

A TEXAS BACHELOR IS A HUNTED MAN

To Escape Matrimony He
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Foot as Jack Rabbit.

(National News Association)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 8.—The Texas bachelor who escaped matrimony has to be as handy on foot as a jack rabbit. His comfortable manner of living and affable ways make him the target for the darts of Cupid fired at him from all directions. Only a short time ago Governor Colquitt received a letter from a young woman in the north who declared that she and a half dozen other girls were anxious to become the wives of Texans. This letter was handed to the press of the state—for the governor of Texas believes in making people happy—and if those girls do not now have flattering prospects of coming to Texas with a new kink in their names they have failed to play the game at top speed. The latest bid, however, for a Texan for a husband comes from Mrs. Lula Ransier, 331 Forest Avenue, Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Ransier writes the editor of a leading newspaper that she has been a widow for six years. She does not say that she is really lonesome, but that is taken for a fact from the general tenor of her letter. After stating that she is only 25 years old, that she has had a desire all her life to go west, and that she has been supporting herself by dressmaking, she says: "Now what I want to ask you is this: Through your many friends you must have some marriageable ones. I am not looking for any one rich, but of course want some one able to take care of me right, as I have always had a comfortable home. I can give the best of reference." Then getting down to business like one who is desperately in earnest, she says: "Please do not consider this in a joking way. Kindly consider it in the right way—the way I am sending it—and kindly let me hear from you or some one to whom you think it will be wise to give my address."

It is just such determination as that expressed in the foregoing that is constantly keeping Texas bachelors on the jump to prevent themselves from being captured by some of the fair daughters of the north who have learned that Texas has some of the best husband material on the face of the earth.

A YELLOW STREAK.

Have you got a yellow streak? Look at your lace curtains the next time the sun shines. Rosin from poor, cheap, laundry soap made those streaks. To restore their snowy whiteness, wash the curtains thoroughly, using Hewitt's Easy Task soap. It makes a clean, white suds that removes the dirt and leaves no deposits. Hewitt's Easy Task is the original white laundry soap and contains no adulterations. Try a cake—costs a nickel.

A SNAKE STORY.

The Wonderful Old Time Serpent That Talked Like a Man.

John Ashton's "Curious Creatures of Zoology" there is a quotation from "a little Latin book printed at Vienna in the year 1551" which tells a most wonderful story. Ashton quotes as follows: "There was found in a mow or rye of corn almost as many snakes, adders and other serpents as there was sheaves, so no one sheaf could be removed but there presently appeared a heap of ugly and fierce serpents. The country men determined to set fire upon the barns and so attempted to do, but in vain, for the straw would take no fire, although they labored with all their wits and policy to burn them up."

"At last there appeared unto them at the top of the heap a huge great serpents, which lifted up his head and spoke with a man's voice to the country men, saying, 'Cease to prosecute your devise, for you shall not be able to accomplish our burning, for we were not bred by nature, neither came we here of our own accord, but were sent by God to take vengeance on the sinners of men.'"

Ashton leaves us in the dark as to what the "country" men did, but it is natural to suppose that they surrendered at once.

THE DIVER'S DRESS.

Evolution of the Devices Used For Submarine Work.

Among pioneer inventors to whom the diving dress in its present perfected form owes so much was William Hannan Taylor. The previous hit or miss attempts were superseded by the Taylor patent of June 20, 1888, in which the essential feature was the valve allowing the emission of compressed air without an influx of water.

Previous to this time there had been the diving chest and the diving bell, of which the latter, introduced by Sonett in 1778, was the safest and most practical device for submarine exploration. The diving bell has been developed alongside of the diving dress and is still in use.

The general appearance of Taylor's diving armor was like that of a knight's suit of mail, except for a prominent bulge in the body piece. A large pipe coming down from the surface and penetrating the body piece at the bulge supplied the fresh air, while a short pipe entered the body piece on the other side and was provided with a valve which carried off the exhaust. Although diving armor has now reached its perfected state, this valve has never been materially improved upon—Scientific American.

Women in Japan.

Until Chinese ideas came to be dominant the Japanese never thought of keeping women in subjection, says the Oriental Review. Feminine chief tainments are frequently mentioned in the old histories, and there have been famous Japanese empresses.

Kaiserin Is Reported Quite Ill



Latest photograph of the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria of Germany, beloved by her people, who, according to report, is ill with an attack of heart trouble.

Late George R. Dilks Honored By Local Commercial Club

Directors of the Commercial club at the Monday evening meeting drew up resolutions in memory of the late George R. Dilks, a director in the club and one of Richmond's best known business men, expressing the club's deep regret over his death, its high regard for him as a member and a leader in civic enterprises and extending its sympathy to the members of his family.

George Russell Dilks, son of George and Hannah H. Dilks, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., October Twentieth, Eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and died in Richmond, Indiana, July Seventeen, Nineteen Hundred and Eleven.

At the age of seven he moved with his parents to Wayne county, Indiana and lived with them on a farm for five years. When he was twelve years old they moved to Richmond and with the exception of a few years spent in Chicago and Indianapolis he resided here the remainder of his life.

No more loyal citizen did Richmond have than George R. Dilks. In season and out of season, at home and abroad he proclaimed in no uncertain language the many advantages of his home town.

Early in its history he associated himself with the Richmond Commercial club and took an active interest in the work of the club from the very beginning. In Nineteen Hundred and Nine he was elected a member of the Board of Directors for two years, and in Nineteen Hundred and eleven was re-elected for another two years. During these years he has been one of the most active members of the board and his sound judgment, good advice, and wise counsel has had much to do with shaping the policy of the Club.

The Commercial club work was about the only interest he had outside of his home and his business. One of the last acts of his life was to request that the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on July the Third be postponed for one week, and invited them to meet at his home in Spring Grove so that he might be able to meet with them. As is too often the case in human affairs, "Man proposes, but God disposes," so when the appointed day came George R. Dilks had departed from this life.

The Commercial club has lost one of its most active members and each member of the Board felt that he had sustained a personal loss in the death of a very dear friend, whose creed had been: "To be earnest; to be strong;

To make light the way with song; Slow to anger; quick to praise; Walking steadfast through the days, Firm of purpose, sure of soul,

Pressing onward to the goal, Upright, even, undismayed, Sure, serene, and unafraid.

To be patient; to be kind; To be purposeful, and to find Sweetness all along the way;

Loath to judge, but firm to say Truth with unrelenting tongue;

By no cavil veered or swung From the right; and to endure Hopeful, helpful, clean and pure.

To be gentle; to forgive; True to life, and glad to live;

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WATER RATE BURDEN WOULD FALL ON SMALL CONSUMERS

Frank Statement Made by
Water Works Company's
Representative at Meet-
ing Monday Evening.

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Dill, "as we want the city to derive profits and want the city to receive a good round sum as the result of the first year's business. Again, the big consumer demands lower rates. Mr. B. B. Johnson registered a complaint at a previous meeting about the rate to the big consumer. A man who buys a large quantity of any commodity expects a lower rate if he would buy a small quantity. So, if we expect to get the revenue from the large consumers, it is obligatory that we give them a lower rate. In order to do this we have employed the sliding or graduating scale and the small consumer will pay more in order that the large consumer can be given a smaller rate. This we contend will equalize the burden on all consumers."

"Because some company may have shown a minimum rate you cannot say that the company is giving better rates than this company, inasmuch as you must consider all other rates. Everything must be taken into consideration. For instance, we could give the city an offer of a \$30 hydrant rental but we would have to make the other rates higher." He said that their plans had been considered in making the proposal.

The question as to whether the city could hold the company responsible in case of a large fire when the department called for direct pressure and the company did not give it was asked by Fire Chief Miller.

Could Provide Penalty.

At Mr. Miller's suggestion Attorney Charles Shiveley said that some kind of a penalty would be inserted in case the company did not give direct pressure when a call was made for it.

"If the city has to give notice when it wants to make a test of the pressure it could not prove that there is always a seventy pound pressure," was the statement made by John Reid, which remained unanswered by the company representatives. It was the opinion of the majority of those present at the meeting that this section of the proposal is very weak. The section referred to, in part, reads as follows:

"The city shall have the right to make a test at any fire hydrant upon first giving to said water works a reasonable notice of the time and place where and when such test shall be made. If the said water works fails at any time to meet the requirements of such test, excepting by reason of damage to the plant of said water

To be watchful and to be Rich with boundless charity; To be humble in success, Strong of heart in bitterness, Tender, gracious, thoughtful, good, in our man-and-womanhood.

To be smiling; to be glad For the yesterdays we've had; To be grateful all the way For the beauties of today;

To be hopeful and to see In the days that are to be, Bigger, better, broader things

Robes of purple; crowns of Kings."

Therefore be it Resolved, By the Commercial Club in regular session that in the death of Geo. R. Dilks, the club has sustained a very great loss. His presence will be greatly missed from both our business and social sessions, but his counsel and advice on many important subjects will not be forgotten.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family and friends our heartfelt sympathy and assure them that were it possible for them to have heard the many kind things said about the deceased, it would certainly help them bear up under their great sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the club and a copy furnished to the press of the city.

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