

RELIEF INSTRUCTIONS.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, Indianola, Neb., Dec. 10, 1890. To the citizens of Red Willow county:

Acting in compliance with the request of Governor Thayer and the Nebraska State Relief Committee the various officers of Red Willow county met at Indianola, Neb., Dec. 5th, and completed the organization of the Red Willow County Relief Committee, to be constituted as follows: Henry Crabtree, president; Geo. W. Roper, Secretary; Isaiah Bennett and Stephen Bolles, members of the committee. The various justices of the peace of Red Willow county were appointed distributing agents, each in his respective precinct; and in order to avoid confusion it is requested that the justices divide the precincts to suit themselves, so that each will only give orders for those residing in his part of the precinct. Indianola was decided upon as the headquarters for all relief that may come into the county. And ample room has been secured, rent free, in the brick building under Masonic hall. These supplies will be distributed only through an order from the justices of the peace to the relief committee. Supplies will be delivered on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week. A receipt will be taken at this place from the party receiving aid—not for publication, but in order that the generous people who send these supplies may know to whom they were given and by what authority. It is not necessary for all to come here in person, but let one team come after supplies for several families living in the vicinity. The party who comes after supplies must have an order from a justice for each family and must give receipt for what he receives—this applies only to provision and clothing. Arrangements have been made to send coal to McCook in care of Frees & Hocknell Lumber Co., to Indianola in care of Frees & Hocknell Lumber Co., to Bartley in care of C. W. Beck, to Lebanon in care of D. A. Waterman, to Danbury in care of W. R. Burbridge, who will deliver coal on receipt of justices' orders. We expect to have supplies on hand here from this time on until spring at least. And we will do all that can be done toward furnishing seed in the spring, and we have no doubt that plenty of seed can be procured. In a letter from Gov. Thayer to the county clerk he says: "I enjoin it upon you especially, to see that the supplies of every kind are distributed fairly among those who need them. You must not give anything to those people whom you know are able to take care of themselves. This is the only difficulty I meet with in regard to people giving. They say many persons will get a portion of the supplies whose circumstances are such that they do not need them but can easily take care of themselves. This is undoubtedly sometimes true, that people who have an abundance will profess to be in need and take portions of the contributions which should go to those who are in absolute need of them. I insist that you guard against any distribution of the donations to that class of people who though abundantly able to take care of themselves are willing to thrive at the expense of the sufferers. These human ghouls must be guarded against with all the vigilance you can command. The people are giving cheerfully and they only want the assurance that it will go to the destitute and the suffering. It probably is the case that many who are needing assistance live at remote points from the county-seat. It will be your duty to see that they are notified of the arrival of supplies at your place so that they can be ready to receive their share. I beg you to see that none who are in need are overlooked, but divide everything with an impartial hand. There must be no discrimination for or against any person in want. Divide the coal into small quantities. I earnestly advise you to make distribution through the justices of the peace in each precinct, as they will best know who are destitute. All accounts of receipts and disbursements will be subject to inspection when the relief work is completed." And we earnestly request and insist that the justices do not give orders to persons who are able to take care of themselves.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

GOING AFTER FIRE.

Grandma's Story of Her Adventure With a Bear.

"Tell us a story, grandma," pleaded Jennie, "of when you're a little girl."
"Yes, grandma, of when you lived in the woods, and heard the bears howl at night," said Edna. "I wish I could see one—a real live one."
"I never saw but one live one," said grandma, "and that was one morning when I ran over to our only neighbor's to borrow some fire."
"Borrow fire?" cried the children together.
"Yes," laughed grandma. "You know so long ago they didn't have any matches. There were none made then. If we let our fire go out we had to borrow some. Mother usually covered up a heap of big knots deep in the ashes overnight. On raking them open in the morning there would be a bed of live coals to begin the day."
"But one night, late in the fall, the knots did not burn, and there was no fire to get breakfast. I was the oldest—



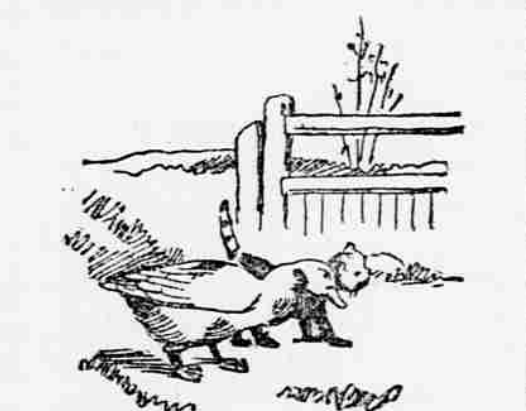
"I WAS SO SCARED."

about as big as Edna. Mother pinned a wool blanket over my head with a thorn, for we didn't have any pins. Giving me the little iron fire-kettle, she bade me be sly, for the children were hungry.
"Well, I got my kettle full of bright coals, with a blazing knot on the top. I ran off through the frost, the wind cracking the coals and knot all ablaze."
"When I got half-way home I heard a crackling through the thick bushes. Almost before I had time to stop, a great, black bear ambled out into the rough, narrow road. I was so scared that I dropped my kettle on the ground and stared at him. And he stared at me, sticking his long nose out toward me, sniffing and snuffling."
"But he didn't like the smell of the burning knot, and the next moment he leaped out of the path and went crashing off through the bushes."
"I didn't stop for the coals, but scooping the knot into the kettle I fled toward home in a great panic. A little time after that father and Mr. Noble, our neighbor, caught the bear in a trap, and father had a coat made out of his skin."—Christine Stephens, in Our Little Ones.

STRANGE LOVERS.

The Funny Friendship That Existed Between a Feline and a Fowl.

Some time ago, when spending my summer holiday at a farm-house in Surrey, I was much amused by seeing a little kitten and a large white duck apparently on the most friendly terms with each other, says an English writer. The duck was most attentive to the kitten, and the kitten returned the



"RUBBING ITSELF AGAINST THE OLD WHITE DUCK."

duck's affection by walking about with her, and gently purring and rubbing itself against the old white duck. Every now and again the duck would nibble or run her bill all over the fur of the



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kitten, which performance kitty much enjoyed. It would stand upon its hind-legs and clasp the duck around her neck, as if fondly embracing the bird.

There were other ducks and fowls about the poultry-yard, but kitty never condescended to pay such marked preference to them, but always remained true to its old favorite.

One wonders what first gave rise to such an odd friendship, and it would have been interesting to know whether it was maintained after little pussy grew up to years of discretion.

A LITTLE BROWN HEN.

The Funny Place She Made Her Nest When She Wanted to Set.

She was a queer little hen, with ways of her own, and she wanted to set in September.

Of course auntie could not allow it, for wee chickens would be cold running about so late in the autumn, so she took her out of the hen-house that she might forget all about wanting to set.

Biddy liked roaming about in the pine grove through the day, but when it came night, and she went to the hen-

house to find it shut up, and all her friends asleep, she felt very lonely.

Coming around to the front of the house, she found the family all out on the piazza having a merry time.

She looked at Elsie, who was swinging in the hammock, and she said to herself: "I think I'll go to roost with that girl on that nice swinging perch."

So the little brown Biddy hopped up in front of the piazza and all the people, she flew, clucking sociably: "How do you do? How do you do?"

"There's that hen!" cried auntie. "Shoo! shoo! shoo!"

Poor Biddy flew into the grove again, and stayed there, wondering why such big creatures should be so unkind to a poor little hen.

By and by as the twilight deepened, and it began to be quite dark, Biddy grew desperate, and coming around in front of the piazza and all the people, she flew, screaming: "Cut, cut, cut! [I will if I can], upon the lowest bough of the maple-tree."

Then ruffling her feathers until they were all arranged, she tucked her head under her wing and went to sleep.

A few days after, the doctor's wife called to see us with her little girl, and while the mamas talked together the little girls became acquainted over a picture-book.

When they were going away and we were saying "good-bye" at the hall-door, little brown Biddy came flying down the front stairs.

As soon as auntie could, she went upstairs to see what the little hen had been about.

Now no one had slept upstairs since Charlie had left for school a few days before, and his door stood partly open.

Auntie went in and found—two eggs! Biddy had laid them on the bureau between the cushion and the glass, beside the glycerine bottle.

"Will the doctor's wife think that we keep our hens upstairs?" asked little Gertrude.

"Do you suppose the little hen looked in the glass?" asked Elsie.—Elsie Locke, in Youths' Companion.

Watching the Clock.

As the Christian Union says, there is a deal of common sense in this story lately told of Edison, whether he said it or not. A gentleman went to the great electrician with his young son, who was about to begin work as office boy in a well-known business house. The father asked Edison for a motto which the boy might take to heart in his struggle for promotion and success. After a moment's pause, Edison said laconically: "Never look at the clock!"

Edison, meant, we take it, that the man who is constantly afraid he is going to work overtime or over hours doesn't stand a chance of competing with the man who clears up his desk, no matter how long it takes. The carpenter who drops his hammer, unlifted above his head, when the whistle blows, is likely to remain a second-class workman all his life. The carpenter who stays fifteen minutes to finish a "job" is working toward a shop of his own.

Liquid Gutta-Percha.

This useful preparation is to be found in the United States pharmacopoeia, and is made thus: Gutta-percha in thin slices, 1 oz.; chloroform, 8 fl. oz.; carbonate of lead, in fine powder, 1 oz. Add the gutta-percha to 6 fl. oz. of the chloroform in a stoppered bottle and shake them together frequently until the solution has been effected. Then add the carbonate of lead previously mixed with the remainder of the chloroform, and, having several times shaken the whole together, set the mixture aside and let it remain at rest until the insoluble matter has subsided. Lastly, decant the clear liquid, and keep it in a well-stoppered bottle. One part of this solution in 10 by weight of chloroform produces an excellent and convenient preparation for painting over cuts or wounds. It readily acts as a styptic and protective to the wound, and causes neither tension nor pain. If pure iodoform be added, about 10 per cent, it further enhances the value of the styptic, and can be used in veterinary surgery with marked success for applying to cuts and abrasions, as it arrests hemorrhage, forms a coating over the wound, and promotes a healthy cicatrization.

Gas pipes from paper are made from strips of manila paper equal in width to the length of the pipe to be made, which is passed through a vessel with melted asphalt, and then wrapped firmly and uniformly around an iron core until the required thickness is attained. The pipe is then subjected to powerful pressure, after which the outside is strewn over with sand, and the whole cooled in water. The core is then removed and the inside of the pipe coated with a water-proof composition. These pipes are claimed to be perfectly gas tight and much cheaper than iron pipes, and very resisting to shocks and concussions. The claim as to greater cheapness than iron is probably an error.

At Norristown, Me., a horseshoer made nine miniature horseshoes from a silver ten-cent piece. Each shoe has the number of holes usually drilled in horseshoes of the ordinary size, but, strange to say, the smallest needle is too large to be used as nails for these little wonders. He has made affidavit that each and every one of the miniature shoes were made with the same hammer and punch used in making the largest-sized real horseshoes.

A girl, playing a tune on glass tumblers suggested to Jerome Prince, of Milford, Mass., the latest invention in the way of a telephone. The diaphragm is of glass, resting on a number of glass rods, and communicating with an ordinary wire. It is claimed that a whispered conversation can be heard three miles over the trial instrument, and great things are hoped for it.

At Some Other Mark.

Aunt May (with horror)—Charlie, is it possible I heard you swear, you wicked boy? Don't you know the angels are listening to every word you say?

Charlie (calmly)—Well, what if they are? I ain't swearing at them.—Judge.

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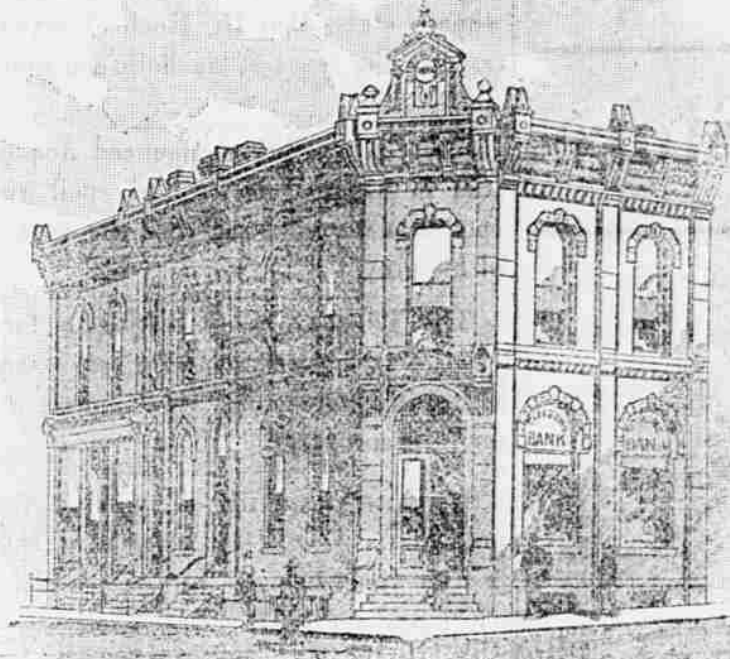


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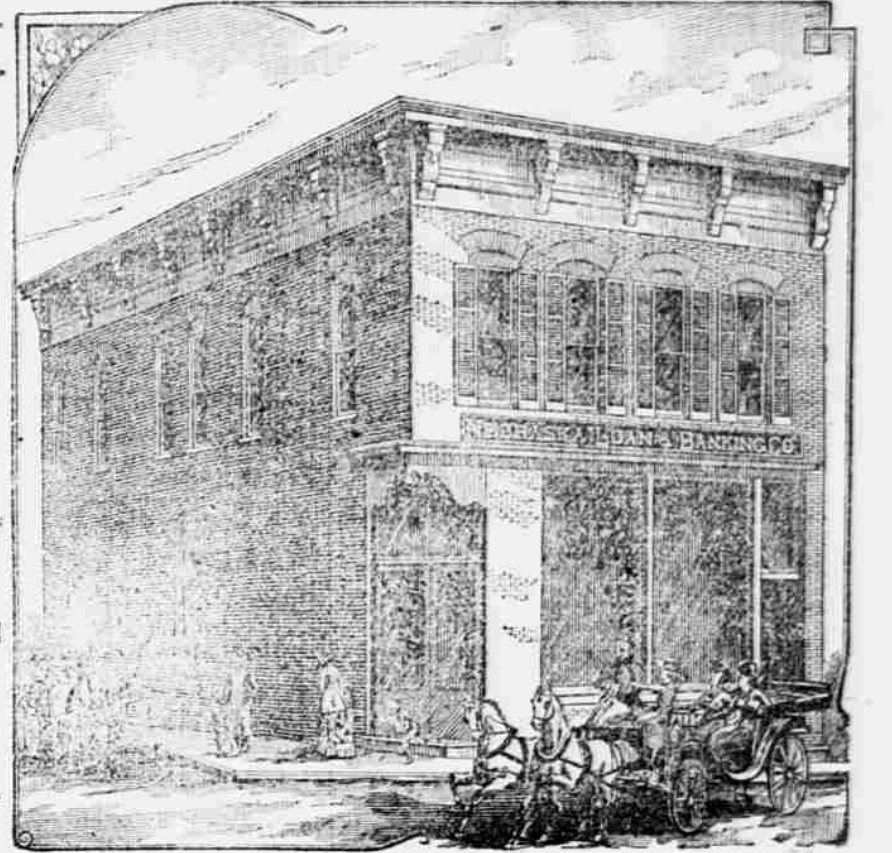
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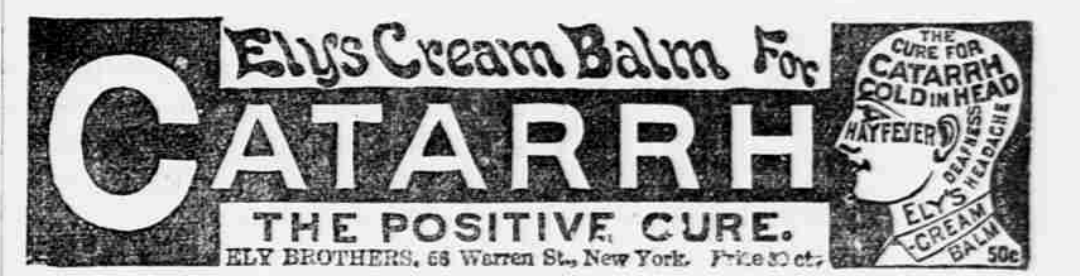


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