

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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CALICO, GINGHAM AND CAMBRIC ARE MUCH CHEAPER, whisky and barlow knives are higher but the prices of barrels, nails and coffee are about the same today as in 1832, if Ada, Oklahoma, and Hopkinsville, Kentucky, may be taken as typical towns for comparison. Personally, we can't recall the prices that prevailed in Hopkinsville, Ky., in 1832, because that was 104 years ago, but Ralph (Lumberman) Chiles has uncovered a ledger sheet that T. H. Miller, farmer of near Allen, discovered in the attic of an old stone house in Hopkinsville. The sheet, pages 261 and 262, obviously was inscribed by the owner of a large general store but his identity remains unknown. The bookkeeper, writing in a strong, careful Spencerian script with a quill pen and probably homemade ink, overlooked the entering of the storekeeper's name, styling each page simply "Hopkinsville, March 1832". The ink is not faded and the list of accounts, items purchased and prices charged are easily read. The entries, except for unnecessary duplications, are listed below. Compare the items and prices with your own shopping lists.

JAMES BROWN, DR.	
To 1 qt. whisky by self	.13
" 1-2 lb. powder	.19
" 1 lb. tobacco	.25
" 1-4 lb. tea	.56
JAMES COLEMAN, DR.	
To 1 yd. Tow linen by son	.17
" 1 qt. whisky by son	.12
" 9 lbs. sugar by son	1.00
" 1 gal. turpentine by son	1.38
" 5 yds. flax linen	1.87
" 2 lbs. 10-d nails	.25
" 1-2 gal. whisky by Nathan	.25
" 4 lbs. coffee	1.00
" 1 pr. blue kid gloves by son	.37
Cr. by 10 1-2 bushels meal	3.94
By amt. assumed by John Overshiner	1.50
MRS. COLEMAN, DR.	
To 7 yds. calico	2.63
" 7 yds. gingham	3.50
" 3 yds. cambric	1.32
JOHN COOPER, DR.	
To 5 empty barrels	5.00
" 1 Small spelling book	.06
" 1 Barlow knife	.19
" 1 nob lock	2.25
" 1 pr. hinges	.31
" 1 1-2 doz. screws	.19
" cash lent by self	3.45
JOHN P. CAMPBELL, DR.	
To 2 bed cords by self	.50
" 4 baking dishes	1.50
" 1 3-4 hair rope	.44
BENJAMIN COON, DR.	
To 1-2 gal. whisky by self	.25
" 5 yds. calico	1.67
" 1 tucking comb	.44
" 1 pint spirits turpentine	.18
" 1-2 lb. rosin	.06
" 4 1-2 lbs. sugar	.50
" 1 tuck comb	.25
" 1 lb. lead	.13
" 1 yd. domestic	.19

Mrs. Coleman seems to have been a dressmaker; John Cooper was a good account but has no whisky charged to him, as do

How debts of Mr. Brown bought powder and Mr. Coon bought lead; other accounts included Thomas Cobb, George Marmack, James Clements and Raip Compton.

A man is apt to be more tolerant of the views of someone who differs widely with him than he is of a man's opinion which almost agrees with his own.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT LYLE BOREN was in town a few days ago and related to us some of the difficulties he faces. One is the mistaken idea many people get that a man becomes wealthy as soon as he is elected to public office, whereas most of them do not receive any income from their positions for several months and even then they usually have a number of campaign debts to clean up. Lyle is just as easy to reach now as ever, despite the fact increasing demands will be made on his time and is as cordial with friends as when he was an East Central sophomore. He has many homes; his legal residence is at Seminole; he is unmarried and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Boren, live at Roff; Ada is home to Lyle; and he has a cabin near Wolf over in Seminole country where he likes to retire for rest and relaxation. He is an avid pipe smoker and has a collection of two or three dozen, including a huge German affair, at his cabin. He smokes cigars while driving because a pipe is inconvenient; during the strain of the campaign he smoked as many as 20 cigars in a day.

Ada Presbyterians have been sparring off kidders since the headline: "Presbyterians Begin Debt Drive" appeared. Too many people (jokingly) wanted to give them debts when what they want is money to pay their debts—and it is our guess they will be all even by January 1.

LIKE THE POSTMAN who went hiking on his day off, Hugh Norris and Denton Floyd, East Central college manual training instructors, top their list of avocations with the hobby of making furniture for their own homes and friends. Norris now is working on a huge grandfathers clock, corner style, that should be a beauty when (and if) he gets the pendulum adjusted. Floyd intends to do some of his Christmas shopping in his work shop, too.

"Older" was the simple reply Willard Anderson offered inquirers after his health Friday as he returned to work following a siege of the flu, during which his son suffered an attack of diphtheria and names of twin granddaughters were added to the family Bible.

KANSAS must be a state set apart now. We note an Oklahoma City newspaper, in its grid contest predictions, recently classified a game between Oklahoma Baptist university and Emporia (Kans.) college as "intersectional."