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FOOTWEAR FOR ALL THE FAMILY

It is important in every household in Butler county to see that each member of the family has good, warm, substantial footwear.

The Boys and Girls that go to School

over the rough roads, through the mud and slush, must be looked after. Cheap, shoddy shoes won't fill the bill at this season of the year.

HUSELTON'S

What he recommends you are safe in buying. He won't tell you that 65c, 88c and 98c shoes will keep out water going to school.

Boys' and Youths' Shoes. Heavy tap sole shoes, 75c to \$1. Heavy all grain, tap sole, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Heavy all grain, tap sole, No-Rip, \$1.50 to \$1.65.

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Butler's Leading Shoe House. Opposite Hotel Lory.

HE IS A WISE MAN WHO SECURES HIS CLOTHING FROM

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The goods, style, fit and general make up of his suits.

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Men won't buy clothing for the purpose of spending money. They desire to get the best possible results for the money expended.

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Old gold and silver taken the same as cash.

WE HAVE NO AGENTS

Let your old dress to the owner for 25 cents at a whole price, or more, by our special plan. Ship anywhere for 50 cents.

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Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work

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Do you suppose that any man could keep his bowels regular? In some bedeviled hamlets where the fierce mosquito bite

"Move Up"

A Ten-Minutes' Talk

By MADELINE S. BRIDGES.

GRACE—Dear, I am so rejoiced to see you; I thought you could not get away from Butler county.

EDNA—I couldn't, but all the same I took the nine o'clock train this morning.

GRACE—Sit here and let me tell you; it is quite a little story.

EDNA—What sort of affairs? But perhaps you think there is only one sort worth having.

GRACE—Don't you think that, Edna. Edna—But you ought to deserve it, because there is only one sort. I can say just ten minutes.

EDNA—That can't be part of the story? GRACE—It is, because he asked me to tell you. I mean, he did not ask Lizzie.

EDNA—Ah! GRACE—No, please! You must listen! Surely you wish to know what he says!

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"THE WEAKER SEX"

"The weaker sex," they call them, but a man speaking of the womenfolk, a more fitting name would be "the weaker of

plumage-painting, would you not feel it incumbent on you to make him some sort of reply? It came certainly rests with you.

GRACE—Then it must rest with me forever! Suppose this—suppose he had repeated the moment the speech was uttered and wished it said!

EDNA—Suppose your manner had seemed to convey—it very likely did—that you wished it said? Now, then, I know one thing, Grace. If the man I loved asked me to be his wife, the wildest horse that ever pranced would not have a chance to run away before I could say yes.

GRACE—All this is sad and serious to me. Do not just about it. Advise me, Edna. You are, in my place, write and say "I accept your proposal; I love you and will gladly be your wife."

EDNA—That would be answering his question. Grace (promptly)—I'd die first.

GRACE (forlornly)—So would I, but I think I shall do it. (Appealingly.) That's what I'm doing!

EDNA—That's what I'm doing!

GRACE—That's what I'm doing!

MY COUNTRY'S FLAG

My country's flag, to thee, Emblem of liberty,

Be thou with hope's star, and with the banner of the brave, This honor ever barred

Against the wrong, O'er the world shall cease, And nations be at peace

Until all deeds are wrought, Until all wrongs are redressed, All freedom's battles fought, Be thou unfurled,

On the land, or sea, In the halls of Congress, Of all our glory,

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TWO ON A TANDEM.

By J. A. FLYNN.

MR. GOLIGHTLY (to Mrs. Nupair)—Cycling! Oh, I simply adore it!

MRS. NUPAIR (to Mr. Golightly)—But if you want to enjoy it properly you must have a tandem.

MR. GOLIGHTLY (to Mrs. Nupair)—A tandem! Good gracious, no! What ever put such a notion into your head?

MRS. NUPAIR (to Mr. Golightly)—My dear fellow, you're mad to think of it now I've started, but if I had to begin again—why, I wouldn't, that's flat!

MR. GOLIGHTLY (to Mrs. Nupair)—You don't go nearly as fast or as far as on a single, and you get twice the fatigue.

MRS. NUPAIR (to Mr. Golightly)—The lady does some of the work! But she expects the gentleman to do a good bit more.

MR. GOLIGHTLY (to Mrs. Nupair)—You're not a bit of a piker, are you? You're not a bit of a piker, are you?

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WILL HELP TRADE.

Interest Execited by Proposal to Annex the Island of Puerto Rico.

Carefully Compiled Statistics Showing the Present Value of our Imports from the Island.

The trade between the United States and Puerto Rico is reviewed in a bulletin issued by the secretary of agriculture, compiled under the direction of Frank H. Hitchcock, chief of the foreign markets section.

The official returns show that our commercial transactions with Puerto Rico during the fiscal year 1897, just closed, amounted in value to \$4,500,000.

The highest mark was in 1872, when imports from the island were valued at \$12,000,000. The average annual trade fell from \$12,750,000 for 1882-83 to \$1,850,000 in 1897-98.

The shrinkage in our trade with Puerto Rico is traceable mainly to the falling off in our imports from the island. The value of the merchandise we now send to Puerto Rico closely approaches the value of the goods we receive in return.

Agricultural products play the most important part of this commerce, over 80 per cent of our imports from the island being imported and exported.

Our imports are almost entirely agricultural. Non-agricultural commodities also form less than 40 per cent of our exports there.