

**THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE**

Entered as second-class matter at Falls City, Nebraska, post office, January 12, 1904, under the Act of Congress on March 3, 1879.

Published every Friday at Falls City, Nebraska, by

The Tribune Publishing Company  
E. F. SHARTS, Manager

One year ..... \$1.50  
Six months ..... .75  
Three months ..... .40

TELEPHONE 226.

There is to be a total eclipse of the moon early on the morning of November 27, about 2 or 3 o'clock.

The pushing business man who delivers the goods and gets the coin is lining up his Christmas advertising now and plenty of it.

West India has been swept again by storms and earthquakes. Enough coconuts and pineapples were probably shaken off to save several days' picking however.

Sixty-two women are said to hold office in Kansas. "What's the matter with Kansas?" Let's hear from William Allen White on "Some Suffragettes I Have Passed Through."

A Jolt for Mark Twain. The boy bandit who attempted to rob a bank at New Albany, Ind., and murdered the cashier, is said to have first got his ideas from Mark's "Huckleberry Finn."

Why not let Mr. Pinchot and Mr. Ballger and Mr. Peary and Mr. Cook, gentlemen of well known ability in the gentle art of tit for tat, give the preliminary bouts of the Johnson Jeffries fight?

The fact that Hon. William J. Bryan has started on a trip to South America naturally leads to thoughts in some quarters that possibly he may be looking after a little presidency opening down that way.

The American Federation of Labor is indulging in a lot of honest toil these days trying to straighten out the kickers in its ranks. We all have our troubles, as the old lady remarked when the cat fell in the churn.

Firemen of forty-two railroads west of Chicago, including about 25,000 men, have made demands for increases of from 20 to 25 per cent in their pay. Evidently they're trying to make their wages keep up with the festive prices of "cats" these days.

Now what do you think! An Eastern woman, some years married, after reading Rud Kipling's description of woman—"a rag and a bone and a hank of hair"—comes back with this little landscape view of man, perfect man: "A jag and a drone and a tank of air."

The French courts are strange affairs. Imagine a woman in open court completely bluffing the judge, who is there the prosecutor, and causing him to let up on her by threatening to reveal some scandals that would "wake the natives"—who, by the way, were already very much awake and with their own ears propped wide open. Yet that was what Madame Steinhell, on trial for a double murder, did. The carrying-on in some of those French courts is almost as strange as some of the twists in American courts—and that's a-going some!

**A HYPNOTIC TRAGEDY.**

A decided check has been put on hypnotic tests and demonstrations by the death of a young man while under the influence at Somerville, N. Y. Hypnotism has reached an advanced stage, but this sad occurrence, said to be the first of its kind in the history of this strange mental influence, shows that there is yet much to learn and that there is in connection with it grave danger not before seriously considered, since it was believed that the body while under this influence, particularly the cataleptic or rigid state, was proof against ordinary bodily injury. The exception has been reached.

Physicians say the youth died of a rupture of the aorta, the chief artery of the body, and this rupture was probably produced when the hypnotist jumped upon the stomach of the rigid subject, a test that has been given hundreds of times without apparent evil effect. In this furthest degree of the hypnotist spell there was not the slightest outward appearance of injury when the rupture was made; the body remained rigid, suspended with the head on one chair and the feet on another, as it had been. But when the "professor" tried to "bring him out of it" the faint thread of life that remained was not sufficient. The boy came out from under the hypnotic influence, but he simply collapsed on the floor and in that con-

dition passed to his death. It may be taken for granted that he did not die while under the influence, but succumbed immediately upon being brought from under it. In fact, it is probable that the spark of life might have been maintained indefinitely as long as the body was kept in the cataleptic state, but death would probably have resulted eventually from the injury whenever the mysterious influence did pass.

In its lighter forms, where no violence is used, hypnotism may not be injurious in any way, but the weird and sad tragedy at Somerville will give its practice, especially by amateurs, a check that will not for the present require augmenting warnings from the newspapers.

**NOVELS AND CRIME.**

The last week two crimes has been shown to be more rampant in the country than during the extremely hot season, when frenzy is supposed to be at its height. Scarcely a day recently has failed to bring forth some murder or deed of crime of widespread interest in its details.

Within the last few days we have had two startling crimes by boys. Each was 17 years old and each turned desperado through reading the trash in cheap novels. At New Albany, Ind., a Louisville, Ky., boy entered a bank, killed the cashier and wounded the president and a negro chauffeur, and was captured. He had planned to make his escape in a big cabinet that was to be shipped away as freight.

A day later at Eudora, Kas., a boy, Earl Bullock, of Lawrence, Kas., with another boy, 15 years old, entered a bank, shot the cashier through the jaw and fled, taking \$800 with him. McKay, the younger, was caught after short pursuit, but Bullock defiantly fought his pursuers and finally with capture imminent shot himself through the head, and may die. Bullock was already a hunted boy, having only a short time ago robbed the same bank and killed a policeman in escaping them.

Neither of these young lads can be termed insane, and yet there is a screw loose with their brains somewhere—some would say they were afflicted with pure cussedness. It's true that cheap, trashy, sensational literature is to a certain extent harmful but we have always thought that the boy that permits himself to pield to such clearly worthless influence as the average novel of that kind present to any half-way sensible person of reading age has a decidedly weak spot in him, and that eventually, whether he reads novels or doesn't read them, he will go to the bad. The influence of novels in such cases is not in weakening character, for such characters are weak to start on, but in emboldening them to deeds of murder and robbery. There may be instances where boys of really good minds have been influenced by such literature, but we believe they are rare indeed, and that a lot of space is being wasted in invective against the novel for the influence it is supposed to exert on formation of characters.

**Her Choice.**

They were sisters-in-law and reasonably well disposed toward each other. One was the mother of George, aged six months, and the other the mother of Marian, aged six months and four days. It was impossible that a slight parental rivalry should be altogether concealed.

"Marian does not seem to grow very fast," said the mother of George, with a suggestion of commiseration in her tones. "George is much taller" (height being measured in inches). "Perhaps he is," replied the mother of Marian, coldly, "but Marian weighs more."

"Oh, well," responded the sister-in-law, with a smile of high-bred superiority, "of course I should not wish George to be gross."



☞ Sit at a table of 13 persons on Friday the 13th of the month.

☞ Let a black cat cross your path.

☞ Break a mirror.

☞ Walk under a ladder.

☞ And bad luck won't touch your business if you advertise in this paper.

☞ Trade ads. know no superstition.

☞ If you have goods to sell, let the ad. do it.

(Copyright, 1923, by W. S. L.)

**CHRISTMAS REUNION**

HOW TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY PARTIES MOST ENJOYABLE.

A Number of Games That Will Prove Pleasing for Both Old and Young at the Yuletide Season.

By Mary Dawson.

The wealth of new games is so great of late years that the entertainer is apt to overlook the splendid old games, many of which have never been surpassed, if, indeed, we can equal them. Old favorites are specially good for Christmas reunion gatherings because in most cases they require no advance preparation and are easily grasped by the few to whom they are unfamiliar.

One such sport is that called "acting adjectives." To play it one member of the company leaves the room, and each person remaining agrees upon a certain adjective, which he or she will act out when called on to do so. When the retiring player is recalled he asks someone in the group a question. This player must then answer in a way which will illustrate the adjective assigned to him. Thus, a player who has taken the word "noisy" will bawl his reply, and at the same time contrive to let a book fall to the floor with a loud clap.

The man or girl representing "taciturn" must reply in as few words as possible, and so forth. As soon as the guesser has divined one of the concealed words he takes a chair in the circle, while the person whose adjective he guessed withdraws from the room.

"Magic music" makes a lively number in the program, played in this way. One person is chosen to hide the coin or ring. All the rest withdraw, with the exception of the person who will play the piano. The person holding the ring then hides it, acquainting the musician with its whereabouts, and the company is readmitted.

The players now arrange themselves in a row, each one with his hands on the shoulders of the person in front of him. One player, the leader, heading the procession. When the music starts the line of boys and girls goes off in search of the ring, guided in this by the music. This, of course, is loud and cheerily as the object is approached, slow and dolefully when the procession is headed in the wrong direction, and faintest when they are furthest from the prize.

"Thought transference" is not precisely a game of contest, but there are few better ways to interest a party of guests, and whatever the psychological explanation of the phenomenon, it never fails to create amusement. To arrange it the person to be "subject" is sent out of the room. Two players are appointed to transfer the thought, and these decide upon what simple stunt the player will be required to perform. Thus, he may be required to pick up a book, to arrange a cushion, or to touch the keys of the piano. The rest of the company is informed what the required stunt will be.

The "subject" is then readmitted, and those who are to guide him stand on each side and hold his hands. These thought transferers, as well as the rest of the company, then center their minds upon the thing to be done. In eight cases out of ten the "subject" then wends his way, still holding the hands of the other two, towards the appointed object, and does what is required of him.

It is most exciting. The audience will probably demand several "subjects" and experiments before their curiosity is sated.

A new game which will appeal to active, lively girls, as well as to the boys, is color base. This is a splendid frolic for the hall or living room, and can be played in quite close quarters.

Each member of the company but one is given a certain color or shade, which will represent his personal safety, since, when standing with a foot or hand on something of that color he cannot be tagged. The remaining player is made "catch" and pursues the fugitives around the room. He must remember the colors given to each, as the pursued, when in a tight fix, will try to deceive him by touching some color not theirs.

When the catch succeeds in catching some one off base and tagging him he changes places with the person caught. It adds to the fun to give the catch a long, flexible stick with a handle of raw cotton dipped in flour tied to one end, with which to tag.

Now for a sit-down game while legs and arms are resting and players take breath. A good one is a contest seeing who can write down the longest list of words suggesting or belonging to the Yuletide season. Pass around blank cards and pencils and allow 15 minutes for working up the lists. Such a list will include the words, holly, mistletoe, St. Nick, Christmas carol, waltz, yule, yule log, gift, greeting, Christmas box, snapdragon, holidays and a long list of related terms. Give a prize to the player whose list proves longest.

To carry the fun a bit further on, get two pictures as large as possible, representing the Christmas saint. "Ads." or illustrations from back numbers of periodicals will do. Cut each picture into six or eight pieces and hide the pieces in odd nooks and corners around the room. When the signal is given players hurry away in search of the fragments. As soon as a player has found a piece he ceases to search, and all those who have found mosaics commence to patch them together. All those who find

fragments are entitled to draw for the prize—a Christmas book. This makes a most exciting scramble game, since it is not until both pictures are completed that the unsuccessful players give up hope.

When the company does not include children too young to read or write, composing a Christmas story makes a pleasant pastime. The players are given penny blank books and pencils and each is called on to name a word which must be woven into the story each writes. These words everybody puts down. Twenty minutes is allowed in which to think out Christmas stories or incidents and for putting them into words. At the end of the contest the stories are read aloud and voted on. The best is awarded a prize. If any story fails to include all the given words it is not entered in the competition.

The best place to play this game is around a large table which affords room for the different papers, pencils and elbows.

Have for the centerpiece of the supper table at this Christmas party a large cake fed in white, with wreath or artificial holly and a crown of red candles. In the center have a tiny Santa Claus, with or without reindeer, and a sleigh.

From the cake run scarlet ribbons, terminating in souvenirs at the different covers.

Serve for the refreshment hot oyster soup and crackers, cold sliced tongue and potato or chicken salad, followed by ice cream and cake or a dainty jelly or custard. Then coffee, wafers and cheese.

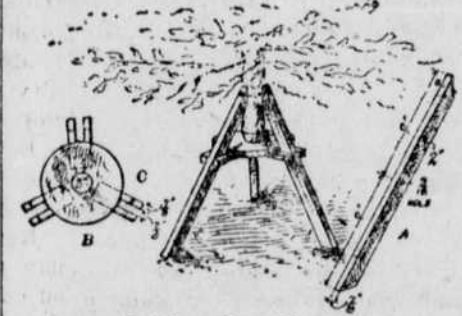
Wrap tiny bonbons in squares of tin-foil and pour a little alcohol over them on a metal tray. Let the guests snatch them from the flames with their fingers.

**FOLDING STAND FOR TREE**

One That Can Be Easily Made and Which May Be Kept for Future Use.

The accompanying cut shows a simple way to make a support for a Christmas tree, says the Scientific American. The material should be of hard or tough wood that will not split easily.

Make three pieces like A, of 7/8 x 2-inch strip, also three pieces like C, of



Folding Tree Stand.

7/8 x 2 1/2-inch strip, and one piece like B; for this the bottom of a peach basket will do very well. In the center of the disk B bore a 2-inch hole to receive the sharpened base of the tree. Fasten the C pieces to the under side of the disk B with screws. Bore holes in the arms of each C piece to just receive a three-inch wire nail. In the top of each leg, A, as shown, insert a small nail or screw to form a point that will press into the tree. Now place a leg, A, in the slot sawed out of C, and pass a three-inch wire nail through the holes.

When the Christmas tree is taken down the legs may be unkneged and the stand folded and packed away for use next year.

A. V. SEARING, JR.

**PRETTY NECKPIECE OF LACE**

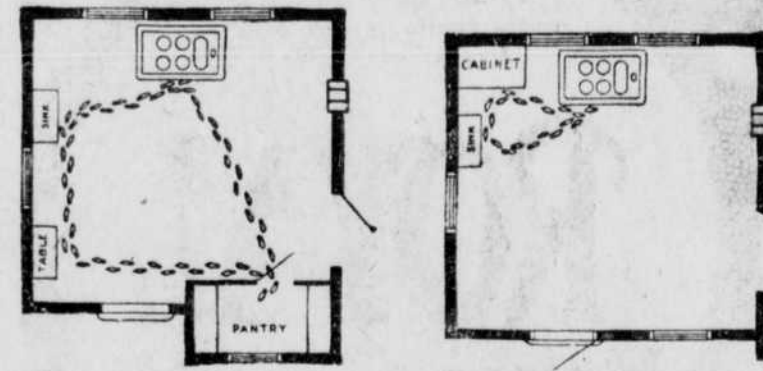


Girls are busy these days making elaborate neckpieces of lace and satin, or net and ribbon. The one shown in the sketch is made from white figured fllet net attached to a high, boned stock of black satin. The bow in front, and the jabot, are merely pinned on and can be replaced by others.

**Christmas Decoration.**

A simple Christmas decoration for the dining room is to hang the chandelier with greens and holly and from that carry loosely long ropes of ground pine to each corner of the room, thus making a canopy for the table. A bit of mistletoe skillfully introduced, where all will have to pass under it in leaving the room may add to the fun. In the center of the table lay a tray, and on this a glass or copper bowl of holly, frosted as though it had just come from the wintry field. For the favors to be laid down by the place cards there are tiny earthen pots with miniature decorated Christmas trees.

**Get Your Kitchen Right Before Thanksgiving**



The Old Way.

The New Way.

Next week you won't have time to think of the steps you take. Turkey, and cranberries will rule the day.

This week you can put Hoosier system in your kitchen—and reduce your steps next week.

With your kitchen right—all your work centered

around your Hoosier Special Cabinet—you put an end to most of the hard work that goes with Thanksgiving Day—and other days.

Take this opportunity to make your kitchen really convenient—actually up-to-date.

The opportunity is unusual because our determination to win in the \$1,000.00 prize contest brings you the Hoosier Special practically on your terms.

Consult economy—get your Hoosier Special now.

**Reavis & Abbey**  
Falls City, Neb.

**FOR SALE**

**RICHARDSON CO. FARMS**

- 40 acres rolling land, \$1,400.
- 94 acres bottom land, \$6,500
- 100 acres rolling land, \$5,000.
- 30 acres good land, \$7,600.
- 80 acres good land, \$7,200.
- 80 acres good land, \$9,200.
- 80 acres good land, \$12,000.
- 110 acres good land, \$12,760.
- 160 acres good land, \$16,000.
- 160 acres good land, \$16,000.
- 160 acres good land, \$20,000.
- 320 acres good land, \$25,000.

**OKLAHOMA LAND**

- 240 acres improved, \$4,500.
- 160 acres improved, \$3,000.

**FALLS CITY PROPERTY**

- A1 four room house, \$1,200.
- A1 fine modern cottage, \$3,500.
- 5 room house, 5 lots, \$2,500.
- 8 room modern residence, \$4,500.
- 10 room, fine residence, \$3,200.
- 9 room modern residence \$7,000
- 6 room residence, \$2,500.
- 7 room residence, \$3,500.

The above are all well improved properties and worth the money. I also have several good farms to exchange for good income property or business.

I have a couple of fine business propositions for sale.

If you wish to buy, sell or trade see me, I may have a bargain for you.

**G. H. FALLSTEAD**  
FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

**Passenger Trains Burlington Route**

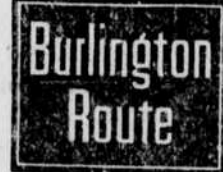


**South Bound**

- Tr. 104—St. Louis Mail and Express ..... 1:23 p. m.
- Tr. 106—Kansas City Exp. 3:41 a. m.
- Tr. 132 x—K. C. local leaves 7:30 a. m.
- Tr. 138 x—Falls City arrives 9:00 p. m. x—Daily except Sunday
- North Bound**
- Tr. 103—Nebraska Mail and Express ..... 1:52 p. m.
- Tr. 105—Omaha Express ..... 2:23 a. m.
- Tr. 137 x—Omaha local leaves 6:15 a. m.
- Tr. 131 x—Falls City local arrives ..... 8:45 p. m. x—Daily except Sunday

**Local Frt. Trains Carrying Passengers**

- North Bound**
- Tr. 192x—To Atchison ..... 11:10 a. m.
- South Bound**
- Tr. 191x—To Auburn ..... 1:23 p. m.



**West Bound**

- No. 13—Denver Exp. .... 1:10 a. m.
- No. 15—Denver Exp. (Local) 1:40 p. m.
- No. 43—Portland Exp. .... 10:17 p. m.
- No. 41—Portland Exp. .... 2:25 p. m.
- No. 121—Lincoln Loc. via Nebraska City ..... 5:00 a. m.
- East Bound**
- No. 14—St. J., K. C. & St. L. 7:38 a. m.
- No. 44—St. J., K. C. & St. L. ....
- No. 16—St. J., K. C. & St. L. 4:22 p. m. (Local)
- No. 42—St. J., K. C. & St. L. 6:52 p. m.
- No. 122—From Lincoln, via Nebraska City ..... 8:45 p. m.

E. G. WHITFORD, Agent.

—Nebraska's choicest corn and alfalfa lands for sale from \$75 to \$85 per acre. Send for free list. Nider & Henrichs, Fairbury, Neb.