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The story grows more intensely interesting from chapter to chapter to chapter. It will be published exclusively in the PHILADELPHIA PRESS. Order your paper in advance to be sure you will not miss the opening chapters, for their will be an extra demand on this Sunday.

Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Francis W. Gallagher, late of Laporte Boro., Sullivan County, Penna., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

MRS. THERESA GALLAGHER,
 Laporte, Penna., Administratrix.
 January 4, 1909.

"TELL HER SHE MUST."

The Doctor's Mistake, Which Was Corrected by the Married Man. The family physician puffed meditatively at his cigar for a few minutes before coming down to business.

"I have been to see your wife, as you requested," he said at last, "and I asked you to come in so that I could tell you what should be done. She's in a pretty bad way."

"Indeed?"
 "Yes. No regular sickness, you know, but generally run down and in bad shape. With rest and care she'll come out all right, but you'll have to look after her pretty closely."

"I beg your pardon."
 "I say you'll have to look after her pretty closely. You'll have to appoint yourself sort of general overseer or supervisor of everything pertaining to her welfare for a time and be very strict with her too. In the first place, tell her she must!"

"Doctor, are you acquainted with my wife?" interrupted the husband.

"Not intimately at all," replied the astonished physician. "I've been called upon to treat her once or twice, as you know, but that is all."

"Possibly that may be urged as an excuse," said the husband, "but it's not a particularly good one. There are women with whom you are quite well acquainted, are there not?"

"Certainly."

"Married women?"

"Many of them."

"And still you advise me to tell my wife that she must do something or other?"

The physician looked at the husband, and the husband looked at the physician.

"My dear sir," said the physician at last, "it flatters some men to talk to them that way, but I see you are a man of judgment and sense who prefers the truth to all else. Of course what I mean is that you ought to suggest to your wife that if it is in accord with her judgment possibly it might be a good thing to follow the advice that I will now give you. Naturally, being married, I know as well as you that 'must' is a word that ought to be eliminated from the English language or at the most confined to the intercourse of parents with children."

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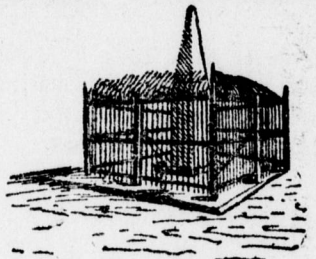
A BOUNDARY LINE.

EXPERIENCES OF THE COMMISSION ON THE MEXICAN FRONTIER.

Difficult and Dangerous Work in the Deserts and Mountains—A Furious Sandstorm—The Effects of Mirages—City Resolves into a Mass of Bowlders.

Although the boundary line between the United States and Mexico was defined over half a century ago by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, after the Mexican War, there has seldom been a time since then when the precise location of this international limit has not given cause for vigorous disputes and often bloody border warfare between the Mexican and American settlers near the line.

After the treaty of 1853 a survey was made of the line, to effect some necessary changes. Monuments were put up



MEXICAN BOUNDARY MONUMENT.

along the arbitrary portion of the boundary west of the Rio Grande, but most of these landmarks were simply rude piles of stone, and the ease with which they could be destroyed or removed was soon discovered by the nearby settlers, never loath to seize an opportunity for a quarrel with their neighbors on the other side of the international fence. Finally, in 1882, owing to continual boundary quarrels, a convention to settle them was arranged between the two countries.

But on account of various delays it was not until November, 1891, that members of the International Boundary Commission were at last appointed. By the month of June, 1894, all work along the entire line, both surveying and monument-erecting, was finished. Two hundred and fifty-eight monuments, some of stone, and some of iron, had been placed along the seven hundred miles of boundary west of the Rio Grande. The intervals between them were varied to suit the requirements of the different regions, but the distances averaged about two and three-quarter miles between each two.

Some of the experiences of the members of the survey are well worth a more extended description than can be given here. The mountainous region for many miles about Nogales, Ariz., is one of the roughest and most arid on the continent. In this neighborhood was seen for the first time the strange and ungainly giant cactus, called the "saguaro" by the Mexicans. Its fruit, when ripe, is used as food by the Pagan Indians of the region, who eat it fresh, dried and preserved, and make from it, besides, a slightly intoxicating drink. In the broad valley called the Moreno Flat, west of the Baboquivari Mountains and about fifty-five miles west of Nogales, a frightful sandstorm was encountered on July 3, 1892.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon, a dense, dark-brown cloud was seen rising in the south. The brilliant sun was soon overcast, and in a few moments after the cloud was first observed the storm broke in all its fury. In ten or fifteen minutes it was as black as midnight; the atmosphere was filled with loose soil of the valley to a height of several hundred feet; respiration became almost impossible, and it was only by breathing through a handkerchief held in front of the mouth that suffocation was avoided. In half an hour the wind began to subside, the darkness diminished, and in a little more than two hours the setting sun shone faintly through the dust particles that still filled the air.

Wonderful mirages were seen while crossing the lonely deserts. Just before sunrise craggy peaks would appear, capped by similar inverted peaks, which would gradually flatten out into strange forms. Once a city, with all its buildings, appeared in a valley to the northward, but the morning sun resolved it into a mass of large bowlders near the base of a mountain. At another time, on the bare Yuma Desert, the reconnaissance party seemed to be in a level depression, surrounded on every side by a vertical wall of rock, fifty to one hundred feet high, which moved with them as they journeyed toward the river, but lessened in height until it finally vanished. The commonest deception was seen in the heat of the day, when beautiful lakes, fringed with trees, lay apparently only a few hundred yards away. The details were so perfect, even to the reflections in the water, that the party did not wonder that thirsty travelers were often lured from the road to procure this water, which never could be reached.

The mirage distortion of the size and form of animals was also remarkable. In one case a herd of wild horses was mistaken for a herd of antelope and followed for several miles before the mistake was discovered. At times a jack-rabbit would loom up on the desert with the apparent size of a cow, while occasionally the legs of animals would be so comically lengthened as to make them appear mounted upon stilts.

A New Science.

Glossomania is a new "science," introduced by a Miss Erber No of Paris, consisting of reading the character by the form and size of the tongue.

The guiding principles are as follows: If the tongue is long it is an indication of frankness; if it is short, of dissimulation; if it is broad, of expansiveness; if narrow, of concentration.

When the tongue is both long and large it implies that the possessor is a great gossip, frank to disagreeableness, and thoughtless. If the tongue be long and narrow, its owner is only half frank, thinking as much as is uttered, but not always uttering all that is thought.

If the tongue be short and broad, there is promise of plenty of gossip, and falsehoods; it talks a great deal, but says little of what is really thought.

If short and narrow, it indicates deep cunning and lying; impenetrability and prudence. This tongue belongs to those persons always ready to make mistakes, but eager to inspire confidence.

Short Talks on Advertising
 By Charles Austin Bates.
 No. 19.

People generally read advertisements more than they did a few years ago. The reason is to be found in the advertisements themselves. Advertisers are more careful than they used to be. They make the advertisements more readable. Some of them even become, in a way, a department of the paper, and people look for them every day with as much zest and pleasure as they turn to any other feature.

This is true of many department stores all over the country. In many cities there is just one man who appreciates the value of such interest. He breaks away from the old set style. He tells something interesting in his space every day.

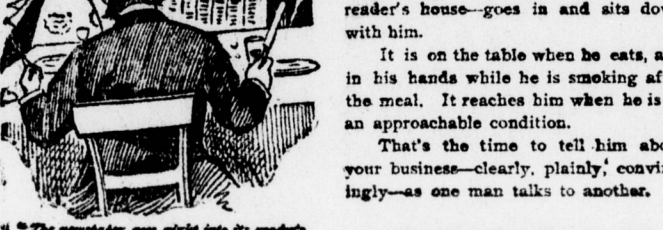
There are lots of interesting things in business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper—look at its local news columns, and its telegraph news, for that matter, and you'll see that the majority of the items are more or less closely related to some business fact.

Dress these facts up in a becoming garb of words, and they will find readers, even though they be in a "mere advertisement."

Let the merchant come down off his pedestal. Let the merchant come down off his pedestal and talk in his ads. He needn't be flippant—far from it, but let him not write as if he were addressing somebody afar off, and telling him about something at even a greater distance.

The newspaper goes right into its reader's house—goes in and sits down with him. It is on the table when he eats, and in his hands while he is smoking after the meal. It reaches him when he is in an approachable condition.

That's the time to tell him about your business—clearly, plainly, convincingly—as one man talks to another.



"The newspaper goes right into its reader's house and sits down with him." Copyright, Charles Austin Bates, New York.

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- Mens sweater coats 1.50
- Mens sweater coats 2.00
- Mens V neck sweaters 25 and 46c
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Boys' corduroy knee pants, lined throughout, fine ribbed quality worth regular 75c Special 39c

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- Men's Suits 6.75
- Mens Suits 8.50
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