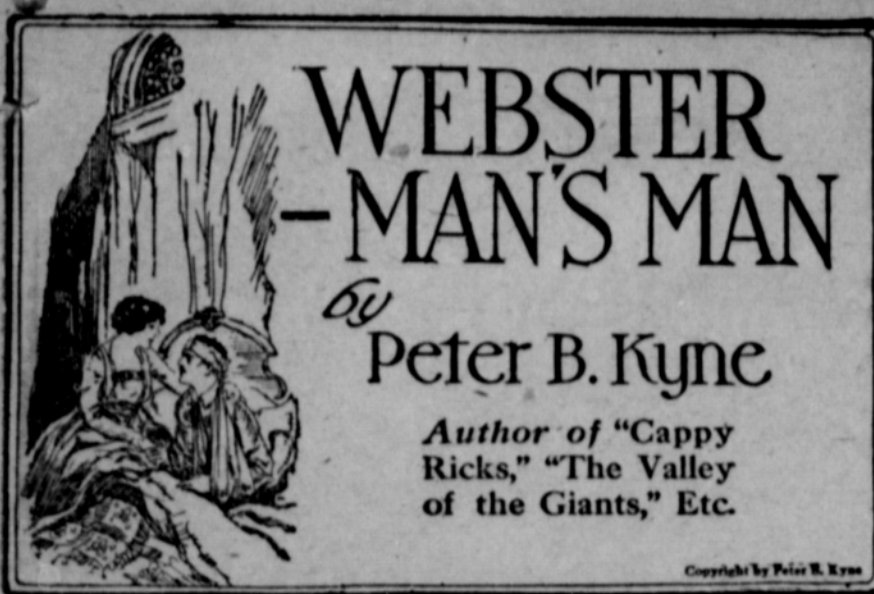
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## DON JUAN.

John Stuart Webster, mining engineer, boards a train in Death Valley, California, on his way back to civilization after cleaning up \$100,000. He looks like a hobo. Then he rescues a distressed lady, who makes his heart flop over. He eliminates the offending man. She is Dolores Rucy. In Denver he is offered a \$25,000-a-year job by a capitalist friend, Edward J. Jerome. He receives a delayed letter from his own particular pal, Billy Geary, asking him to finance a gold-mining proposition in Central America and go fifty-fifty with him on the profits. So he starts for Sobrante. Jerome goes with John to the depot. They meet the distressed lady on her way to the same train. John tells Jerome the whole story. Jerome secretly sees the girl, offering her \$10,000 if she induces John to take his job inside of ninety days. The girl accepts. The scene now shifts to Buenaventura, Sobrante, where Geary has existed for two months on credit extended by Mother Jones, keeper of a hot and dramshop. Dolores cables Fenietta Wilkins (Mother Jenks) that she is on her way to visit her. Mother Jenks has been educating Dolores, who is the daughter of former President Rucy of Sobrante, deposed and executed by President Sarros. Mother Jenks doesn't want Dolores to find out she is no longer respectable. So Billy meets the steamer and tries to turn the girl back. But Dolores lands and salutes Mother Jenks as "Mother." Billy promptly falls in love with Dolores. Webster in New Orleans secures a stateroom on La Estrella by buying a ticket for a mythical valet, "Andrew Bowers." In New Orleans Webster saves a young man from assassination. On the steamer he finds the mythical valet in his stateroom. He accepts "Bowers" on trust, without learning his identity. At Buenaventura he assists the "valet" to land. He finds Billy in love with Dolores, and like the good cop he bids farewell to his romance. Dolores astonishes him. He makes his will.

## CHAPTER X—Continued.

"Quite right. Few women have a sense of sportsmanship. You stand a very good chance of becoming a millionaire in Sobrante, but you must beware of a dark man who has crossed your path—"

"Which one?" Webster queried merrily. "All coons look alike to me—Greasers also."

"Mere patter of our profession, Mr. Webster," she admitted, "tossed in to build up the mystery element and simulate wisdom. Fortune awaited you in the United States, but you put it behind you, at the call of friendship, for a fortune in Sobrante. Now you have reconsidered that foolish action and at this moment you are contemplating sending a cablegram to a fat old man who waddles when he walks, recalling your decision not to accept a certain proposition of a business nature. However, you are too late. The fat old man with the waddle has made other arrangements, and if you want to make money, you'll remain in Sobrante. I think that is all, Mr. Webster."

He was gazing at her with an expression composed of equal parts of awe, amazement, consternation, adoration, and blank stupidity.

"Well," she queried innocently, "to quote Billy's colloquial style: did I put it over?"

"You did very well for an amateur, but I'm a doubting Thomas. About this fat old man who waddles when he walks: a really topnotch palmist could tell me his name."

"Well, I'm only an amateur, but still I think I might, to quote Billy again, make a stab at it. Do you care to bet me about ten dollars I cannot give you the fat party's initials—all three of them?"

He gazed at her owlishly. She was the most perfectly amazing girl he had ever met; he was certain she would win the ten dollars from him, but then it was worth ten dollars to know for a certainty whether she was perfect or possessed of a slight flaw; so he silently drew forth a wallet that would have choked a cow and skinned off a ten dollar gold certificate of the United States of America.

"I'm game," he mumbled.

"The fat gentleman's initials are E. P. J."

"By the twelve apostles, Peter, Simon—"

"Don't blaspheme, Mr. Webster." He stood up and shook himself.

"When you order the tea," he said very distinctly, "please have mine cold. I need a bracer after that. Take the ten. You've won it."

"Thanks, ever so much," she answered in a matter-of-fact tone, and tucked the bill inside her shirtwaist. "I am a very poor woman, and—"

"Every little bit added to what you've got makes just a little bit more," she caroled, swaying her lithe, beautiful body and snapping her fingers like a cabaret dancer.

He could have groaned with the futility of his overwhelming desire for her; it even occurred to him what a shame it was to waste a marvel like her on a callow young pup like Billy, who had fought so many deadly skirmishes with Dan Cupid that a post-impressionistic painting of the Geary heart must resemble a pincushion. Then he remembered that this was an ungenerous, a traitorous thought, and that he had not paid the lady her fee.

"Well, what's the tariff?" he asked.

"You really feel that I have earned a professional's fee?"

"Beyond a doubt."

"Since you have taken Billy away from me this evening, I shall make you take Billy's place this evening. After dinner you shall hire an open victoria with two little white horses and drive me around the Malecon. There is a band concert to-night."

"If it's the last act of my wicked life!" he promised fervently. Strange to relate, in that ecstatic moment no thought of Billy Geary marred the perfect serenity of what promised to be the most perfectly serene night in history.

They were seated at the tiny tea table when the sound of feet crunching the little shell-paved path through the patio caused Webster and Dolores to turn their heads simultaneously. Coming toward them was an individual who wore upon a head of flaming red a disreputable, conical-crowned straw sombrero; a soiled cotton camisa with the tails flowing free of his equally soiled khaki trousers, and sandals of the kind known as alpargates—made from the tough fibre of a plant of the cactus family and worn only by the very lowliest peons—completed his singular attire.

"One of Billy's friends and another reason why he has no social standing," Dolores whispered. "I believe he's going to speak to us."

Such evidently appeared to be the man's intention. He came to the edge of the veranda, swept his ruin of a hat from his red head and bowed with Castilian expansiveness.

"Yer pardon, Miss, for appearin' before you."

She smiled her forgiveness to what Webster now perceived to be an alcoholic wreck. He was about to dismiss the fellow with scant ceremony, when Dolores, with that rich sense of almost masculine humor—a humor that was distinctly American—said sweetly:

"Mr. Webster, shake hands with Don Juan Cafetero, bon vivant and man about town. Don Juan, permit me to present Mr. Webster, from somewhere in the United States. Mr. Webster is a mining partner of our mutual friend Mr. William Geary."

A long, sad descent into the Pit had, however, imbued Don Juan with a sense of his degradation; he was in the presence of a superior, and he acknowledged the introduction with a respectful inclination of his head.

"Tis you I've called to see, Mister Webster, sor," he explained.

"Very well, old-timer. In what way can I be of service to you?"

"Tis the other way around, sor, if ye please, an' for that same there's no charge, seein' ye're the partner, av that fine, kind gentleman, Mister Geary. Did ye, whilst in New Orleans, have 'dalin's wit' a short, shtout spiggoty wit' a puckered scar under his right eye?"

John Stuart Webster suddenly sat up straight and gazed upon the lost son of Erin with grave interest. "Yes," he replied, "I seem to recall such a man."

"Tis none av me business, sor, but would ye mind tellin' me just what ye did to that spiggoty?"

"Why, to begin, last Sunday mornin' I interrupted this puckered-eyed fellow and a pop-eyed friend of his while engaged in an attempt to assassinate a white, inoffensive stranger. The fol-

lowing day, at the gangplank of the steamer, we met again; he poked his nose into my business, so I squeezed his nose until he cried; right before everybody I did it, Don Juan, and to add insult to injury, I plucked a few hairs from his rat's moustache—one hair per each pluck."

"I'd a notion ye did somethin' to him, sor. Now, thik, listen to me: I'm not much to look at, but I'm white. I'm an attashay, as ye might say, av Ignatz Leber—him that do have the import an' export house at the Ind av the Calle San Rosaria, forinist the bay. Also he do have charge av the cable office, an' whin I'm sober enough, I deliver cablegrams for Leber. Now, then, ye'll recall we had a bit av a shower to-day at noon?"

Dolores and Webster nodded. Don Juan, after glancing cautiously around, lowered his voice and continued: "I was deliverin' a cablegram for Leber, an' me course took me past the palace gate—which, be the same token, has shtintry-boxes both inside an' out, wan on each side av the gate. The shtintry was not visible as I came along, an' what wit' the shower comin' as suddint as that, an' me wit' a wardrobe that's not so extinsive I can afford to get it wet, I shtopped into wan av the outside shtintry-boxes till the rain should be over, an' what wit' a dhrink av aguardiente I'd took to brace me for the thrip, an' the mimory av auid times, I fell asleep."

"Dear knows how long I sat there napping; all I know is that I was awakened by the sound av three men talkin, at the gate, an' divil a word did they say but what I heard. They were talkin in Spanish, but I undhershood thim well enough. 'He's at the Hotel Mateo,' says wan voice, 'an' his name is Webster—Jawn Webster. He's an American, an' a big, savage-lookin' lad at that, so take me advice an' be careful. Do ye two keep an eye on him wherever he goes, an' if he should shtep out at night an' wandher t'rough a dark shtreet, do ye two see to it that he's put where he'll not interfere again in Don Felipe's affairs. No damn' gringo—beggin' yer pardon, Miss—can interhere in the wurk av the Intelligince bureau at a time like this, in addition to insultin' our honored chief, wit'out the necessity av bein' measured for a coffin.' 'Si, mi general,' says another lad, 'To be sure, mi general,' says a thirrd; an' wit' that the general, bad cess to him, went back to the palace an' the other two walked on up the calle an' away from the shtintry-box."

"Did you come out and follow them?" Webster demanded briskly.

"Faith, I did. Wan av them is Francisco Arredondo, a young cavalry lieutenant, an' the other wan is Captain Jose Benavides, him that do be the best pistol-shot an' swordsman in the spiggoty army."

"What kind of looking man is this Benavides, my friend?"

"A tall, thin young man, wit' a dude's moustache an' a diamond ring on his right hand. He do be whiter nor most. Have a care would ye meet him around the city an' let him pick a fight wit' ye. An' have a care, sor, would ye go out av a night."

"Thank you, Don Juan. You're the soul of kindness. What else do you know?"

"Well, Don Juan replied with a naive grin, "I did know somethin' else, but shure, Mister Geary advised me to forget it. I was wit' him in the launch last night."

Webster stepped out of the veranda and laid a friendly hand on Don Juan Cafetero's shoulder. "Don Juan," he said gently, "I'm going back to the United States very soon. Would you like to come with me?"

Don Juan's watery eyes grew a shade mistier, if possible. He shook his head. "Whin I'm dhrunk here, sor," he replied, "no wan pays any attention to me, but in America they'd give me ten days in the hoosegow wanst a week. Thank you, sor, but I'll shtay here till the finish."

He knew the strength of the Demon and had long since ceased to fight even a rear-guard action. Webster put a hand under the stubby chin and tilted Don Juan's head sharply. "Hold up your head," he commanded.

"You're the first of your breed I ever saw who would admit he was whipped. Here's five dollars for you—five dollars gold. Take it and return with the piece intact to-morrow morning, Don Juan Cafetero."

Don Juan Cafetero's wondering glance met Webster's directly, wavered, sought the ground, but at a jerk on his chin came back and stayed. Thus for at least ten seconds they gazed at each other; then Webster spoke. "Thank you," he said.

"Me name is John J. Cafferty," the lost one quavered.

"Round one for Cafferty," Webster laughed. "Good-bye now, until nine to-morrow. I'll expect you here, John, without fail." And he took the derelict's hand and wrung it heartily.

"Well," Webster remarked humorously to Dolores as he held out his cup for more tea, "if I'm not the original Tumble Toad, I hope I may never see the back of my neck."

"Do you attach any importance to Don Juan's story?" she asked anxiously.

"Yes, but not so much as Don Juan does. I greatly fear I have managed

to snarl myself up in a Sobrantean political intrigue, when I haven't the slightest interest either way. However, that's only one more reason why I should finish my work here and get back to Denver."

"But how did all this happen, Mr. Webster?"

"Like shooting fish in a dry lake, Miss Rucy," Webster replied, and related to her in detail the story of his adventure with the Sobrantean assassins in Jackson square and his subsequent meeting with Andrew Bowers aboard La Estrella.

Dolores laughed long and heartily as Webster finished his humorous recital. "Billy told me God only made one Jack Webster and then destroyed the mold; I believe Billy is right. But do tell me what became of this extraordinary and unbidden guest."

"The night the steamer arrived in port, Billy and Don Juan came out in a launch to say 'Hello,' so I seized upon the opportunity to tell Andrew to jump overboard and swim to the launch. Gave him a little note to Billy—carried it in his mouth—instructing Billy to do the right thing by him—and Billy did it. I don't know what Andrew is up to and I don't care. Where I was raised we let every man roll his own hoop. All I hope is that they don't shoot Andrew. If they do, I fear I'll weep. He's certainly a skookum lad. Do you know, Miss Rucy, I love anybody that can impose on me—make a monkey out of me, in fact—and make me like it?"

"That's so comforting," she remarked dryly.

Webster looked at her sharply, suspiciously; her words were susceptible of a dual interpretation. Her next sentence, however, dissipated this impression. "Because it confirms what I told you this afternoon when I read your palm," she added.

"You didn't know how truly you spoke when you referred to the dark man that had crossed my path. He's uncomfortably real—drat him!"

"Then you are really concerned?"

"Not at all, but I purpose sleeping with one eye open. I shan't permit myself to feel concerned until they send more than two men after me—say eight or ten."

His indifference appalled her; she leaned forward impulsively and laid a hand on his forearm. "But you must heed Don Juan's warning," she declared seriously. "You must not go out alone at night."

He grinned boyishly. "Of course not, Miss Rucy. You're going to ride out with me this evening."

"I'm not. I'll not subject you to risk."

"Very well; then I shall drive out alone."

"You're a despot, Mr. Webster—a regular despot."

"Likewise a free agent."

"I'll go with you."

"I thought so. For what hour shall I order the carriage?"

"Seven-thirty. After all, they'll not dare to murder you on the Malecon."

"I agree with you. It will have to be done very quietly, if at all. You've been mighty nice to me this afternoon, seeress; I shall be grateful right up to the moment of dissolution."

"Speak softly but carry a big stick," she warned him.

"A big gun," he corrected her. "—two of them, in fact."

"Sensible man! I'm not going to worry about you, Mr. Webster." She nodded her permission for him to retire, and as he walked down the veranda and into the hotel, her glance followed him with pardonable feminine curiosity, marking the breadth of his shoulders, the quick, springy stride, the alert, erect poise of his head on the powerful neck.

"A doer of deeds are you, John Stuart Webster," she almost whispered. "As Kipling would say: 'Wallah! But you are a man!'"

A stealthy footstep sounded below the veranda; she turned and beheld Don Juan Cafetero, his hat in his left hand, in his right a gold-piece which he held toward her.

"Take it, allanah," he wheezed in his hoarse, drunkard's whisper. "Keep it fr me till to-morrow, for sorra wan av me can I trust to do that same—an' be the same token I can't face that big man wit'out it."

"Why not, Don Juan?"

He hung his red head. "I dunno, Miss," he replied miserably. "Maybe 'tis on account av him—the eye av him—the way av him—divil such a man did I ever meet—God bless him! Shure, Mister Geary do be the fine lad, but he—"

"Mr. Geary never put a big forefinger under your chin and bade you hold up your head. Is that it?"

"Tis not what he did, Miss but the way he did it. All the fends av hell 'll be at me this night to spend what he give me—and I—I'm afraid—"

He broke off, mumbling and chattering like a man in the grip of a great terror. In his agony of body and spirit, Dolores could have wept for Don Juan Cafetero, for to that supreme moment the derelict's soul was bare, revealing something pure and sweet and human, for all his degradation. How did Jack Webster know? wondered Dolores. And why did he so confidently give an order to this human scoundrel and expect it to be obeyed? And why did Don Juan

come whining to her for strength to help him obey it?

"That wouldn't be playing the game," she told him. "I can't help you deceive him. You are the first of your breed—"

"Don't say it," he cried. "Didn't he tell me wanst?"

"Then make the fight, Don—Mr. Cafferty." She lowered her voice. "I am depending on you to stay sober and guard him. He needs a faithful friend so badly, now that Mr. Geary is away." She patted the grimy hand and left him staring at the ground. Presently he sighed, quivered horribly, and stumbled out of the patio on to the firing-line. And when he reported to Jack Webster at nine o'clock next morning, he was sober, shaking horribly and on the verge of delirium tremens, but tightly clasped in his right hand he held that five-dollar piece. Dolores, who had made it her business to be present at the interview, heard John Stuart Webster say heartily:

"The finest thing about a terrible fight, friend Cafferty, is that if it is a worth-while battle, the spoils of victory are exceedingly sweet. You are now about to enjoy one fourth of the said spoils—a large jolt of aguardiente! You must have it to steady your nerves. Go to the nearest cantina and buy one drink; then come back with the change. By that time I shall have breakfasted and you an' I will then go shopping. At noon you shall have another drink; at four o'clock another; and just before retiring you shall have the fourth and last for this day. Remember, Cafferty; one jolt—no more—and then back here with the exact change."

As Don Juan scurried for salvation, Webster turned to Dolores. "He'll fall me now, but that will not be his fault but mine. I've set him too great a task in his present condition. Nevertheless, to use a colloquial expression, I have the Cafferty goat—and I'm going to keep it."

Webster went immediately to his room, called for pen and paper, and proceeded at once to do that which he had never done before—to wit, prepare his last will and testament. In a few brief paragraphs he made a holographic will and split his bank-roll equally between the two human beings he cared for most—Billy Geary and Dolores Rucy. "Billy's a gambler like me," he ruminated; "so I'll play safe. The girl is a conservative, and after Billy's wad is gone, he'd be boiled in oil before he'd prejudice hers."

Having made his will, Webster made a copy of it. The copy he placed in an envelope marked: "For Jack. Not to be opened until after my death." This envelope he then enclosed in a larger one and mailed to Billy at Calle de Concordia No. 19.

Having made his few simple preparations for death, Mr. Webster next burrowed in his trunk, brought forth his big army-type automatic pistol and secured it in a holster under his arm, for he deemed it unwise and provocative of curiosity to appear in immaculate ducks that bulged at the right hip. Next he filled two spare clips with cartridges and slipped them into his pocket, thus completing his few simple preparations for life.

He glanced out the window at the sun. There would still be an hour of daylight; so he descended to the lobby, called a carriage and took a short drive.

Returning to the hotel he dismissed the carriage, climbed the three short steps to the entrance and was passing through the revolving portal, when from his rear some one gave the door a violent shove, with the result that the turnstile partition behind him collided with his back with sufficient force to throw him against the partition in front. Instantly the door ceased to pivot, with Webster locked neatly in the triangular space between the two sections of the revolving door and the jamb.

He turned and beheld in the section behind him an officer of the Sobrantean army. This individual, observing he was under Webster's scrutiny, scowled and peremptorily motioned to Webster to proceed—which the latter did, with such violence that the door, continuing to revolve, caught up with the Sobrantean and subjected him to the same indignity to which he had subjected Webster.

"The terrible Captain Benavides."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Barrel Racing.

Barrel racing is a favorite amusement among the workmen in a suburb of London. Some forty cellar men, cooper and others competed in one race of this description. Then followed a double-barreled race, the men engaged being obliged to push before them two empty barrels instead of one.

### Efficiency's Reward.

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EXTRACT FROM SPEECH OF  
CONGRESSMAN JONES

The following extract is from a recent speech of Congressman Marvin Jones of this district:

A desperate situation confronts the producers of this country—not fanciful, but real. Wheat, corn and cotton, as well as live stock are selling below the cost of production. Relief must be given, or the farms and ranches of this country will be deserted. In this problem every man, woman and child in America is vitally interested. Everything in this country ultimately depends upon the prosperity of the producer.

In the first place the net earnings of the Federal Reserve System, already accumulated, should be authorized as loans to the farmer and stockman. The organized banking machinery of this country too long has been limited to the commercial interests, whereas back of industry, necessarily is the producer. If the producer fails, the business man must finally go to the wall. Nearly \$100,000,000 could be furnished at once under this plan.

The Treasury Department should be instructed to immediately revive the War Finance Corporation, and through it to extend credits to the producers.

An absolute embargo should be placed upon the importation of wheat, cattle, cotton and wool, so that the millions of bushels of wheat and other products could be kept out of this country until a living price for farm products is restored.

Again, inasmuch as we are to have a tariff to help pay the war debt, it should be placed upon raw materials as well as the finished product. The doctrine of free raw materials and a protected manufactured product is a pernicious one. Requiring the producer to buy everything in a protected market and to sell in a free one means bankruptcy for the farmer and ranchman. In other words the tariff should be uniform. There is no escape from this logic, and this has been my position since I first began to study public questions.

This is not a local question, it is an American problem. Fifty-two per cent of our people live in cities and towns of more than 2,500 people. When tillage begins the other arts follow, "the farmers therefore are the founders of human civilization." The farmer and ranchmen throughout this nation are expecting us to do everything possible; the demand is pressing and immediate.

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held at the office of R. J. Murray, on Texas Avenue, in the Town of Slaton, Texas, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1920, to determine whether bonds of the said Town of Slaton shall be issued to the amount of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), payable forty years from their date, with the option of redeeming same at any time after ten years from their date, and bearing interest at the rate of six percent per annum, the interest to be payable annually as it accrues, for the purpose of building, erecting, constructing and equipping and maintaining a waterworks system for said Town of Slaton, including the erection and construction and equipping of pumping plants, power plants, purchasing all necessary materials and labor, laying mains, laterals, and any and all other things that may be necessary in the erection, building and construction and equipping and maintaining of such waterworks system in proper manner, and whether there shall be annually levied, assessed and collected on all the taxable property in said Town of Slaton, for the year 1921 and annually thereafter while said bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

W. E. Olive has been appointed manager of said election, which shall be held as nearly as may be possible in conformity with the general election laws of the State of Texas.

No person shall vote at said election unless he or she be a qualified voter under the constitution and laws of this State, and a property tax payer in said Town of Slaton.

Those in favor of the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots, "For the Bonds and the Tax," and those against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax shall write or print on their ballots, "Against the Bonds and the Tax."

Said election was ordered by the Town Council of Slaton, Texas, by an order passed on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1920.

Dated this 29th day of November, A. D. 1920.

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### Lorene McClintock Entertains.

Lorene McClintock entertained a number of the little folks from 2 to 4 last Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McClintock, celebrating her eighth birthday. A number of interesting games and diversions were enjoyed. Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served.

### Miss Levey Entertains.

On the evening of Dec. 18th a party was given in honor of the senior class Slaton high school, and their friends, at the home of Miss Irene Levey. Forty-two was enjoyed by all. At a late hour the guests were refreshed with butter sandwiches, olives, salad, cake, tea, and salted almonds. Those present were: Misses Pauline Lokey, Faye Hoffman, Mildred Brown, Aileen McDonald, Ethel Brown, Dorothy Levey, and Fay Brack; Messrs. K. C. Tudor, George Green, Simon Lokey, Miniard Abel, Roy Brown, Harvey Austin, and Otis Bassinger.

### Pie Supper.

The pie supper in the interest of the school for play grounds last Friday evening was a reasonably good success. We took in a few cents over \$68.00. We wish to kindly thank every one for the interest and assistance in the affair. We wish specially to mention Mrs. Donald for her untiring efforts to make things go. And there is Mr. Baldwin. He just worked like a Trojan. I just thought nobody else could have done as he did.

Wishing all the patrons and pupils a merry Christmas, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
S. L. RIVES.

### INDEX CARD FILE IS KEPT IN BOOTLEGGERS' SYSTEM

Denver, Dec. 21.—A bootlegging system of "the better class" was taken over by prohibition enforcement officials in Denver today when they commandeered the officers of the Industrial Utilities Company, which occupies a large downtown office building. Among the equipment taken over was a customer's index card file, containing names of three hundred prominent Denver people.

The government officials arrested C. W. Crawford, who asserts that he is an income tax expert, and then awaited the arrival of the "utilities" trade. Two soon entered and presented their "membership cards," calling for two pints of whiskey.

A search of the home of the erstwhile tax expert revealed twenty-five empty whiskey barrels.

### 100 AUTOMOBILES BURNED IN BLAZE AT ABILENE

Abilene, Dec. 21.—Nearly a hundred automobiles and a large line of accessories were destroyed by fire this morning when the garage of Ben Holmas burned to the ground. Defective wiring is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

### WANTED EGGS DONE BUT NOT TOO RIPE—STARTS REAL SCRAP

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Gerald McDonald, 30, likes his eggs well done but not too ripe, and he told the chef at the Silver Moon Cafe as much shortly after midnight this morning.

"Them eggs are all right," replied the chef.

"Them eggs was laid at about the time William J. Bryan first accepted the nomination," McDonald corrected.

"If you think them eggs are strong, then here's something stronger," and the chef hit McDonald and McDonald hit the ground.

Regaining consciousness McDonald arose, hurried to his home and returned with his double barreled shotgun. Arriving at the restaurant he kicked open the door and laid down a barrage. Cans of tomatoes played sycotash with canned corn; wheat cakes and diners slipped under tables. Some one called the police and McDonald was arrested. He is being held at police headquarters for investigation.

### FORMER TOUGH OHIO TOWN IS FORCED TO CLOSE

Payne, Ohio, Dec. 18.—There's one street in this village. They used to call it "Tough" Street. The farther a visitor went on the street, the tougher it got.

When Indiana went "dry" it was the great oasis for the weary and thirsty hoosier travelers. Saloons flourished on both sides of "Tough" Street for its entire length. Ten expert bartenders were employed at one place.

That was before the Lord's Day Alliance had its inning. Beginning tomorrow, the Lord's Day Alliance backers claim, not a bottle of milk, cigar, or ice cream soda will be purchased in the city on Sunday.

The Alliance forced Charles Whitford, owner of the movie house to close on Sundays. Whitford said if he couldn't do business on Sundays, no one else would and he jumped into the fight on the side of the Alliance. The only thing which residents of Payne will find open tomorrow will be the windows.

### 5,000 CARS ARE STOLEN IN CHICAGO EACH MONTH

Chicago, Dec. 20.—More than 5,000 stolen automobiles a month is Chicago's record up to date this year, according to Detective Sergeant George O'Connor, head of the automobile detail.

An ordinance requiring all motorists to carry identification cards recently passed by the city council will be of great assistance in reducing the number of cars which disappear daily, according to Sergeant O'Connor.

"Suspicious persons driving automobiles can be questioned and if they are not able to produce a card showing that they are the owner of the car, it will be easy to find out if they are thieves or driving with the owner's consent," the detective sergeant declared.

The owner's court record, which is to be entered on the back of each card, will also be of assistance to an arresting officer.

If you want to borrow money to buy or build a home see me.—C. J. RUSSELL, Real Estate, Insurance.

### WIFE OF EDITOR ADAMS OF PLAINVIEW BURNED TO DEATH TUESDAY P. M.

Plainview, Dec. 14.—Mrs. M. J. Adams, wife of M. J. Adams, editor of the Plainview News, died at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon from burns received when a gal of gasoline ignited while she was changing clothes.

No funeral arrangements have been made pending the arrival of relatives from Coleman and Corsicana.

Mrs. Adams was prominent in social, religious and community work in Plainview. She was a member of the Christian church.

Miss Sadie Earl, 18-year-old daughter, was burned but not seriously, in an attempt to save her mother.

The accident occurred at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the family residence on West Ninth street.

The residence was damaged to the extent of about \$3,000.

### HUSBAND IS SHOT BY HIS WIFE'S AUTO "FRIEND"

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 20.—When S. S. Duke, a railroad switchman, heard that his wife was joyriding with another man he hired a taxi and started a search.

At 1 o'clock this morning the car containing A. C. Mullins, a private detective, and Duke's wife, was overtaken by the husband, who told them to stop.

Mullins, the police say, fired once at Duke, the bullet taking effect in the abdomen. Duke died this morning.

Mullins and Mrs. Duke were placed in jail for investigation.

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