

TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL

Eats \$30,000,000 Worth of Good Cotton Every Year.

His Appetite Will Make Clothing Prices Higher—Lone Star State Offers \$20,000 Reward for a Way to Kill Him.

Housewives of America, you have a new insect enemy, and his name is Mr. Boll Weevil.

Now, don't run for the corrosive sublimate bottle, or the cute little blow-gun full of insect powder, or the moth balls, or the sticky fly paper. He's not in your house, and you can't get at him.

Mr. Boll Weevil is busy eating cotton in the wide cotton fields of Texas. He eats cotton at the rate of \$3,000,000 worth a year. If the time shortly comes when you have to pay seven cents, instead of five cents, for a spool of machine cotton, and from three to five cents a yard more for all the dainty dimites and lawns and organdies with which you delight to attire yourself and your sunny-haired little daughters, you will have only Mr. Boll Weevil to thank for it.

"Who is he, and where did he come from, and what has he done?" These are more interesting questions than you know. Here are some of the things he already has done, according to the Chicago American:

He has made W. P. Brown, chief factor in the cotton market, half a million dollars richer by the rise in cotton in a single day.

He has become so menacing that the state government of Texas has offered a reward of \$50,000 for any means that may be devised to vanquish him.

He has caused a serious shortage in this year's cotton crop.

He has baffled the entomologists of the federal government in their efforts to check his ravages.

He has brought together a convention



THE BOLL WEEVIL. (Cotton Eating Pest Magnified Over Fifty Times.)

of 500 busy men at Dallas, Tex., to plot his assassination.

And he is only a tiny bug. The boll weevil is a beetle with a huge proboscis, and came originally from Mexico. The extension of cotton growing in the southern countries of Texas made a bridge for him to cross the Rio Grande, and he was first noticed in Bee county, Tex., in 1894. The agricultural department experts proposed to the Texas legislature to stop growing cotton along the river for two years, and starve the assassin out. "Who is going to pay the planters for this sacrifice?" asked the legislators.

Since then the beetle has traveled at the rate of 75 miles to the northward, and 25 miles to the eastward every year. On Texas soil the weevil has thrived like the rabbit in Australia, for the females lay 300 to 700 eggs a year. They develop with the cotton boll itself, and eventually blight it so that it does not open.

Latest reports say that the pest is present in Louisiana and Georgia, as well as Arkansas. Boll weevil news has become a factor in the stock market; the bears try to suppress it. Louisiana opinion is that the soil and the climate of the state will prevent any further spread there. Arkansas and Georgia confidently hope the same.

Insecticide does no good. Going over the field with revolving brushes that sweep off the affected plants is too costly. The hope that a certain "green bug" which was the natural enemy of the weevil had been found was soon dashed. The damage to the crop is \$30,000,000 a year in Texas.

Last year a large number of representative cotton men, with government experts and entomologists to advise, met in Dallas to begin a systematic fight against the enemy. At their behest the state government offered \$50,000 to any one who would find a remedy for the evil. Thousands of methods have been exploited, without anybody having a shadow of a claim to the reward.

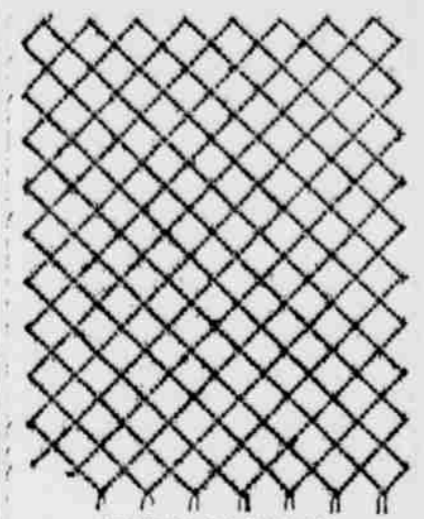
The Dallas convention just held consisted of men representing the cotton interests, not only of Texas, but of all parts of the south and even the north. Texas to-day would doubtless give \$10,000,000 as quickly as it would have given \$50,000 a year ago for a remedy.

Made Captive Devour Mud. Ben Michaels, George Dubery and Fred A. Rodgers were arrested at the Colfax (Wash.) county fair for kidnaping. They had a negro boy 14 years of age disguised as a wild girl from Cuba, and compelled him to eat mud. Rufus Stone, the boy's father, came from Spokane and charged the men with having kidnaped his son. They were doing a good business when arrested.

How to Make a Pretty Bead Purse

THE newest bead purse is very pretty in design, inexpensive and easily made. One needs to purchase only a spool of knitting silk—of whatever color is to predominate in the purse—five large beads and three bunches of small beads—two of one color and one of some contrasting shade.

The purse here pictured is made in dark blue and green. Cut 24 strands of blue silk three-quarters of a yard

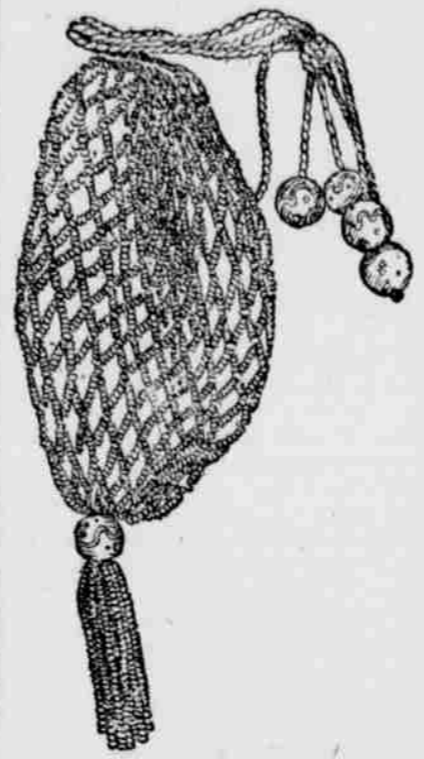


in length. On one of these threads string one green bead, four blue, one green, four blue, and so on until you have 21 green beads. This is the first row. See that there are left at the bottom about five inches of plain thread, which is utilized later in making the tassel. Before beginning the second row proper add to the first row four blue beads, one green and four blue. These extra beads at the top will provide a place for the draw-strings. Now start backward along the first row, putting the thread through the fourth green bead—taking into account the extra ones just added. Continue stringing four blue, one green, four blue, etc., and put the thread through every other green bead. When the end is reached put the thread through the last bead at the end of the first row—which will be green—and knot securely.

Take a second thread and after stringing one green and four blue beads, put the thread through the second green bead of the second row. Proceed exactly as with the first thread, and continue in the same manner with 23 threads and half of the twenty-fourth. Thus there are 47 rows. The last thread—the forty-eighth row—is used to fasten together the two edges of the work. In this use only blue beads, but draw the thread through every green bead instead of every other as heretofore. Thus the purse appears to consist of a great number of little blue bead

squares at each corner of which is a green bead.

Knot the threads securely at the bottom in groups of four or five, cutting off close to the knot about half the threads in each group. The tassel would be too heavy if all 48 threads were used. Eighteen or 20 are enough. Slip a large bead over all these threads so that it is firm at the base of the and although it may be worked out in a solid color the two make it more effective, red with white, gold or black, dark blue with white or gold, black with white, brown with white, light blue with white, gold or silver, or white with gold are all pretty combinations. The light blue or white are especially dainty to carry with light dresses. The purses may be worn drawn through the belt or merely carried in the hand.—Detroit Free Press, purse. Make each strand of the tassel 36 beads long. Thirty blue with six green at the end is a good combination. For the draw-string take four threads about a yard and a half long, twist together tightly, double, and twist again. Make a second cord in the same way.



THE FINISHED PURSE.

Weave them through the top of the purse, draw-string fashion, and after fastening a large bead at each of the four ends the purse is complete.

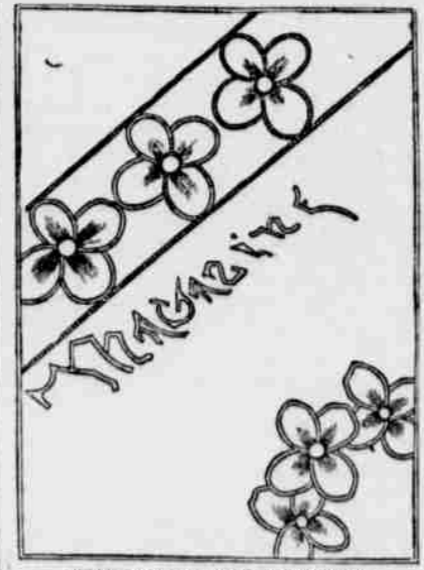
The pattern may of course be made smaller. The size here described, however, admits of carrying not only one's change but a key and handkerchief as well. It is a pretty idea to have a purse to harmonize with one's suit.

MAGAZINE HOLDER.

A Neat Little Bit of Fancy Work, Suitable for a Birthday or Anniversary Present.

A piece of brown Holland linen is folded in the size and shape of your favorite magazine, the inside folded and tacked into shape just as a paper cover to a book would be, in order to slip in the one designed for it. The outside is decorated in conventional dogwood blossoms.

Couch down gold cord with filo of the same color in two rows, and between the cords place three blossoms



THE HOLDER COMPLETED.

of the dogwood. The outlines of the blossoms are of the gold cord and the shadings a pinkish white of the Asiatic filo shaded into a pale green. The centers may be filled in with gold thread in knot stitch. The design in the corners is carried out in the same way, and a gold cord is couched along the edge in the same way. Outline the word "Magazine" in gold cord.—Boston Globe.

How to Preserve Linoleum.

Sweep, and then wipe it with a flannel, and when all the dust and spots are removed, rub with a waxed cloth, and then polish with a dry, soft cloth. Use very little bees' wax, and do not polish too much, or it will become slippery. Wiping occasionally with milk after it has been polished will keep it glossy.

Using Short Lamp Wicks.

By cutting a piece of flannel or cloth the width of wick and sewing it on to the latter, it will conduct oil to burner as if it was a long length of wick.

PRINCESS OF FLANDERS.

Future Queen of the Belgians is One of the Most Popular Scions of European Royalty.

One of the most popular scions of royalty in Europe is Princess Albert of Flanders, the young and attractive wife of the heir presumptive to the throne of Belgium. She was married to Prince Albert, son of the count of Flanders, October 2, 1900, being at the time Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. A son was born to the royal couple in November, 1901, and was named Leopold, after the present king of the Belgians.

Before his marriage, Prince Albert had visited the United States, spending a few days in Boston and being entertained at the white house.

His charming wife is comely of face and engaging in manner. Moreover, she is a very good sportswoman and fond of outdoor diversions. She is exceedingly popular with the people of Brussels, who see a good deal of her in public.

The former hotel d'Assche in Brussels, in which the prince and princess took up their residence after their bril-



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liant marriage in Munich, is one of the most homelike and comfortable of the royal palaces of Europe.

The private apartments of the princess include a bedroom and dressing room, the former being tapestried in rose pink, the princess's favorite color, set in panels of white painted wood, enriched with gilding. The furniture is of rosewood and marquetry and the hangings are of floral design. The dining room, salon and gallery of the palace are magnificent in their appointments.

Day of Thanks and Rejoicing.

The President has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation in the following terms:

By the President of the United States of America:

The season is at hand when, according to the custom of our people, it falls upon the President to appoint a day of praise and thanksgiving to God.

During the last year, the Lord has dealt bountifully with us, giving us peace at home and abroad and the chance for our citizens to work for their welfare unhindered by war, famine, or plague. It behooves us not only to rejoice greatly because of what has been given us, but to accept it with a solemn sense of responsibility realizing that under Heaven, it rests with us, ourselves, to show that we are worthy to use aright what has thus been entrusted to our care.

In no other place and at no other time has the experiment of government of the people, for the people been tried on so vast a scale as here in our own country in the opening years of the twentieth century. Failure would not only be a dreadful thing for us, but a dreadful thing for all mankind, because it would mean loss of hope for all who believe in the power and righteousness of liberty.

Therefore, in thanking God for the mercies extended to us in the past we beseech Him that He may not withhold them in the future, and that our hearts may be roused to war steadfastly for good and against all the forces of evil, public and private. We pray for strength and light, so that in the coming years we may with cleanliness, fearlessness and wisdom, do our allotted work on earth in such manner as to show that we are not altogether unworthy of the blessings we have received.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of the coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land people cease from their wonted occupations, and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks unto Almighty God for His manifold mercies.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT. By the President. John Hay, Secretary of State.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Nov. 17, 1903. Persons calling for these letters, will please say that "they were advertised Nov. 5, 1903."

Mr. Richard Anderson, Mr. William Lenick, Mrs. M. V. Bird, Mr. James Murphy, Miss Daise Bogart, Mr. Victor H. Pinckney, Miss Nellie Cuppers, Mrs. Mary M. Stamback, Mrs. E. Haight, H. Smith, Mr. Henry Walters. Cards—Mr. A. W. Aldridge, Joseph Dixon, Mr. F. P. Oliver.

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A FIVE-DOLLAR SMOKE.

Kind That is Shown to Customers Who Want the Most Expensive in the Store.

Five dollars for a cigar! And if you bought a hundred of them you would have to pay \$500, with no discount off for cash, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean. "No, we don't sell many of them," said a clerk to a curious customer. "Sometimes a sporty-looking individual, evidently from out of town, comes in here and wants 'the best cigar in the shop.' He means the most expensive, of course, and the \$5 cigar is shown to him. This is the way we get rid of most of them. Of course, they are worth \$5, if you don't care for expenses. They are all Havana, including the wrapper. This is what makes them cost so much. The cigars are five times as large as the ordinary one, and it is extremely difficult to get a leaf of Havana large enough for a wrapper. In 1,000 'hands' of tobacco we won't find one leaf of the requisite size and quality. "The last one we sold was two weeks ago. A boy of the messenger type came in here and stilled up to the counter. "Gimme a \$5 dollar cigar," he demanded. "Run along," I said. "By way of answer he threw a \$5 bill on the counter and repeated his request. I gave the cigar to him and he went out. I suppose some one must have sent him for it, possibly a cigar manufacturer, who wanted to keep his identity hidden."

REDUCED RATES TO CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., and Shiloh Battlefield, Tenn., via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Unveiling Pennsylvania Monuments. For the benefit of those desiring to attend the unveiling of the Pennsylvania monuments at Chattanooga, Tenn., and on the Battlefield of Shiloh, Tenn., November 9 and 12, respectively, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Chattanooga, Tenn., and for Shiloh Battlefield to Corinth, Miss., or Johnsonville, Tenn., November 4 to 12, good to return until November 21, inclusive, from all stations on its lines in the State of Pennsylvania, at single fare for the round trip. It.

LOW-RATE HOMESEKERS' EXCURSION to Florida. For the benefit of homeseekers, the various railroads to Florida will sell on November 11 special excursion tickets from Washington to the following points at rates quoted:—

Table with 2 columns: City and Rate. Sarasota, Fla. \$30.95; Braidenton, " 29.70; Ellenton, " 29.70; Palmetto, " 29.70; Manatee, " 29.70; Punta Gorda, " 30.90; Arcadia, " 30.15.

These tickets will be good going on November 11 only, and to return within fifteen days, and will not be good to stop off in either direction. In connection with these excursions the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell one-way tickets to Washington, at regular rates, from all stations on its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie together with exchange orders on the railroads out of Washington for an excursion ticket from Washington to the above-mentioned points at rates quoted.

IT IS YOUR BUSINESS to pay attention to your physical welfare. Your responsibility begins when you get up in the morning. Your body begins its day's work at breakfast. A dish of "Zt" will give you the right foundation for the day's business. "Zt" has grain nutriment to satisfy the taste and add strength to the body and the brain. One dish makes you want another. You can eat "Zt" at any time. Grocers sell "Zt". 2-12 19

DECEMBER JURYMEN.

The jurymen for the December term of court were drawn by jury commissioners Shultz and Hagenbuch and Sheriff Knorr on Monday. Following is the list:

- GRAND JURORS: C. E. Adams, Briar Creek; Henry Bardo, Greenwood; John Chamberlin, Madison; L. J. Clewell, Berwick; R. F. Fritz, Jackson; R. G. Greenly, Madison; Philip Goughan, Conyngham; B. A. Gidding, Bloom; Edward M. Holmes, Bloom; Henry Jones, Berwick; James Kerrigan, Conyngham; Henry D. Keller, Fishing Creek; Emanuel Lazarus, Bloomsburg; George L. Mumby, Catawissa Twp.; Daniel M. Mericle, Bloomsburg; Theodore O'Neil, Bloom; J. B. Patterson, Bloom; Josiah E. Roberts, Catawissa Boro; M. F. D. Scanlin, Bloom; Sylvester Sittler, Centre; E. E. Straub, Conyngham; James Trump, Orange Twp.; John Vance, Mt. Pleasant; George D. Yost, Benton Boro.
- TRAVELER JURORS—First Week: E. W. Alexander, Benton Boro; Miles H. Betz, Bloom; Charles Burt, Briar Creek; Lewis Beishline, Fishing Creek; Asa Deily, Hemlock; G. B. Dennis, Centre; John Donahue, Centralia Boro; A. C. DeSheppard, Bloom; H. D. Edgar, Bloom; Seely Edwards, Benton Twp.; Elias Ernest, Cleveland; Charles Eyer, Orange; W. S. Fisher, Main; Jacob Fought, Pine; George Fenstermacher, Berwick; Ransloe Fisher, Orange Boro; Albert Gibbons, Berwick; S. J. Harrison, Fishing Creek; John Hampton, Catawissa Twp.; S. M. Hess, Bloom; Eli Krum, Montour; R. G. F. Kshinka, Briar Creek; Charles Lee, Scott; Thomas J. McGuire, Conyngham; John G. McHenry, Stillwater; Frank Martena, Berwick; W. D. Moyer, Bloom; C. W. Miller, Centre; Theodore Mendenhall, Pine; John K. Mordan, Mt. Pleasant; Emanuel Mauser, Main; John Mensch, Montour; C. B. Meyers, Benton Twp.; J. D. Potter, Pine; W. F. Rhodes, Conyngham; Frederick Rice, Roaring Creek; Jacob Rider, Pine; A. J. Robbins, Centre; Frens Ringrose, Scott; B. F. Rice, Scott; George Ruckle, Centre; Clinton Sterling, Bloom; W. A. Snyder, Scott; G. A. Tubbs, Benton Boro; R. D. Wenner, Fishing Creek; Hiram W. Williams, Berwick; Geo. W. Yetter, Catawissa Boro; Ira Zelsloff, Madison.
- TRAVELER JURORS—Second Week: W. A. Butt, Benton Boro; C. D. Bowers, Catawissa Boro; J. S. Blue, Bloom; Joseph Crawford, Orange; David Coffman, Bloom; B. C. Deitrick, Berwick; William Dilline, Madison; Eugene Doty, Berwick; J. Harry Dean, Berwick; Henry H. Deighmiller, Hemlock; Peter O. Eddinger, Main; P. D. Ervin, Catawissa Boro; Allison Essick, Madison; I. B. Geiger, Bloom; Samuel S. Horlacher, Beaver; Fred Hartman, Bloom; Dillman Hess, Briar Creek; A. R. Henrie, Millin; William Johnston, Millville; J. H. Keim, Scott; Harry E. Kearn, Sugarloaf; Marvin Kline, Greenwood; Clarence Leuhart, Berwick; Thomas B. Moore, Bloom; Franklin Meyers, Sugarloaf; P. W. Miller, Catawissa Boro; J. W. Perry, Sugarloaf; Barton T. Pursel, Bloom; T. C. Smith, Jackson; Baltis Sturman, Main; Gilbert Sturman, Beaver; C. Z. Schliober, Beaver; I. W. Smith, Millin; L. G. Shultz, Pine; Harry Townsend, Bloom; James Williams, Centre.

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