

GALVESTON.

Houston Post.

The wedding of Miss Eva Juanita Johnson of Galveston and Mr. Edward Patrick Comer of Mexico took place Wednesday January 4, at 6 o'clock, at the First Baptist church, Rev. W. M. Harris officiating. The church was very artistically decorated in palms and ferns. The Young Ladies' guild, of which Miss Johnson was an active member, were seated in the front, with pink and white ribbons gracefully looped across the aisle, these being the guild colors. As the first sweet strains of the march from "Lohengrin" pealed forth the bridal party entered. First came the ushers, Messrs. F. B. Walker, Minor Stuart, G. Fred Evans and Felton Grantham. They were followed by the two little flower girls, Wendola Trimble of Houston and Helen Kahn, in dainty dresses of white liberty silk, and the ring bearer, Master Raymond Ingle, nephew of the bride, who wore a "Buster Brown" suit. Then the maid of honor, Miss Marie Buhmann, and lastly the bride on the arm of her father, Mr. C. A. Johnson. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Clint Walden of Houston. After the ceremony the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride looked charming in a traveling suit of green Lansdowne over silk, and hat to match. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses. The maid of honor was becomingly gowned in cream Parisian crepe and carried pink roses. The little flower girls carried baskets of white hyacinths. Miss Johnson is a very popular young lady and is loved and honored by all who know her. Mr. Comer is well known in Texas, having lived here, but now residing in Tampico, Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Comer left on the 7:05 train, mid showers of rice and good wishes, for a trip through Mexico. Quite a number of friends gathered at the depot. They will be at home after January 15 at Tampico, Mexico.

The Trinitonian, Waxahachie, Texas, says: "Baseball is being talked by athletic enthusiasts. The outlook for a strong team is favorable. The possibility of Trinity employing a baseball coach is not without foundation. We will have our star catcher, Steele, and pitcher Templeton, as battery—as well as several other players of last year's team. The new material is promising so that in all, Trinity expects to hold the enviable place in baseball this spring that she has held the past two years."

FOUGHT LIKE DEMONS.

Mules Ran Away, but Their Owner Badly Cut Highwayman.

Waco, Dec. 10.—While a man named Green was driving along in his wagon from Waco to West he was attacked by a highwayman about half way between the places. The robber unobserved got into the wagon and demanded Green's money. The men clinched and fought like demons. The mules ran away and threw the parties out, but they continued to fight. Green got his knife, opened it with his teeth and plunged it repeatedly into the robber's back. The robber also cut Green's clothes and the men fought till exhausted. The highwayman, although badly wounded, managed to get away. Green went on to West and the matter was reported to the sheriff's office here.

COLOR IN FIREWORKS

HOW THE BEAUTIFUL AND DAZZLING HUES ARE PRODUCED.

It Is All a Matter of Chemistry, the Result of the Combustion of the Salts of Certain Metals—The Mechanics of Rotating Fireworks.

The chief beauty of fireworks is their range of resplendent colors—ruby, sapphire, emerald, topaz, amethyst, aquamarine and scores of tints and shades between. How is all this evanescent glory of color obtained? The secret lies in directed chemical combustion by means of cases and compositions, the results of marvelous calculation and skill.

The matter is simple enough to those who know. It is attained by the combustion of the salts of certain metals. In other words, the burning metals have each their characteristic color. Sodium gives off yellow flame; calcium, orange; barium, green; strontium, red; copper, green or blue, according to circumstances, and so on. Other familiar metals, iron, steel and zinc, give their tribute of colors. Iron filings give bright red and white sparks; copper filings, a green tint; zinc, a fine blue; steel filings and cast iron borings, a brilliant fire with wavy radiations.

Every one is familiar with the colored fires, but who would suppose that lycopodium, the delicate pollen of certain mosses, so fine that it is used to powder baby's skin, furnishes a rose colored fire with a magnificent flame? These colored fires are called in technical language "fixed fires" and consist of slow compositions that may be piled in little cones on a flagstone and lighted at the top. They burn slowly and there is no explosion. These compositions are made in many colors.

Roman candles belong to the fixed fire class and are also called fuses. We all know the straight, slender cylinder or cartridge of the ordinary roman candle. It is packed as follows: First there is put in it a charge of fine gunpowder, and above this is placed a "star." These are simply balls of some special composition containing metallic filings, according to the color desired, made up with gum and spirits of wine. Stars and charges alternate until the cylinder is full. Each star ball is dried and dusted with gunpowder before packing. The first charge of gunpowder in exploding starts the stellar procession until one after another they blaze individually and vanish like falling stars. Next in order to the fixed fires come rotating fireworks—namely, wheels, fire wheels, bisecting wheels, plural wheels, caprice wheels and spiral wheels, all more or less complex.

The colors of fireworks are a matter of chemistry; the no less important motions that display the beauty of these colors to the best advantage are a matter of mechanics. The man who is a first class pyrotechnist is versed in both sciences.

The ordinary pinwheel is a simple example of rotating fireworks. It is a long case packed with a fire composition and wound round a disk of wood. The outer end of the spiral is primed with an explosive material. When it is lighted it "kicks," just as a gun does when the powder explodes in the cartridge, and round and round flies the wheel, sending out flashes and showers of colored or golden fire.

Some of the most dazzling and glorious effects in pyrotechnical displays are produced by rotating fireworks, for there seems to be no limit to the variety of arrangement of cases and compositions to produce multiple motions and transformation scenes in color in this class of fireworks.

A third class comprises the ascending fireworks. Skyrockets belong to this class and may be simple or very elaborate, according to their garniture of stars, sparks, spirals, serpents or showers of gold or silver rain.

A skyrocket consists of two parts—a body and a head made separately and afterward attached to the body. The body is a straight cylinder of heavy pasted paper closed at the lower end so as to leave only a very narrow opening for the escape of the fire. A central hollow bore extends three-quarters of the way up the body, and all about this is packed the special explosive composition, the downward recoil of which sends the rocket rushing swiftly upward, guided and balanced by the light stick of willow wood. The head, a paper cylinder with a conical top, holds the special composition which is to form stars, serpents, spirals or what not. A fuse in the top of the body ex-

plodes when the rocket reaches its utmost height and sets off this composition, the varying color, form and motion of which excite the "Ohs!" and "Ahs!" of the admiring crowds.

The great spectacular displays combine the several classes—fixed, rotating and ascending fireworks.

Temples, trees, ships, portraits, figures of men, beasts and birds, flowers, shields, and so forth, are represented by suitable frameworks of wood either wound with coarse cotton rovings about two inches in diameter, impregnated with certain compositions and wet with spirits, or else they have attached to them lances or cases of cartridge paper filled with various compositions, the whole placed in communication by conduits or small paper cartridges.—Youth's Companion.

A Willing Victim.

"A burnt child dreads de fire," said Uncle Eben, "but de man dat done los' his money on a hoss race goes aroun' lookin' foh another tip."—Washington Star.

"De easiness wif which some people is fooled," said Uncle Eben, "is what tempts many a man dat might be honest to go astray."—Washington Star.

SAW AWFUL SIGHT.

Finds Husband Dead Seated in Chair With Hole in Head.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 10.—When Mrs. W. H. Myres returned home from a reception she saw her husband seated in a chair dead. In a temple was a hole made by a ball from a pistol, the weapon still clutched in his hand. Deceased had bought cotton here for several years and stood high in business and social circles. He is said to have left a note to his wife and another to his bankers.

URGED TO HOLD.

President of Farmers' Union of America Advises That Cotton Be Not Sold.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 10.—In an address to the members President Murray of the Farmers' Union of America advises that cotton be held. He asks that farmers, bankers and merchants co-operate and says that 12,000,000 bales are not too much. All are entreated to attend the meetings on the 17th to consider the situation.

Granted Bail.

Houston, Dec. 10.—On habeas corpus proceedings Will Williams, charged with the murder of T. D. Lee of Boston recently, was granted bail in the sum of \$2000. Williams is alleged to have caused the death of Lee by striking him a blow which caused his head to be fractured by contact with concrete floor of a saloon.

Receivership Asked.

Georgetown, Tex., Dec. 10.—Account of holding 1000 bales of cotton the Hobbs-Lindsey company, merchants of Florence, asked a voluntary receivership before Judge Brooks. C. C. Hamilton was appointed receiver. Estimated assets, \$5000; liabilities, \$25,000.

Switchman Killed.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 10.—Ben Oram, for seven years a switchman in the Central yards here, was instantly killed Saturday. He was running along between moving cars trying to uncouple them when a foot caught in a frog and the trucks passed over his body.

An Original Maker.

New York, Dec. 10.—Abner Clark Seamans, one of the original makers of typewriters in this country, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. He was fifty years old and retired from active business fifteen years ago.

Bank Officers Held Up.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 10.—Two men held up officers of the Peoria National bank within the heart of the downtown district. They made their escape in a buggy.

Tight Lacing and Great Men.

A correspondent says that the tight lacing periods of history have always been productive of the greatest geniuses, the loose dressing periods the reverse. Bacon, Shakespeare, Drake, Marlborough, Thackeray, Dickens, Scott—to mention only a few names—were born when chroniclers and fashion artists reveal to us the fact that "women were never satisfied till they could span their waists," and "while eighteen inches was the fashionable standard, many fashionable girls and women possessed waists fully two or three inches smaller."

But Thackeray said he would as lief marry a girl with a humped back as one with an eighteen inch waist.

Perishable Pearls.

Pearls are perishable. They cannot be considered a first rate investment like diamonds. After a time they decay. Sometimes a fine specimen will lose its luster and beauty within a few months, so that the possessor of such treasures does well to keep them put away in a sealed place. They consist of thin films overlaid one upon another, with more or less animal matter between the layers, and it is no wonder that they deteriorate.

Qualified His Statement.

She—To think that you once declared that you would love me as long as you lived! And now, although we have not been married a year, you care nothing at all about me! He—But, you see, when I told you I would love you as long as I lived I wasn't feeling very well, and I really didn't think I should live long!

Plenty of Advice.

"His trouble was just due to a neglected cold."

"A neglected cold? I don't believe there ever was such a thing. No man ever had a cold without having at least a dozen friends attending to it for him."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Ringing Speech.

Grayce—In a ringing speech last night George declared that he could not live without me, and asked me to be his wife. Gladys—In a ringing speech, eh? Grayce—Yes; and if you don't believe it, there's the ring!—Pittsburg Post.

Pride.

"Why did you tip that waiter? You can't afford to give away money."

"I know it, but I didn't want him to find it out."—Detroit Free Press.

Victims.

First Girl—Did you hear that Mr. Williams got a dreadful fright on his wedding day? Second Girl—Yes. I was in the church and saw her.

Opponents think that they refute us when they repeat their own opinions and take no notice of ours.—Goethe.

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