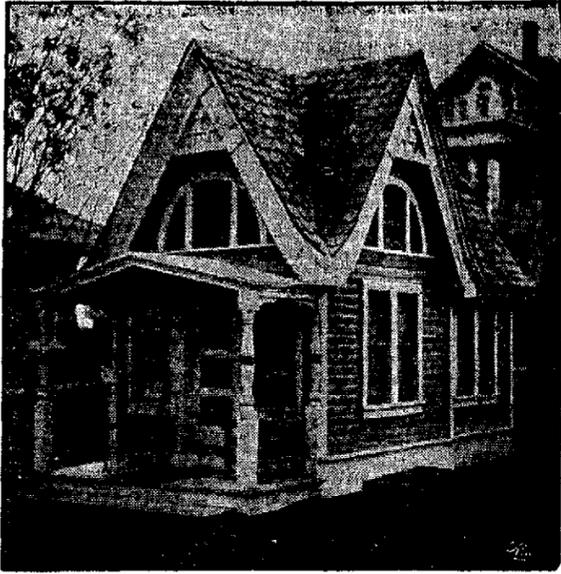


"OUR HOUSE IS NOT SO BIG AS PAPA'S AND MAMMA'S BUT IT'S JUST AS GOOD"

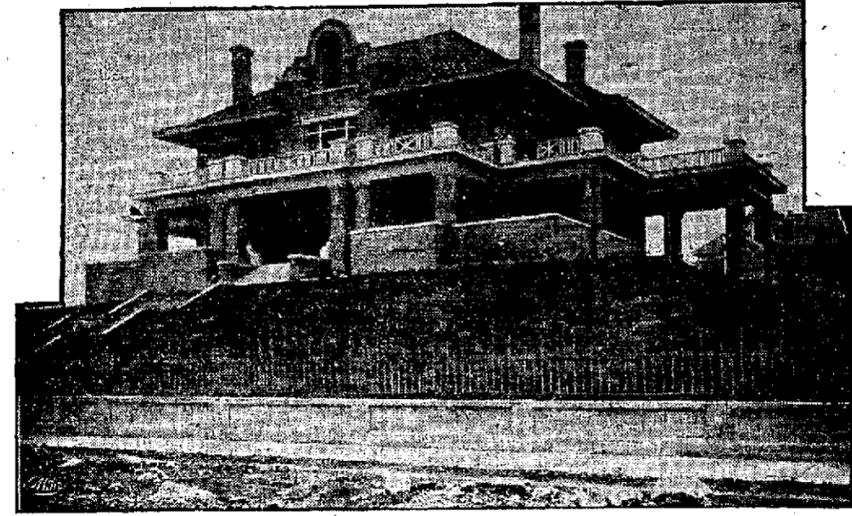
Playhouse Just Like Grownup Residence Is Property of Frost Children

IS COMPLETELY FURNISHED

Each Child Has Room and Little Kitchen Is Fitted With Range and Table



Playhouse of the two little Frost children.



BEAUTIFUL HOME OF T. C. FROST ON SAN PEDRO HILL.

Like real doors, its windows which do the same as of glass, it has its own little stove and beds and other furnishings of a grownup residence and many are the happy hours spent in it by the two children and their playmates.

A light reporter had the pleasure of being escorted through this miniature house by Miss Lillian Bealle here-

self. Being a very domesticated little woman Lillian Bealle, first wanted to show the reporter, through her kitchen, which is fitted up with a miniature range, cook table and all that is essential to a real kitchen. "No I don't make cake and pies yet," she exclaimed. "I just make believe that I do. But you know," she whispered shyly, "I bring them from mamma's big kitchen and eat them out here and they are just like I would make 'em, don't you think?"

After thorough inspection of her kitchen the reporter had to remove her hat and enter the children's room to inspect her children, which were two beautiful and exquisite dolls. "The oldest one is named Lillian Bealle," she exclaimed, "and the second one I just call Christina. Yes, mamma, that's all my family," she answered to a look of interrogation, "but won't you please look at my doll beds? They are real brass and have springs, mattresses, counterpanes and pillows just like real people, don't you think?"

The living room with its piano, writing desk, sewing machine, lounge chairs, velvet carpets and beautiful curtains was next inspected but still the reporter was not through because

Thomas Claybourne Jr. is part owner of the little play house too, and a visit had to be made to his apartment and see how a real boy lives. First though she had to see his books, "not picture books but real ones filled with real reading, please!" His writing desk and reading table were most conspicuous as being most beautiful and interesting, and play no small part in his little home, still there was evidence of the real boy and boy-world there—guns, fishing tackle, miniature saddle, riding crops and boots. Yes, of course, a hobby horse, velocipede as well as marbles, tops and other boy toys.

"Did you come to play with us," was asked by little Miss Frost, "or are you a real grown up lady like my mamma?"

"No," the reporter answered, "I am the lady who never grew up." Then flew back the question, "O then, you are just like Peter Pan in our story book. But won't you please come and play, real play in our house some time?"

The temptation to accept the hospitable invitation "to come and play in our house" appealed wonderfully to the reporter.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN BEACON HILL ADDITION

The Beacon Hill addition is building up rapidly and the improvements going in are being commented on most favorably. Four new two-story homes on Summit avenue have just been completed by H. R. McCaslin, who has sold two of them to Greenwood Redus and Mrs. Dewees. These homes cost about \$5,000 each.

M. V. Kerley is building a two-story home on Fowler street and Grant avenue.

John Jackson, a retired ranchman from Alpine, has a beautiful eight-room house under way at Magnolia and Grant avenues. This improvement will cost about \$9,000.

W. C. Astin, recently from North Texas, broke ground last week for a very imposing home to be erected on Woodlawn avenue at a cost of about \$15,000.

T. N. Smith's new home on Woodlawn avenue is progressing rapidly and will cost about \$11,000.

N. T. Roberts is completing a pretty cottage home on Coffman street.

Nicholson, Furnish & Smith report the following recent sales in Beacon Hill: 75 feet on Woodlawn avenue, Lyos to Collins, \$2,650; 50 feet on Weesatche avenue, Pryor to Scheble, 1100; 100 feet on Fowler street, Harrell to Remstetter, 700; 100 feet on Woodlawn avenue, estate of Robertson to Furnish 1,600; 100 feet on Magnolia avenue, Allen to Jackson, 2,000; 100 feet on Fulton street, W. V. Barnes, 850; 50 feet on Fulton street to J. F. Moore, 350; 75 feet on Weesatche avenue to J. F. Moore, 1,250; An 8-inch water main with fire plugs at street intersections is going in on Grant avenue and gas is promised by May.

BURIAL PERMITS.

Merciano Ramirez, 60 years, died March 22, City hospital. Philip Soltick, 36 years, died March 23, City hospital. Sara Balderamos, 9 months, died March 24, 810 E. Paso street. Gladys Robertson, 3 years, died March 25, 823 S. Flores street. Daniel Burns, 42 years, died March 25, Reser county. Miss Maggie Twigg, died March 24, San 2500 road.

RESOURCES OF COUNTRY BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND BROWNSVILLE

Dr. Phillips of University Enumerates Wonderful Riches in Country to Be Traversed By New Road.

BY WILLIAM B. PHILLIPS (Director Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas.)

The material resources of the country between San Antonio and Brownsville, to be traversed by the new railroad, are conveniently grouped under the following heads:

- Agricultural, including truck farming. Mining, including lignite and clay. Stock raising. Petroleum, including also natural gas. Artesian and other water supplies.

Of these the water supply is by far the most important, for it will determine the development of the region from any point of view. If abundant and good water cannot be secured it is almost useless to expect permanent settlement or progressive development. It is the one thing upon which the greatest stress is to be laid. The opening of that region to settlement will depend upon the supply of good water, whether artesian or otherwise. If this cannot be secured agricultural activities will languish, mining cannot be undertaken and permanent settlement will be impossible. It is particularly fortunate that the route of the proposed road traverses what is, perhaps, one of the greatest artesian water belts in the state. The counties that lie immediately south and east from San Antonio, are all within this great and systematic boring would. I think, reveal very large supplies of excellent water. It is not to be expected that every bore-hole will find this water nor that every well will furnish good water. Experience is contrary to this view, but at the same time this entire area of 300 miles by fifty miles on either side of the route, lies fully within the artesian water belt of the coastal plain. This gives an area of 15,000 square miles within which to expect, with reasonable confidence, very considerable supplies of good water, within a depth of 300 to 1,200 feet below the surface. In some favored localities the depth to good water will probably be less than 300 feet. The quality of the water cannot be foretold with so much confidence, but it is likely that by far the greatest number of wells will afford water of exceptional quality.

The collection and digestion of all possible data bearing on this subject is one of the things to be undertaken by the preliminary survey, for there are but few published records available. From the southern part of Bexar county to the northern part of Starr county the living streams are the San Antonio and the Medina rivers and the net-work of smaller streams that comprise the drainage area of the Nueces river. Below the Nueces and forming a different watershed are the streams that make their way into Baffin Bay, below Kingsville. There are three different watersheds between San Antonio and the northern part of Starr county; the San Antonio-Medina, the water from which goes into San Antonio bay; the Nueces, emptying into Corpus Christi bay, and what may be termed the Gulf water-shed, emptying into Baffin bay. It is observed that this is not Baffin bay which is covered with ice nine months of the year, with cold weather for the other three months, but the Baffin bay that lies in the luxurious embrace of the Gulf of Mexico, delightfully in winter, entrancing in spring, inviting in summer and superb in the autumn. William Baffin had come to this bay in 1616 he would have known less about whales, but more about fat cattle and truck-farming. But he did not come, and I hope that he now regrets it.

Lying along these three water-sheds are great tracts of land of wonderful fertility, showing many varieties of soil and capable of sustaining a large population in peace and plenty. One of the most notable things about Texas is the ready and generous response of the soil to a water supply which in many parts is wholly insufficient. It is this circumstance which contributed, in great measure, to the grand agricultural prize awarded to Texas at the St. Louis exposition.

It is useless to deny that certain parts of Texas would welcome a more plentiful and better distributed rainfall, but it is also useless to deny that no region in the world utilizes the rain that does fall as well as Texas does. It is not the tempering of the wind to the shorn lamb, but a confession from nature that Texas needs less than other sections. The agricultural possibilities of the 15,000 square miles tributary to this road and to San Antonio are certainly very great, how great can be ascertained only by careful compilation of statistics and by direct observation. Cotton, sugarcane, rice, sorghum and the better grades of semi-tropical fruits may be mentioned as among the present and possible products.

In 1909-10 the counties immediately tributary to the new road produced more than 30,000 bales of cotton and in some of these counties this industry may be said to have just begun. In 1909-10 Texas produced 22,400,000 pounds of sugar, about 1,700,000 sacks of rice, while the value of the vegetable crop has not even been approximately estimated.

South Texas is destined to become the garden spot for a large portion of the United States, especially that portion lying between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains. In South Texas there are some 3700 acres planted in figs alone. As to stock-raising it may be said that no part of the state is superior to the region between San Antonio and Brownsville. Nueces county, which lies immediately east of the line of the proposed road, if, indeed, it is not to be traversed by it, is probably the banner cattle county in the southern part of the state, showing, according to the latest returns, 8322 horses and mules, valued at \$258,850; 67,742 cattle, valued at \$763,540; 1900 sheep, valued at \$1900; 2745 goats, valued at \$2745, and 264 hogs, valued at \$1050. In the counties of Atascosa, Live Oak, McMullen, Duval, Starr and Baffin there are 31,572 horses and mules and 203,033 cattle, not counting sheep, goats and hogs. There are many varieties of clays

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