

# THE TAYLORS GUILTY

## OF THE MURDER OF THE MEEKS FAMILY.

It Took the Jury but a Short Time to Come to a Conclusion—Intense Excitement in the Court—Arguments of the Attorneys for Defense and Prosecution Very Strong—Much Feeling Displayed by the Taylors.

### Jury Says They Are Guilty.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 3.—At 2:20 o'clock this afternoon the Taylor jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, amid the most intense excitement.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 3.—When court opened this morning the room was crowded to the doors with the neighbors and friends of Colonel J. H. Hale, who was booked to make the first address. The Taylor children had been left at home, but lined up before the jury were the two defendants, their wives and mothers and old man Taylor.

Colonel Hale began by calling attention to the address of Mr. Minnis, which he characterized as brilliant, but calculated to inflame the worst passions of men. While he was speaking, little Nellie Meeks entered the court room with her foster mother, Mrs. Pierce. When she saw Grandma Meeks she climbed into her lap and then went over to Ben Pierce and sat on his knee, facing the jury.

The colonel called attention to his declining years and said that he would not ask for an acquittal if he did not believe his clients deserved it. He endeavored to show that the Taylors after the murder showed no evidences whatever of having handled bloody bodies. He said that Nellie Meeks should have been put on the witness stand, for no one now known could tell as much as she about it. When Nellie was rescued from her living grave in the straw stack and went to the Carter house, the Carters understood her, and why should not the jury understand her? It is clear that she would tell something that would not help to the case against the Taylors. He took the evidence relating to the blood on the wagon and picked it to pieces, showing that the blood was simply supposition and that it might just as well have been red paint, and probably was.

Colonel Hale, referring to the testimony relating to the harrowing about the straw stack, said that the corn was in good condition for the harrow and tried to convince the jury that it was a perfectly natural thing for George Taylor to do as a farmer, and that the harrow had been driven to the stack and then to the house.

The speaker drew certain suppositions cases of circumstantial evidence which authorized conviction, none of them at all resembling the Taylor case, in order to make clear to the jury just what circumstantial evidence was. He pleaded for mercy for the Taylors and their homes, while Bill Taylor and his wife and mother wept. "Oh, God, an awful thing it is to see the human soul take flight!" he said. "What will be the fate of these young wives if you take the lives of their husbands? The finger of scorn will be pointed at their children."

In referring to little Nellie Meeks, the speaker said: "She was the daughter of a convict and her associations were of the worst. Then her father was taken away from her and she was thrown into the hands of Ben Pierce, who will take good care of her, and she will grow up into a good woman. She will not suffer the finger of scorn because her father was murdered, rather will she have the sympathy of all mankind. She does not need vengeance nor does she need your sympathy."

Colonel Hale closed with an earnest plea for the lives of his clients.

### MR. BRESNEHAN'S SUMMING UP.

It was 10 o'clock when T. M. Bresnehan, the leading attorney for the state, arose to close the case. He said that he had been taunted for receiving a fee for prosecuting the Taylors. He thought it as honorable, to say the least, as accepting fees for defeating justice. "I told you, gentlemen, before this case opened," he went on, "that if the evidence I should present did not convict the Taylors I should not come before you at this time and ask for their just punishment. I am here and ask for their conviction at your hands. I will show you the motives that prompted this crime and the threats against the poor victim of it. I will show you beyond a reasonable doubt, by a chain of circumstantial evidence in which there is not a link missing, that the Taylor brothers murdered George Meeks and his family on Jenkins hill on the night of May 10 or the morning of May 11. It was a butchery. It was flattery to call it simple murder and its details are very horrible. I will show you that these men, William and George Taylor, are the butchers of the Meeks family, and I demand their punishment."

Mr. Bresnehan next made a terrible arraignment of the Taylors. As he talked Bill sat white and nervous. George's face was fiery, and Mrs. Bill Taylor's lips trembled and she had difficulty to keep from weeping. He showed the absolute certainty of the testimony as going to show the guilt of the Taylors. The told of the omnipotent hand of God raising little Nellie as a living witness. His argument affected the jury strongly. He said: "The defense cannot bribe those harrow tracks, those wagon tracks, or the blood on the wagon. They are witnesses that cannot be bribed or bulldozed or intimidated. The doubt of the guilt of these men is the dream of a dream. They are guilty, do your duty, jurymen."

Mr. Bresnehan's address grew stronger as he proceeded and just before he closed he rose to a height such as is seldom seen in a country court house. When he closed the people burst into a roar as they realized that the case was all closed but the verdict.

### IN THE HANDS OF THE JURY.

Sharp at noon the jury was locked in the court room to deliberate. After the case had gone to the jury Colonel Hale stated that he had looked

for acquittal, but thought the jury would be out for one or two days. Judge Brinkley, for the defense, said he did not expect acquittal, but rather a disagreement.

T. M. Bresnehan, prosecuting attorney of Linn county, said: "If that jury is an honest one, as I truly believe they are, they will convict William and George Taylor of the murder of the Meeks family, and that speedily."

As the Taylors passed down the court house steps after the trial a reporter walked with them and asked Bill: "Well, what do you think of it now?"

"I have had no reason to change my mind," was the reply. "If we get justice we will be acquitted."

George, who walked behind, was sullen and refused to say anything."

### NO DOUBT ABOUT APPLES

The Crop Will Be the Largest in Years and of the Very Finest Quality.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—At the annual meeting of the National Apple Shippers' association, with delegates present representing all apple growing states from Maine to Colorado, it was announced that the July report of the department of agriculture indicating a short apple crop is entirely incorrect and misleading. Local information in their possession shows that in New England the crop is one of reasonable proportions, and in New York, while light in some districts, the aggregate exceeds last year, both in quantity and quality. West of the Allegheny mountains the crop is declared the largest grown in any recent year and much larger and of better quality than that of last year, the only section being in limited districts of Ohio and Michigan and in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Those in attendance at the meeting unite in declaring the outlook to be for the largest aggregate crop of best quality in recent years.

### Will Visit President Cleveland

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Hatch will visit Gray Gables to interview the president in behalf of her son, Clyde Mattox, who is to be executed at Wichita October 11. She is encouraged to believe that she will secure an audience with the president, by letters she has received here from personal friends of Mr. Cleveland's, and it is believed that the president will hear what she may have to say in behalf of her son.

### Taylor's Bondsmen Much Worried.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Aug. 3.—Reports from South Dakota are that the sureties of W. W. Taylor, the defaulting ex-state treasurer, are considerably worried by their principal's delay in turning his property over to them to secure them against loss on his bond. They are threatened with executions on the judgments against them.

### Japan Inclined to Resist.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The diplomatic corps is watching with interest the settlement of the question of the evacuation of Port Arthur by the Japanese under the demand of Russia, France and Germany that the entire Liao Tung peninsula be evacuated without reference to China's fulfillment of her part of the Shimonski treaty obligations. It is believed that Japan will not accede without a vigorous protest.

### Coxey Nominated for Governor.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 3.—The whole forenoon to-day in the Populist state convention was spent in tearing to pieces the platform reported last night by the committee on resolutions. Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon was nominated for governor.

### Mrs. Frey Stricken With Paralysis.

SEDALIA, Mo., Aug. 3.—A telegram was received in this city summoning a physician to attend Mrs. J. J. Frey of Topeka, Kan., who had been stricken with paralysis at Colorado Springs. Her husband is general manager of the Santa Fe and is absent in Europe.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Coinage last month amounted to \$3,225,000 of which nearly \$5,000,000 was gold.

Diplomats in Washington are very much interested in the Port Arthur entanglements.

Secretary Morton has been informed that Germany has established a new form of live stock quarantine.

Permission to see the North Atlantic squadron's maneuvers has been denied to officers of foreign governments.

Missouri will sue Iowa to bring about a legal settlement of the boundary dispute.

Kansas City primaries chose silver delegates to the Jackson County convention.

Thousands of dollars damage has been done by the Missouri river at Sioux City, Iowa.

Comptroller of the Currency Eckels says that free silver sentiment is dying out in Illinois.

Ben Howell, who is charged with aiding Cherokee Bill to escape from jail, has been arrested.

Reports from the flooded districts in the West show that great damage was done to property.

President Thompson of the National Lead company says he never saw such crops in the West.

Judge Taylor of Terre Haute, Ind., decided that the Nicholson temperance law is inoperative.

Sheriff Tansen and ex-keepers of the Ludlow street jail, New York, were indicted for allowing three prisoners to escape.

A London sport offers to back Peter Jackson against Corbett.

Fitzsimmons will do his final training at Corpus Christi and Corbett at San Antonio.

In the United States circuit court Judge Caldwell decided that judgments against the Frisco took priority over all mortgages, and that the receivers must pay them in full.

General Campos has issued a proclamation absolutely prohibiting the publication of news about the war in Cuba if it is not of official origin.

The anti-oleomargarine laws are practically inoperative.

John Garrett, deputy United States marshal and a Creek sheriff, was assassinated from ambush by three Creek Indians near Okmulgee, Creek nation.

# THE TOWN ENGULFED

## SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, BADLY WRECKED BY WATER.

Waves From the Mountains Wipe Out Many Lives—Three Feet of Rushing Water Runs Madly Through the Principal Streets, Carrying Away Fifty Houses—Vivid Lightning, Crashing Thunder and Blinding Storm.

### Cloud-Burst in New Mexico.

SOCORRO, N. M., Aug. 2.—A tremendous roaring startled the people of Socorro Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Shortly after huge waves of water came rushing down an arroyo, which drains the eastern slope of the Magdalena mountains, and almost encircled the town. At first it was hoped that the flood would be confined to the lower portion of the city, but soon the water came over above the town and three feet of water began to rush through the principal streets. It engulfed women and children, mingled with the crashing of falling houses and dying wails of souls swept into eternity. For two hours the work of destruction continued, the horror increased by vivid lightning, crashing thunder and blinding rain.

All night long homeless people were being brought in and cared for. Yesterday morning a scene of desolation was presented. The majority of the business houses escaped heavy damage or destruction, but hundreds of poor people lost everything, being homeless and without money, and almost naked. More than fifty houses are known to have been destroyed, while almost every residence in the city is damaged. Since the water receded many adobe houses have fallen and many others must be abandoned. Two bodies recovered have been identified as members of the Duran family, several of whom are missing. Four more bodies were taken out and identified as those of the Durans, making six recovered. Other bodies are reported as being seen, but owing to the treacherous nature of the ground they cannot be reached. The destructive waters spread over the entire city and carried death everywhere. Many are missing. Reports coming from towns north and south of here tell of heavy losses. For twelve miles south destruction of property was terrible, frame houses and crops being entirely swept away. The Santa Fe tracks were washed out between here and San Antonio in several places.

### NEW SILVER MOVIE.

The Financial Policy of the Present Administration to Be Attacked.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—A special to the Post from Washington says: "Politics in the state of Virginia are beginning to assume a new phase, and the silver members are all preparing for a form of campaign which they believe will have the effect of changing the character of the present controversy between the factions of the party. They propose partially to abandon free coinage as the leading issue of the campaign and to place the sound money men upon the defensive by attacking what they regard as the most vulnerable points in the sound money doctrine. To do this they propose to use the president's message to the last congress upon the financial question, the report of Secretary Carlisle upon the same subject and the bill which Mr. Carlisle prepared and submitted to the house, together with the bill which was afterward substituted for the Carlisle bill by the banking and currency committee, to show that the administration and its followers would retire all of the greenbacks, the treasury notes, and ultimately the silver dollars, thus causing a contraction of the currency by the withdrawal from circulation of more than \$800,000,000. They will further attempt to show that the advocates of sound money means gold coin and national bank notes."

### SWAMPED BY A FRESHET.

Mountain Cloudbursts in Colorado Derail a Freight Train.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., Aug. 2.—A freight train on the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad was caught in a freshet and derailed near Adelaide. A succession of cloud-bursts occurred at the head of Eight Mile creek, about twelve or fifteen miles north of Adelaide. Engineer Ben Gove and Fireman Maurice Lyons saw the water coming down the creek. Lyons managed to escape by climbing up the side of the mountain. Gove is supposed to have been drowned. Brakeman Dolan is known to have lost his life by the water. The flood struck the town of Adelaide, doing great damage. The hotel is said to have been swept away, and Mrs. Carr, Lee Tracey and a man named Watson drowned. Six persons are known to have been drowned at Adelaide, and two others are reported missing. The railroad for ten miles near Wilbur has been washed away. It will be at least a week before the railway can be repaired, and the damage is estimated at \$100,000. Much destruction is reported at Camp McCourt.

### Claim for \$25,000 Damages.

HONOLULU, July 23.—James Durrell, held a prisoner for seven weeks after the last outbreak, has filed, through United States Minister Willis, a claim for \$25,000 damages for false imprisonment.

### Ten Thousand Men Locked Out.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 2.—There were fifty factories represented at the green glass conference yesterday. It was decided to refuse the demand of the United Green Glass Workers' league for a restoration of the fourteen per cent out made in 1894, and to declare a lockout in all union factories, thus throwing out 10,000 men.

### Strikers Drive Away Non-Union Men.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Non-union men are being forced to leave the coal fields by the strikers who threaten personal violence to those who won't quit work.

# THINK CAPTAIN BECK FAIR.

## Settlers Hold a Meeting and Endorse the Indian Agent.

BANCROFT, Neb., August 2.—At a meeting at the Omaha agency resolutions were adopted and accepted by the settlers sustaining Captain Beck in his action and declaring that they have always found him to be honorable and just in what dealings they have had with him. T. R. Ashley of Decatur, a large leaser of Indian lands, was elected secretary of the meeting. Mr. Tibbles, chairman of the meeting, then opened the meeting by an informal talk and said that the conduct of Captain Beck as agent of the Omahas was just and honorable. He had never heard of any complaints in his neighborhood by white settlers, and further remarked that the Pender people accuse the renters of Omaha lands of conspiracy against Pender and his good interests, which was false in every respect. He said the renters of the Flournoy lands have been notified time and time again that they are in the wrong.

Other renters made speeches, after which the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

First, We whose names are hereunto affixed hold Indian lands upon the Omaha reservation under leases recommended by Captain Beck, United States Indian agent, and under regulations prescribed by the Indian department at Washington.

Second, That many of us prior to the enactment of the law under which said leases are made held private leases with the individual Indians not approved by the Indian agent, and upon receiving the printed notices which were served to all renters by Captain Beck to vacate the premises or take leases through him under the law of the government and the rules and regulations of the department, at once cancelled our individual leases and took leases as directed by said notice.

Third—That in the procurement of said leases through Captain Beck we have each received from him courteous, fair, just and honorable treatment, and we can see no reason why the Indians or lessors can complain at the treatment of Captain Beck.

Fourth—That so far as our knowledge extends we know of no complaint from persons holding under leases recommended by Captain Beck, and that complaint only comes from those who are unwilling to take leases under the recommendation of Captain Beck and the laws of the department.

### SHADY BOND DEALS.

Money Used to Secure the Purchase of Some Kansas Securities.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 2.—Before the permanent school fund investigation committee yesterday afternoon, N. D. McGinley, for a time bond clerk in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction during the Republican administration which preceded the Populist rule, and since then agent in the sale of securities, gave sensational testimony concerning negotiations for the sale of bonds of various Western counties, to the state school fund commissioners. He said that he sold Harper, Hamilton and Wichita county bonds to the Populist board. The Wichita county bonds amounted to \$35,070, and it was not until after he had divided his commission with three Populists whom he believed were in the confidence of the board that he was able to make the sale. Two of the three were O. O. Osborn, son of I. R. Osborn, secretary of state (a member of the board), and Grant Gaines, bond clerk and a brother of H. N. Gaines, state superintendent of public instruction (another member of the board). The name of the third person he professed not to know. In all he paid \$1,100 to make the Wichita county sale. Through him, he testified, also, that he paid money to Grant Gaines and O. O. Osborn to help in the sale of the Hamilton county bonds late in 1894, about which such a scandal was raised at the time.

### LIONIZING DURRANT.

Foolish Women Make a Hero of the Prisoner in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Two additional jurors were secured yesterday to try Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont. The third panel of seventy-five names having been exhausted, an order was issued for venire of 150 new names. The additional jurors secured are M. R. Dempster, a commission merchant, and Nathan Crocker, contractor. Four jurors in all have so far been secured. Counsel for both the prosecution and defense are pleased at the character of the men thus far chosen to try the case.

Instead of being driven, as heretofore, from the county jail to the city hall in the sheriff's private buggy, Durrant was conveyed in the ordinary prison van with the less notable prisoners. He still continues to be the subject of much hero worship. As he was leaving the court room a well-dressed and handsome woman rushed toward him with endearing words, and attempted to embrace him. The sheriff protected Durrant from this admirer, and also refused to deliver the quantities of flowers sent to his cell by strangers.

### For Kissing Another Man's Wife.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 2.—John Pulliam, one of the wealthiest farmers in this county, was arrested to-day on a complaint sworn out by a neighbor, G. W. Wentz, which charges that "on July 30 defendant disturbed his peace by kissing his wife, Martha Wentz, in a loud, boisterous, felonious, malicious and unseemly manner, against the peace and dignity of the state and contrary to the statutes thereof."

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mississippi Populists met at Jackson and nominated a state ticket.

Secretary Carlisle will spend part of his vacation sailing on the lakes.

Forteen negro colonists have reached Eagle Pass from Mexico.

The operation of the new mineral law is proving very unsatisfactory.

The agricultural department is going to experiment with flax growing.

Ship registry taxes for last year were \$32,234, against \$329,000 the year previous.

# FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

## INSTRUCTIVE SKETCHES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

Story of Grandmother Gray—Little Ellen and the King—Trying to Save Her Trouble—The New Woman—Some Twice Told Tales.



DEAR, little, old lady is Grandmother Gray. With hair smooth and white as snow. And a tiny white cap, under which she can nap. And dream of the long ago.

She has always a smile on her beautiful face. Though she sits in a chair all day. And the children delight, before dinner each night. To bring up her supper tray.

I wish you could see the Jacqueminot rose. And the linen embroidered in wheat. And the water-like dishes, that make more delicious. The desserts and the waffles and meat.

I never could tell you one-half nor so well. As those who have seen it say. How two little girls, with the brownest of curls. Can decorate grandma's tray.

Dear Grandmother Gray is a fairy, I know. For never a time slips by. But a piece of rock candy pops up very handy. For two little mouths to try.

Or a bun with frosting of chocolate ice. Or some peppermints hidden away. Inside the Sevre cup, looking saucily up. From the side of dear grandmother's tray.

Oh, long may the time in the future be hid. When those lips with the beautiful smile. Will cease to relate fairy tales and the fate. Of the Duke and the Duchess of Style.

And long may the pleasure be given the two. Who delight more than all to array. The mignonette sprig or the croucousse big. In the center of grandmother's tray!

Little Ellen and the King. Virginia Yeaman Rennitz, in St. Nicholas, tells a true story of the adventures of two young Americans at the court of the King of Denmark. They were children of the American ministers and had been invited to a children's party at the palace. Here is what followed:

It was to Ellen a never-to-be-forgotten night. The crowds of happy children, the great room brilliantly lighted, the strains of music, the presence of a real King and Queen—all combined to make the scene a fairyland wherein events took place which made Ellen feel herself a sort of fairy queen.

The King opened the ball with little Ellen. Hardly understanding the honor, some sense of it, nevertheless, thrilled her childish heart. She could not even see his face, so tall was he, but his strong arms bore her around and around, she knew not how, for Ellen danced with as little precision and grace as the leaves on a tree or the ripples in a lake. Yet all through her being she felt that she was dancing with the King. It seemed but fitting after the dance to find herself seated on the sofa between the King and Queen. With royal disregard to the claims of other small guests, and with royal indifference to the effect upon little Ellen, they lifted her up between them. She looked pretty, natural and unconscious, and was herself a little queen in her ways. While Ellen sat there, too happy and pleased to feel proud, the other children danced on. With no thought of imitating their elders in manner or motion, the young dancers abandoned themselves with childish freedom and simplicity to the enjoyment of the hour.

Those who had never been trained in the different steps adapted their movements to the promptings of happy hearts and light feet and were as contented as the others. And little Ellen rested comfortably between the King and Queen until she was ready to dance again.

The evening wore on, and Ellen was overcome with weariness and sleep. Slipping away from the children, who now were whirling around in some dizzy game, she threw herself on a couch. Just as the scene grew misty to her eyes and the dazzling events of the evening began to weave themselves into the suggestion of a dream, she was aroused by some one asking, "Where did you get your pretty pink slippers, Ellen?" and she opened her eyes. Why was the King sitting beside her and talking to her when she was so sleepy? She had a confused idea that he ought to put on his crown and sit on a throne. "Please, Mr. King, don't bother me, I'm so happy," and Ellen, turning her face upon royalty, slipped away to her pleasing dreams. "Little Ellen, little Ellen," said the King, musingly, "it is not often that I hear the truth so plainly told, and it is refreshing to my ears."

### Uncle Sam's Bank Notes.

How few of the many people who are fortunate enough to have a dollar bill in their pocket think of it as a work of art! Two hundred years ago this piece of paper would have been of almost incalculable value, and have awakened an interest among the artists of that day which we can scarcely realize. Look at the portrait on the left face of the note. Here we have a beautiful specimen of pure line engraving—much better work than most of that done by some of the old masters and now considered classic. Then there are on both face and back the fine, delicate effects of light and shade produced by the ruling machine and geometrical engraving lathes. Further than this can be seen elegant designs in scroll work and lettering.

This may be a piece of "the root of all evil," and we may know it is only "filthy lucre," only worth 100 cents to

us, yet it may be profitable to inquire as to how it is made.

Line work is the only picture work that can be used successfully in bank-note work, for it is much more difficult to imitate, and consequently gives greater security, being less liable to be counterfeited. This is so, also, because a line cut with a graver is smooth, sharp and clean, whereas an etched or bitten line is ragged and rough.

Line engraving is the most expensive, for it takes much more time to produce a picture by this process than by any other. Some of the large plates by the late James Smillie cost as high as \$10,000, and took the greater part of two years to complete.

### It Was a Funny Thing.

One day a fairly well-dressed and pleasant-appearing man came up to me in the New York post-office corridor, and laughingly said:

"Sir, I find myself in a ludicrous situation—ha! ha! ha! It is both ludicrous and embarrassing, and I have been chuckling for the last ten minutes—ha! ha! ha!"

"And what is it?" I asked, grinning in chorus with him.

"Why, I am in business down at Keyport, N. J., you know, and after being in town all day and just ready to go home find myself penniless—ha! ha! ha!"

"That's funny—ha! ha! ha!"

"Very funny! Man worth \$75,000 can't scrape up 50 cents to pay his way home—ha! ha! ha! I know a hundred business men here, but as the hour is late I can't get to see any of them."

"And you want to borrow 50 cents of me—ha! ha! ha!"

"Yes, that's what I was—ha! ha! ha!—about to ask you. I'll send it up tomorrow. The idea of my being broke and having to ask a stranger for my fare home, when I can draw my check for nearly \$100,000—ha! ha! ha!"

"How funny—ha! ha! ha!"

"Yes, how funny—ha! ha! ha!"

"Your little game has been exposed in the papers half a dozen times—ha! ha! ha!"

"And you twig—ha! ha! ha!"

"I do—with a gurgle."

"Then I slide—vanish—depart—ha! ha! ha!"

And he departed into Broadway, wiping the tears of laughter from his cheeks as he went, and, ten minutes later, at the Astor house corner I ran across him ha! ha! ha! ing a stranger from Missouri.

### Tricking a Crab.

In Africa there exists a certain member of the crab genus commonly known as the great tree crab. This peculiar shell-fish has an offensive trick of crawling up the cocoanut trees, biting off the cocoanuts and then creeping down again backward.

The theory is that the nuts are shattered by the fall and the great tree crab is thus enabled to enjoy a hearty meal. Now, the natives who inhabit the regions infested by this ill-conditioned crab are well aware that the lower portion of the crab's anatomy is soft and sensitive and they believe that the "divalve" was thus constructed in order that he might know when he had reached the ground and when, consequently, he might with safety release his grasp of the trunk.

So what they do in order to stop his depredations, which often ruin the cocoanut crops, is this: While the crab is engaged in nipping off the cocoanuts they climb half way up the trees and there drive a row of long nails right around the tree, allowing an inch or so of the nails to project.

The crab has no knowledge of disaster nor yet of the fitness of things. As he descends the sensitive part of his body suddenly touches the nails. Thinking he has reached the ground, he naturally lets go. Instantly he falls backward and cracks his own shell on the ground.

### Patt's Method.

Madeline Patt, it seems, takes a good deal of trouble to preserve her youthful appearance. When asked the secret of keeping her skin so fresh and fair, the diva replied, "Hot water, plenty of rubbing, and no worry."

Two-thirds of the secret is without question in the last word, and for the rest, she has her face, neck, arms and hands steamed twice daily in hot cloths; that is, towels wrung out in hot water and wrapped around the skin, and held there until they begin to cool; then they are heated again, and applied as before, for say ten or fifteen minutes, and the skin is then dried, and some almond oil is thoroughly rubbed in with the hand for about ten minutes, after which it is rubbed dry with a soft towel. She also takes a general bath every day in tepid water. By following out this plan, the madame appears to be in the first flush of youth, and enjoys perfect health, in spite of her labors and trying life.

### Trying to Save Her Trouble.

A woman residing in a flat ordered a piece of ice from a grocery. The youth who brought it was a German. He put it on the dumbwaiter in the basement to be hoisted up. She pulled away. "Gracious!" she exclaimed, "how heavy this ice is! The grocer must have given me good weight." By great exertion she succeeded in getting the dumbwaiter up. To her astonishment she found the boy seated on the cake of ice. With what breath she had left she demanded: "What did you make me pull you up here for?" "Why," the boy replied, "I thought the cake would be too heavy for you to lift, so I came up to help you off with it."

### The New Woman.

The new woman is pretty homely. She was always odd, but was never good form till now. She knows her husband by sight. Hates children. And cats. Talks her age without winking. Wears loose shoes and tight dresses. Pays twice the price of natural violets for artificial and wears them from choice. Eats raw onions to put in effect her heaven-born sight. Declines to dance before being asked and plays checkers all night with a lulu. Goes to the theatre in the afternoon and to church in the evening. What do you think of her looks and gait? Ain't she a borker? Holly gee.—Tommy Brown.

### Hair on Doll's Heads.

The hair on the heads of hundreds of thousands of dolls is made from the hair of the Angora goat. This product is controlled by an English syndicate, and is valued at \$400,000 a year. After the hair is prepared it is sent to Munich and made into wigs by girls.