

and west by Cat Fish Alley and having a frontage of 42 ft. 10 in. on the side walks on New Market street, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$32.10; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

224. Lot owned by Iphis Fournet, bounded north by Old Market street, south by lot of Fournet and Delahoussaye, east by lot of E. L. Fournet, and west by lot of Antonia and Clara Fournet, and having a frontage of 61 ft. 4 in. on the side walks on Old Market street and having 12 ft. 6 inch and 12 ft. 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$49.40; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

225. Lot owned by estate of Amelie Sandoz, bounded north by Old Market street, south by lot of Mrs. Alfred Fuselier, east by lot of Mrs. Martin Ducrest, and west by lot of Henry Fournet, and having a frontage of 90 ft. 5 in. on the side walks on Old Market Street, and having 12 ft. 6 inch and 12 ft. 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$70.63; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side-walks as aforesaid.

226. Lot owned by Mrs. Martin Ducrest, bounded north by Old Market street, south by lot of Mrs. Claude Demurger, east by Bayou Teche and west by lot of Amelie Sandoz, and having a frontage of 138.8 ft. on the sidewalks as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$104.55; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

**EAST SIDE OF BAYOU TECHE.**

227. Lot owned by Leonce Pellerin, bounded north by lot of P. A. Bienvenu, West by Bayou Teche, and having a frontage of 66 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street and having 12-1-2 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$48.88; its proportion of the entire cost of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

228. Lot owned by P. A. Bienvenu, bounded north by lot of Arthur Gardner, South by Bridge street, east by lot of O. P. Resweber, west by lot of Leonce Pellerin, and having a frontage of 54 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge Street, and having 12-1-2 ft 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$46.15; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

229. Lot owned by O. P. Resweber, bounded north by lot of Arthur Gardner and Oscar Goulas, south by Bridge street, east by lot of Mrs. August Guirard, West by lot of P. A. Bienvenu and having a frontage of 194 feet on the side walks on Bridge street, and having 6 ft 6 inch and 12-1-2 ft 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$158.41; its proportion of the entire costs of the sidewalks as aforesaid.

230. Lot owned by Mrs. August Guirard, bounded north by lot of Oscar Goulas, south by Bridge street, east by Pinaud street, and west by lot of O. P. Resweber, and having a frontage of 56 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street, and a frontage of 157.6 on the sidewalks on Pinaud street and having 6 ft 6 inch sewer pipes on Pinaud street; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$165.27; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

231. Lot owned by A. G. Goulas, bounded north by lot of A. C. Gauthier, south by Bridge street east by E. N. Resweber, west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 95 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street, and having a frontage of 216 ft. on the sidewalks on Pinaud street and having 20 ft 6 in and 12-1-2 ft 10 inch sewer pipes constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$249.21; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

232. Lot owned by E. N. Resweber, bounded north by self, south by Bridge street, east by lot of L. H. Dautreuil, west by lot of A. G. Goulas, and having a frontage of 103 ft. on the side walks on Bridge street, and having 18 ft. 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$84.30; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

233. Lot owned by L. H. Dautreuil, bounded north by lot of Adolphe Broussard, south by Bridge street, east by lot of Mrs. Charles Nectoux, west by lot of E. N. Resweber, and having a frontage of 33.8 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street, and having 6 ft 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$28.72; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

234. Lot owned by Mrs. Charles Nectoux, bounded north by lot of Adolphe Broussard, south by Bridge street, east by Cemetery street, and west by lot of L. H. Dautreuil, and having a frontage of 33.8 ft. on Bridge street, constructed as aforesaid, its local assessment being \$26.82; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

235. Lot owned by Jules Resweber, bounded north by lot of Mrs. Henry Beslin, south by Bridge street east by Labbe street, west by Cemetery street, and having a frontage of 64 ft. on the side walks on Bridge street; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$52.13; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

236. Lot owned by Edmond Builliard, bounded north by Bridge street south by lot of Leonce Pellerin, east by lot of Mrs. J. A. Guerin, and west by self, and having a frontage of 57 ft. on the side walks on Bridge street, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$46.55; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

237. Lot owned by Mrs. J. A. Guerin, bounded north by Bridge street, south by lot of Leonce Pellerin, east by lot owned by Edmond Builliard and west by lot of Jos. Broussard, and having a frontage of 57 ft. on the side walks on Bridge street; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$46.55; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

238. Lot owned by Joseph Broussard, bounded north by Bridge street south by self, east by lot of A. G. Goulas, west by lot of Mrs. J. A. Guerin, and having a frontage of 116 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$92.41; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

239. Lot owned by A. G. Goulas, bounded north by Bridge street, south and east by lot of Jos. Broussard, west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 62.6 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$42.77; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

240. Lot owned by Robert Guirard, bounded north by Bridge street, south by self, east by lot of E. N. Resweber, and west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 105.6 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street and having 6 ft 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$85.74; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

241. Lot owned by E. N. Resweber, bounded north by Bridge street south and east by lot of Robert Guirard, and west by lot of Victor Barras, and having a frontage of 50 ft. on the side walks on Bridge street and having 12 ft 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$41.33; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

242. Lot owned by Victor Barras, bounded north by Bridge street, south and east by Cemetery street, and west by lot of E. N. Resweber, and having a frontage of 105 ft. on the sidewalks on Bridge street, and having 6 ft 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$85.68; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

243. Lot owned by Roman Catholic Cemetery, bounded north by Bridge street, south by lot of E. N. Resweber, east by lot of R. G. Crawford, and west by Cemetery street, and having a frontage of 74 ft 6 inches on the side walks on Bridge street; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$62.91; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

244. Lot owned by V. A. C. Gauthier, bounded north by V. A. Fuselier, south by A. G. Goulas, east by lot of E. N. Resweber, west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 166 feet on the side walks on Pinaud street, and having 18 feet 6 inch and 20 feet 10 inch sewer pipes, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$132.30; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

245. Lot owned V. A. Fuselier, bounded north by Buchanan street, south by lot of A. C. Gauthier, east by lot of Leopold Beslin, west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 188.3 ft. on sidewalks in Pinaud street and having 6 feet 6 inch sewer pipe constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$142.09; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

246. Lot owned by Methodist church, bounded north by lot of Geo. Knight, south by Buchanan street, east by lot of E. A. Davis, west by Pinaud street and having a frontage of 109 feet in sidewalks on Pinaud street and having a 6 feet 6 inch sewer pipe; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$82.99; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

247. Lot owned by Geo. Knight, bounded north by lot of Mrs. D. Dugas, south by lot of Methodist church, east by self and west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 104 feet on the side walks on Pinaud street, and having 24 feet 6 inch and 12 ft 6 inch sewer pipes constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$110.54; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

248. Lot owned by Mrs. D. Dugas, bounded north by lot of Mrs. Ulysse Landry, south by lot of Geo. Knight, east by lot of Mrs. Ulysse Landry, west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 91 feet on the side walks on Pinaud street and having 18 feet 6 inch and 12 ft 6 inch sewer pipes, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$73.24; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

249. Lot owned by Mrs. Ulysse Landry, bounded north by lot of J. J. Burdin, south by lot of Mrs. D. Dugas, east by self and west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 198 feet on the side walks on Pinaud street and having 24 feet 6 inches and 12 ft 6 inch sewer pipes constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$154.93; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

**PINAUD STREET WEST.**

250. Lot owned by Oscar Goulas, bounded north by lot of Mrs. Oscar Goulas, south by lot of Mrs. August Guirard, east by Pinaud street, and west by lot of Arthur Gardner, and having a frontage of 45 ft. on the side walks on Pinaud street, and having 6 ft. 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$34.36; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

251. Lot owned by Mrs. Oscar Goulas, bounded north by lot of Arthur Gardner, south by lot of Oscar Goulas, east by Pinaud street, and west by lot of Arthur Gardner, and having a frontage of 61 ft. 6 in. on the side-walks on Pinaud street, and having 6 ft. 6 inch and 12 ft. 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$49.74; its proportion of the entire costs of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

252. Lot owned by Arthur Gardner, bounded north by lot of E. Miller, south by lot of Mrs. Oscar Goulas, east by Pinaud street, and west by Pinaud street, and having a frontage of 49.9 ft. on sidewalks on Pinaud street, and having 12 ft 6 inch and 12 ft 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$36.23; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

253. Lot owned by Ernest Miller, bounded north by Buchanan street, south by Arthur Gardner and Danene Miller, east by Pinaud street, and west by Bayou Teche, and having a frontage of 137 ft. 6 in. on the sidewalks on Pinaud street, and having 6 ft 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$101.23; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

254. Lot owned by Scott Kello, bounded north by Dame street, south by Buchanan street, east by Pinaud street, and west by Jules Francois & Als, and having a frontage of 275 ft. 9 in. on the sidewalks on Pinaud street, and having 12 ft. 10 inch sewer pipes, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$209.73; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

255. Lot owned by Mrs. Annie Franz, bounded north by lot of Joachim Raymond, south by Dame street, east by Pinaud street, and west by lot of John Franz, and having a frontage of 130 ft. 6 in. on the side walks on Pinaud street, and having 18 ft. 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$100.53; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

256. Lot owned by Joachim Raymond, bounded north by lot of John Franz, south by Annie Franz, east by Pinaud street, and west by lot of Mrs. Joachim Raymond, and having a frontage of 65 ft. 6 in. on the sidewalks on Pinaud street, and having 6 ft. 6 inch and 12 ft. 10 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$52.72; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

257. Lot owned by John Franz, bounded north by Pill Lanen south by lot of Joachim Raymond, east by Pinaud street, and west by lot of Mrs. Joachim Raymond, and having a frontage of 44 ft. on the sidewalks on Pinaud street, and having no sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$33.76; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side walks as aforesaid.

258. Lot owned by Mrs. Annie Gernaud wife of Dr. J. S. Martin bounded north by Port street, south by Sisters of Mercy, east by Sisters of Mercy and west by lot of Mrs. Andre Gernaud, having a frontage of 52 ft. on the side walks on Port street and having 6 ft. 6 inch sewer pipes; constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$40.89; its proportion of the entire costs of the said side-walks as aforesaid.

259. Lot owned by Mrs. Leonie Miller, wife of Van Drake, bounded north by lot of Ernest Miller south by Arthur Gardner, east by Pinaud street, west by lot of Ernest Miller and having a frontage of 53 feet 3 inches on the side walks on Pinaud street and having 12 ft 10 inch sewer pipe and constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$42.84; its proportion of the entire cost of the said side walk as aforesaid.

Lot owned by Ferdinand Foti, bounded north by lots of Bank of St. Martinville and estate of L. C. Gauthier, south by lot of Estate of L. C. Gauthier, east by Main street and west by Washington street, having a frontage of 35.8 ft. on the sidewalks on Main street and a frontage of 10 ft. on the sidewalks of Washington street and having no sewer pipe on Main street and 12-1-2 ft 10 inch sewer pipes on Main street, constructed as aforesaid; its local assessment being \$75.97; its proportion of the entire cost of the said sidewalks as aforesaid.

Lot owned by Chas Bienvenu bounded north by lot of Lalzair Bienvenu and self, south by lot of M. J. Voorhies and Hamilton street, east by lot of Mrs. Rose Broussard and Carlos Bienvenu and west by lot of M. J. Voorhies and Main street, having a frontage of 62 ft. on the sidewalks on Main street and a frontage of 10 ft. on the sidewalks on Hamilton street and having 6 ft 6 inch sewer pipes on Hamilton street, constructed as aforesaid, its local assessment being \$87.15; its proportion of the entire cost of the said sidewalk as aforesaid.

Lot owned by J. C. Bienvenu, Mrs. J. Resweber and F. T. Guilbeau et als bounded north by lot of Audibert formerly, south by Port street, east by lot of J. C. Bienvenu, Mrs. Jules Resweber and Masonic Hall and west by lot of J. C. Bienvenu, having a frontage of 15 ft. on the side walks on Port street, and 6 ft six inch sewer pipes, constructed as aforesaid, its local assessment being \$12.33, its proportion of the entire costs of said sidewalks as aforesaid.

Lot owned by J. C. Bienvenu, bounded north by lot of Mrs. Jules Resweber, south by Port street, east by Main street, and west by an alley way belonging to J. C. Bienvenu et als, having a front of 40 ft 9 inches on the sidewalks on Main street and a frontage of 21.9 ft. on the sidewalks on Port street, constructed as aforesaid, its local assessment being \$86.57, its proportion of the entire costs of said sidewalks as aforesaid.

Be it further ordained etc: That on payment to the Town of St. Martinville, Louisiana, by the respective owners above named, within ten days from this date of twenty per cent in cash, of their respective local assessment aforesaid, the Mayor of this Town be and he is hereby authorized to issue for the balance due by the said owners, Certificates of side-walk local assessment bearing on the respective properties which said balance due shall be payable in four yearly installments of equal amounts, plus six per cent from date, all interest on the whole amount payable annually, the installments to be represented by four coupons attached to said Certificates and falling due in one, two, three and four years from the tenth day after the adoption of this ordinance, the payment of the said Certificates and coupons attached to be secured by first lien and privilege, taxes excepted, on the respective properties, the certificates and coupons to be made payable at the Bank of St. Martinville, of St. Martinville, Louisiana, the present and future owners of said properties to be and he is hereby authorized to grant the right and option of paying and redeeming at any time before maturity, any and all of the said coupons and Certificates, bearing on their respective properties, by depositing the amount thereof, with all interest accrued, at the said Bank of St. Martinville, and notifying by registered mail the owner or owners of the said Certificates and Coupons being paid, accordingly all transfers of said Certificates shall be notified to and recorded with the Secretary of the Town Council of the Town of St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The said Certificates and attached Coupons shall be issued in Duplicate, and signed by the Mayor of this Town and also by the Secretary, and the Seal of this town shall be affixed to said Certificates; the Duplicate copy of said Certificates signed as aforesaid, together with a certified copy of this local assessment shall be recorded in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of St. Martin, Louisiana, and the Clerk and Recorder shall certify on the other Duplicate sets of Certificates, the registry aforesaid. The Mayor is authorized and empowered to transfer the said registry-certified Certificates, as well as the twenty per cent in cash paid over by the said owners,—to Andrew Ellefson in full payment of his contract work. The said Certificates with Coupons attached to be transferred at par and without recourse against the town of St. Martinville, Louisiana, but with all rights, privileges and liens pertaining thereto and securing the payment thereof. The certified copy of this assessment Ordinance for registry as aforesaid, shall show on its face the twenty per cent cash payment which shall have been made by the owners of the different properties as above provided.

Be it further ordained, That if any owner of the said properties assessed, as aforesaid, shall fail or refuse to pay the twenty per cent cash, of the said assessment within ten days from this date, then the mayor of this town is authorized and empowered to file suit or suits in the name of this town, against the delinquent or delinquents and prosecute same to final judgment appeals included, in order to enforce the payment in full of this assessment, all as provided for by law.

The bill of Mr. A. Ellefson of \$213.21 was approved and ordered paid.

Moved by R. J. Guirard, seconded by Mr. F. F. Fournet that the crossing on Bridge street, when built, shall be built opposite the walk leading to the church. The above motion was voted upon and carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

J. H. DUCHAMP, Mayor Pro Tem. SIDNEY E. DELAHOUSSEY, Sec.

**Neatly Evaded.**  
Josephine, aged five, had spent the day with an aunt, who had made much of her. The next morning at the breakfast table she announced that she would like to go over to Aunt Edna's and live with her all the time. "What, leave me and sister Ruthie?" said her mother. "Yes," said Josephine, although plainly uncomfortable. "How about papa and little brother?" Josephine glanced at her father and then answered: "I thought you said children shouldn't talk at the table, mamma."

**Maintenance of Health.**  
We no longer live in the old simple outdoor conditions in which our fathers existed. What sufficed for them won't suffice for us. Habits of living which sustained them in health sustain us in illness. We live indoors. We are always at a high tension. Conditions are infinitely more complicated. We are sedentary. Food, drink and other habits which served well in the out of doors for the purposes of a farmer will not serve at all for the present-day factory employee who lives and works indoors. Nothing is more badly needed in the country than that our boys and girls now growing up past the knee may be trained in the science and arts that make and maintain health. If they have not that, academic knowledge and art skill will avail them little.

—Richmond Palladium.

**Life in the Falklands.**  
There are worse places off which to be wrecked than the Falkland Islands, where the Liverpool steamer Oravia foundered. The inhabitants of Port Stanley are a prosperous race, noted for their hospitality. Living is cheap in the islands, and all kinds of English fruits and vegetables abound there. There are, however, two great drawbacks to life in the Falklands. The climate is never really warm, and fires have to be kept up all the year round. Servants are procured with difficulty. Most people import them from England; but as English girls are frequently snapped up and married as soon as they land, they have to sign an agreement to remain in service three years. If they break it in order to marry the husband has to pay the passage out from England of another servant to replace his wife.

**Diplomatic Salesgirl.**  
Amid the lace bargains in one of the larger department stores the other day a shopper engrossed in thought set her little Japanese spaniel on the counter. One of the salesgirls, not seeing the little dog, threw a remnant of reduced lace over him. When the woman went to look for her pet he was not to be found, but several shrill yelps, accompanied by an upheaval of the lace, betrayed his presence. He was quickly rescued from his predicament, and the woman showering kisses upon his moist, upturned nose, said, "Did they cover mamma's precious with cheap 50 cent lace?" The salesgirl, who evidently had cultivated diplomacy, assured the dog's mistress that the lace had been reduced from \$1 to 50 cents, and the woman took her pet away mollified.

—Philadelphia Record.

**Lightning Makes Pigs Mute.**  
J. T. Fortner of Kingston, N. C., has a story to tell which cannot be told by a loud laugh from one of the congregation. He stopped his discourse, and said: "De 'postle has told us dat 'er hearty laugh does good like medicine, but de brudder is 'spectful 'minded dat dis ain't 'er doctor's office nor 'er 'pothecary's shop," and then he resumed his sermon.

**START THE CHILDREN RIGHT**  
Parents Can Not Begin Too Soon: the Proper Training of the Young Lives.

But why should we be afraid of talking grown-up to the children? It makes them feel, to their delight, that we are trusting them, honoring them, linking them into our thoughts and widening the horizon of theirs. Always it is like wormwood in a child's mouth, the sense that we are playing down to him, putting him off with baby talk. Let us give him not that bitter stuff, but something more nourishing.

I have often wished that I could write a little book of philosophy for children.

Only this juvenile version of the foundation of belief would be, like its great namesake, Noble Introductory. It would be intended to prepare the children to think as they ought of Christianity. It would be an attempt to give them some sort of hold, according to their strength, on the assurance "that among the needs ministered to by Christianity are some which increase rather than diminish with the growth of knowledge and the progress of science, and that this religion is, therefore, no more reform appropriate only to a vanished epoch in the history of culture and civilization, but a development of them now more necessary to us than ever."

For the children have so far to go, from their earliest love of pictures of Baby Jesus to any sort or kind of grown-up Christian faith that they had better be off as soon as possible. Go they will, let us hope, whether we send them or not; so we might as well begin to get them ready now. For none of us knows how long we shall have them with us.—North American Review.

**JUST TO DIVERT ATTENTION**  
Negro Girl Had Excellent Reason for Head Ornament That Looked Strange.

One morning Mrs. Wilmington's attention was attracted by a strange spectacle coming up the street. At that distance she could not quite make it out; it appeared to be some sort of animal with a headlight fastened to its forehead. As it came nearer it resolved itself into the shape of a human being—perhaps some sheik with a red fez. But in another moment Mrs. Wilmington recognized Martha Maria Sophrina Smith, the seventeen-year-old negro girl who came every Monday for the laundry.

Martha Maria had a flaming red ribbon four inches wide round her head; it was tied in front at the roots of her kinky hair into a huge bow, the wings of which stood out four inches beyond her forehead.

Mrs. Wilmington was surprised, for although she had noticed some of the signs of pride of dress in Martha Maria, the girl had more than the ordinary amount of good taste.

"Why, Martha," exclaimed Mrs. Wilmington, as the girl came round the porch, "what in the world are you wearing that bow for?"

A slow grin widened the girl's mouth and she relaxed into that sagging droop which in a negro indicates a readiness for conversation.

"To attract attention, missy."

"To attract attention? Why do you want to attract attention?"

"I don't, mah'm."

"Then why are you wearing that awful bow on your forehead?"

"So folks will look at mah hair."

"Why do you want them to look at your hair?"

"So they won't look at mah feet—I got holes in mah shoes."—Youth's Companion.

**Italy's Foremost Statesman.**  
Marquis di San Giuliano, Italian minister of foreign affairs, is a Sicilian nobleman of Norman descent, with a consistent hatred of Austria, notwithstanding the fact that Italy was supposedly Austria's friend. He has lived sixty-one years, more than half of which have been spent in public life. First, undersecretary in the ministry of agriculture, he was transferred in a subordinate capacity to the foreign office. In 1899 he was made postmaster-general, a position that seems to have been little to his liking. In 1905, however, he gained the post he long had sought and became minister for foreign affairs. He spent much time in the United States in 1904, attending the Interparliamentary union at St. Louis as president of the Italian delegation. As a result of the Italian-Turkish war the king of Italy created him a knight of the Order of the Annunciation.

**Chain Fenders Guard Canal.**  
As a final precaution to protect the Panama canal the United States government is installing mammoth chain fenders. Four are now being put in place and 20 more are either being made or tested by the government. The chains are from 418 to 434 feet in length and weigh from 35,530 to 36,800 pounds each. They will be used to keep vessels from crashing into the locks should they temporarily get out of control.

**Desperate Situation.**  
"How do you get on?" asked the widow. "Terribly! They have both turned vegetarians. They eat nothing but mushrooms."

"What for?"

"Each is hoping the other will swallow a toadstool. And neither seems care much which gets it."

**MRS. BAKER'S CAT**  
By DON LA GRANGE.

And who was Mrs. Baker? She was a childless widow who had reached the age of sixty. She had sufficient income to keep her out of the hands of charity. She had her little home in the outskirts of the town, and her companion for the last ten years had been her cat.

On a certain afternoon Miss Ruth Brighton, wishing for a sight of the country, took a street car for half a mile and then walked for the same distance to find herself in front of the Widow Baker's cottage. Just as she arrived the old woman ran out to the gate and screamed:

"She's dying!" wailed Mrs. Baker, looking down at an outstretched cat.

"Maybe it's only a fit and we can save her. Get a dish of cold water." The water was brought and thrown over the grimalkin, and after a long minute she opened her eyes and returned to the land of the living.

"I am thankful to heaven!" piously exclaimed, Mrs. Baker, as she rolled her eyes to the sky.

That day Osborne Chalmers had decided to take a half holiday and a walk into the country in the afternoon. He was going to see things that might influence him to buy an 80-acre farm when he saw a cottage, an old woman, a girl and a blinking old cat.

"Will you come here?" called the Widow Baker.

"Is it anything serious?" he asked, as he entered the gate.

"My old cat has had a fit! What would you advise me to do?"

"It seems to me the better way would be to get rid of her."

"But how am I going to get rid of her?"

"She ought to be carried off and drowned."

That was all about the cat for a week, as far as the two outsiders were concerned. They both had their walks and returned to their homes.

Very few people would permit a widow's cat to disturb their peace of mind, but in this case the occasion was furnished by Providence. It put the idea into Miss Ruth's head to take another country walk and see how the old cat got along.

"I believe I'll just take a walk out there," said Mr. Chalmers. "Seems too bad for that old cat to die."

Miss Ruth arrived at the cottage. The cat sat on the porch. She hadn't had another fit, but she looked as if she were going to have one at the first convenient opportunity.

"Yes, she looks bad," agreed Mrs. Baker, "and I am going to ask a great favor of you. You see, I am lame, and can't walk far, and I want the old cat taken away and dropped on the road somewhere. If she is carried a mile I don't believe she can find her way back again."

"But how will I carry her?" asked Ruth.

"I don't know that you'd ever come back, but I've thought it all out. We'll put her in a paper flour sack that I have saved. When you get about a mile away empty her out, say 'Shoo!' and that will be the last of her. She'll find a home somewhere."

Miss Ruth agreed to do the errand, and after a time started back with the captive. The cat made no great objections to being sacked up. It is possible that she rather longed for a change of environment.

A cat in a flour sack meows and snarls and spits. She claws and bites and fro and back and forth.

Miss Ruth was hurrying along with that sacked cat when she saw a young man approaching. It was Osborne Chalmers. When he saw the wobbling sack held out at arm's length he suspected its contents and hastened his steps. He was too late, however. What is to be will be. It was fore-ordained that that cat was to claw her way out, and out she came. The feline could have made a peaceful and honorable retreat into the roadside bushes, but she did nothing of the kind. She clawed off Miss Ruth's hat and scratched her face—she clawed and scratched the face of Mr. Chalmers when he went to the rescue. Then she inflicted two or three bites, and went her way.

The humanitarians were sadly in need of repairs, and they made for the Widow Baker's.

The widow stood on her porch with a glad smile on her face. So did her old cat!

"I'm so glad to see you!" exclaimed the woman as the clawed and scratched and bitten couple entered the gate. "The cat has got over her fits and is playing around as she used to when she was a kitten. It must have been the fright that did it."

When the wounds of the victims had been dressed the widow sent them on their way with:

"I did think the whole world was hard-hearted, but this incident has shown me to the contrary. May a widow's blessing attend you!"

Miss Ruth and Mr. Chalmers walked away together.

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**Not Discouraged.**  
An old negro minister was recently interrupted in the course of his sermon by a loud laugh from one of the congregation. He stopped his discourse, and said: "De 'postle has told us dat 'er hearty laugh does good like medicine, but de brudder is 'spectful 'minded dat dis ain't 'er doctor's office nor 'er 'pothecary's shop," and then he resumed his sermon.