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Prohibition; O. P. Shaver, Friedens, Lincoln.

**BOUNDARIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND SOME OF THEIR PECULIARITIES.**

A little girl who was taking her first lesson in geography, inquired of her mother: "What makes the lines between the states so crooked? Why are some states shaped so oddly? No wonder that the mother had to get help to explain. There are few grown-ups who could answer these questions satisfactorily. Our forefathers used such crude methods of defining many of the state divisions, that some boundary lines are as hard to decipher as a maze in a king's garden.

Take the old eastern boundary of New York for an example. The line was described as starting at "a rock in the ancient road or winding place in Bryam River," following a direction that would lead by a "bunch of horn-beam saplings" and a tree which was either "a red oak or a white oak," touching another tree on the "land occupied by William Wilsey in 1814," and finally falling in with a certain farm fence. Land was so plentiful in those old days that a few miles one way or another did not make much difference. The line separating Tennessee from Georgia, which was surveyed in 1819, was defined as lucidly. This was said to begin at "a rock due south of the old Indian town of Nickjack," passing due east in such a manner as to "leave old D. Ross two miles and eighteen yards in the state of Tennessee."

A tiny parcel of land in southwest Massachusetts was given to New York in 1855. It was a small cove that was practically inaccessible from the east, and because of this it became a most desirable place for prize fights. The offenders being able to slip back into New York easier than the officers could get in from Massachusetts. So to break up this interesting game of hide-and-seek between the law-breakers and the law-enforcers, the bit of land was given to the state that could best police it.

In the earlier surveys of the United States, rivers and like natural boundaries were pressed into service to determine the limits of the different territories or grants, and much trouble has resulted from the shifting habits of these kinds of boundaries. Had not the commission that fixed the division between the United States and Mexico decided upon a certain channel of the Rio Grande where the river is used as the line, the citizens in that part of the world would have a hard time deciding whether they are Americans or Mexicans, because the river changes its course so often.

The people of California and Nevada may still be living in one another's territory, for all they know, as the boundary line was hard to establish, and may very half a mile. Just where the elbowlike bend comes in the line is Lake Tahoe, and it is almost in the exact middle of that lake that the principal measurement to the angle of the turn had to be taken. While the boundary thus established has been accepted, and is generally recognized as being correct, there may be a dispute over its exactness, some day.

For many years the northwest boundary line of the United States was just about as easy to locate as the famous "Seven Cities of Cibola," for which the early explorers searched so futilely. The old treaty states that the line should be "due west from the Lake of the Woods to the Mississippi." This might have been fairly approximated if the Mississippi had lived up to the expectations of the treaty-makers, but it continued to wander through the state after its own independent fashion, fully two counties to the southeast of

the lake. In a half century or so the line was made more definite, though the point finally chosen as the "north-western point" is now well under the waters of the lake.

It was not until 1842 that Main knew just how much territory she had in her northeast corner. The old treaty of 1781 defined the boundary as "following the St. Croix River to its source," thence north to the Highlands that divided the waters to the Atlantic from those of the St. Lawrence. As no one knew which of the two rivers emptying fifty miles apart was the St. Croix, or which set of highlands was meant, or whether the Bay of Fundy might be considered an arm of the Atlantic, early Maine geography was rather mixed. When Lord Ashburton and Daniel Webster straightened the matter out, fifty-nine years later, they gave seven-twelfths of the disputed land to the United States and five-twelfths to England.—Frederick J. Haskin in Washington Herald.

**"PNEUMONIA'S DEADLY WORK**  
has so seriously affected my right lung," writes Mrs. Fannie Connor, of Rural Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., "that I coughed continuously night and day and the neighbors' prediction—consumption—seemed inevitable, until my husband brought home a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which in my case proved to be the only REAL cough cure and restorer of weak, sore lungs." When all other remedies utterly fail you may still win in the battle against lung and throat troubles with New Discovery, the REAL CURE. Guaranteed by E. H. Miller, druggist. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. 5-1

**Hanson Brown Soon to be Here With His Bride.**

Our friend Hanson Brown, of Farmington, Pa., who has always been very prompt in responding to statements calling for money due on subscription, was one of the first in a large list to respond to statements sent out a few days ago. He not only sent the price of a year's subscription, but also sent the glad tidings that he will soon be in Salisbury with his bride. He writes as follows:

"I will be in Salisbury in May with my beautiful bride. Her name is Mattie. She is one of the sweetest little women on earth."

Good for Hanson! A beautiful bride or some other streak of good fortune is always in store for the man who promptly pays for the newspapers he reads. THE STAR sends its best wishes and congratulations to the happy couple.

**WHOOPIING COUGH.**

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The Postoffice Department announces that the special series of stamps, in three denominations, to commemorate the founding of Jamestown, will be issued, beginning April 15, for sale to the public during the term of the Jamestown Exposition, from April 28 to November 30, 1907. The stamps are rectangular in shape, and of three denominations—1-cent, 2-cent and 5-cent.

The 1-cent stamp contains, in a semi-circular frame, a portrait of Capt. John Smith. In the upper corners are medallions of Pocahontas and Powhatan. Upon a scroll is the legend, "Founding of Jamestown, 1607." On the base, "Capt. John Smith," with the years of his birth and death—1580-1631.

The 2-cent stamp contains a picture depicting the landing of the settlers at Jamestown in 1607. On one side is a tobacco plant, and on the other a stalk of Indian corn. Underneath, on a scroll, are the words, "Founding of Jamestown, 1607."

The 5-cent stamp contains a portrait in an oval frame of Pocahontas, and gives the years of birth and death—1595-1647.

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By special arrangement of Congressman Cooper, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has forwarded to THE STAR a large mail bag filled with vegetable seeds for free distribution.

As long as they last, these seeds will be handed out in packages to all who apply for them, except to children. Therefore, don't send your child for seeds, but come yourself or send some adult friend. We positively refuse to be annoyed by children in this seed distribution, as we have been in the past, for the youngsters used to come in droves, the same ones frequently coming several times a day, and often the packages were torn open and the seeds thrown at people on the streets. For that reason we will no longer hand seeds to children, no matter whose children they are.

All grown people, however, are welcome to the seeds, and each and all are requested to call and get a package, together with the compliments of "Uncle Sam," Congressman Cooper and THE STAR.

**Where the Change Has Come.**

We often hear some neighbor say "Things were not that way when I was young." But they were. It is not the things that have changed, but ourselves. Our prim and precise aunt may make a fuss because niece strolls down to Lover's lane in the summer twilight, but all the same, she would have jumped at a chance to do the same thing, 30 years ago. When he came along she went. Mother grumbles because we sit out on the porch and talk a little late, but she forgets how the old man used to call her down good and hard because dad stayed pretty late when he was sparking her. We think the circus are bummer than they used to be, and the clowns are not half as funny. But they are. The winters get just as cold and the summers just as hot. The flies are as thick and the mosquitoes bite just as hard. About the only difference is that in the flowery days of our youth we didn't have troubles. Now we do.—Osborne (Kan.) Farmer.

**Knew Her Father's War Record.**

Pension day nearly always brings a tale from some of the old coffee-coolers worth telling again. One of them who served three years, and saw a plenty of the late unpleasantness, was in the mood to "chin wack" when he came to get his papers made out, last week, and was lamenting the lack of interest shown by the rising generation in matters pertaining to the war. "Why," said he, "the half of them can't tell what regiment or company their fathers or brothers belonged to, and I made up my mind that I would see if my daughter was as ignorant as the rest of them, so the other day I asked her if she knew what regiment I belonged to. She said, 'Certainly; the Eighty-seventh.' 'What company?' I asked, and she promptly replied, 'Company Q,' which was correct, and feeling good over the prompt answers, I thought I would still further test her knowledge, and said:

"Now, can you tell me where I was most of the time while I was in the service? 'Well,' she said, 'from what I have heard you and the old fellows tell, I think you must have been in the guard house.' That closed the investigation."—Freeport Journal.

**Poor Fido!**

The honeymoon was over, and the husband, returning from business, was grieved to find his little wife crying bitterly.

"Oh, George," she sobbed, "such a dreadful thing has happened. I had made a beautiful pie all myself, and Fido went and ate it!"

"Well, never mind, my dear," he said, cheerfully, "we can easily buy another dog."—Ex.

**His "Character."**

There is a story of a Scotch gentleman who had to dismiss his gardener for dishonesty. For the sake of the man's wife and family, however, he gave him a "character," and framed it in this way: "I hereby certify that A. B. has been my gardener for over two years, and that during that time he got more out of the garden than any man I ever employed."

**He Would Lose Anyway.**

There is a young physician who has never been able to smoke a cigar. "Just one poisons me," says the youthful doctor.

Recently the doctor was invited to a large dinner-party. When the women had left the table, cigars were accepted by all the men except the physician. Seeing his friend refuse the cigar, the host in astonishment exclaimed: "What, not smoking? Why, my dear fellow, you lose half your dinner!" "Yes, I know I do," meekly replied the doctor, "but if I smoked one I should lose the whole of it!"

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