

RESCUED THE ALAMO.

FAMOUS TEXAN STRONGHOLD SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION BY A WOMAN.

Miss Clara Driscoll Prevents Catastrophe—Alamo Was the Scene of the Most Terrific Fight of Early Days of Texas.

Through the command of a considerable sum of money a Texas woman has been enabled to save to her native state and to the United States one of the most noted relics of Texan and Mexican War times.

The lesson taught by the handful of Americans who held the Alamo rather than surrender, appealed so strongly to Miss Clara Driscoll, a successful author of magazine stories, that she made an offer of sixty thousand dollars for the property and it was accepted.

For some time Miss Driscoll has been writing short stories concerning Texas and Mexico life, her first book

of liberty. Already famous were the pioneer scouts and warriors who entrenched themselves in that redoubt, and yet more, famous and glorious became their memory after the sanguinary and unequal fight.

Will See Snakes.

Serpent rings, brooches, bangles and necklaces are to be the fashion in the big cities this season, dealers having already received many orders for jewelry of a "snaky" description.

Plan for Salvation of Louisville.

Some days ago the postmaster at Louisville, Kentucky, received a communication from a man in Rutland, Vermont, who, having learned, he said, of the wickedness in Louisville, and desiring to do missionary work there, wanted a list of the unsaved men and women of that town.

OLD CLERKS REDUCED.

BLOW ABOUT TO FALL UPON VETERAN MEN OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

Congress Preparing to Cut Salaries and Discharge Older Employees Who Have Spent Best Years of Life in Serving Uncle Sam.

The blow, which the older government clerks at Washington have for some time feared, is about to fall, and if the House of Representatives follows its apparent intention, the clerks of 65 years old and over, will have their pay cut from 25 to 50 percent.

It is often stated that the average government job is an easy one, with short hours and good pay, so that there is something of a disinclination throughout the country to feel or express much sympathy for the government clerk who is reduced, or perchance, dismissed for any reason.

Then, after twenty years of confining and uninspiring labor, comes his discharge, and he finds himself completely out of touch with all former business knowledge and relations, unable to earn as much in a new line of life as could his recently graduated son.

The sentiment has been freely expressed upon the floor of the House, however, that it is not believed that a majority of its members will favor any drastic measure of cutting down the income of faithful clerks.

While \$1,000 might appear to be a reasonable living in the smaller towns, in Washington, where expenses are so heavy, it is a small sum for a man of family. Old and honored government employees, from the administration of Washington down, have resigned or died in the nation's service, but Congress in its wisdom, in these days of un- wanted national prosperity, seems to be pursuing extraordinary methods to increase the efficiency of the service and to reduce the federal expenditures.

Antent the subject, the Washington Post says: What a kind and beneficent government it would be that would cut a faithful servant, who had served it for years, and who is as efficient a clerk now as he was ten years ago, because he has reached the age of sixty-five!

The Speaker of the House, the honorable Joseph G. Cannon, who will be seventy years old on the 7th of May next, should see to it that his friends on the Appropriation Committee take a back track on this Oesterlyth proposition.

Various are the reasons given for the placing of the two buttons on the back of a man's coat. One is that they are a survival of buttons which were used on the eighteenth century riding coat.

Tallest Skyscraper Yet. It is announced that the Singer Manufacturing company has filed plans for a structure which will be higher than any existing New York city skyscraper by from 200 to 300 feet, and will be about 40 feet higher than the Washington monument.

ON THE OKLAWAHA.

MOST PICTURESQUE OF AMERICAN RIVERS—PALMS AND ORANGE GROVES.

Further Descriptions of a Delightful Trip From St. Augustine Through The Lake Region of Florida—Hanging Spanish Moss.

A word more before I leave the beautiful city of St. Augustine in Sunny Florida, although the whole of our visit was not made as a matter of fact in sunshine. We went into the old Cathedral with its three bells "all in a row," and one smaller bell hanging above, one of these being the oldest bell in the United States.

To me the quaint old streets of the town where most fascinating; there are no sidewalks, and one has to hug the walls in order not to be run over; second story verandas are not uncommon and one can easily shake hands with his neighbor on the opposite veranda or balcony.

On the last day which we spent in St. Augustine, the sun came out, the air was warm and balmy, the sky azure blue without a cloud, and I had my heart's desire of seeing St. Augustine bathed in winter sun shine.

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Restore Life After Death. Claim That Victims of Electric Chair Can Be Brought Back to Life. To be able to restore life after electrocution is the claim of J. M. Berger, an expert electrician, who states that by his method a person electrocuted at one of our prisons, and pronounced dead by the attending physicians, may be restored to life.

The Steamer "Osceola" Loading Some Oranges on the Oklawaha.

A Picturesque Landing Point of the Oklawaha Trip.

The Little ferry boat across the bay to Anastasia Island and then the cars to the lighthouse and South Beach, where we sat on the sand watching the Atlantic waves as they rolled up on

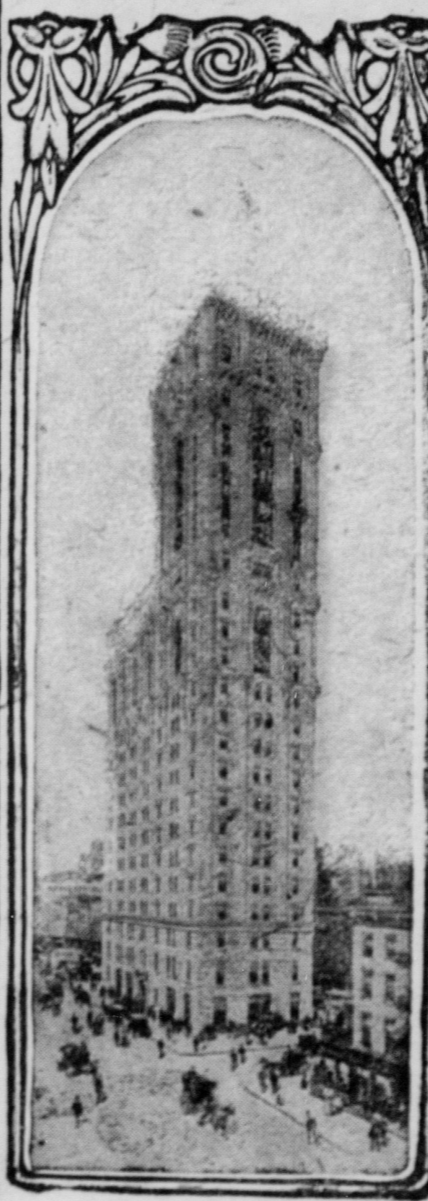
weird melodies, and it hardly seemed as if we were living in this twentieth century. At one o'clock in the morning we passed through the narrowest part

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Mr. Berger states that he, himself, received more volts than are supposed to be necessary to kill a man and that he knows of cases where as high as 3000 and 4000 volts have gone through men's bodies and they have been restored to life and health.

He cites as an illustration, the case of Joseph Averell, a Baltimore line-man, who was caught in an alternating current of 3000 voltage and thrown from a pole to the middle of the street. He was removed at once to the city hospital and emergency treatment was quickly applied.

In the seventeenth century button holes were a matter of ornament more than of use. They were carefully cut, and "laid around" with gay colors, embroidered with silver and gold thread, bound with kid and velvet.

The English, Irish and Scotch shipyards last year built a tonnage of new ships of 1,744,402 tons, or double the entire American ocean tonnage.



MISS CLARA DRISCOLL. WHOSE ENERGY AND MONEY HAVE SAVED THE ALAMO.

"The Girl of La Gloria" being placed on the market within the past year.

A Mexican Opera.

Partly on account of her intense interest in the Texas country and its people and partly because this is a subject heretofore untouched in either literature or drama she conceived the idea of writing an opera in which there should be only Mexican scenes and characters.

Through the co-operation of men well versed in methods of producing operas, the whole story was put into shape. Miss Driscoll had collected a number of Mexican songs and dances and folk lore music, all of the greatest value in the arrangement of a suitable musical setting.

The first night "Mexicana" was produced one of the principals, a woman, carried out the time-honored association of senoritas, sombreros and cigarrettes by appearing on the stage smoking one of these tiny rolls. Miss Driscoll immediately sought the stage manager and remonstrated stating that the better class of Mexican women do not smoke, contrary to the general impression that all women in tropical countries indulge in the habit; thereafter this seemingly necessary adjunct was removed from the opera.

Miss Driscoll has travelled extensively visiting almost every country on the globe. When the Spanish-American War broke out she was in Spain and while most of her American associates made haste to leave, as a matter of safety, she stayed for six months longer, assuming a Spanish name and living as a Spanish woman.

The history of the Alamo is one which must fire the imagination and patriotism of every son and daughter

rectory with a letter, saying that the directory contained 250,000 names, and he was certain that this plan would afford everybody in Louisville a "square deal." It has been remarked that if the soul saver desires a more extensive field to work in he might procure a copy of the New York City directory containing a million and a half names, and possibly Chicago and a few other of the large towns might make application.

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LIKES FINE CHINA PIECES.

Under Mrs. Roosevelt's supervision one of the most valuable collections in this country has been placed on exhibition in the basement of the White House, and it is a proud day when she can add something of historic worth to the treasury. The exhibit is made up entirely of remnants of the dinner sets which formerly served the Presidential families. It begins with some rare gold-trimmed plates and cups and saucers, which were the pride of Martha Washington's heart, and the contributions continue down to the era of Mrs. McKinley.

Helen Gould's Charity.

In the name of her father and mother Helen Gould, with the assistance of Elizabeth Altman, annually distributes \$500,000 in charity. Probably Miss Gould supports directly and indirectly more charities than any other person living. Her donations annually reach 500 or more beneficiaries. Her total disbursements during the last eight years—and they are all made with business judgment and through a perfect system—reach \$4,000,000.