To the People of Houston and Vicinity===Greeting:

We, the undersigned, M. Hutchinson and H. L. Mitchell, have purchased the L. Housman stock of MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, located at 403 Main St., near corner Preston, where we shall conduct a first class MEN'S OUTFITTING establishment. This stock of goods was purchased this season and is the product of the best looms and factories of the Eastern markets. It is our purpose to run this business in such a manner and on such lines as to command the confidence of all the people. We know no class, creed or party in connection therewith. All we ask is that you give us a trial, and feel confident that you will have no cause for regret in so doing. We shall handle only such merchandise as we can with confidence recommend to the trade, and guarantee satisfaction in every instance. While this is not a ladies' store in the sense that we carry ladies' goods, yet we wish it to be a popular store for ladies who purchase certain lines of men's goods for their husbands, brothers and—friends.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY SALE.

UNDERWEAR

Lot 830, Men's Extra Fine American Silk Under Garments, colors baby blue, lavender and white, neat stripe effects, per garment 2.00

Men's Derby Ribbed Silk Union Suits, in light blue shade 3.50

Lot 390, Men's Silk Lustre Underwear, lace stripe, French neck, per garment 1.50

473, Men's Pure Silk Shirts and Drawers, silk trimmed, color pink, per garment 1.50

720, Men's Pure Lisle Thread Shirts and Drawers, in blue, lavender and white, extra finish, per garment 1.00

1226, Men's Brown French Balbriggan Undershirts and Drawers, silk finish, sho t sleeves, per garment 75c

Lot 500, Men's Fancy Vertical Stripe Shirts and Drawers, color ecru, and light summer weight, per garment 50c

991, Men's Combed Egyptian Balbriggan Underwear, drawers re-enforced, double gusset, per garment 50c

MEN'S HALF HOSE

Our lines of Half Hose comprise all the latest vertical effects in lace, ribbed and dropstitched, special values 25c and 50c

MEN'S NEGLIGE SHIRTS

In the better lines we are showing a good assortment in all the latest weaves and colors, with attached and detached cuffs, 1.50 and 2.00

At 1.00 we are showing one of the largest assortments in styles, colors and fabrics to be seen, including some 1.50 and 1.25 values 1.00

NECKWEAR

We have just received a case of fine Summer Neckwear, in the new narrow, reversible four-in-hands, worth 75c 50c

COLLARS

A complete line of E. & W. Collars, in all the leading styles; also a full line of the Arrow Brand Collars, 2 for 25c

HATS

Ponce Panama, latest roll dipped brim, 5.00 and 6.00 values, at 4.00

Special Offerings in the same and other shapes, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50 to 3.50

Our line of seasonable Felt Hats, in all the shapes and colors, is complete; see them, from 1.50 to 6.00

All Out-of-Town Orders for over $5 sent prepaid if accompanied by Cash.

HUTCHINSON & MITCHELL, 403 Main Street.

GET FROM BEAUMONT.

Contracts for Business Houses Have Been Let.

NCE MILES SUIT WAS DECIDED

vor of Defendant, the Beaumont rovement Co.—Directors and Officers of Gulf National Announced.

ch office: The Post's Beaumont office at room 1, Ogden building, corner and Crockett. Southwestern telephone 734, with L. F. Neely as business ntative and F. W. Greer as correspondent. Subscriptions and advertisements, news items left at this address receive prompt attention. Subscribers any cause for complaint as to delivery of papers are requested to phone or wise notify the office promptly.

ilding Boom Gets a New Start.

mont, Texas, May 13.—The Beaumont g boom seems to have taken a new and the large and substantial bricks have been going up during the past nd those now under construction are supplemented. Mr. M. C. Alexander nced today that he has issued orders he immediate preparation of plans for ree-story building to go up on what formerly his homestead property on street, in the center of the city. It have a front of 145 feet on this thoroughfare and will be 91 feet deep. The ilding will probably cost complete $30,000.

On Thursday the contract will be let for the Big Ward Pipkin & Norvell building, also on South Pearl street. This is to be a two-stery building, 180 feet front and feet deep. It will be divided into six stores. The Alexander building will be divided into four with a design for six if needed. The contract was just closed Friday for the Blanchette building on Pearl street, which is in the burned district. This is to be a three-story to cost nearly 200,000.

All of these buildings have had ten times as many applications as there is space in the buildings and they could be leased for periods ranging from one to five years if the owners would agree to the idea.

In Favor of Defendants.

Beaumont, Texas, May 13.—The Big Patience Miles suit was decided by Judge Martin in favor of the defendants, the Beaumont Improvement Co. et al, and the tension in the North End is greatly relieved thereby. There are hundreds of homes on this 160 acres of land and the title was, of course, clouded by the suit. A verbal motion for a new trial has been made and in the event it is overruled there will doubtless be an appeal taken, but the people here generally regard this first fall as a most satisfactory one from their point of view.

Repair Bonds Issued.

Beaumont, Texas, May 13.—The county commissioners today issued $1800 court house repair bonds for the purpose of making the change in the court house referred to in this morning's Post. The bonds will take the sanitary part of the court house into a separate and distinct building and the removal of the water works from the court house will, it is thought, prevent the moisture from damaging the court house, as is now the case. This is Judge Wheat's first bond issue since his induction into office.

The Gulf National.

Beaumont, Texas, May 13.—The officers of the Gulf National bank were announced here today, and are as follows: Thomas H. Langham, president; W. B. Dunlap, vice president; A. L. Williams, cashier; H. B. Fletcher, assistant cashier. The directors are: Thomas H. Langham, B. A. Fletcher, T. Wistar Brown, W. B. Dunlap, B. A. Greer, M. M. Solinsky, John N. Gilbert, W. E. Brice, A. L. Williams.

It will be noted that Mayor Thomas H. Langham, the mayor of the city, is at the head of the new institution that is to make up Beaumont's fifth National bank.

Depository Matter Settled.

Beaumont, Texas, May 13.—The matter of the United States depository was definitely decided upon yesterday when a telegram to President B. R. Norvell of the American National bank was received announcing that no further action would be taken and that the money of Uncle Sam would remain in the American National.

Suit on Contract.

Beaumont, Texas, May 13.—W. W. Clippinger has filed suit against the Beaumont Spindle Top company for $7000 damages over an alleged breach of contract about an oil well and the contract for the drilling of it. The suit was filed with the Federal clerk.

ORANGE NEWS NOTES.

Funeral of City Marshal Jett Was Largely Attended.

Orange, Texas, May 13.—The remains of City Marshal J. A. Jett, who was killed here yesterday evening, were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery this afternoon in the presence of the largest concourse of people ever attending a funeral in Orange. Out of respect to the memory of a brave officer, all of the mills shut down this afternoon and every business house in the city closed its doors during the funeral services. The local lodges of Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World and Eagles attended the funeral in a body, deceased being a member in good standing in all of these lodges.

The coroner held an inquest last night, but has not yet made his verdict public. George, Claude and Grover Poole, against whom a charge of murder has been filed, were taken to Houston last night by Sheriff John Robertson and placed in jail to await their examining trial, which has been set for next Monday.

The contract was awarded today by Architect George M. Barnes for the erection of the Lansgn brick building on Fifth street, C. Murphy & Co. of Lake Charles being the successful bidders. This building is to cost $8000, and will be erected where the old opera house now stands. It will be two stories high, with two stores down stairs and eight offices up stairs. The work of clearing the ground will begin at once and there will be no delay in the construction of the building.

BRENHAM BUDGET.

The Closing Exercises of the Negro High School.

Brenham, Texas, May 13.—The commencement exercises of the East End colored higher school took place Monday night at St. John's A. M. E. Church, under direction of Professor S. C. McCoy, principal of the school. The exercises from start to finish were entertaining, well prepared, well executed and reflected credit on the pupils and teachers.

The records of the commissioners court show that during March, April and May, 1901, under the old system of managing the county farm and county road work with the county convicts, the expense was $1735.15. The corresponding three months this year, as shown by the report of Mr. Rodney Parker, road overseer and manager of the county convict gang, shows that the expense account only amounts to $814.45, or a saving of $850.30 in the three months compared.

Mr. H. L. Wendorf, wife and children of Sealy passed through here Tuesday morning en route to Carmine to attend his mother's funeral. Mrs. F. Wendorf died at 4:30 at her home in West, Mclennan county. She was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago and never recovered from the shock.

Mr. C. Bolme of Washington was in the city Tuesday and says the crop prospects in the east end of the county were never better. When asked about the boll weevil he said that some of his neighbors said that they had made their appearance, but that he had been too busy to look for them.

The new ninety-foot well bored for the city on the water works lot was stopped in the first stratum of water bearing sand, and with an air lift yields seventy gallons of water per minute. The water committee have decided to not bore this well any deeper, but have a second well sunk to the second stratum of water-bearing sand, about 200 feet deep, and this well is now down forty feet.

A meeting of the cotton mill directors is in session this afternoon, and among other things discussed was the Brenham burned brick, samples of which were exhibited at the meeting, and the consensus of opinion was that the brick are suitable for building material, and that while the organization did not want to engage in the brick business, that they would purchase the brick from any one that would burn them. The test kiln proved conclusively that brick can be made here, as those burned were of sufficient weight and hardness for building purposes, though not as smooth as the pressed brick.

Mr. Frank Haubelt has harvested his first planting of Irish potatoes, and from one sack he planted he has gathered twenty-eight bushels, which he sold for 85 cents per bushel. He is well pleased with his experiment with potatoes.

TEMPLE TOPICS.

A Very Hard Rain Fell in the Business Part of the City.

Temple, Texas, May 13.—One of the heaviest rains that has fallen here for many months fell yesterday afternoon. Two and one-half inches of rain fell in a little less than two hours. Kneb creek was out of its banks and water backed up round the Harvey house and Young Men's Christian Association building. Down town the business houses that set on a level with the street were overflowed and water ran four inches deep in some of them. This very hard rain was purely local as even the outskirts of town received only a moderate rain. It extended but half way to Belton and but a little north and east of here.

At a meeting of the school board yesterday all the old teachers who had in applications were re-elected to their old positions at the same salary. Messrs. W. C. Watters and Lee Clark and Misses Virgie Geisler and Mabel Weaver were not applicants. A principal for the high school and five teachers are to be selected later, also the teachers in the negro school are yet to be elected.

The graduating exercises of the Fulview Select school takes place tonight at the Auditorium of the high school. A nice program has been arranged and friends of the school are invited.

The closing exercises of the public schools will be held next week, the graduating exercises to be on Wednesday.

CALDWELL COUNTY PROHIBITION.

Election Has Been Set Down for the Last Day of May.

Lockhart, Texas, May 13.—County Commissioners' court convened in regular session yesterday and in the afternoon took up for consideration and action the petition for a local option election which had been filed with some 670 names attached. The election was ordered to be held in the entire county May 31, 1902, to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of Caldwell county shall be prohibited. The prohibitionists are very active, and are prosecuting a vigorous campaign. Several speakers of note are canvassing the county, and the State Anti-Saloon league has an agent on the ground. The anti's do not seem to be doing much in the way of opposition, but are very sanguine of success. Very much care is taken by both sides not to stir up personal or political strife and general good humor prevails much to the credit and good sense of the citizenship.

Victoria News Notes.

Victoria, Texas, May 13.—Judge L. J. Cox, land and tax agent and W. A. Reinhardt, travelling passenger agent of the Sunset lines, arrived in the city yesterday.

P. A. Gallagher has resigned his position as stenographer in the auditor's office here, and left for Center, Texas, to accept a similar position with a land and abstract company.

Mrs. Eugene Verhelle, wife of Master Mechanic Verhelle, and Mrs. Henry Sanders of Port Lavaca, wife of Engineer Sanders, left yesterday for San Antonio on a visit.

D. B. Saffold, agent at Beeville, passed through here yesterday en route to Houston on business.

Francis Tyng resumed his position in the roadmaster's office after two months' absence, during most of which time he was in the hospital with typhoid fever.

C. F. Bauer, formerly of this city, and Miss Addie Mahovier of Matagorda were married here last night, and will leave today for Port Lavaca, which will be their future home.

Seguin News Notes.

Seguin, Texas, May 13.—District Attorney Ellis has recovered from his recent attack of illness, and is representing the State in district court.

There will be fourteen graduates at the closing exercises of the Seguin High school May 30. Seven girls and seven boys.

The criminal docket of the district court was taken up today.

Local showers have covered considerable portion of the county the past few days. Crops, though late, are in excellent condition.

George Kemper, Charles Vivroux and Herman Brecher left today to attend the firemen's convention at Waco.

Herman Wrale of Tom Green county is visiting his mother here.

Persian Lecturer at Lockhart.

Lockhart, Texas, May 13.—Rev. Mr. Shimmons, a native Persian, educated in the United States for the work of the ministry in his native land, and licensed by the Presbyterian church, preached two very unique and entertaining sermons last Saturday, and will lecture tonight on the manners and customs of his people in that far distant land.

Ever drink Pabst Beer? It is the standard of excellence. Thoroughly sterilized; it is as pure as purity. Theo. Keller distributes it; telephone for a case.

LIGHT "BOOZE."

Do You Drink It?

A minister's wife had quite a tussle with coffee and her experience is interesting. She says, "During the two years of my training as a nurse while on night duty I became addicted to coffee drinking, for between midnight and four in the morning, when few patients were asleep, there was little to do except make the rounds, and it was quite natural that I should want a good, hot cup of coffee about that time. It stimulated me and I could keep awake better.

After three or four years of coffee drinking I became a nervous wreck and thought that I simply could not live without my coffee. At this time I was subject to frequent bilious attacks, sometimes so severe as to keep me in bed for several days.

After being married, Husband begged me to leave off coffee for he feared that it had already hurt me almost beyond repair, so I resolved to make an effort and release myself from the baneful habit. I began taking Postum Food Coffee and for a few days felt disappointed, tired feeling from the lack of the stimulant, but I liked the taste of Postum and that answered for the breakfast beverage all right.

Gradually I began to feel clearer headed and steadier nerves. After a year's use of Postum I now feel like a new woman. I have not had any bilious attacks since I left off coffee." This lady requests that her name be kept from public print. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS.

New Auditorium Has Been Formally Dedicated by Business League.

PREPARATIONS MAKING FOR CARNIVAL

Decorating Has Begun in the Business District—Commissioners Divided on a Labor Proposition.

Galveston, Texas, May 13.—The auditorium which has been erected by the Galveston business league at Twenty-seventh and avenue Q was formally dedicated tonight. The building cost $8000 and the ground upon which it is located cost $5000. It has a seating capacity of 2500 and room on the stage to accommodate 500 people at one time. Tonight many of the committees which have been active in raising funds and doing other work of the league were on the stage. Many of them were not present, as they were engaged in active work tonight. Judge M. E. Kleberg, Senator Davidson and Julius Jackusch, president of the league, delivered addresses. The purposes for which the building was erected were mentioned, it being stated that it was at the disposal of the people of Galveston as a pleasure resort and that it would also be at the disposal of conventions and other large gatherings. As mentioned in The Post some time ago, an arrangement had been made whereby there will be a series of summer attractions at the auditorium. This building will also serve as the chief place of attraction during the Neptune Carnival and will be the meeting place for the next State democratic convention. Its location, two blocks from the beach, is far enough away to keep the roaring of the waves from drowning the voices of speakers and is still close enough to the gulf to get the sea breeze.

Decorating for the Carnival.

Galveston, Texas, May 13.—The merchants of the city have already begun decorating for the Neptune Carnival, which takes place May 19-25. The carnival colors—white and green—are being displayed on the prominent buildings and the town is assuming an air of expectancy. Rehearsals are being held nightly for "Spectacular America," which will be one of the chief attractions. During this performance there will be 500 people on the stage at one time. Excellent music will also be rendered on this occasion. Chairman Selby of the children's parade committee announces that he has arranged for a parade which will extend fifteen blocks with the children four abreast. All those who are to take part in the event, and there must be easily 1000, are busy preparing for the festivities.

The railroads have all agreed to put on exceedingly low rates for the occasion and there is every indication that there will be a very large attendance. The annual convention of the State Postmasters' association will take place during the week and many will be here to attend this. The ship of war Hartford will be in port during the entire week as an attraction for the visitors.

The plan adopted during the Confederate reunion at Dallas of hanging out a white flag at each house where there are rooms for rent will probably be adopted here, as it is said to have worked admirably at Dallas and other places.

Question of Home Labor.

Galveston, Texas, May 13.—At a meeting of the county commissioners held a few weeks since Commissioner Menard introduced a resolution to the effect that home labor be given the preference in the construction of the sea wall. The resolution contained matter, however, that was not favorably considered by the commissioners at the time and was lost. Now it will depend on Commissioner Menard whether or not the preference is given to home labor at wages of $2 per day and upon the basis of eight hours work each day. The Home Labor league has made this request of the commissioners and they are equally divided upon the proposition. Mr. Menard is absent, but upon his return his vote will be the deciding one. The resolution is that only home labor be employed upon the basis mentioned above, and that contractors bidding on the wall shall have notice that this requirement must be complied with.

Millers to Meet Today.

Galveston, Texas, May 13.—The State Millers' association of Texas will be the guests of this city tomorrow and arrangements are being made by the local millers to see that they are properly entertained. Nearly all the mills of the State are represented in the association. Among the features of entertainment provided is a boat ride on the bay. The boats will leave the foot of Tremont street at 12:30 o'clock and will take the visitors over the harbor thus allowing them to get a view of the facilities of this port.

It is expected that there will be about eighty in the party.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

Galveston, Texas, May 13.—There will be a meeting of the general membership of the chamber of commerce at the rooms at 2205 Strand next Thursday at 8 o'clock, which is called for the purpose of voting upon the reorganization of the association. The prinpal change is the charter is the elimination of the stock feature, whereby the members hold a certain amount of stock and were entitled to vote on the affairs of the chamber in proportion of the amount of stock held by them.

Milam County Criminal Docket.

Cameron, Texas, May 12.—The criminal docket in the district court was sounded this morning by Judge Scott, with V. B. Hudson, Esq., representing the State. Most of the cases were set. There were four pleas of guilty. John Johnson, Will Skinner and Calaway Price pleaded guilty to burglary, and each was given punishment at two years in the penitentiary. John White pleaded guilty to theft of property over value of $50, and he too received the same punishment as the other defendants. All were sentenced by the court.

The case again R. H. Kirt, charged with theft of one cattle, was set for the 23d. The cases against Will Natsers, charged by indictment with forgery and passing forged instruments, were set for the 23d, and John Watson was agreed upon by the attorneys for State and defendant, to try the case, on account of Judge Scott having excused himself, formerly being district attorney.

F. Roensch Badly Hurt.

Bellville, Texas, May 12.—Mr. F. Roensch, a prominent merchant of this place, met with a painful accident last night resulting in a broken arm. Mr. Roensch and Dr. O. A. Trenckmann were on their way home in a buggy from a fest at Milheim station and when some distance from the hall and about six miles from town they met a team and turned out to give passing room; their buggy ran into a ditch at the roadside and turned over, throwing both gentlemen out. Mr. Roensch's right arm was broken at or near the wrist; only the large bone was broken. Dr. Trenckmann escaped without a scratch. The buggy top was broken, but otherwise was all right, and the gentlemen righted it and came on home.

Mr. Roensch is suffering considerably but hopes to be out in a day or two.

Damage by Lightning at Woodville.

Woodville, Texas, May 12.—During an electric storm yesterday at noon the lightning struck the Sanders hotel, causing considerable damage, probably amounting to $250. The residence of Charles Hempstead, colored, was also struck and some of the bed clothing caught fire, which was soon extinguished. The recent rains have been very heavy, causing considerable delay in farming.

The Alvin Hay Crop.

Alvin, Texas, May 12.—New hay is beginning to come to market and is commanding good prices. Nine new presses were unloaded here today, with ten or twelve more to follow. People in this section have begun to realize what a paying business the hay industry is and are getting into it more and more every year. It is estimated that not less than thirty outfits will be in operation here by the first of June.

Returned to Centerville.

Palestine, Texas, May 12.—Edgar Linson, the young man who shot and killed J. W. Miller at Buffalo Saturday afternoon, and who arrived in this city on the train on which he did the shooting, returned to Buffalo Saturday night. Mr. Linson will have his examining trial in Centerville, as that is the county seat of the county in which the unfortunate affair occurred.

NOTICE.

I hereby announce that I am retiring from the well business on account of ill health and that I have sold my business to Messrs. L. Cabell Read of Houston and Benjamin Andrews, Jr., of this city.

I desire to thank my patrons for their generous consideration in the past and hope that they will extend the same to my successors. J. W. Sturm.

Beaumont, Texas.

NOTICE.

L. Cabell Read, Benjamin Andrews, Jr.

We beg to announce that we have just taken over the business of J. W. Sturm, well contractor, who is retiring on account of ill health. We intend to carry on our work in the same business-like manner and keep it up to the same standard of excellence established by Mr. Sturm. Those desiring first class service are respectfully invited to call on us.

Read & Andrews, Well Contractors, Beaumont, Texas.

ROCKDALE NEWS NOTES.

Mexican Woman Hit by a Train but Not Badly Hurt.

Rockdale, Texas, May 13.—A Mexican woman, living out at the ligulte mines, came to town yesterday, tanked up pretty freely and started to walk back on the track of the International and Great Northern railroad. The 5 o'clock passenger train bound north overtook the woman in the east end of town, the engineer blew his whistle vigorously, applied the air brake and succeeded in slowing the train up to some extent, but could not avoid striking the woman, who was knocked off the track. She was picked up and brought back to town by the train apparently unconscious. She soon regained consciousness and, strange to say, had no bones broken nor had sustained any external injuries except a few bruises. Not even a bottle, which she had on her person was broken. After receiving treatment she was placed in a wagon and taken to the mines.

Dr. R. S. Wallis, one of the most prominent physicians and citizens of Rockdale, is seriously ill with the flux, but is reported slightly better this morning.

Dr. W. N. Kennard, the oldest medical practitioner of Rockdale, is also ill having been confined to his home for some time.

The Knights of Pythias banquet, given by the Blues to the Reds, occurred last night and was a brilliant affair. No wines or liquors were served, fruit punch being substituted therefor, but toasts and responses contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the evening.

Prohibition in Scurry County.

Snyder, Texas, May 12.—On the 10th a prohibition election was held in Scurry county. Vote as follows:

	Prohibition.	Anti-Prohibition.
Snyder	201	27
Dunn	50	15
Cottonwood Flat	1	14
Camp Spring	25	6
Browning	36	4
Ennis	24	1
Tree	55	24
Knapp	23	3
Cuno	16	4
Dark or Lookout	24	3
Rees Bluff	6	4

Bryan Briefs.

Bryan, Texas, May 13.—The Bryan county truck growers are shipping beans in large quantities now every day. The bean crop is fine. They will ship a solid carload of Irish potatoes Friday.

Messrs. W. P. Wooten, John W. Kestler, C. E. Jenkins and Albert Worley, members of the Bryan fire department, left today for Waco to attend the State Firemen's association.

Mr. James L. Mitchell and Rev. Wm. Hayne Leavell of Houston, as delegates from the Brazos Presbytery, left today for Jackson, Miss., to attend the Presbyterian general assembly.

New City Officials at Grandview.

Grandview, Texas, May 13.—In the city election held here today the following were elected officers: Mayor, J. A. Hill; aldermen, O. C. Walton, O. L. Walkerson, L. J. Harrell, W. R. Pace, J. A. Harrell; marshal, S. A. Shelton; city attorney, V. M. Tyler; secretary, R. E. Pitts; assessor and collector, J. D. Newton; engineer, W. D. Quinn; treasurer, Tul Hutchins.

Big Methodist Meeting at Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, Texas, May 13.—The Methodist meeting which was begun here two weeks ago by Rev. George Stuart is still in progress. Over a hundred new members were taken in Sunday. Rev. Stuart left some days ago, but the pastor, Rev. Jerome Duncan, is conducting the meeting, assisted by local ministers.

Brazos Valley Medical Association.

Marlin, Texas, May 13.—The Brazos Valley Medical association met here today, about 100 members being present. A magnificent banquet will be given them by the local physicians at the Arlington hotel tomorrow night. The session will last three days.

Temperance Lectures in Coryell County.

Gatesville, Texas, May 12.—Rev. Taber of the Anti Saloon league spoke for two hours at the court house here last night to a large audience. It was an able lecture and considerable interest was shown.

An election for prohibition will be held here soon.

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

OF INTEREST TO FEMININE READERS.

PLEASING EFFECTS IN METAL.

Beautiful Work in Copper and Brass, but Expensive.

The fancy for the severely plain mission furniture has caused a decreased demand for the fancy Louis XIV and XV upholstery hangings. Plain draperies or those with very small allover designs are now the correct thing.

Bright floor coverings are not fashionable. Plain Wilton carpets in soft greens, blues or golden browns, with Egyptian borders or similar effects, promise to be the most favored this autumn.

Lichen green is the latest shade for green wood work, wall and floor coverings and draperies.

Marie Antoinette lace window curtains and door panels promise to be popular when the season for lace hangings comes again.

Decorative copper, brass and wrought iron hinges, locks and door plates are exceedingly fashionable, replacing those hidden in the wood. Many of the handsomest of these are large, elaborate and artistic hand-wrought affairs.

An attractive arts and crafts clock, suitable for a stair landing or entrance hall, is just out. Its novel dial is of brass, with spandrils and antique numerals of hand-burnished copper, are in agreeable contrast to the black hands and minute marks indicated by dots of sable enamel. The case is of nut-brown burned oak, with a glass door, through which may be seen the brass weights and pendulum.

Fancy baskets for household use are now woven from corn husks or natural grasses, no dyeing being used in the weaving except in the materials with which the baskets are sewed.

Copper and brass work figures largely in the home decoration today. The latest showings in copper are beautifully colored and expensive. Many pleasing effects in hammered brass are also to be had, but only those hand-wrought by an expert should be chosen.

Conservative decorators do not consider parquetry floors as desirable as those of plain hard oak, particularly when intended for colonial dwellings.

PARIS FASHIONS AMERICAN.

One Woman Said to Excel the French in Taste.

The creaking raven doth bellow for revenge. I find it in an article on French fashions in the Pall Mall Magazine, remarks a writer in the Illustrated London News. The writer has been interviewing the great M. Paquin, who told him that the Paris fashions are no longer Parisian, but American. It is the American woman who dresses to perfection, not the French woman. A stern sense of rectitude compels M. Paquin to speak the truth about his countrywomen. Taste is deserting them. They think less about perfection in dress than about saving "ten francs." Thrift, Horatio! As for the art of dressmaking, M. Paquin is either very humble or very astute. "We Parisian dressmakers do the rough work of modeling; but it is the Americans who decide upon the final shape, cotour and color scheme." Is the glory of the Rue de la Paix departed, or is M. Paquin flattering his best customers, who never stick at ten francs? You may say this revenge for the French attacks on our ancestry is rather indirect. It is not to Englishwomen that M. Paquin pays his surprising compliment. Never mind. Though it is New York, not London, that eclipses Paris, still Paris is eclipsed. Ha!

THE POSTMASTERS' CONVENTION.

Very Low Rates Will Be in Effect at the Time.

Galveston, Texas, May 12.—President H. A. Griffin of the Texas Postmasters' association has instructed the secretary to issue a call for a meeting of the executive committee of that association at the Tremont hotel, Galveston, Texas, at 9 a. m., May 20.

President Griffin says that the indications are that the attendance at the annual meeting of the association which will be held here this month will be the largest in the history of the organization. The delegates will be able to take advantage of the low railroad rates in force at that time on account of the Neptune Carnival and will also have an opportunity to witness this attraction while in the city.

Hempstead Locals.

Hempstead, Texas, May 13.—The commissioners court is in regular session this week.

A meeting of the democratic executive committee will be held Saturday to set dates for holding of county convention.

Mrs. R. M. Connor of Bryan is visiting in the city.

Mrs M. J. Mcdade is visiting relatives in Houston.

John Ellington of Houston is in the city.

Rev. A. McGary is in the city conducting a Christian revival at the court house.

Convicted of Assault to Murder.

La Grange, Texas, May 12.—Lawrence Kruschel, colored, charged by indictment with assault with intent to murder upon one James Wade, colored, was today tried in district court and given a verdict of four years in the penitentiary.

Corsicana Postoffice to be Increased.

Corsicana, Texas, May 12.—The postoffice here has been notified that on July 1 its force will be increased by an additional clerk and salaries will also be raised.

Boll Weevil in Robertson County.

Elliott, Texas, May 13.—Boll weevil now in cotton by countless thousands, of all ages. Prospects for a good yield of both corn and cotton very flattering.

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The Officers Were Elected at the First Day's Session.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 13.—The State council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics opened a two days' session here this afternoon. There are about fifty representatives of the twenty State lodges in attendance.

Among the most prominent visitors are Hon. J. W. Pierson of Emory, Texas, State president, also district attorney of Rains county; J. Y. Montgomery of Emory, Texas, State secretary; W. H. Luffman of the Texas and Pacific at Dallas, W. H. Rollins of Cleburne, Postmaster Phillips of Grapevine and S. C. Jawell, an attorney of Dallas.

The following officers were elected: Councilor, A. J. Parks of Fort Worth; vice councilor, W. H. Montgomery of Emory; secretary, E. H. McLendon of Waco; treasurer, J. W. Coker of Fort Worth; conductor, E. H. Lambert of Dallas; warden, R. E. Lee of Wolfe City; inside sentinel, V. C. Perry of Glenwood; outside sentinel, J. M. Phillips of Grapevine; chaplain, J. B. Willett of Dallas; past State councilor, J. W. Pierson of Emory; representative to National council, J. W. Pierson.

The next meeting will be at Dallas in May.

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