



Cupid, Brass Buttons and a Game of Hearts.

BY ADELE VINCENT.

MRS. DURANT WICKLOW was always the center of a group of social aspirants, anxious to catch a glance of recognition or a word of commendation, upon which the sycophantic element of the world of frivolity so eagerly depends.

After much elbowing and pushing, which resulted in the detachment of yards of chiffon ruffling from its foundation, producing thereby ruffling effects upon the temper of the young lady in question, Elizabeth Magruder, upon the arm of her escort, made her way into the circle of which Mrs. Wicklow was the object of attraction.

To the left of her Elizabeth was aware of the presence of a tall, broad-shouldered man of unusual bearing, wearing the insignia in rank of captain in the United States army.

"Oh! pardon my thoughtlessness, my dear Elizabeth—allow me to present to you my cousin, Capt. Trentshaw," said Mrs. Wicklow. After an exchange of commonplaces which follow the formalities of an introduction Capt. Trentshaw bowed most profoundly and requested the honor of the next dance.

While at West Point Capt. Trentshaw acquired the reputation of being one of the best dancers in the academy, and after his graduation and entrance into the social realm he continued to sustain the former reputation. In fact, it became a recognized fact of which his brother officers were fully aware, and which provoked a suspicion of jealousy within the hearts of many.

Little can we censure Elizabeth if she not only encouraged the attentions of Capt. Trentshaw, but displayed decided interest and friendliness in this gallant-looking soldier. After the conclusion of an exhilarating two-step, Elizabeth, somewhat fatigued, determined to rest.

"Come, Miss Magruder, I spy in a distant corner a most comfortable sofa offering an inviting promise of rest." With a sigh of gratification Elizabeth seated herself, gracefully arranging the folds of her gown, and displaying during the process the daintiest little feet in the world in their satin encasement.

"Are you so very tired? I fear it was my clumsiness throughout the dance which has caused you to be so weary. However, I beg you to be lenient, and pardon my awkwardness, for lack of practice, you know, will always show itself, and particularly so in dancing."

"Now, Capt. Trentshaw, are you in earnest when you plead for forgiveness with so feeble a cause?" this with an expression of amusement, accompanied by a flattering intonation of voice.

"You are too amiable, Miss Magruder, and the charitable spirit which prompts such speech must be responsible for many a kind deed."

Elizabeth changed the subject to one less personal:

"How long do you expect to stay here, the guest of your very beautiful and fascinating cousin, Capt. Trentshaw?"

"That I cannot definitely answer now, for orders from Washington may arrive at any time, changing my plans. I sincerely trust, however, no such interruption will occur to end the pleasures I am now experiencing"—with a meaning look toward Elizabeth. The tete-a-tete was becoming more and more interesting when the little winged messenger of time succeeded in convincing his stubborn little friend, Cupid, that the hour of departure was at hand, and the merry chatter of girls could be heard, as soft wraps were being thrown around their fair young shoulders, and the clatter and stamping of the hoofs of impatient horses as carriage after carriage drew up at the door.

That night, and often afterward, Elizabeth was destined to meet Capt. Trentshaw, first at one social function, then at another, and a feeling of intense interest had arisen between them. Engagements were made for afternoon strolls, where, amid the beauties of nature's garb, confidences were exchanged.

This friendship Horace Trentshaw valued highly, for Elizabeth, besides her physical charms, possessed mental qualities which made a most congenial and agreeable companion.

But how—how could he tell her? Would she not think she had been the dupe of his deceptions? And—suppose she cared half as much as he did? But he must banish all such possibilities—he a man—make a clean breast of it—and return to Eleanor, his cold, uncongenial wife, ten years older than himself, by whom he had been inveigled into marriage, just after his graduation from the academy.

For a while their marriage had been reasonably peaceful; but this state proved transient, for they were inherently uncongenial, and after a year of domestic turmoil, strife and discord, they concluded to end all pretense of affection and to "agree to differ."

moment when a question of great importance arises or a circumstance bearing direct influence upon our destiny will present itself, and upon one of two courses we are compelled to decide. On this critical occasion two enemies within us are struggling for supremacy; one, presenting to an exaggerated degree our trials and tribulations, the other displaying in tempting comparison all the alluring attractions, while that little censor, conscience, pulls and tugs until it has succeeded in adjusting all its fibers and strings to its own satisfaction.

This trying moment dawned upon Horace Trentshaw, and while it was extremely difficult to banish the vision of Elizabeth from his memory, with all her piquancy and the congenial companionship she offered him, nevertheless, he obeyed the promptings of the guiding voice within. On the following morning, after Horace's determination upon the course he intended to pursue, Elizabeth received the following note, the contents of which ran:

"My Dear Miss Magruder: I find to my regret that I shall be unable to attend Mrs. Glasgow's 'at home' this evening, forfeiting in consequence an opportunity of seeing you. If agreeable, and if you will permit, I shall call this afternoon between four and five. Sincerely yours,

"HORACE S. TRENTSHAW."

Elizabeth's answer to this was cordial and affirmative. Waiting for her expected visitor, she fell into a pleasant, dreamy soft of reverie and Horace was the object of her meditations.

Elizabeth had received attentions innumerable since her entrance into the social world three years since; but Cupid had planned a more complicated game of "hearts," in which she was destined to play an important role. The time had arrived, for she fully realized that the feeling of friendship she had evinced for Capt. Trentshaw was being stimulated into a deeper sentiment.

Elizabeth was startled from her journey into dreamland by the sharp sound of the electric bell ringing through the house, and a second later the butler brought a card upon a tray.

"It was a good idea of yours," said Elizabeth, "to think of calling this afternoon—really a delightful surprise, but, first, we'll have tea, and then we can talk. Strange how this harmless beverage will loosen the tongue and provoke all manner of confidences."

Horace smilingly assented, but his feelings were undergoing the greatest conflict. Oh, to catch that dainty white hand and to tell her with all the sincerity he possessed of his ardent love for her!—just for one rapturous moment, to take her slight, graceful figure in his arms, and pour forth all love's rhapsodies, and wait her response. Would there be one? he wondered, and yet, he felt intuitively there would be.

"Miss Magruder," he said, "there is a story I want to tell you."

"Oh, do, Capt. Trentshaw; I am always so interested in true stories of real life."

"A bosom friend of mine and a chum during my academy days wrote me a most pathetic letter the other day, telling me something of his life, much of which, however, I was already aware of. The latter part touched me deeply, there being such a ring of genuineness and sincerity in it. Jack was a boy of small means, but he made friends readily, and was a genuine favorite wherever he went. While completing his senior term he became acquainted with a man of very great influence and rank in the army. The friendship and interest of the older and prosperous man of the world towards Jack, then just about to enter the service as first lieutenant, he decided to avail himself of his friend's invitations to his home. During the occasion of one of these calls he became acquainted with the daughter of the house, a bright young woman, though far from good-looking and fully ten years Jack's senior. This acquaintance gradually ripened, and before long Jack and Ursula Livingston became engaged and were married. Ursula's love for Jack was largely compounded of jealousy, which she poorly concealed, and lack of harmony soon manifested itself, and life became unbearable to both. Jack soon realized that what he had mistaken for love on his part had been only a fascination of the hour. Life together grew more and more discordant, and finally they agreed to end all hypocritical show of affection and to endeavor to live upon merely a friendly basis. This plan, Jack wrote, succeeded fairly well, but Ursula's temper broke out violently on many occasions, and she spent half her time visiting her relatives and friends. Meanwhile Jack chewed the cud of discontent and was the victim of melancholia. Now for the part in which he solicits my counsel. It appears he has become acquainted with a young woman of unusual merit, and her companionship has proved so congenial that he pursued it, and soon became dependent upon it. In other words, the poor fellow met the one woman who was intended to be his loving helpmate from the beginning of existence, yet he is so fettered that he does not like even to hint of his feelings. She is unaware of his marriage, and while he has never posed as unincumbered, still he has never enlightened her as to his condition. Now he wishes to know whether he should make a clean breast of the situation and leave her, or just keep on as he has been doing. What would you suggest, Miss Magruder? Your ideas are so clear and your judgment so good."

"The situation is so very complicated, it seems difficult to say what would be the wiser course."

"My sympathies," continued Elizabeth, "naturally go out toward the poor, misunderstood wife, for she may be heart-broken over the lost love of

her husband, while pride compels her to wear a mask of indifference."

"Of course, there is unquestionably right and wrong on each side, Miss Magruder; that is indisputable; but that is not the point in question. He wants to know whether to apprise the object of his love of his affection for her or drift on in the old, delightful way?"

"Well, if he tells her of his love, he should not exact of her to betray the state of her feelings, do you think? For what good could possibly come of it?"

"Exactly so," leaning forward in his chair more eagerly. "I agree with you. Suppose I should tell you the case is not that of a friend, but—that it concerns myself, and that you are the heroine of this tragic little story? Yes—Elizabeth—it is yourself. I am most miserable. You may reproach me with scornful glances, for I should have concealed my love for you—buried it under an indifferent exterior—but, oh, Elizabeth! I could not. I love you with a pure love, and I ask nothing of you in return except your good opinion. You shall see me no more. Your bright sky shall not be darkened by the cloud of my unhappiness, and the love I bear you shall never burden you."

During Horace's passionate outburst Elizabeth sat motionless, but an observer could not have failed to detect a quiver of the nostrils, the clenched hands and the pallor of her face and brow, all revealing intensity of feeling and suppressed emotion.

"Have you nothing to say, Elizabeth? Do you mean to condemn me in silence?"

Horace had risen. "One word, Elizabeth, is all I ask. Say you forgive me, and my sufferings will be lessened."

Still she sat immovable with a cold, fixed expression.

Horace moved to the door, when with a cry Elizabeth sprang toward him, faltering, "I forgive! But you, and I, must forget."

No land was discernible as far as the eye could reach; naught interrupted that great expanse of sky and sea as "Laughing Water" sped over the mighty waves, to the tropics bent, bearing a number of passengers on missions of pleasure, in interests of business, in quest of health, or prompted by the curiosity of the tourist.

Elizabeth Magruder, seated in a steamer chair, lazily watched the gorgeousness of the tropical sunset, and unconsciously turned the leaves of her diary, when a sudden gust of wind caused several pages to become detached and to flutter about, scattering themselves to the far end of the deck. With an exclamation of regret, she immediately hurried to collect the missing sheets, and was assisted in her efforts by a gentleman. His back being turned during the process, she was prevented from obtaining a glimpse of his countenance, though there was a certain familiarity about his pose and general bearing.

"Allow me to—why! Miss Magruder! Who would have thought of meeting you? Fate is determined to throw us together."

Elizabeth, replied with a few coldly formal words of thanks, showing Capt. Trentshaw the attitude she intended to maintain toward him.

Elizabeth's feelings were painful indeed, upon discovering the presence of Horace Trentshaw on board the steamer. What right had he to force himself upon her, after these three years, and after all her struggles to blot him from her mind? Cruel! Yes, it was nothing else—and she made up her mind to remain in her stateroom and to avoid encountering him.

This determination was carried out, and nothing more had she seen or heard of Capt. Trentshaw. The boat was making for Porto Cortez, S. H., after having left Belize, B. H., and from information gathered from the maid, Elizabeth was under the impression that Capt. Trentshaw had left the steamer. With a sigh of relief she mounted the deck. The young moon was shedding its silvery reflection upon the beautiful Bay of Honduras, and all was bathed in its mellow light.

Leaning over the rail of the deck, enjoying the invigorating splash of spray, stood Elizabeth. Standing a few feet to her right and a trifle to the rear, so as not to be observed by her, Horace Trentshaw stood watching her with an intensity of longing and an expression of unutterable pain. Softly approaching, he placed his hand upon that of Elizabeth and held her thus a trembling prisoner.

"Elizabeth, the time has come when you need avoid me no longer—and you must listen to what I have to say. We parted three years ago. I was a brute then, Elizabeth, and confessed a love which I could not honorably offer you. You, with your gentle, noble soul, understood and sympathized with the temptations to which poor, frail humanity is heir. You forgave me—and—bade me—forget—Oh, God, if I could have forgotten! Time dragged slowly and uneventfully along in maddening monotony; occasionally my cousin would hint of your existence and whereabouts in her letters, which were few. Thus it continued until six months ago, when Eleanor died after a long, tedious illness. I learned through my cousin of your absence from the city, and that you were traveling, so I determined to find you, Elizabeth. My ardent love has guided me. Accept it, dear one, and know it has been strengthened and purified in the crucible of patient yearning."

Elizabeth's gaze turned again upon the distant horizon, and though at first she did not speak, her slender form trembled.

Turning to Horace with an expression of tender sympathy, she placed her two hands upon his shoulders and said: "To forgive was easy, Horace, but to forget was impossible."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

An Interurban Line. The organization of the Springfield, Bloomington, Lincoln & Peoria interurban railroad was completed in Bloomington by the election of nine directors and the following officers: President, Lafayette Funk, Bloomington; vice president, S. E. Prather, Springfield; secretary and treasurer, Frank W. Aldrich, Bloomington. The company will float bonds to the amount of \$2,500,000 and will construct a trolley line from Bloomington to Springfield and from Peoria to Lincoln. The stockholders include prominent capitalists of the four cities to be connected.

Will Share in Profits. All employees of the Decatur Railway & Light company on the pay roll May 1 will receive a share of the profits of the company for the last year. Each employee will get a bonus or reward an amount equal to five per cent. of the wages he drew during the year. This distribution calls for about \$3,000. There are 90 employees who will share in it. Of these 50 are in the street railway service, 20 at the gas works, 15 at the electric light plant and five in the office force. The pay roll for these lines amounts to about \$60,000 a year.

Woman Sentenced for Murder. Mrs. Mary Terry must serve 20 years in the penitentiary for the murder at Springfield of Leona Granberry, 14 years old. Such is the verdict returned by a jury in the circuit court of Sangamon county after deliberating all night. The delay in a verdict was the result of a disagreement over the length of the term to be imposed. Mrs. Terry killed the girl last November. The wife learned of the relations existing between her husband and the girl, and following Miss Granberry to a dark spot, beat her to death with a pop bottle.

A Sad Story. Louis Morris, a young man residing near Steelville, committed suicide by shooting himself. His sister, Miss Sophronia Morris, aged 19, was to have been examined for insanity at the family home later in the day. He became dependent on account of his sister's misfortune and ended his life. While the insanity inquisition was in progress the dead body of the young man was brought home. Miss Morris was declared insane and at once taken to the state asylum at Anna.

Muskrats Cause Mine Flood. There is a premium on muskrat skins in the vicinity of Carbondale. The Old Equality coal mine was flooded by muskrats burrowing into the shaft from the bank of the Saline river, and 100 miners had a narrow escape from drowning. The men were at work when the alarm was given that water was pouring into the mine. Immediately they crowded into the hoists and by the time the last men were taken out they were standing in water up to their necks.

To Be Chief Hostess. Mrs. Richard Yates, wife of Gov. Yates, of Illinois, is to be the chief hostess of the Illinois World's Fair building at St. Louis, and will officiate on all state occasions. This statement was made by Senator J. N. C. Shumway, secretary of the Illinois commission. The Illinois commission let the contract for furnishing the Illinois building. The amount to be expended is \$15,000. The interior decorations are to be of the style of Louis XVI.

Socialists Name State Ticket. The state convention of the socialist party was held in Peoria. Two hundred and fifty delegates were present, half of whom were from Cook county. A full state ticket was chosen, and the question of immediate demands, which was defeated in the convention two years ago, was carried after a hot fight by the close vote of 60 to 58. The ticket is headed by John Collins, of Chicago, for governor.

Told in a Few Lines. The state canal commissioners lay claim to millions of dollars' worth of property along the Chicago river and threaten to carry their contentions into court in a desperate effort to raise money.

The First regiment, I. N. G., is to visit the St. Louis exposition after its encampment at Springfield.

Short work was made in Chicago of Emil Roeski, one of the car barn bandits. He was found guilty of the murder of Otto Bauder on July 9, and was taken to the penitentiary to serve a life term.

Safe blowers have been very active within 30 miles from Sterling, and no less than 15 safes have been visited and that number of safes cracked and looted. In almost every instance the robbers have confined themselves to post offices.

The Tanner Memorial association met in Springfield and accepted plans for a monument to be erected above the grave of the former governor, to cost about \$20,000. The plans of Tiffany & Co., of New York, were accepted, and bids will be received for the work at a later date.

The residence of Jesse Glasco, Jr., at Alto Pass, burned and his eight-month-old child, which had been left alone in the house, was burned to death. Robbers blew open the safe in the post office at Paw Paw and secured \$51 in cash, besides several registered letters and a quantity of stamps.

Good One Necessary. One of the English weekly papers tells a good, "and" story. A distinguished amateur came to the finish with the air of one who has only to come and see in order to conquer. "How, caddie," he said. "Yes, sir." "What's the length of this hole?" "Two hundred yards, sir." "How, I see. Just a drive and a putt." He addressed the ball, swung, and drove it a couple of yards. "No," said the caddie, "noo for the de'il o' a putt!"—N. Y. Tribune.

Well Timed. "That was a great sermon you preached this morning," said the old deacon, "and it was well-timed, too." "Yes," rejoined the parson, with a deep sigh, "I noticed that." "Noticed what?" asked the puzzled deacon. "That several of the congregation looked at their watches frequently," answered the good man, with another deep sigh.—Chicago Daily News.

"Sound as a Dollar." Monticello, Minn., April 26th.—Mr. J. W. Moore of this place stands as a living proof of the fact that Bright's Disease, even in the last stages, may be perfectly and permanently cured. Mr. Moore says:—"In 1893, three reputable physicians after a careful examination told me that I would die with Bright's Disease inside of a year. My feet and ankles and legs were badly swollen; I could hardly stand on my feet and had given up all hopes of getting cured, when a traveling salesman told me that he himself had been cured of Bright's Disease two years before.

He said he had taken to his bed and expected to die with it, but that he had been cured by a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I commenced taking them at once and I am thankful to say that they saved my life. After a short treatment, I was completely restored to good health and I am as sound as a dollar."

It is not helps, but obstacles; not facilities but difficulties, that make men.—Matthews.

Why Pills Gripes. Just because they contain harsh and drastic drugs, with nothing to modify their violent action. If in need of a laxative, you will obtain satisfactory results by taking Dr. Caldwell's (Laxative) Syrup Pepsin, a "corrective," not a "cathartic" laxative. Its action is gentle, it assists nature to put the stomach and bowels in normal condition and never sickens; children, as well as grown people, love it for its pleasant taste. The soothing action of the pepsin makes the digestive process perfect. Try it and you will wonder why you never have before. All druggists sell it. 50c and \$1.00 sizes.

"Heads I lose, tails you win," said the nobleman to the novelist as he went to the guillotine.—Cornell Widow.

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Mr. Plane (who is fond of dogs)—"Miss Waite, don't you think you ought to have an intelligent animal about the house that would protect you and— Miss Waite— Oh, Mr. Plane! This is so sudden."—Philadelphia Press.

K. C. S. Almanac for 1904. The Kansas City Southern Railway Company's Annual Almanac is now ready for distribution. It contains the usual monthly calendars, many useful household hints and information concerning the Country in Missouri, Arkansas, the Indian Territory, Texas and Louisiana. Write for a copy to, K. C. Warner, Gen. Pass. & Tkt. Agt., S. C. S. Ry., Kansas City, Mo.

When a man is bound to break into business, he says, "Competition is the life of trade," but he soon finds out different.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

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## CONGRESS DOES MUCH WORK

### OUTLINE OF SOME OF ITS IMPORTANT TRANSACTIONS.

Total of Over 21,000 Bills and Resolutions Introduced, and 1,400 New Laws Are Enacted.

Washington, April 25.—The important legislative accomplishments of the first and special sessions of the Fifty-eighth congress were confined to two subjects—Cuba and Panama. The reciprocity treaty between the new island republic and the United States, initiated by President McKinley, was made operative by a legislative enactment. The ratification of a treaty by the senate and the subsequent initiation of legislation for the government of the canal zone commit the United States to the construction of the Panama canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The special session, now denominated the first session, was called for the express purpose of carrying out the pledge of the nation to Cuba. The Panama development was one which arose suddenly and received decisive and immediate action at the hands of President Roosevelt and the senate.

In the house there were 15,398 bills, 349 resolutions, 152 joint resolutions and 61 concurrent resolutions introduced. Of these 2,253 passed the house. In the senate there were 5,645 bills introduced.

Chairman Hemenway, of the house committee on appropriations, in a statement compiled under his direction, gives the total of all supply bills (subject to slight changes in pending bills), as \$597,832,334, to which must be added \$64,971,320 for interest on the public debt. The estimated revenues are \$704,472,060. By these figures the expenses are \$22,000,000 less than the revenues. The estimates of the various government departments on which the appropriation bills were based, exceeded the total estimated revenues by \$42,845,862.

While a total of over 1,400 bills became laws during the two sessions, less than 150 of them were "public" bills, and of this latter number one-half simply authorized the bridging of rivers, the damming of streams, the regulation of federal courts and the ordinances of the District of Columbia. Several amendments have been made to facilitate the administration of the public land laws. The allotment in severalty of lands owned collectively by Indian tribes in various sections of the country has been provided for in a number of acts.

The only general pension legislation which became a law makes the pension of those who totally lost their sight in the military or naval service \$100 per month. Agitation for a service pension bill resulted in the introduction of many such bills. It was decided, however, that no such action should be taken at the present session, after which the general order making age an evidence of physical disability to perform manual labor was issued by the secretary of the interior and recognized by congress in a deficiency appropriation of \$1,500,000 to make it effective. The only direct dealings which congress had with the "postal scandals" was the investigation by the house of the connection of its members with clerk hire increases in third and fourth class post offices and representations regarding leases. This investigation cleared every member from any improper conduct in the matter.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition company received a loan of \$4,600,000 from the government, of which \$100,000 is to pay the expenses of the board of lady managers.

The government is to participate in the exposition to be held at Portland, Ore., in 1905, for the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the exploration of Oregon by the Lewis and Clarke expedition, to the extent of an exhibit to cost \$450,000 and an Alaskan exhibit to cost \$25,000.

The house, by independent action, directed an investigation of the alleged "beef trust" by the department of commerce and labor. The attorney general was given the benefit of the unexpended appropriation made by the last congress for the prosecution of the trust, an amount aggregating \$475,000.

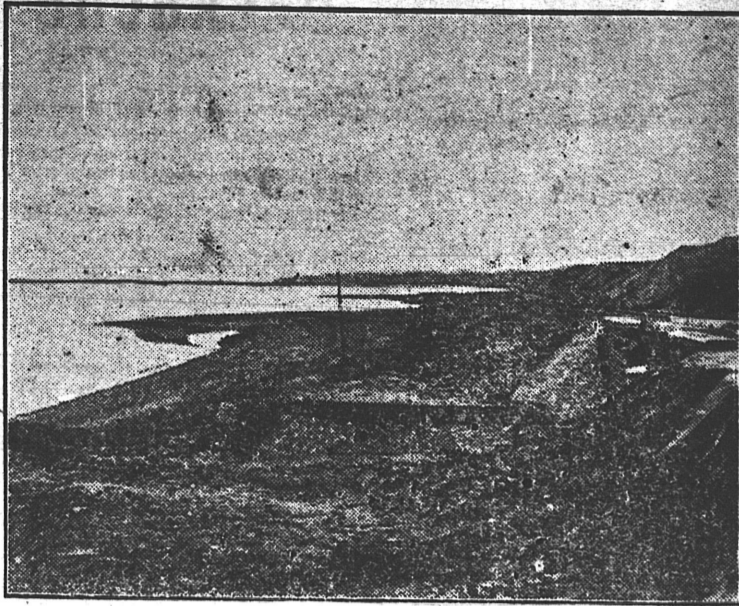
Impeachment proceedings were begun in the house against Federal Judge Charles Swayne, of the northern district of Florida; but after a majority report from the committee favoring impeachment, the matter was sent back to committee and made a special order for the next session.

Legislation directly affecting the labor interests of the country received consideration in the committee of the two houses, but final action was not taken. The eight-hour bill was referred to the department of commerce and labor for investigation and report, and the anti-injunction bill was postponed by the committee until the next session.

The creation of two additional states in the union was provided for in a bill which passed the house, but not the senate. Oklahoma and Indian Territory were united as Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico as Arizona.

### Ready for the Opening.

St. Louis, April 25.—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Louisiana Purchase exposition in this city next Saturday.



IN TALIENWAN BAY.

Here the Manchurian railway runs a loce to the Yellow Sea, and is particularly vulnerable to attack.

## CZAR DECLINES PLANS FOR PEACE

### Refuses Mediation by Kings Edward and Christian—Will Fight Till Russia Gains Victory.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—It is announced authoritatively that the talk of mediation in the Russo-Japanese war was founded upon the personal desires of King Edward and King Christian of Denmark to avoid further bloodshed and end the conflict, but that the steps initiated have utterly failed. The emperor, with the full concurrence of the imperial family and his advisers, has firmly decided not only to reject all proposals looking to intervention, but to prosecute the war with all the resources of the empire until victory crowns the Russian arms, and then when the time comes for peace to make terms directly with the enemy. The interference of outside powers will not be tolerated. There is to be no repetition of the Berlin congress.

Furthermore, it is stated that Russia will in no wise consider herself bound by the propositions made to Japan prior to the war. The hostilities have wiped out the engagements Russia offered to make with Japan regarding Korea and Manchuria. Russia will consider herself free to impose such terms as she desires.

Exactly what form of mediation was to be brought about, or if, indeed, mediation or "good offices" were actually offered, what steps were to be taken, how far they progressed or where, are not disclosed. All that can be stated with absolute positiveness is that whatever has occurred in the direction of ending the war was above the level of cabinets and chancelleries and had its birth in the personal solicitations of the emperor's uncle and grandfather.

It is apparent to every keen observer here that the Russian people are not in a temper to consider peace. They are thoroughly aroused by a desire to avenge the losses and humiliations they have sustained, and even if the emperor himself, absolute monarch as he is, were disposed to listen to propositions to end the war at this juncture he would do so against the almost unanimous protest of his subjects.

**Japs Cross the Yalu.**  
Liaoyang, April 27.—Between Sunday night and Tuesday morning the Japanese forced a passage of the Yalu, two companies crossing between Tchangdjou and Siaopoussikhe. Heavy firing was heard near Tatung-kau, in which it is believed the Japanese made a feint in order to distract attention from the real point of passage. So far no bridge spans the river. It is believed the Russian fire succeeded in destroying the floating parts of the Japanese bridges.

On April 23 the Russians observed that the Japanese were making preparations to cross the Yalu river. On the night of April 25 two steamers and two torpedo boats were noticed at the mouth of the river. They approached the shore at daylight and the Japanese commenced to build a pontoon on the left tributary. A second pontoon is being prepared ten miles up the stream.

At three o'clock the same afternoon the Japanese occupied the island of Samolindo, to which they carried pontoon boats, etc. The night passed quietly, the torpedo boats maintaining a careful watch in case the troops ashore should be attacked and examining the mouth of the river by means of searchlights.

### Not An Important Victory.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The censor committee did not give out the dispatches received regarding movements of the Japanese across the Yalu river. It was estimated that information had been received that

Japanese had crossed the river, but this was accompanied by a statement that the success of the enemy should in no sense be regarded as an important victory, the Russians having no intention of vigorously contesting the passage.

### Japanese Latest Move.

Paris, April 27.—A despatch to the Petit Parisien from its Shanghai correspondent says: "A rumor is current here that Japan intends to occupy a portion of the Fukien coast opposite Formosa, with the object of preventing the Russian Baltic squadron passing through the Formosa strait." **Stirring News Expected.**

London, April 27.—No further news from the seat of war has reached London and there is no confirmation of the reported Japanese reverse on the Yalu. Stirring news, however, is hourly expected both from the regions of the Yalu and Vladivostok. The general opinion that Vice Admiral Togo is waiting for the Vladivostok squadron is confirmed by the Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent, who says there is no doubt that the Japanese are taking steps to cut off the retreat of the Vladivostok warships.

### Sinks Japanese Transports.

Paris, April 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "I learn from a sure source that the Vladivostok squadron yesterday sank four Japanese transports, which were conveying 4,000 men."

### Japs in Russian Trap.

Seoul, April 18, via Shanghai, April 26.—A mine laid by the retreating Russians in a mountain pass south of Wiju exploded while Japanese infantry was passing over. Many Japanese soldiers were killed and wounded, but details are unobtainable.

### Russians Sink Jap Ship.

Tokio, April 26.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Genran, on the east coast of Korea, Monday morning, and sank the Goyo Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer of 600 tons. A brief telegram received from Gensan said three Russian cruisers had entered the harbor and that they were still there when the telegram was sent. Their arrival created consternation in the unprotected Japanese colony at Gensan. It is thought here in Tokio that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troop ships. It is not believed that the squadron will remain at Gensan long.

The Vladivostok squadron consists of the cruisers Rossia, Gromobol, Rue Rurik and Bogatyre. The last is a protected cruiser, and the others are armored cruisers, the four being among the most powerful in the Russian navy. Gensan is about 350 miles southwest of Vladivostok.

### No Decisive Fighting

Newchwang, April 25.—There is no official information that any decisive fighting has taken place on the Yalu river, neither have any reliable reports been received here that the Japanese have yet attempted to cross, although the opposing lines, it is understood, now skirt the two banks of the river.

The Russians are preparing to resist a Japanese advance by the further construction of intrenchments and other fortifications on the Manchurian side of the river especially opposite the points where the Japanese have concentrated their forces within the last few days, and all reports of a decisive engagement on the Yalu are premature.

## CROPS DELAYED BY COLD.

Weather Last Week Reported Unfavorable Both for Farm Work and Plant Growth.

Washington, April 27.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

From the west gulf coast northward to the middle Rocky mountain slope the temperature conditions were generally favorable, but elsewhere the week was much too cool for germination and growth, although the latter part was warmer and more favorable.

While preparations for corn planting have been active in the principal corn states, as a whole but little planting was done during the week, owing to low temperatures. East of the Mississippi river, no corn has been planted north of the Ohio river, nor has planting begun in Iowa and Nebraska, except in the southwest part of the last named state. In the southern states corn has suffered from cold weather and is small with irregular stands.

Very favorable reports respecting winter wheat are received from Nebraska and Kansas, except the extreme western portion of the latter state. Over the northern portion of the spring wheat region practically no seeding has been done. Seeding is generally well advanced over the southern portion, being completed over a considerable area in South Dakota and Iowa.

Over the greater portions of Illinois and Iowa, oat seeding is nearly finished, and this work is progressing favorably in Ohio and Indiana. Seeding is not yet general in Michigan, and very little has been done in Wisconsin and Minnesota, except over the southern portion of the last named state. Over the southern portion of the central valleys the reports generally indicate that oats are making slow growth and in some sections poor stands are shown. With frosts and freezing temperatures generally throughout the central valleys and middle Atlantic states, the outlook for fruits in these districts has been further impaired, early peaches apparently suffering most. In the more northerly districts, however, owing to the lateness of the season, there is more or less uncertainty as to the injury caused.

## INDIANA REPUBLICANS.

State Convention Selects Electors and Delegates-at-Large—Outline of the Platform.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 27.—The delegates to the republican state convention met Tuesday in Tomlinson hall in what is said to be the largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held by the party in the state.

Congressman Watson was elected permanent chairman, and H. A. Strohm secretary of the convention. After electing presidential electors, national delegates and alternates, the convention adjourned to meet this morning at nine o'clock, when a platform will be adopted and a state ticket nominated.

The convention selected by acclamation the following: For presidential electors-at-large: George A. Cunningham, Evansville; Joseph D. Oliver, South Bend.

For delegates-at-large to the national convention: Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, Indianapolis; Senator Albert J. Beveridge, Indianapolis; Gov. W. T. Durbin, Anderson; State Chairman James Goodrich, Winchester.

For alternates-at-large: E. P. McClure, Marion; E. W. Marsh, Greenfield; Howard Maxwell, Rockville; J. L. C. McAdam, Portland.

## FATAL EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Building Demolished at Powder Factory in Missouri.

Hannibal, Mo., April 27.—An explosion in the gelatine house of the Producers' Powder company's plant at Lamotte, 22 miles south of here Tuesday, killed two men and demolished the building. The shock of the explosion was felt for several miles, and the windows in houses at a great distance were shattered.

## A FRIGHTFUL PLUNGE.

Forty-Three Men Fall 2,000 Feet Down Shaft in South Africa—All Killed.

Johannesburg, April 27.—The collapse of a cage in the Robinson mine precipitated 43 natives 2,000 feet to the bottom. All were killed. The bottom of the shaft is a quagmire of human remains.

## Mostly in Favor of Olney.

Boston, April 27.—Democratic conventions for the election of delegates to the national convention at St. Louis were held in the 14 congressional districts of the state Tuesday and in all but four of the districts' delegates, either pledged or favorable to the nomination of Richard Olney for the presidency, were chosen. Of these delegates 21 are claimed for Olney, six are conceded to Hearst, while one is unpledged and non-committal. To the Olney forces must be added the four delegates-at-large, elected and pledged to him at the state convention.

## DIED ON THE GALLOWES.

The Car Barn Bandits, Niedermeier, Marx and Van Dine, Hanged in Chicago.

Chicago, April 23.—The car-barn bandits have paid the penalty of their crimes. All three of them were hanged Friday morning.

Peter Niedermeier, the leader of the desperate band of robbers, was the first



PETER NIEDERMEIER.

to die. His nerve stood by him to the last, but his physical strength gave out and he was carried to the scaffold. He died with only a curse for religion. He defied Heaven and man. His death was consistent with his life.

Gustave Marx was the next to go to his fate. He was brave and collected.



GUSTAVE MARX.

Not once did he falter, and the words of his prayer: "Oh, God, receive my soul," came from behind the white cap the very instant the trap fell.

Harvey Van Dine was the last. He, too, showed the greatest courage in the awful moments that preceded the plunge. Like Marx, he kept repeating the words of the litany for the dying,



HARVEY VAN DINE.

and his tones rose clear and distinct up to the last second.

The executions were conducted without an incident to mar their smoothness. Niedermeier was hanged at 10:35 o'clock. He died from strangulation, although there was a slight fracture of the neck. Marx and Van Dine died almost painless deaths after the first instant of shock. Their necks were broken.

Chicago, April 21.—Emil Roeski, the junior member of the bandit gang, three of whom died on the gallows Friday, escaped the fate of his associates. The jury returned a verdict Wednesday that he pass the remainder of his life in the penitentiary. One man is said to have balked a death sentence. His attorney, Isadore Plotke, informed Judge Kersten immediately that he would not ask for a new trial. He said he was satisfied with the verdict in that he had saved his client from the scaffold.

Judge Kersten sentenced Roeski immediately after uttering a few statements in which he said that Roeski merited a worse punishment.

Two hours after his sentence Roeski went to the Joliet penitentiary to serve the term of his natural life.

Roeski's escape from the gallows caused him to be considered as "a lucky man." Oscar L. Sabin, foreman of the jury, said that the jurors could not agree on the question of whether Roeski fired the bullet that ended Otto Bader's life at Ernst M. Steir's saloon the night of July 9, 1903.

## Treaty Concluded.

Havana, April 23.—President Palma sent a message to the senate Friday announcing the conclusion of an extradition treaty with the United States.

## TWENTY LIVES ARE LOST.

Terrible Results Follow Tornadoes in the Indian Territory.

Fairland, I. T., April 26.—Half a dozen business blocks were destroyed by a tornado that swept through here Sunday afternoon, killing seven persons outright and injuring a number of others. Three of the injured will die. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Lamar, Mrs. John Lemaster, Arthur Brought, a child of N. J. Houck, Elijah Russell, his wife and child. It is estimated that the tornado caused property damage to the extent of \$10,000. Four miles south of here the tornado was even more severe. Farm houses and barns were completely demolished and farm stock killed.

Fryor Creek, I. T., April 26.—A tornado passed through the country about three miles south of here Sunday. The storm originated west of Chouteau, a station on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, eight miles south of here, and took a northeast direction, leaving a path of death and destruction from one-half to a mile in width, and, as far as heard from, 20 miles long.

Near where the storm started the family of John Abbot, consisting of father, mother and two children, were killed. Not a thread of clothing was left on one of the victims, and the dwelling was entirely destroyed.

The next serious damage inflicted was at the farm of Bert Dealy, whose house was destroyed, his six-year-old boy killed and Dealy badly injured. Passing from the Dealy place every building in its path was destroyed. Near Grand river, eight miles east of here, the residence of Leopold Biting was struck and his eight-year-old daughter killed, Biting himself having both legs broken.

Pine Bluff, Ark., April 26.—A tornado Monday passed over Jefferson county, killing two children and doing heavy property damage. At the town of Sherrill many buildings were blown down, including the residences of J. M. Barrett, W. A. Payne and others. The house of Peast Thomas, a negro who lived a few miles from Sherrill, was blown down and his two children killed.

Muscooge, I. T., April 26.—John Truelove and child were killed, and Mrs. Truelove was fatally hurt in a storm that destroyed their home at Choteau, I. T. Near Choteau a young man was blown a quarter of a mile and killed. His name is unknown. His father was blown a long distance, but escaped serious injury. An Indian woman and her child were killed by a storm at Tahlequah, I. T.

## CAUSED A SENSATION.

Robber Is Killed After Hold-Up at San Jose, Cal.—Proves to Be Prominent Man.

San Jose, Cal., April 25.—A masked man armed with two revolvers entered the rooms of the Delmonte Social club and after lining up against the wall six men who were in the rooms, took a diamond ring valued at \$900 from one of the men, grabbed up \$350 or \$400 from the table, then backed out of the room. After pursuit by citizens lasting over an hour, during which over 30 shots were exchanged the robber was finally killed. Upon investigation the dead man was found to be Bert Thorndyke, a prominent young man.

Thorndyke was one of the best-known young men in this city. His mother-in-law was Mrs. G. M. Bruce, a wealthy widow, with whom Thorndyke, his wife and little child lived. His mother is a wealthy widow of Stockton. The affair has caused a great sensation.

## SHOT TO DEATH FOR MURDER

Frank Rose Is Legally Executed at Salt Lake City for Brutally Slaying Wife.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 23.—Frank Rose, the wife murderer, was shot to death in the yard of the state penitentiary here at 10:09 Friday morning. Death was instantaneous, four bullets lodging in or very close to his heart. Rose was strapped to the same little wooden chair in which Peter Mortensen met his fate a few months ago. Five prison guards, concealed behind a heavy blue curtain in the doorway of the blacksmith shop across the area, formed the executing squad. One of the rifles held a blank cartridge. Rose went to his death chair with the same coolness that had marked his conduct since he surrendered to the police.

## TRAMPS ARE KILLED.

Four Men Ground to Pieces by a Train in the Outskirts of Winona, Minn.

St. Paul, Minn., April 25.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Winona, Minn., says: Four tramps were ground to pieces while asleep on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad tracks near the city limits. They were: George Hendricks (known as "St. Louis Blackie"), Oscar Larson, William Radigan and William Mack. Mack's head was cut off and all the other victims were horribly mutilated. The men left the city Saturday night with two gallons of alcohol, and it is supposed were in a drunken stupor when run down by the cars.

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By order of County Central Committee, ART ASHBROOK, Secretary. W. K. WHITFIELD, Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CIRCUIT CLERK.

WE are authorized to announce R. A. SILVER as a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Moultrie county...

WE are authorized to announce A. H. MILLER as a candidate for circuit clerk of Moultrie county...

STATE'S ATTORNEY.

WE are authorized to announce FRANK J. THOMPSON as a candidate for State's Attorney of Moultrie county...

WE are authorized to announce ART W. LUX as a candidate for states' attorney of Moultrie county...

CORONER.

WE are authorized to announce DR. W. H. GLADVILLE as a candidate for coroner of Moultrie county...

WE are authorized to announce P. F. HARRIS as a candidate for coroner, subject to the decision of the democratic primary.

COUNTY SURVEYOR.

WE are authorized to announce B. B. HAYDON as a candidate for county surveyor subject to the decision of the democratic primary.

County School Rally.

A county school rally will be held at Seass park near Sullivan on Friday, May 20. The grounds will be open all day...

PROGRAM:

10:30-Parade. Form on square and march to Seass park. Music by Sullivan band. Invocation, Rev. H. A. Davis.

ATHLETIC CONTEST.

Fifty yard dash. Directors' prize, three pounds of peanuts. Any boy who went to school the past year is eligible to enter any of the following contests.

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ON THE BANKS OF WHITLEY CREEK.

BY E. A. CROWL.

I see the leaves and flowers Bursting from their wintry bowers. Every day. And the balmy air resonates, With the songs of birds around. In their play.

It's been some little time Since you met in prose or rhyme, Whitley Creek; So it seems the time is ripe For you to set your type And to seek, A space for us to tell That we're doing very well On our spot; For our land is fair, And with Eden will compare, Know you not?

The HERALD does not make a practice of publishing much spring poetry, especially when spring has been so backward as it has this season...

OUR NEIGHBORS.

News From Our Adjoining Counties Briefly Stated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dearing of Taylorville, aged 88 years, has 271 living descendants.

The Eastern Star home at Macos is building an annex. The home has fourteen inmates.

A professional man of Mattoon gave the Morning Star of that city a check for \$100 which pays his subscription to that paper to April 16, 1926.

Champaign county's board of supervisors has 33 members. The last year, eight of these were democrats.

The trustees of the several churches at Paris held a meeting last week for the purpose of discussing a plan for the founding of a city hospital.

A \$5,000 damage suit is pending in the courts of Christian county, the plaintiff being Gabriel Butts, the postmaster, who has brought suit against one John Metzger for defamation of character.

A Dandy for Burns.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommended it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. 'It is a dandy for burns.' Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied.

A Street Doctor.

Dr. Cammins, a street doctor, was in town all day Saturday selling medicines. He had a small organ and being a good singer he was able to attract the people to his wagon.

He did some business here.—Bethany Echo.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED BY THE HERALD REPORTERS.

AILENVILLE.

George Lilly was a business visitor in Sullivan Saturday. He was descending a stairway when he slipped on a banana peel and fell down several steps, breaking a rib.

John Spaugh, Sr., is on the sick list. Nellie Preston of Coles visited home-folks Sunday.

Mrs. Travis is on the sick list; also Mrs. John Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Winchester of this place were Sullivan visitors last Saturday.

Several from here attended the I. O. O. F. celebration in Mattoon last Monday night.

J. R. Martin has returned from Oklahoma and reports very favorably of that country.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moran died and was buried at the French cemetery, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spaugh gave a dance to their friends last Saturday night. A very enjoyable time is reported.

A party was given Mabel Purvis last Thursday evening, the occasion being her fourteenth birthday. Quite a number were present and all report a fine time.

BETHANY.

Walter Roney is building a new house.

Frank Evans has gone to the soldiers' home at Quincy.

Miss Grace Riggan has been appointed deputy postmaster.

A son was born one day last week to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Queen.

Sherman Wheeler and family have moved to the Langton property.

Quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will be held Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Reed will preach at Banner chapel Saturday at 2:30 and this will be followed by the quarterly conference.

Mike Finley of Sullivan was buying horses here, Wednesday.

Walter Roney is building a new residence on the lot just west of his father's.

The commencement cards are out for the graduating exercises, which will be held in the opera house, May, 4th.

John Freeland the ex-postmaster at this place is making preparations to publish a republican paper, the Bethany News. Mr. Freeland is out hustling business and taking subscriptions.

LOVINGTON.

W. B. Shook was called to Carlinville, Ill., Saturday on account of the death of a sister.

Rev. J. P. Edgar delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class at the M. E. church, Sunday evening.

The graduating exercises on Friday evening April 29 at the Christian church were attended by a large and appreciative audience.

William H. Hull, valedictory by Leona M. Conn. Prof. David Felmy of the state normal, at Normal Ill., delivered an address on "The Purpose of the High School in American Life."

Miss Pearl Souther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Southar, formerly of this place but now living near Bement, died of consumption, Monday evening; the body was brought here for interment Wednesday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Edgar at the M. E. church, Wednesday morning; interment at the Keller cemetery.

HAMPTON.

W. H. Smith and Jeff Shipman were Decatur visitors Saturday.

Arthur Wright has been dangerously ill for some time, but is now convalescent.

Peter Standifer returned Monday from Arkansas, where he has been working this winter.

Millions and millions of hungry rats have suddenly made their appearance in Hampton, and are destroying stock and grain. Poison has been used, cats imported, all kinds of traps have been used and thousands killed, but the number seems to increase instead of decrease.

WHITLEY.

Our school observed Arbor Day and made garden, Friday.

M. A. Garrett went to Ponca, Okla., last week, to visit his sister, Mrs. J. S. Roberts, a few days. His daughter, Miss Flora, who was in attendance at school in that city came home with him.

Robert Waggoner, jr., a student in telegraphy at the Central depot in Sullivan, visited his father, E. S. Waggoner and family, Sunday. This is Bob's first visit home since he commenced handling lightning. He says he has been there five months and hasn't smashed up a single train.

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Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horsehoand Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by Pate & Co.

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The correspondence of the officials shows that the teachers or directors of many public schools in Missouri and other states not greatly distant from the Exposition are desirous of making arrangements to bring their pupils in bodies to the Fair in order that the children may pass a few days in studying the features of the great spectacle for their own intellectual benefit.

Already a number of such trips have been planned, those in charge of each school making arrangements with the railroads for special transportation; rates and securing hotel or boarding house accommodations in St. Louis, not too far from the fair grounds, at reduced prices.

Teachers as well as pupils cannot fail to derive great benefit from a study of the Exposition. In the Palace of Education will be arranged an enormous mass of material collected from the schools of every state and nation, scientifically classified and showing an invaluable comparative exhibit of the work of school children the world over.

Special facilities are to be provided at the Exposition for the comfort and convenience of such visiting bodies of teachers and pupils. Jefferson Guards or other competent guides will be detailed to pilot the parties through the grounds and buildings, pointing out the objects of greatest interest to the children. From time to time there will be lectures along educational lines.

But the entire Exposition is to be a vast picture of universal industry, and with its many marvelous machines in motion, its factories and mines in operation, and its thorough exposition of the processes of producing finished articles from the raw material, it will furnish object lessons to both teacher and pupil which will be entertaining as well as highly instructive.

Suppose, for instance, that a teacher desires to give his pupils information as to the products of the various states of the Union. A walk along the Plateau of States, where the state buildings are located, suggests itself. In each of these handsome buildings the children will be able to gain information which might require months to obtain in any other way.

If it is desired that the children learn something about the actual workings of mines, a trip through the great mining gulch on the Exposition grounds will furnish the information. Here the pupils may see gold, silver, copper, lead and coal mines in operation, all the processes of taking out and reducing the ores being shown.

A considerable knowledge of history and a taste for historical reading may be imparted to the school children by slight effort upon the part of their teachers in visiting the Government building and examining the precious documents to be shown there. Here also the science of civil government may be taught to much better advantage than from text books, for each department of the National Government will have its separate exhibit, showing the workings of the departments, its methods and aims.

To afford the pupils a general idea of the nations of the world it will be necessary merely to make a tour of the foreign government buildings, the teachers taking the pains to describe the habits, industries and arts of the respective peoples represented.

Suggestions as to how to study the Exposition to best advantage will be prepared by competent persons and furnished to those in charge of school children.

The exhibit of Alaskan trade and enterprises will be one of the most interesting at the Exposition. The resources of the Klondike—the seal, salmon, cod and halibut fisheries—will be extensively exploited. A family of Alaskan seals will be brought to St. Louis. A unique anthropological exhibit of desirable specimens will be seen. The Alaskan building is a typical Alaskan structure with four giant totem poles on each corner.

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Fred Sona was an Arcola visitor Saturday.

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Mrs. E. C. Cheney and family have moved here from Saybrook.

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George Dunscomb and his son Joseph were up from Windsor Monday.

Attorney Za Donovan of Mattoon was a visitor here Monday.

Prof. H. A. Bone was in Normal Friday and Saturday of last week.

Some people spend enough time weeping over spilt milk to buy a whole cow.

Those Mexican hats will be worn a good deal this year. See Sheridan about them.

This is a good time to buy stock food, Pate & Co. have the best on the market. 18-2.

Dr. Stedman of Champaign has been employed as pastor of the Baptist church at Arthur.

For the latest and most up to date novelties in clothing and furnishings go to Sheridan.

Judge Johns will come over from Decatur Monday to hear a few motions in circuit court.

Miss Maud Siple returned Tuesday from Hillsboro, where she has been visiting friends.

Joe Elen has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he has been attending dental college.

Mrs. Adah Bristow who has been spending the winter at Harvey, Ill., has returned home.

Mrs. O. C. Thayer will take charge of the Globe hotel on South Washington street next week.

Mrs. E. B. Eden was called to Chicago, Sunday by the illness of her nephew, Fred Miley.

Mrs. W. T. Sheridan is in Springfield this week attending a convention of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Walter Benson the contractor says that the new Masonic home will be completed in about three months.

Pate & Co. would be glad to have you call when in town. Everything in the drug line at their store. 18-2.

Prof. B. F. Peadro made his appearance in Sullivan again Wednesday. He came to attend a meeting of the school board.

Miss Marie C. Brehm, state president of the W. C. T. U., will make an address at the M. E. church Sunday evening, May 8.

Many of our farmers are offering to pay a nice sum per acre to have an interurban line run by their farms.—Decatur Herald.

John Siler and wife who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles Kuster, returned to their home at Dundee, Monday.

Newton Conn, of the Lovington Reporter, was in the city Saturday morning en route to Decatur to see Ringling Bros' big circus.

N. A. Heacock will vacate the Globe house about the first of May and move to Mrs. Jane Dunscomb's property on East Jackson Street.

Miss Bertha Oese, daughter of J. S. Oese, formerly of this city, is a member of the graduating class of the Mattoon high school this year.

Mrs. Alt Townsend and daughter Colleen went to Terre Haute Indiana Thursday to reside. Her husband has been there for some time.

Fred Hubbell and Miss Myrtle Hopkins both of Lowe township were married by Squire Linder at his residence on West Jefferson street, Tuesday.

Paul Alcot of Mattoon visited his uncle James T. Dedman and family over Sunday. Miss Dollie Dedman gave a party in his honor Saturday evening.

Rev. S. P. Taylor preached at Cushman last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. It is probable he will hold regular services there during the summer.

Mrs. G. N. Lewis and daughter Fern, and Miss Susie Alexander, teacher at the Titus school, went to Lovington Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of Miss Pearl Souther, who died of consumption at Bement Monday afternoon.

The high school athletes are training hard for the meet at Mattoon, May 6, and from the records being made it looks as though Sullivan may succeed in annexing a few points.

An official of the Charleston-Mattoon interurban company said Thursday that they would be ready to run a car from Mattoon to Loxa within fifteen days.—Mattoon Commercial.

Ray Chipps is staying on his father's farm near Chipps station where he is engaged in farming and trying to teach a team of mules "Gee, Whos, Ha" and let them go straight ahead.

Mrs. Cora (Maxedon) Willis, of Springfield, Doc Ham, of Arcola, Bush Ham, Miss Maggie Ham, Will Ham, Elsie Ham and Charles Maxedon, of Mattoon, attended the funeral of Leslie Maxedon Sunday.

It is Miss Jessie Fairchild who is very ill at Boulder, Colorado, instead of Miss Addah, as stated last week. She is but little better than a week ago and the doctors think her chance of recovery very doubtful.

Mrs. William Sullivan died at her home about three miles northeast of town, Wednesday evening. Funeral services at the Jonathan Creek church, Friday at 10 a. m.; interment in the cemetery near the church.

Mrs. Merton Boling was recently elected school director in the Boling district. The school board in that district is now composed entirely of women the other two members of the board are Mrs. C. H. Thompson and Mrs. Edgar Bence.

Hugh Thompson Miller the republican nominee for Lieut. Governor of Indiana was a classmate of Ray D. Meeker; they graduated from Butler University at the same time. Mr. Meeker says at present he is only a plain squire but he has aspirations he hopes to realize on the supreme bench.

We will have another dry goods store. Cannab Jones of Henry, Marshall county, will soon put in an entirely new stock of dry goods and notions in the room on the west side of the square that was vacated by M. Ansbacher last fall. The room is being repaired and fitted up for the new occupant and it may be several days before the store is opened.

Guy Linder, generally known as "Stout," returned home last week. He has been traveling with Al W. Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin company and closed the season in New York City. Mr. Linder will visit home folks for a few weeks after which he will leave for Montreal, Canada, where he has signed with the French orchestra for the season. "Stout" says Canada is "that only country for show business."

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Democratic Central Committee. Notices is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the democratic central committee on Monday, May 9, 1904, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the court house in Sullivan, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the county primary and to select a date for a county convention to select delegates for the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. ART ASHBROOK, W. K. WHITFIELD, Secretary. Chairman.

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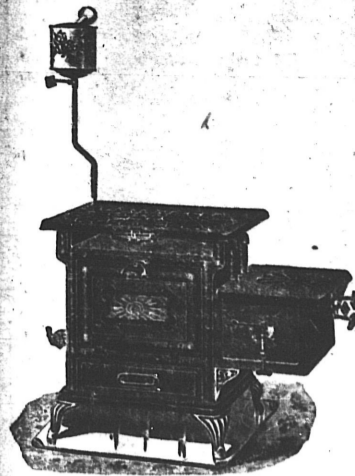
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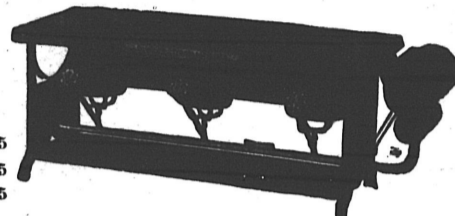
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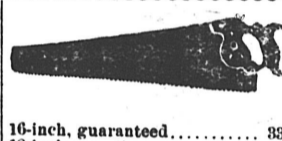
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## A CURIOUS SWINDLE.

### A FRENCH FORTUNE TELLER SENDS AN "EASY MARK."

Woman Induced to Bury Money as Bait for Spirits Robbed by Sorceress and Her Friend—Arrest of the Couple.

The Paris criminal authorities have just unraveled a story of deception and swindling made possible by the ignorance and superstition of a victim whose credulity is so amazing as to be almost incredible.

Mme. Fournier, a stationer in the Rue de Meaux, about a year ago made the acquaintance of a fortune teller, Mme. Salignac, of the Rue d'Allemagne, where she enjoyed the reputation of being endowed with truly supernatural powers. She is now under arrest, and before the examining magistrate Mme. Fournier told an astonishing story:

"I went to consult Mme. Salignac last June," she said. "She read my hand, and, looking fixedly at my eyes, told me I should be immensely rich before very long. How the promised wealth was to come to me could not say. It was necessary for her to consult the spirits, and she promised to give me further information at a subsequent interview. At the second visit I found Mme. Salignac in the company of a gentleman elegantly dressed. He, I was informed, was the medium who hypnotized Mme. Salignac, or rather put her in communication with the spirits."

This individual, who is named Flammenbaum, has also been arrested.

When he had made some passes before Mme. Salignac and evoked the spirits from the other world, the medium fell into a sleep in which she beheld a golden vision. "I see millions, millions of francs," she cried. "They are hidden in the bottom of a cellar quite close to here, in the Rue de Meaux. The cellar belongs to a stationer. She for whom the treasure is intended is here," and with a divining finger the sorceress pointed to Mme. Fournier, who listened enraptured to the tidings of the good fortune reserved for her.

The seer continued to the effect that a fortune of \$700,000 and a patent of nobility were buried in the cellar and advised the victim to deposit "bait" in the form of gold and banknotes to draw



READ MME. FOURNIER'S HAND.

the fortune from the depths. The treasure was declared to consist of gold pieces and 20-franc notes. The magician then awoke and the same night saw beginning of the search for the treasure.

Mme. Fournier began by depositing a gold louis (\$4) in each corner of her cellar, but the treasure did not appear. "You must use more bait," said Mme. Salignac, and so the stationer deposited successively two, three and ten notes of \$20 each. But still there was no sign of the promised millions.

"The amount is not sufficient," declared the sorceress, and Mme. Fournier revisited the cellar, taking with her several banknotes of \$100 and \$200 each. Still the hidden fortune gave no sign.

"I shall go myself," said Mme. Salignac, "and charm the spirits with my incantations." So when night had fallen on the Rue de Meaux the magician, taking in her hand a further offering of banknotes from the confiding stationer, descended to the basement, and for half an hour practiced the rites of her witchcraft. When she reappeared her hands were empty. She had, she explained, buried the banknotes deep in the earth.

The process went on for some time, the guileless victim handing over further "bait" as often as it was asked for. Another night, when Mme. Fournier could not close her eyes for thinking of the millions which were certain to be hers, she resolved to visit the cellar herself. But not only did she fail to find the hoped-for treasure, but she could not discover the faintest trace of the money which should have been deposited there.

"That is not surprising," observed Mme. Salignac. "The spirits take possession of it as soon as it is buried, and the last time I went to the cellar they tore the notes from my hands before I had time to hide them in the earth. But have no fear, you will get it all back with interest once the treasure is discovered."

But one evening, when the medium was supposed to be invoking the spirits in the cellar, the stationer watched her through a hole in the door and saw her tucking the banknotes in her corset. Next day the disillusioned victim informed the police and Mme. Salignac was arrested.

Tremendous Sale of Novels.

The sale of novels is 20 times greater than the sale of instructive works. This is explained by the fact that most people prefer to be entertained than instructed.

## THIS CAT HAD TEN LIVES.

New York Flat Dweller Spoiled Lots of Furniture in Vein Effort to Kill Tom.

The well-meaning tramp cat that paid a visit to the family of James McDonough at 444 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York, the other evening has more than its allotted number of lives. "Tom" entered as the family were at dinner. Now, Mrs. McDonough has an aversion to cats. That started the trouble. McDonough took his place as the head of the family and said "Shoo." The cat didn't "shoo," and McDonough seized a poker.

"It's mad, I'm sure," screamed Mrs. McDonough. Her husband seized a chair. The cat wasn't there when the chair struck the spot it ought to have been in, and the chair splintered. His trusty wife was by his side with another chair. Again the cat wasn't there. Again the chair splintered.

"Two of mahogany. That's \$20," wailed the husband.

"Never mind the chairs, James. Kill the cat before it kills me."

The cat crawled under the ice chest. The ice chest weighs 200 pounds and the ice weighed 50. McDonough moved the ice chest, while his wife, with a stove poker on a chair that she propelled dexterously, followed the ice chest, waiting for the cat to appear. It didn't appear until the ice chest reached the hall. Then it darted through the chair legs in a manner that nearly undid Mrs. McDonough. It ran to the bedroom.

McDonough, somewhat excited, took the poker and went at it again. It got under the bedclothes. The poker ripped the bedclothes to shreds, but not the cat. McDonough took the bed apart. His wife, from a chair, used one sash, he another. Then, one by one, the nine lives of poor Tom went out.

"Thank heavens, James, I am saved," cried Mrs. McDonough.

But not yet. That marvelous cat opened one eye, then another. Then it slid between the feet of the unprepared Mrs. McDonough. With a shriek she ran from the flat. The cat looked wild-eyed at James. Then James beat an inglorious retreat. He ran as fast as he could to the station.

"Come quick, with the reserves," he cried.

Policeman Heidelberg followed McDonough. The cat had disappeared.

HAD A WHEELBARROW RIDE.

Indiana Teacher and His Bride Are Given a Novel Celebration by Their Pupils.

John W. Teters, school superintendent of Carmel, Ind., was married to Miss Nellie Hawley, and he and his bride were taken to school in wheelbarrows. The girls of the school conveyed the bride and the boys handled the superintendent. He had told them experiences of

couldn't touch anything. Every time he sat down he was separated from everything excepting carfare and the Columbian half dollar. Finally he said he had lost faith in his mascot. He played it in. Presto! He picked up instantly. He redeemed the half dollar and carried it away.

The next time he played he got down to low water again, and in went the Columbian coin. Once more his luck came back. And so, night after night, McDonough lost, parted from his mascot, and then redeemed it. It dawned upon him that the coin always marked the turning point, and he finally abandoned it to the banker.

Harvey Reese, another of the group, came into possession of it. Finding it a "Jonah," he cast it away. All around the table it went. Every man who got it fell under its influence. It was consigned to the chip box, where it remained for weeks.

A little later Coroner Heber McDowell came into possession of the coin. It had been found in the pocket of an old man named Jope, who had been murdered, beaten to death, in the cellar of the First Avenue hotel.

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For weeks the coin remained undisturbed. One day an old man who had haunted the coroner's office seeking jury duty was found dead in the back room of a saloon. That day the coin was missed. It was never traced.

Where is it now?

Cork Leg Won the Race.

A funny walking watch was recently witnessed in Heywood, England, by an immense crowd of spectators. The contestants were a man with one leg and a crutch and a man with a cork leg. The distance was one mile, and the wager, £10 a side. The cork leg won easily.

The Long and Short of It.

The native countries of the tallest and shortest people of Europe—the Norwegians and the Lapps—adjoin each other.



GAVE HIM A BRIDAL RIDE.

his college days, and they had been waiting for the opportunity to work off their energy in emulating his undergraduate deeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Teters were taken into the schoolroom and called upon for speeches. The superintendent introduced his bride, and a parade of the streets followed. Mrs. Teters was wheeled about and carried on a ladder by the girls of the school, and the teacher was lifted high in the air by some of the sturdy boys. He took the joke good naturedly, only occasionally pulling the hair of a handy student to keep his fingers warm.

When Mr. Teters thought the celebration was all over some of the boys procured a rail and tied him on it. He had on house slippers, which dangled in the chilly air.

## A TOUGH LUCK COIN.

DISASTER ALWAYS OVERTOOK ITS ILL-FATED POSSESSOR.

Columbian Half Dollar Conclusively Proves Itself a Harbinger of Ill—Question Is "Where Is the Jonah Now?"

Who has it?

If you possess a Columbian half dollar, if you have been carefully pocketing it as a souvenir and can look back over a trail of inconceivable hard luck, then rid yourself of the coin and witness your rise into a normal condition of life. For in its time—and the story told in the New York Times is backed by the words of men who know—it has killed the hopes of many men and destroyed the lives of at least two.

There is in this tale no fabric of superstition. Facts do not deceive. To "see with one's own eyes" is to know. The writer is one who has suffered.

In 1892 there had been a little game in a little club in the city of Pittsburg. "Charley" McSwiggan, until recently press representative of the Carnegie Steel corporation, invariably took a hand. For weeks he was invincible. Nightly did he clean the table, stake his friends with car fare, and then bolt for an all-night conveyance to his suburban home. In time McSwiggan's affluence induced him to journey east for a rest. He came to New York. It was during the year preceding the Chicago fair. One day, when passing the subway, he entered and availed himself of a shining Columbian half dollar.

McSwiggan's dairy shows that from that minute his god of good fortune deserted him. He went to the Sheephead track. The "bookies" hit him hard. He rode on a Broadway car, and a pick-pocket pumped him dry. He boarded a train for Pittsburg with a railroad ticket, a pain racking hunger, and his Columbian half dollar.

The "boys" were glad to have McSwiggan return, but sorry to learn that he had left all his money in the metropolis. While he had been away they had been preparing for a vigorous attack. They had to wait several weeks; however, until he pulled himself together. Then he "sat in."

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BOUGHT A COLUMBIAN HALF.

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## BRUIN MEETS A BUZZ-SAW.

And, of Course, Comes Out Minus Several Indispensable Parts of His Big Anatomy.

A black bear invaded J. F. Henry & Son's big sawmill at Lincoln, N. H., the other afternoon and tried to eat up the crew, but came to grief when it started to knock out one of the big saws.

The bear, a huge one, but lean from its winter fast, came down the woods on the back side of the mill pond and crossed over on the boom of logs. The first seen of the brute was when he was coming up with a yell that could be heard for half a mile. The man on the slip threw up both hands and dived off into the stream. Half a dozen men poked out their heads to see what the row was about. They got under cover as soon as they could.

The men started back into the mill, the bear after them. Up came the



BEAR MADE A LURCH.

bear, and the first man he set his eyes on was the marker, who had been busy at his work and had not had time to run. The bear jumped on the carriage that moves the log up to the band saw and at the same time the marker gave a jump and disappeared.

The Sawyer, who had not taken alarm, probably because the rip of the saw had drowned all other noise, was the only man left in view. Now the bear, which had crawled upon the log, made a lurch for him. The motion of the log evidently deceived the bear, for he lurched up against the big band-saw with a violence that nearly broke it in two. A rip in his shoulder only served to make the bear more desperate. Another big rip by the saw teeth practically put his right paw out of commission, and by that time the crew had rallied and knocked him out with canthooks and sledgehammers.

The bear was one of the largest ever seen in this vicinity, measuring fully five feet and weighing 450 pounds. The skin will be patched and mounted and will be sent on to the St. Louis fair to be put on exhibition in the New Hampshire building.

## GIRLS DISPLAY READY WIT.

Adopt Unique and Effective Method of Winning a Contest with a Gang of Men.

By the quick wit and courage of two pretty girls the telephone company was prevented from erecting a pole in the alley in the rear of 703 Kenyon avenue, Cincinnati. Mrs. L. H. Reed owns the place, and, after workmen had dug a deep hole in the "shot gravel," it seemed to undermine the foundation of her house and she complained to City Electrician Weissleder and Building Inspector Tooker. These officials hurried to the place, but declared the foundation would not be affected after the pole was in the ground. They left and the workmen continued digging. As soon

as the hole was completed, one of the men jumped in, as he feared the woman or her daughter might throw an obstacle into it. To his surprise the two handsome girls sprang into the hole after him, and refused to get out. The man climbed out and left the girls holding the fort. Only the heads of the young ladies were above the ground. The other men had the pole ready to put into the hole; but could not do so without injuring the girls. The scene attracted a large crowd, and excitement ran high. At this juncture City Electrician Weissleder came back, and, sizing the situation, advised the foreman of the laborers to give it up and erect the pole elsewhere. The plucky girls refused to get out of the hole until assured that it would be filled up with dirt at once, which was done, amid the cheers of the amazed spectators.



GIRLS HELD THE FORT.

## BRITAIN'S BEAST OF PREY.

The Wildcat, Once Quite Common, Is Still to Be Found in Some Parts.

A peculiar interest attaches to the British wildcat; in fact, a double interest, says the London Penny Globe. It has grown rare of late years in England, but has not yet by any means been exterminated, and so it still remains the only beast of prey left on English soil that is dangerous to man. No doubt its ultimate fate will be that of the wolf and the wild boar, and even now it is chiefly known only to gamekeepers and poachers. A short time ago the race was common enough in the woods throughout Scotland, and is still to be found in Wales and Ireland. The Irish variety is larger than the British, but the race seems to be spread all over northern Europe and it is also found in northern Asia and Nepal.

Some years ago it was the cause of a great controversy. The question was as to the origin of the ordinary cat. Is it a form of the wildcat, altered by domestication till its fittest qualities survived or is the ordinary cat a distinct creature? Now, though the domestic cat is probably the commonest quadruped in Europe, there certainly was a time when it was rare and valuable. Shylock, indeed, speaks of "the harmless, necessary cat," not at all as if it were such a treasure as the monkey which his daughter exchanged for the turquoise ring; but we must go to an earlier date than Queen Elizabeth's time. Pennant, the naturalist, talking of Howel, who ruled over southern Wales for 30 years and died in 148, says that that excellent prince did not think it beneath him to ascertain the value of animals and fix the price at which they should be bought and sold in his dominion. So he decreed that a killing before it could see was to cost a penny, but after it got its sight and till it caught its first mouse twopenny.

Every cat that was sold was to be warranted perfect in sense of hearing and seeing, its claws whole and a good mouser. If it was deficient in any of these points the seller was to forfeit to the buyer one-third of its value. Prince Howel's law went further than this and had a clause protecting the owner of the cat—interesting both as giving additional proof of its value and as showing the simple ingenuity of those times.

If anyone stole or killed the cat that guarded the prince's granary he was to forfeit a milch ewe, its fleece and lamb, or as much wheat as would be ascertained in the following way: The cat (presumably dead) was to be held suspended by the tail, its head touching the ground, and the wheat was then to be poured upon it till the tip of the tail was covered.

It is clear from this that the domestic cat was at that time a very valuable creature, and one may even see the origin of the legend of Dick Whittington travelling about with his singular pet. It is clear, too, that this was not the wildcat. That animal was plentiful enough in Prince Howel's dominions and all over England was regarded as vermin, to be killed as a pest and certainly not to be protected as a household treasure.

There is a charter of Richard II.'s time, given by the king to the abbot of Peterborough, authorizing the abbot to hunt the hare, the fox and the wildcat, and there is a canon of Archbishop Corboye, dated 1127, forbidding any nun or abbess to use more costly fur than the fleece of a lamb or the skin of a cat. It would seem, therefore, that the domestic cat and the wildcat coexisted in England at a time when the former was a valuable animal.

Was it, however, a descendant of the wildcat? The dog has been traced up to the jackal by removes, numerous indeed, but no one of which is very remote from the previous ones in the series, while between the wildcat and the tame cat the essential differences do not seem very great. Moreover, the housecat shows this peculiarity—that there is scarcely any domestic animal that so soon relapses into a wild state. Londoners know the London cat and will find it hard to credit the statement. But gamesters and gardeners could tell a different story. A cat that has caught and eaten a young rabbit soon becomes a confirmed poacher. The nocturnal instincts of the creature survive. It will spend the night prowling and hunting. It will disdain mouse and rat and go for ground game or pheasant.

Sir William Jardine found a cat that had kilted on the ridge of an uncut cornfield. On approaching her she showed every disposition to defend her progeny, and beside her lay two young leverets, fresh caught and killed. It seemed not difficult to believe that the wildcat might at some time have advanced toward and crossed the boundary which separated it from the tame animal, seeing that the domestic cat so soon became wild. Another theory was, however, started by Ruppel, who, during his first travels in Nubia, west of the hills near Ambukol, discovered a cat a third smaller than the wild one and in all respects similar to the house pet. It had, however, the bushy instead of the tapering tail, but had the short legs of the tabby. Ruppel's theory was that this animal was a descendant of the cat worshipped by the Egyptians, and that to this eastern superstition we owe the harmless, necessary occupant of our fireside.

Erroneously.

"It's provoking the De Stiles have asked me to spend a month with them and I have not the necessary wardrobe or money to get it with."

"Why don't you write them that you can't come?"

"Because they'd think I couldn't afford to."—Houston Post.

## Booming Business.

"That lobbyist seems to have a good deal of money to spend," remarked the first councillor.

"Yes," replied the other, "he's working for an ordinance to allow automobiles unlimited speed."

"Ah! in the interest of the Auto club?"

"No, the undertakers' trust."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Knocked Out by Time.

A Cleveland woman threw an alarm clock at a burglar and knocked him out of the window. That burglar is now in a position to acknowledge that a woman can throw straight enough if you give her time.—Indianapolis Journal.

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**PECULIARITIES OF PEOPLES.**

The Chinese divide the day into 12 parts of two hours each.

In Germany black cats are kept away from the cradles of children. They are regarded as omens of evil.

Coffins in Russia are never covered with black. If the deceased is a child, pink is used; if a woman, crimson; though for a widow they use brown.

In certain parts of the Himalaya mountains the native women have a singular way of putting their children to sleep in the middle of the day. The child is put near a stream of water, and by means of a palm-leaf or a tin scoop the water is deflected so as to run over the back of the child's head. The water pouring on the child's head apparently sends it to sleep and keeps it so, while the mother proceeds with her work in the fields. No one seems ever to fear that baby may be drowned.

**A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES.**

There are 38 letters in the Russian alphabet.

There are said to be 230 glaciers in the Alps over five miles in length.

The average age of widowers when remarrying is 42, of widows, 31.

Rain falls on the eastern coast of Ireland about 208 days in the year.

An express engine consumes on an average ten gallons of water per mile.

In 1892 the population of western Australia was only 58,000; to-day it is 224,000.

Sudden deaths among men are eight times more frequent than those among women.

**HAS A SAY.**

**The School Principal Talks About Food.**

The Principal of a High School in a flourishing Calif. city says:

"For 23 years I worked in the school with only short summer vacations. I formed the habit of eating rapidly, masticated poorly which coupled with my sedentary work led to indigestion, liver trouble, lame back and rheumatism.

"Upon consulting physicians some doped me with drugs, while others prescribed dieting and sometimes I got temporary relief, other times not. For 12 years I struggled along with this handicap to my work, seldom laid up but often a burden to myself with lameness and rheumatic pains.

"Two years ago I met an old friend, a physician who noticed at once my out-of-health condition and who prescribed for me an exclusive diet of Grape-Nuts, milk and fruit.

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**RUDENESS AT THE TABLE.**

It Takes Away the Pleasure of Eating and Indirectly Impairs Healthful Digestion.

To a nervous person vulgar manners at the table are the most irritating of all things. It takes away the pleasure of eating, the relish for food, and in a measure unfits the digestive organs for their work. The fact is, it does a stomach absolute harm to be affected in this way during the process of digestion, and persons habitually annoyed by such things are sure to suffer seriously from it. At no other place do the habits of vulgar people appear so vulgar as at the table. Trifling things that one would not notice in the parlor or in ordinary conversation about the house, become positively offensive when indulged in at the table, and persons who have been shocked at the disgusting sight of a knife laden with food on its way to the jaws of a woman, or heard with a sickening of the nerves an uncontrollable belch from a man, must have felt the premonitory symptoms of dyspepsia. It is needless to protest that such cases are rare, and to claim that it is not often the case that men or women are so vulgar as to pick their teeth with pins at the table, or in other ways display their innate vulgarity. But they do, and not all well-bred people are so fortunate as to escape enduring agony from such causes. Women who set themselves up to be teachers of morality, and who condemn coarse or rude talk in others, are guilty oftentimes of manners at the table that would really shock them if they knew how they affected others. The matter is one that demands consideration from young and old, and if there are persons who know of themselves that they have rude habits at the table, whether it be of one kind or another, there should be no time lost in correcting them. There are innumerable ways in which vulgarity is exhibited, but the most commonly vulgar forms are those mentioned, and the greater number of people who are offenders at all, are offenders in these particularly mentioned ways.—N. Y. Weekly.

**The War Against Moths.**

Cedar oil applied to the crevices of trunks and chests is a far better preventive against moths and certainly less disagreeable than moth balls.

**A USEFUL TOILET CLOSET.**

Handy for Keeping Medicines, Shaving Materials, Soaps, Wash Cloths, Etc.

A small closet in a home, for keeping medicines and toilet articles, is a great convenience. Mine consists of one-half inch pine, four inches wide, planed and put together so as to be 2x3 feet. It has four shelves. The door is of thin pine, free from knots, planed, hinged and with a lock catch. The outside of frame and door is varnished. Being in our toilet room, it is indeed a very useful as well as ornamental piece of furniture. It has no back cas-



HOW THE CLOSET IS MADE.

ings or boards; simply rests against the wall. It is held in place by four short pieces of band iron, one end of each band being fastened to back of frame; the other end fastened to the wall by a screw. All kinds of medicines, shaving materials, soaps, wash rags, etc., can here be kept. If there is no other looking glass in the room, one may be fastened on the outside of the door.—F. H. Plumb, in Farm and Home.

**How to Treat Your Hands.**

The exigencies of domestic life make many people treat their hands as if they were insensitive things. The following simple rules may bring such sufferers solid comfort: The hands are to be rubbed over at night with a mixture of lanolin, one part, and sweet almond oil, three parts. Large gloves of kid or leather are then to be donned. For washing the hands the best soap and warm water must be used and it is preferable to employ a lather. Rinsing should always follow washing. Finally, this lotion is to be freely rubbed over the skin: Precipitated chalk, one ounce; glycerin, one ounce and a half; saturated solution of gelatin, two drams; rose water to make eight ounces. The bottle should be well shaken before its contents are poured out. As the chalk has a tendency to deposit round the nails, the latter must be carefully wiped.—Chicago News.

**The Latest Things in Sleeves**



The sleeves not alone tell the vintage of the gown, but give the distinctive touch in nine cases out of ten as Dame Fashion rules in these days. Sleeves just now differ enough in style to suit the most changeable representative of the fair sex, the only point of resemblance being a certain degree of shoulder slope. This variety is most welcome, for it enables a woman to select a different type of sleeves for almost every kind of gown or waist, and at the same time secure something new and suitable. In the accompanying group, which we take from Brooklyn Eagle, are seen five favorite models, in which the principal points of the season's sleeves are noted.

First is the new inverted gigot sleeve, shaped entirely to the wrist by means of the seams, and minus any added cuff. Another is a pretty example of the Stuart sleeve, edged either with lace or hemstitched lawn frills. A third shows a popular elbow sleeve, decorated with rows of narrow ribbon, and edged with a handkerchief cuff. The fourth design is Parisian and semi-loose. It is gauged to the armhole and round the upper arm, falling loose till it reaches the wide gauntlet cuff. The last style, suited to an evening frock or tea gown, is formed of a deep pointed edged with accordion plaiting.

Among other new sleeves can be counted at least half a dozen that are distinctive in style. There is the sleeve which is shaped like a crook-neck squash. It is long and tapering until it reaches the main portion,

where it widens out into a deep shape. This kind of sleeve is now made all a mass of tucks. At the wrist it is side plaited into a wide band of goods, which is covered with a cuff of lace, which is finished with a big chou of ribbon, or a rosette of cloth.

Then there is the delightful old sleeve which is shirred very full into the arm hole. It falls limp and baggy to the wrist, where it is trimmed with no less than six ruffles, each one bordered with narrow lace. These ruffles reach almost to the elbow and the effect is decidedly quaint.

The umbrella sleeve is lovely and is best described by its name. If it could be "lifted" it would form a very nice parasol cover. As it is it is gathered into the arm hole and falls in many points around the hand. Underneath there is a lingerie cuff over which the points make a very nice trimming.

There is the bag sleeve, which is very much liked, and which can be employed upon many gowns. It is suitable for all materials from sprigged lawn to broadcloth. This sleeve has its fullest part underneath. It is gathered into a band of embroidery just below the elbow. And, from this band of embroidery, there falls a flounce of the dress goods, arranged in such a way as to cover the knuckles.

The cape sleeve is one that is also worn. This is gathered into the arm hole and falls mostly at the back. There is an underneath sleeve of thinner stuff. This sleeve is designed for piazza gowns.

**WOMEN BEST ON FEET.**

They Go It Alone Over a Dangerous Crossing, While Men Help Each Other.

Is a woman more steady on her feet than a man, and can she distance him in getting over dangerous places?

An event in the Fox river valley during a recent week seems to aptly illustrate woman's agility and reminds one of the old school game of years ago, when boys followed each other over devious paths in "following the leader," says the Chicago Tribune.

During the recent flood in the valley and the moving of the heavy ice a portion of the trestle work known as the Five Islands bridge of the Elgin, Aurora & Southern electric line was partially damaged so that it became impossible to run cars over it. The Elgin cars were run down to the bridge and the passengers crossed on foot to the car waiting at the other end. To enable the pedestrians to get over without trouble a walk of boards was nailed over the cross ties.

After this was done two spans of the south end of the structure were further damaged so that several yards of the track sagged toward the water and left the rails and cross ties hanging at an angle of 45 degrees. The board walk that had been fastened to the cross ties was tilted up sideways, requiring one to bend his ankles in order to walk across. It was necessary to walk downward to the center of the sag and then up on the other side.

The laughable picture of men helping each other over this place was witnessed. The women "went it" alone. A girl with a big hat that threatened to be blown off would rest one hand on her headgear, gather her skirts about her with the other, and then, setting her feet to suit the side angle of the boards, she would trip down the incline and clamber up the other side without any trouble. It was jolly fun beside. The track sagged down within a few feet of the water that was running 20 feet deep and swift at that, but this seemed to have no terrors for the feminine passengers. The men would go through all kinds of motions to balance themselves, and some of them looked as if they would give \$10 for a hand rail to hold on to. As it was, some of them got down and slid across, holding on to the rails during the trip.

**TRANSPORTING LIQUID AIR.**

Receptacles of Special Construction Necessary in Order to Prevent Explosion.

When a comparatively cheap process of liquefying air was devised by Linde, Hampson and Tripler, and while yet there seemed to be a chance that this interesting article might find a practical use, the question of transporting it for a considerable distance acquired importance, says a scientific exchange. The facility with which the liquid evaporated made storage for any considerable time impracticable. It was found that if the vessel containing it were made absolutely tight it would explode. Hence the mouth of the receptacle was closed only loosely. Great attention was given to constructing the walls of the vessel in such a way that they would transmit little heat inward from the outside. Thus evaporation was reduced to a minimum. A small part of a given quantity would often remain fully a day after being put up for shipment.

An improvement on this procedure is reported from Europe. In Germany considerable quantities of liquid air are still prepared for scientific and experimental purposes. According to a consular report from Berlin, a test was recently made which gave encouraging results. One morning two quarts of liquid air were delivered to the railroad there, packed in a manner specially adapted for this purpose, for transportation to Geneva, Switzerland. The shipment arrived in Geneva in five days, and after an additional delay of half a day it was delivered to the chemical laboratory of the University of Geneva. The glass vessel in which the liquid air was sent still contained one-fourth of a quart thereof which was at once experimented with.

It is stated that this was the longest distance over which this curious liquid has been transported, and the result is encouraging to make larger shipments, where the loss would be relatively less.

Americans will be surprised that it should take five days for such an article to reach Geneva from Berlin; the same distance in the United States would not exceed 36 hours.

**HIS VACATION.**



The Lady—And what are you here for, my man?  
No. 7781—Oh, Jes' fer a few months' rest and relaxation, mum. Dat's all.—Chicago Daily News.

Wild Geese in Paris.  
Shooting geese by electric light has been a popular form of amusement at Paris lately. About a month ago several were killed with the aid of this kind of light. The other night a big flock flying north was attracted and bewildered by the electric lights, and began flying back and forth over the town. Before the geese finally got started on their journey again two men had killed one apiece, and another had killed two.

**SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION.**

Woman After Pension Gives Personal Peculiarities of Her Soldier Father.

Representative Cowherd of Missouri has a constituent, an aged woman, who has been trying to get a pension because her father had been a soldier, she was not sure in just what war. At first, says the Washington Post, she was inclined to believe he had fought in the Mexican war; then she dropped back to the Seminole war, and finally decided it was in the war of 1812 he had served. On a muster roll of the latter war she found a name that corresponded with that of her father, but did not furnish Mr. Cowherd any positive means of identification.

Mr. Cowherd notified his constituent that it would be necessary to identify her father before a pension could be granted, and in response the soldier's daughter wrote:

"My father was of medium height, had black hair and eyes. He could not close one eye without closing the other, and didn't know anything about music. I think that ought to be sufficient identification for a pension."

**How to Keep House.**

With all the luxuries and pleasures of this life, its joys and its smaller comforts, there is an offset, or antithesis which we have to contend with in the form of aches and pains. In some way, and by some means every one has a touch of them in some form at some time. Trifling as some of them may be, the greater and rarer they will grow to something that is a constant torture. There is nothing, therefore, of this kind that we have a right to trifle with. Taken in time, the worst forms of aches and pains are easily subdued and cured by the free use of St. Jacobs Oil. No well regulated household ought to be without a bottle of this great remedy for pain. It is the specific virtue of penetration in St. Jacobs Oil that carries it right to the pain spot and effects a prompt cure even in the most painful cases of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago. You want it also in the house at all times for hurts, cuts and wounds, and the house that always has it keeps up a sort of insurance against pain.

A scientist claims that he has discovered that fish can talk. Good gracious, what lies they might contradict!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Economy in Threshing.**

The fact that there is more grain put into the straw stack than there should be, is something that merits the careful attention of the up-to-date farmer.

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The best clubhouse for boys is home.—N. Y. Tribune.

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**WOMAN'S PEN PORTRAIT.**

Helen M. Gougar, Noted American  
Writer, Describes William  
Randolph Hearst.

In these days, when much is being written about leaders in national life, a woman's estimate of prominent individuals is always apropos. Helen M. Gougar, who has met nearly all of America's noted men and who has written numerous interesting stories and interviews, published the following on the Lafayette (Ind.) Call:

"Who is William Randolph Hearst? I will answer as I know the man. Mr. Hearst is forty-one years old. He was born in San Francisco. He is the only child of the late United States Senator George Hearst and Phoebe A. Hearst.

"His ancestors were of North Carolina and Virginia stock, his mother being a descendant of the Randolphs of Virginia. His mother is noted for her great charities, having endowed the University of California.

"He is a most devoted son and cooperates heartily with his mother in business and benevolent enterprises. He was educated in the public schools of San Francisco and in Harvard college.

"He is a man of fine physique, robust health, indomitable energy and great executive ability. He is a 'business man' in every sense of the word.

"He is exceedingly temperate in habits, never gambles or races horses, but is a devotee of the automobile. He once owned a yacht, but during the Spanish-American war it was fitted up as a cruiser at his expense, and he presented it to the government, then enlisted himself as a private in the war and risked his life on the firing line before Santiago.

"In April, 1903, he married Miss Millie Willson of New York. There is a charming romance connected with this marriage. Miss Willson was a poor girl. Mr. Hearst met her and fell desperately in love with the vivacious miss. His affection was reciprocated. He requested her parents to put her in



WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

college and he would furnish the money for her highest possible education.

After her graduation he took her and her mother on a tour of the world that she might have the culture of travel. She is a very beautiful woman, with a charming personality. She is much beloved by the mother of Mr. Hearst.

"Mr. Hearst is a strict moralist and holds women in high esteem.

"His charities are unbounded. Every winter he furnishes free coal, food and raiment to thousands of the suffering poor of the tenement districts of New York, which city is his present residence. He sent out three relief trains—one from New York, another from Chicago and another from San Francisco—and hurried supplies to the Galveston sufferers. He gave large sums for the relief of the Jews in Russia; also to the victims of the St. Pierre volcano district.

"As a newspaper man he has had a remarkable career. He understands the business in every detail, from setting type to editorial writing and business management. His first venture was the San Francisco Examiner, which he took when it was almost defunct. He put life and enterprise into it until it has the largest circulation of any newspaper on the western coast. He owns the Los Angeles Examiner, Chicago Examiner, a morning paper, and the Hearst Chicago American, an evening paper, the latter having the largest circulation of any Chicago daily. In New York he owns and runs the New York American, the Evening Journal and Das Morgen Journal.

"He is a devoted advocate of the principle of 'equal rights for all; special privileges for none.' He is an aggressive foe of the new form of human slavery known as 'trusts.'

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**RUMBLINGS OF THE RAILROADS.**

News of Interest Concerning Excursions, Etc.

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For the dedication of Illinois monument, Shiloh battlefield, Tenn., May 17 and 18 the Illinois Central will make rate of \$7.55 to Paducah, Ky., and \$8.15 to Carlo, Ill., for the round trip, May 13, 14 and 15, good returning to May 23, 1904. Steamer is scheduled to leave Paducah, the evening of the 15th with rate of \$10.00 for the round trip, including meals and berth. Steamer from Carlo gives rate of \$15.00 for the same accommodations as our passengers will want to go via Paducah as their expense cannot be much over \$17.55 for round trip. Most of their time being on the boat where meals and berth are included in the \$17.55 rate.

Following are Illinois Central excursions to Springfield. Illinois Christian Endeavor Union, July 6 and 7, limit July 11. Fare \$2.65 for round trip.

Illinois State Good Roads convention, May 3 and 4, limit May 6, fare \$2.65 for round trip.

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The C. & E. I. railroad will sell round trip tickets to St. Louis and return, at rate of \$5.10 for sixty day limit and \$6.15 for season limit tickets, sold daily commencing April 25 to Dec. 1, and good for return passage up to and including Dec. 15, 1904.

Passengers will be routed either via Shelbyville and Big Four or Salem and B. & O. S. W. until otherwise arranged. Good connections being made with either route.

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No. 224—Local Freight ..... 9:30 a. m.

**SOUTH BOUND.**  
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No. 207—Evansville Mail ..... 11:45 a. m.  
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**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE**—Estate of Alexander Miller. The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Alexander Miller, late of the county of Monroe and the State of Illinois deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Monroe county, at the Court House in Sullivan, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this first day of March, A. D. 1904.  
18-3 HENRY H. FULLER, Executor.