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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1895.

At the time of the fair at Farmington a strong protest was drawn up, signed by 30 or so of our leading citizens and sent to J. R. Johnson of the Gem nurseries, Dallas, Texas. The document stated that the signers were induced to order fruit trees from Johnson, induced thereto by the specious deceit of the said Johnson, that the samples of fruit shown by Johnson were in magnifying jars, the fruit by those means appearing to be very large; Johnson too had sent fruit from his nurseries to our fair and the samples sent were very inferior, causing ridicule, in fact, from the visitors to the fair. The objection states that the trees ordered by the people under these fraudulent circumstances will not be received if sent by Johnson but will be sent at his risk. In addition to this document, many people, victims of this enterprising salesman, have written him countermanding their order. It will be remembered that Mr. Johnson visited this county last spring, armed with some wonderful bottles of fruit, and a most persuasive tongue. He displayed the one and used the other with marvelous effect. Everyone seemed to fall victims to his allurements; ranchmen who had not a drop of water on their ground ordered fruit trees. Our wildest citizens signed Mr. Johnson's ironclad agreement for his nursery stock. Amongst other products was a mighty grape—the "Columbian Imperial." "Cut this grape in two," said the champion salesman, "and you can cover a dollar with the half." Mr. Hubbard, a purchaser of this grape, wrote to McKinley of Ohio who grew this grape. Samples came down; it would take a good many "halves" to cover a dollar. The fruit sent by Johnson to the fair was certainly such as our grovers would pause before venturing to give their hogs—that was universally acknowledged. The matter is not only important, as disclosing an attempt to foist on our people a decided fraud; but the consummation of the sales of trees of this wretched kind, would thrust upon us an inferior class of fruit, that would be thrown aside by our ranchmen and refused by the market. It is most important that the quality of our fruit that has so far proved itself superior to anything brought against it, should be maintained and improved, not deteriorated and ruined. With the planting in our orchards of poor trees comes the retrogression of our fruit, the loss of our markets, the destruction of our reputation and the impoverishment of our people. If Johnson is rightly accused by the citizens objecting—the best citizens, and numbers of them, being unanimous in their expression—then Johnson should not be allowed to enforce his sales. The people should combine against this wrong and combination would succeed. It is exasperating to think that some thousands of dollars could be wrung from our citizens in this manner and the citizens have themselves to thank if they submit to what they are united in designating a decided fraud.

THE ATTEMPTED SMIRCHING OF CRIST.

The reign of lawlessness, of insecurity, that has disgraced our territory, retarded its progress, prevented the advent of population, has been attacked by the officials, whose duty it was to make that onslaught against these drawbacks to our mutual advancement. Crime has been punished. Men who for years have laughed at the law have been seized, brought up before the bar of justice, tried and convicted.

This cleansing of the territorial criminal sewer, this cleansing of the modern Augean stable of New Mexico by this Hercules, has had a strange, unlooked for and utterly astonishing effect, instead of praising this innovation on the old brutal system of indifference, neglect, bribery and corruption, instead of thanking an executive that has at last been found to do its duty, and try to place us where we could live in safety, where our rights as citizens could be maintained without murder, political or otherwise, official robbery and wholesale lawlessness, instead of honoring the men who had the courage to attempt this inno-

vation—all the territorial press with few exceptions commenced a virulent attack on the officials concerned. The papers literally run over each other in their charge against Crist; what a grand opportunity to take a shot at the man who had the supreme impudence to perform faithfully the objects of his office; to think that he, Crist, should have presumed to hang murderers, try embezzlers, clear up the criminal dockets crowded with crime, and end up with (good heaven, we all gasp for breath!) attacking in his stronghold, surrounded by his henchmen, by his slaves, the great Catron himself—lord for years of the situation, arbiter of the fates of criminals, apparently dictator of the lives and deaths of better men, and supreme power over the evidence.

What can the press do to stop this revolution from crime to order and safety? Why down the officers of course. No explanation on the part of Crist of this ridiculously small occurrence of the commutation, can be listened to by the Citizen and other sheets. Something must be looked up. The gang organs and the parasites of the ring must take their part in the rush against Crist.

The extraordinary services performed already by this handful of men for the people of the territory must be ignored by the press. To uphold crime, to annihilate duty—this the record of the past, this the object of present attack. Not only has this small accusation been brought against Crist, but our governor has been alike included in the charge of official wrong doing. There could be no charge of bribery, no reason for his maleasance. The explanation of the matter given by Crist has been full and satisfactory, the law pointed out, and the past record of pardons shown, yet the press seek to degrade the man in the highest territorial office, the governor, throwing ridicule on the territory, and the office itself.

The Citizen was in the field early. That we take little notice of. The Citizen is an advertising medium, so the paper itself says, and advertised the charge against Crist, then backing out. The Citizen is a good advertising medium. It should be satisfied with that role, for, editorially, it is weak and, grammatically, incorrect. It is the tool of the party concerned. The Democrat attacked Crist. This paper is under the control of a gentleman who came from Aztec, N. M. That fact would satisfy the curious, as to his unexpected onslaught on Crist. In the issue of October 10, the Democrat, in supporting Catron, says, "Is it surprising that the charges of subornation of witnesses made against Mr. Catron should be based upon the evidence of ex convicts and prostitutes and characters of a generally low order? Does anyone suppose that this work is undertaken among men of good character and high personal standing?"

No, we do not suppose that persons of good standing and character would be approached by Catron in regard to their evidence. We believe it has been attempted, but signally failed. It has been tried on, and where it succeeded before, it failed this time; that is, among the class of people who have formed an easy prey, amenable to bribes, threats and duress hitherto. These people have mutinied against this power; hence the result; Catron has at last got into trouble; Catron is being tried like any citizen who stands accused; Catron must clear himself or suffer like any other person found guilty.

Every power is being brought to bear by the press. The feeling of the people is ignored in the efforts of this once powerful ring to recover their fallen champion's lost prestige. Yes, the people see that their cause has for the first time been spoused—the cause of progress and law in this territory. The people acknowledge this, and the press fail to voice the wishes of the people when they wage war against the supporters of the sentiment that should dominate our territory, the love of right and justice and the desire to suppress the wrong doing that has darkened our fame.

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BIT OF DECORATION.

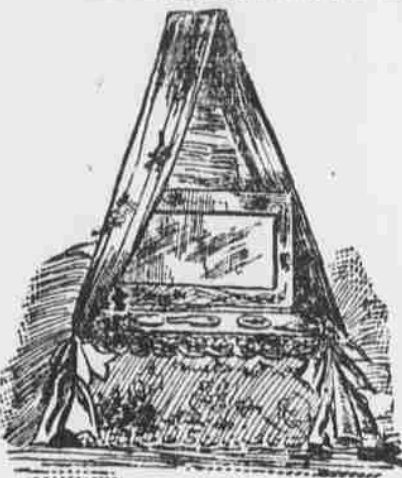
HOW A CLEVER GIRL DEvised A TOILET TABLE.

It is Extremely Effective and of Very Little Cost and May Easily Be Copied or Modified by Any of Her Handy Sisters Cousins or Aunts.

The device shown in the drawing is that of a clever girl, as told in the New York Recorder, who determined to have an attractive spring and summer room, and who used her wits to that good end.

The foundation is a simple pine table of the sort used in the kitchen of every home, and the trimmings are all inexpensive swiss and pure white linen. The table she first rubbed down with sandpaper, then painted with white enamel paint, for although it would be covered it suited her fastidious taste to know that her stand was as tasteful beneath the draperies as it was effective from without. After the painting was done and the stand was in readiness for further treatment the only difficult part of the work began.

Plain white swiss was cut in lengths sufficient to hang from the table top to the floor to allow for a 3-inch hem and was made full enough to be plaited round three of the table's sides. Then the lengths were stitched together, the hem was stitched in palest pink silk, and over-

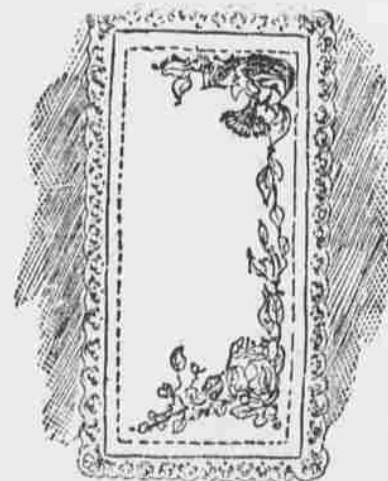


TOILET TABLE.

the entire surface of the swiss were painted blossoms in all the beauty of their tender color with a spray here and there, and with the falling petals everywhere about. Common oil paints were used for the purpose, mixed with an indelible fluid that the young artist found for sale and which rendered the colors fast and washable, while they retained the quality that the oil paints give.

When the draperies were complete, they were tacked fast to the wooden edge in a series of small, full plaits, which caused the whole to hang like an ample frill, and round the top, to cover the edge and to make all neat, was tacked palest pink ribbon with ornamental nails. Then a pad of perfumed cotton was made to fit the table top and was covered with soft silk, the shade of the ribbon already used, and over this was laid a cover of linen embroidered and finished with a frill. The wise girl who planned the whole knew and recognized the fact that a toilet stand in constant use must be easily cleaned if its beauty is to remain, so for her cover she selected linen lawn and embroidered it in silks of the fastest dye. She used blossoms for the motive of her design and showed them in all the sweetness of the spring, and she finished the cover with a hem and a fall of fine linen lace.

At the nearest carpenter shop was ordered an oblong frame of pine 8 inches wide, and into it was fitted a mirror of heavy glass; then the pine was painted with white enamel paint, and on it as a background were strewn sprays of the lovely blossoms in all their tender tones. Here and there a straggling tendril overlapped the glass, and occasional blossoms were painted within the frame, as though they had fallen from the sprays above, and when all was complete this last device was found to heighten the entire effect, for the reflection adds as nothing else could do and gives a peculiar charm which without the painted glass would be wholly lost.



TOILET TABLE COVER.

Into the wall above the mirror she secured a horizontal brass hook of the sort used to hang cages on, and on this threw curtains of the painted swiss. These last she draped against the wall, behind the mirror and down the ends of the table to the floor. She finished their edges with a graceful frill and caught them back in place with ruffled bands of swiss.

The Luncheon Craze.

At a luncheon the other day the table cover was of very pale maize colored damask, fine and shining. In the center was a low, oblong dish filled with blue garden forgetmenots. The china was of the same shade of blue, and at each place was a bunch of the flowers

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