

THE GLORY OF TEXAS.

CELEBRATION OF HER SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.

Every Defender of the Alamo was Slain—Characteristic Message of Old General Houston to Mexican General Santa Ana.

The State of Texas, born some sixty years too late to assist in the revolutionary events of '76, has its own independence day in addition to the national Fourth of July, which it shares, however, with other states.

This patriotic state celebration occurred on April 21, the seventieth anniversary of the fight at the San Jacinto, where 800 Texans gave double their number of Mexicans one of the completest drubbing in military history.

Every schoolboy knows the story of San Jacinto as told in the books. But there is in the Southwest a fire-side tale about it which deserves to be better known. It is that the night before the battle, the Mexican general, Santa Ana, sent a flag of truce to the Texan camp with a summons to surrender and an offer of pardon.

General Houston prays that you will have the kindness to present his compliments to General Santa Ana, inform him that General Houston regrets to be constrained to reply that if General Santa Ana desires our company it will be necessary for him to condescend to give himself the trouble of coming and getting us.

The biggest celebration of San Jacinto day was at San Antonio, for there is the Alamo, and there was the fight which came before San Jacinto and turned the blood of every Texan engaged to fire and his nerves to cold steel.

The defenders of the Alamo, though bound by no law like those of Thermopylae, disdained to surrender. They knew too well, from the fate of Nolan and his hunters a generation before

ORDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

Little Italy has two mysterious cleavages, and breathes more freely. One is why Angelino Pascalin worked so hard and spent so little, and the other is why Angelino Pascalin always insisted on seeing the papers that are printed in English, which language everybody knew Angelino could not read.

In order that it may be known who Angelino is, let it be stated that he hailed from Genoa, in Big Italy—from Genoa where the sun shines brightly and the sky is tinted blue and red; where men work slowly and live easily, the money is very scarce.

After he met Nina, by his own account, Angelino was no longer happy. He realized then how very poor he was, and how far away was marriage with Nina. He worked as hard as he could, and ate even more sparingly than was the wont of his countrymen of the black bread and garlic, and drank less of the bitter red wine.

Angelino, having made his adieu to the one last candle under his portrait of his patron saint, went away to America. His welcome in this country displeased Angelino. He liked ice and snow little, but the jeers of the people he liked even less.

However, he work on railroads, and in other way, until his debt to the padrone was paid, and then he began to work for himself. Despite his

have concealed it, but with a woman's skill she extracted it from him. Then she consoled him and bade him have courage. Perhaps the Government, suggested, did not even know of their existence. There were so many people in the great city, and how could the authorities keep track of them all, she said.

But Nina, whose mother came from Spain, thought of the list, too. Only, unlike Angelino, she sought an explanation from her employer, who was one of the Italian consular officials. He told her that for every couple to get married must have licenses, and that to get licenses they must apply at the City Hall.

It was late that evening that there came a timid knock at the back gate, and Nina, whose heart could not keep still, sent one of the other servants to open it. A flicker of light shined in her uncertain yellow light over the rear wall; but, poor as the light was Nina observed, when Angelino entered, that his swarthy countenance was wet.

At length Angelino unfolded her arms and with a deep sigh drew the paper from his pocket. "Do not blame me, Nina," he almost sobbed, "but—it has come."

Angelino slowly unfolded the paper and at length found the little list at the bottom. He laid it out on his hand before Nina. "There," he said, "there it is; read, my Nina."

"You can read this," said Angelino. "Be brave." "Your name," she said, "and mine. What can it mean?"

It was stated early the next day when Nina hastened to the church and handed the paper to the gorgeous priest to the reverend father. And that very month, after the bans had all been said, Angelino and Nina were married, though they had far less than \$100, and now have even less than they had then. But they are happy.—Philadelphia Record.

Heir to Russian Throne.



A portrait of the son and heir of the Czar of Russia recently made public seems to belie the statements issued from abroad that the infant Czarovitch is a deaf mute and an idiot.

It was determined they should marry—not before. She, too, saved her wages, and Angelino blacked boots and dreamt of the \$100 still far away. One day a big, red-faced American, American, boarded in the hotel at the corner, sat down in Angelino's chair to have his boots blacked, and read the paper while Angelino worked.

Angelino knew old Binnick. "He got a hundred dollars," he asked. "A hundred dollars. Why, he's got a barrel of money—a barrel."

Angelino asked no more. Here was a fresh complication. What if his name were to appear in the paper before he had \$100? The thought caused him anxiety. Nevertheless he knew the Government was omnipotent, and that if it ordered him to marry, marry he must, money or no money.

So Angelino worked on and worried not a little over the possibility of his name appearing in the list of those doomed to marry whether they had money or not. On Sunday he visited Nina, who noticed his abstraction and asked the reason. Angelino would

LINGERIE FASHIONS IN LEAD.

Frivolous Coats of All Sorts Which are Considered Just the Thing. By MARTHA DEAN.

Lingerie fashions have quite taken the world of fashion by storm and made the craft of the dress cleaner an important business of the day. It is due largely to the evolution of the original "tub" frock into most elaborate creations. Everything in the wardrobe may belong to this class except, perhaps, footwear and gloves.

Among the materials provided for lingerie frocks are handkerchief linen, batiste, embroidered Swisses, cotton chiffon voiles, and a host of others, while for trimming the Irish crochet and Valenciennes laces are still most popular. Besides these there are the Venetian lace galleons, the embroidered Swiss galleons, insertion and medallions, Irish crochet motives that may be bought separately, and a great variety of embroidered linen novelties which may be had to trim these gowns.

One of the most attractive uses to which these laces have been put is for the making of the little jackets of all sorts which are to garnish summer frocks and lingerie waists on nice occasions during the summer. These little jackets are for the most part of much abbreviated Eton length with flowing sleeves terminating above the elbow, or in long box or Pony shape.

Many of these jackets are so elaborate as to beggar description and especially is this true of the house jacket which would seem to be as important as the out-of-door wrap by its frequent appearance upon house and evening gowns. This garment runs the whole gamut of possible shapes.

Beats Carnegie's Spelling. "Sayll," exclaimed the girl at the handkerchief counter. "Wotsmatter now?" asked the girl at the ribbon counter.

"Aintchoogittin' noftoot?" "Wotkinskin ditfur?" "Yooralookinkin' thin." "Aintnoether." "Yartoo. Betterficksber back hair. Scummin' down."

"Quittherubbin'. Mine jeroan biz." "Sayll." "Saycherseff." "Jevvergittichforchun told?" "Yeh—wunsertwise. Ever git-choors?"

"Yeh. Ootole juh?" "Erdkitsmith sayinsso. Cumtroot?" "Yotchet?" "Thinkitwill?" "Lykaznot. Letchoono fit does." "Sayjen. Juno Kittenbitts keepin' company?"

"Awka moff." "Troo sima stannineer." "Howjeeerit?" "Sallright. Yooloerabout it soonuff. Sayjen, canchooket on—"

"Say, there, you girls," interrupted the floorwalker, "Go back to your customers."

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Washington No Place To Die. While in Washington on her last visit Sarah Bernhardt commented upon the tendency to run the nation's capital in the puritan blue law fashion that has gone out of style nearly everywhere else.

The Bear and Thesis, ships used in the Greely polar relief expedition, are still in the service of the United States as revenue cutters.

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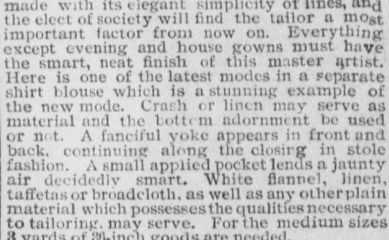
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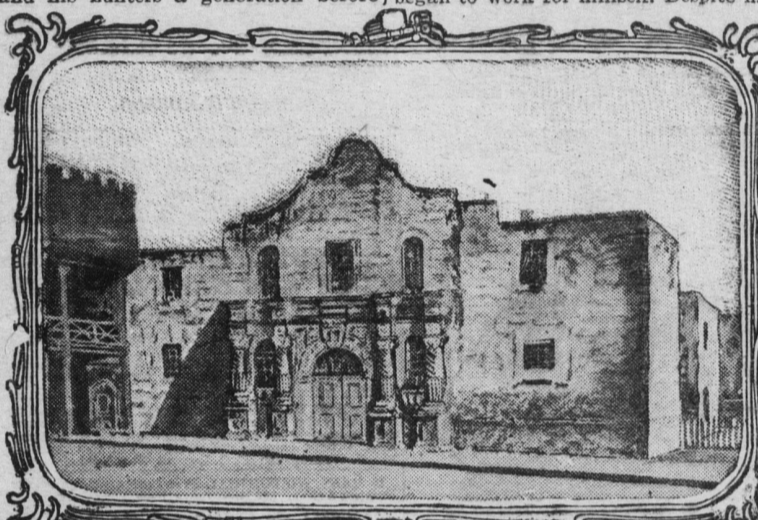


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THE OLD ALAMO.

and a score of later butcheries of prisoners, the character of their foes. For twelve days they held their post against thirty times their number and then they died, still fighting.

How they died—how Travis fell across the cannon—how Davie Crockett lay in the courtyard in a ring of foes—how the intrepid Bowie, the inventor of the terrible bowie knife, fought to the end on the bed from which he could not rise—how not one man, by the testimony of their enemies, even tried to escape—how the half dozen that were overpowered and disarmed were then cut down—is a tale with which the world still rings and will ring so long as dauntless courage is admired.

It was a deed from which no man among its Texan doers came to tell the tale. It is a tale whose truth is assured by the fact that it could be told only by the victors whose shame it was, and not by the vanquished whose glory it was.

Texas is indeed fortunate that her history, as all the world knows it and as it lives in the hearts of her own and all the American people, began with the Alamo. As a battle, the Alamo was a defeat. As an inspiration to brave deed and patriotic achievement for generations of Americans yet unborn, it is the splendor and the glory of Texas.

WIFE LEADS BLIND-CHAPLAIN.

One of the Touching Sights in the House of Representatives. Few persons, who, on visits to the House of Representatives, see Mrs. Henry N. Couden, wife of the blind chaplain, fail to be impressed by her gentleness and dignity.

After resigning him into the hands of a page she waits in the lobby until the end of his prayer. Then she accompanies him home. Mr. Couden seldom lingers in the House after his prayer is finished, but few of the legislators, from the speaker down to the youngest recruit, fail to salute him and his gentle little wife, Mrs. Couden resembles a Dresden figure in her powdered silk and old-fashioned bonnet. She cares not for changing styles, but rear after year she wears a simple gown of silk, with a black bonnet tied under her chin with flowered ribbons.

The Wise Ruddyard.

If only myself could talk to myself. As I knew him a year ago, I could tell him a lot. That would save him a lot. Of things he ought to know. —Kipling.

There are 407 mountain peaks in Colorado, of an altitude of more than 8000 feet. It is computed that the amount of water wasted in New York amounts to 80,000,000 gallons a day.

Fond Memories.

A hard-headed old Pittsburgh manufacturer who made his fortune, as he expresses it, "with his coat off," was induced by his daughters to accompany them to a Wagner concert, the first he had ever attended. The next day he happened to meet an acquaintance who had seen him the night before, who asked: "I suppose you enjoyed the concert last night, Mr. Brown?"

"Yes; it took me back to the days of my youth," the old man said, with a reminiscent sigh. "Ah, summer days in the country, going in a lawn dress, birds singing and all that?"

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