

## OLD RANCH HOUSES PASSING

Their Disappearance to Be Regretted for Many Reasons, but the Change is Inevitable.

Some people do not like to see the old, historic ranch houses in southern Texas go. There is a pity in it. They are eloquent, even though many of them are in ruins, of a romantic epoch in the history of the state. Many of these ranch homes were built during the period of the Spanish control of Mexico and were of feudal type and on large land grants of feudal extent. These buildings were succeeded by the less pretentious but spacious and comfortable ranch houses of the later cattlemen. Every one of them was a center of pioneer life, the stopping place of cattlemen and travelers passing through the country, and the hospitality of the occupants of them all is a tradition.

The great ranch regions are being broken up into smaller ranches and then into still smaller farms, and a new order of life but makes them an incumbrance. But it is as vain to sigh over them as over the disappearance of the oceans of prairie and the buffalo. The latter existence is tamer, but more profitable. The substitution of herds of cattle in the hands of many proprietors for the herds of buffalo, and the plowing up of the wild prairie for the crops of the fixed settler represent an inestimable gain. The wild and the picturesque vanish before plain utility and industry, but more people are served and made happier in the same territory. Those old days will always be interesting to read about, but they were intermediary and had to pass away for the greater good of the greater number.

Some of these ranch homes of the older and the later order are maintained in repair when their continued usefulness is desirable and practicable. Some of the abandoned places go by accidental fire, some by the slow process of decay and some are removed for specific purposes. It is suggested that the memory of those that must disappear be preserved in photographs and that notes of the stirring events and life of which they were the centers be taken for extension into annals. This is the best that can be done. The new cannot be grafted into the old and the old must pass into history.—Omaha World-Herald.

## Boys and Dog Dig Up \$2,000.

Four schoolboys, while spending the Whitsuntide holidays in Mulhuddert, a village outside Dublin, raving with a terrier discovered a hoard of more

than £400 in sovereigns (normally \$2,000) in a rat hole. The news quickly spread, and a local postman claimed the money as his. He says about £400 was left to him by his father, a blacksmith, who had inherited it from his father, and to keep it safely in these troublous times the postman buried it in a field where it would still have remained but for the inquisitive terrier. The postman's claim was admitted unanimously and the parents of the boys returned him sums amounting to about £150. Local volunteers are making inquiries with a view to having the balance of the money restored.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

## Surely From Boston.

"Heavens, what a man!"  
"What's the trouble, my dear?"  
"We quarreled again this morning. I said, 'You poor fish, you ran around after me for three years before I'd consent to marry you, dropping on your knees and proposing to me over and over again in the most absurd fashion.'"  
"And what did he say to that?"  
"He said, 'My love, don't mix metaphors. A fish couldn't possibly perform the feats you attribute to me.'"

## Step by Step.

"Supposing," said the man who wants to see everybody happy, "that we somehow arrange to give you a six-hour day. Are you sure that you will be contented?"

"For the present. Of course, I shouldn't think of asking for less than six hours' work to the day. But I have an impression that in the course of time our chronological system will need revision so that we'll have 25 or 30 minutes to the hour."

## Yum, Yum! Some Dinner.

Dinner was served here recently with these items on the bill of fare: Turkey, cranberries, scalloped oysters, cracker dressing, mashed potatoes, meat loaf, celery, jelly, pickles of all kinds, beans, peaches, coffee or tea, fruit cake, walnuts, dates, angel cake, pumpkin pie, mince pie, seven kinds of home-made candy, oranges, bananas, popcorn, cake, mixed nuts of all kinds.—Kingston Journal.

## Asking Too Much.

The Director—Remember each time you appear, you must register happiness and contentment.

The Star—How can you expect me to register continual happiness and contentment on the smallest salary of any leading lady on the screen?

Job printing at the Republican office.

# "Aunt Sally—she knew how all right"



WHEN I was small.  
I USED to watch.  
AUNT SALLY.  
PUT UP fruit.  
AND VEGETABLES.  
FOR THE winter.  
I REMEMBER how.  
SHE PACKED it all.  
IN CLEAN glass jars.  
AND SEALED the tops.  
WITH PARAFFIN.  
TO KEEP out.  
ALL THE air and keep.  
THE JUICY flavor in.  
AND ALL the winter.  
THANKS to her.  
WE HAD the fruits.  
OF SUMMER on our table.  
SO WHEN I happened.  
ON SOME cigarettes.  
WRAPPED NEATLY up.  
IN A glassine jacket.  
I DIDN'T think.  
IT WAS just for looks.  
BUT RATHER that.  
THE EXTRA wrapper.  
KEPT AIR and dampness.  
ALL OUTSIDE.  
AND GOODNESS in.  
SO THAT'S another.  
BLAME GOOD reason why.  
THEY SATISFY."



QUITE right, that neat glassine jacket isn't just for looks. It protects your Chesterfields from the weather—seals in the flavor of those wonderful Turkish and Domestic tobaccos—keeps them in prime shape for smoking! Rain or shine, winter or summer, Chesterfields always "satisfy!"

## Getting More Gasoline

### DEMAND FOR OIL GROWING FASTER THAN PRODUCED

Washington, D. C., June 29.—[Special.]—Production of gasoline increased 1,559,590 gallons daily, or 13½ per cent during the first four months of 1926, according to a statement issued today by the bureau of mines. As against this increase in production, however, the domestic consumption of gasoline increased 2,148,990 gallons daily, or 23 per cent.

—(From an article Chicago Tribune, June 30, 1926.)

THIS epitomizes the situation accurately. It also indicates how great is the task of the Standard Oil Company (Indiana).

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## THE GILLAM HOME COMING.

Among those who attended the Gillam Home Coming held at Independence Sunday were: Judson J. Hunt and family, his brother, Lewis Hunt, wife, son, Herbert, and daughter, Candice; The Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Postill, Mr. and Mrs. William Postill, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Chastain, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams.

This is one of the annual historical events in Jasper county. There was, as usual, a good programme and a bounteous basket dinner.

## NOTICE.

All the heirs contesting the will of the late Benjamin J. Gifford, are now disposed of and I am in a position to sell land. I have yet unsold several hundred acres of good land located in Jasper and Lake counties, which I will sell as executor on reasonable terms, but cannot take any trade.

Call at my office or at the office of T. M. Callahan, at Rensselaer, Indiana, for particulars.

GEO. H. GIFFORD,  
Executor.

L. A. Mecklenburg of Gary came Saturday evening for a few days' visit with his wife, who has been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks.

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for all occasions at  
**Osborne's**  
Greenhouse  
**PHONE 439**  
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## Considerate

"You belong to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, don't you?" asked the caller.

"Yes, I'm one of the officers," replied the man at home.

"Well, here's a song I dedicated to your society. I'd like to sing it to you."

"All right. Wait until I put the cat out of the room."

## Overlooked Time's Changes.

"How did it happen?" they asked the scrambled motorist, as they picked him and the girl up from the roadside and tried to remove the tree from the brand new flivver, which had only recently superseded the family horse and buggy.

"Well," groaned the victim, "I was—er—busy, so I just gave her the lines and let her find her way home."

## No Misrepresentation.

"Didn't you tell me that we could always find some place around here that's cool?" inquired the summer boarder.

"I did," answered Farmer Corn-tassel; "and I never misrepresent. There is such a place, only I can't keep it open all the time."

"Whereabouts?"

"In the ice house."

## A Lesson in Language.

Harold—I wish I dared to ask you a very important question.

Maud—Why don't you?

Harold—I see a negative in your eyes.

Maud—In both of them?

Harold—Yes.

Maud—Don't you know that two negatives make a—Why, Harold, how dare you?

## Ma Wants a Change.

"Going away this summer?"

"Guess not. Pa and ma can't agree."

"What's the matter?"

"Pa wants to go somewhere where he can play golf, and ma insists on going to a place where golf has never been heard of."

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